

# What else can we do for you, Mr. Milosevic?

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Despite a blatant failure of western European policy in Bosnia, headed primarily by Britain, its Foreign Office's policy toward the legitimate Bosnian government remains unchanged. Even the recent visit of American Republican Sen. Robert Dole to Brussels and London and his public objection to this kind of policy could not thwart British State Secretary Douglas Hurd from his persistence in destroying Bosnia and its people. What remained after their talks were pride and prejudice, arrogance and cynicism.

The British media have continued to back their government's policy in Bosnia with such an ardor that one gets an impression that Britain itself is at war against Bosnia. Keeping the exclusive right of interpretation of the current events on the territory of the former Yugoslavia, the British media reiterate Mr. Hurd's view that what is going on in Bosnia is an "ancient hatred" coming from the depths of a volcano overflowing its people, uncontrollable and unrestrained.

## A cynical policy

For the purpose of proving this policy and appeasing the public, pro-Hurd representatives of public and political life are invited to give their judgment on TV channels or in the press. These opinions are founded on "historic facts" written by British romantic military strategists between the two world wars. Recently published books and evidence by some proven historians and politicians are not taken into account. The most appalling fact is a cynical explanation by these humanists that lifting the arms embargo would do worse to the "Muslim-led government" and its people and that the peace should come only by negotiated settlement, though history does not know any case of negotiation where one side was armed to the teeth and the other was far from being adequately armed.

Despite Senator Dole's indication of this fact, and the U.S. Congress giving up a greater cooperation with the U.N., which was invented and started by former President George Bush and former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and

the decision to cut the funds to this international conspiracy organization whose Secretary Secretary Boutros Boutros-Ghali pretends to be military commander of NATO, as intended primarily by London, Mr. Hurd assiduously views the U.N. as a savior of peace and stability in the world. He rejects any blame in allying with [Serbian] President Milosevic, a generator of genocidal events, first in Croatia and then in Bosnia. Mr. Hurd rejects all consequences of his perilous policy of shaping the Balkans, and probably the world, according to his colonial wishes. While innocent Bosnian civilians, the old and children, are subjected to daily shelling by [Bosnian Serb leader Radovan] Karadzic's troops in the face of Unprofor [the U.N. Protection Forces], he continues doggedly to claim that Britain has alleviated the plight of the Bosnians and saved millions of lives of people who would be dead. "We have no reason to be ashamed," he says.

## 'America is right'

In his article, "America Is Right," published by the daily paper the *Times*, former defense minister John Nott questions this strategy in Bosnia:

"Is it really a civil war, as we are told in government propaganda, or are Bosnian Muslims the victims of Serb aggression? Is the ideology of a Greater Serbia, advocated by Milosevic, the author of this calamity and now an ally of the Foreign Office, a force for stability and peace in Europe, or does he advocate a new form of European fascism? Are the Russians really advocates of a fair peace in Bosnia, or do they merely see the Serbs as their surrogates in a policy of Slav expansionism and hegemony? Are the French wedded to NATO, or are they more concerned with an autonomous European defense arrangement?"

The Russian veto in the U.N. Security Council on preventing Bosnian Serbs from getting fuel from Serbia revealed the several months' coverup of the allegedly broken relationship between Milosevic and Karadzic and the "thorough sealing" of the Serbia-Bosnia border by international monitors, being claimed by most of the British media. Washington wants to know who has supplied paramilitary Bosnian Serb troops with anti-aircraft missiles of Russian production, and how.

Yet, this is not enough for Mr. Hurd to keep on to opposing the lifting of the arms embargo to the legitimate Bosnian Army under the cynical pretext of preventing "level killing." Instead, he and [French Foreign Minister Alain] Juppé, unauthorized by the contact group, paid a visit to President Milosevic—confirming once again the unbroken link between those two war criminals—in an attempt to persuade him to exert pressure on Karadzic to accept another, new, "final" concession given by the contact group.

At the Belgrade dinner with Mr. Milosevic, Mr. Hurd and Mr. Juppé might have asked him, "What else can we do for you, Mr. Milosevic?"