

Genocide in Bosnia leads to alliance of Britain's foes

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After four years of genocide in Croatia and Bosnia, the Britain-based oligarchical gang has managed to create the the last thing it wanted: a nascent alliance of the targets of British geopolitics; a combination that includes a large part of the West and the vast majority of the so-called Third World, with the Muslim countries on the front line.

Ironically, the British have managed to bring into being an alliance which spells ruin for their beloved "Clash of Civilizations" scenario—the effort to promote a worldwide confrontation between Islam and the West, between "North" and "South."

It is seen in the highly effective battlefield alliance between Croatia and Bosnia, and between the Muslims and Croats within Bosnia. It is evident in the American-led air campaign which has inflicted enormous damage to Britain's Serbian puppets, and also in the parallel moves by the Islamic Conference to break the arms embargo against Bosnia. These are forces, now working in tandem, which, according to British geopolitical design, should be at each others' throats.

This combination of forces represents potentially a mortal danger for the British oligarchy, a danger that transcends the situation in Bosnia as such and the possible limitations in understanding and commitment of several of the protagonists.

It is no surprise, therefore, that the British ran to their Serbian puppets, Ratko Mladic, Radovan Karadzic, and Slobodan Milosevic, and "suggested" they say yes to the U.S. demands, after two weeks of air strikes and stubborn Serb refusal to any formal assent to break the siege around Sarajevo.

On Sept. 12, a British official announced that Britain was "floating" a cease-fire plan for Sarajevo, based on "additional reassurances to the Bosnian Serbs, in relation to the Bosnian government forces' position and performance."

This is the background of the Sept. 14 encounter of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke with the war criminals in Milosevic's office in Belgrade, and the consequent cease-fire.

The danger for the oligarchs is strategic and historical, and can be analyzed only by leaving aside pragmatic considerations. First, as previously stated, it spells ruin for Samuel Huntington's "Clash of Civilizations" scenario, a scenario which is seen by London and its satellites as the way to prevent any collaboration among their targets, and ultimately to keep control of a world ravaged by wars and famine.

Second, this potential alliance was galvanized by the NATO decision to finally end the appeasement of the Serbs and launch air strikes against Greater Serbian military targets, starting on Aug. 30. It was further stiffened on Sept. 10 by the launching of 13 cruise missiles against the Serbian Chetnik command and communication centers in Banja Luka, and by the announcement of the future use of radar-proof Stealth planes.

Finally, the anti-genocide front was remoralized by the Bosnian-Croatian coordinated ground offensive that liberated, in a few days, close to 1,200 square miles of occupied territory in central and northern Bosnia. As we go to press, the Bosnia and Croatian forces are marching from different directions toward the last crucial position held by the Chetniks in North Bosnia, Banja Luka, while the Chetnik gangs are withdrawing. Banja Luka is the center of the Chetniks' military command.

The psy-warriors cover their back

Of course, British rationalizations abound on why all this is happening. Many theories are being advanced on why Milosevic and company, after having rejected any such ac-

cord with arrogance, signed a piece of paper swearing they would withdraw their heavy weapons 12.5 miles away from Sarajevo, etc. It is stressed by some, that the Chetniks are abandoning only those territories that are assigned to the Bosnians and Croats, but that is not the case; in fact, the Serbian "withdrawal" is assuming the dimension of a Krajina-style rout.

Others say that the air strikes did not hurt the Greater Serbians, because they hit mostly air defense and communications facilities. But in a war waged by the Chetnik gangs, with the infantry capable only of assaulting civilians, the aggressors' superiority consists of armored divisions and the heavy artillery that the Bosnians lack; and for heavy guns, electronic communications are key. So, while it is true that the actual heavy artillery positions have not really been hit in any adequate way—and this mostly thanks to sabotage by the British and their assets—there is no doubt that the Chetniks have been hit badly.

Many sources stress that the Bosnians and Croats are divided by too much hatred to collaborate against their common enemy. The Croats are told that they have to fear the Muslim "threat," while the Bosnian Muslims are told that the Croats have a deal with the Serbs in order to split and finally annihilate them. The "experts" apparently do not feel the need to point out that it was the British intelligence service MI-6 that was caught red-handed in central Bosnia in 1993, while training, arming, and deploying fundamentalist "Croatian" and "Muslims" gangs to be thrown against each other and against the civilian population.

British manipulations

There is no doubt that there are ideological weaknesses which the British psy-warriors can exploit. There are problems of racism, greed, and stupidity verging on insanity, such as that displayed by certain Croatian circles who used to be convinced that they could have a deal with the Greater Serbians, and that they could split Bosnia according to the law of the jungle. But besides being evil, this plan is also suicidal, and as long as the Croatian leadership flirted with it, it led to the almost total destruction of the country by the Serbians. Are the British and the Milosevic gang still offering the poisoned apple? No doubt! But it looks as though they are being less successful than they were before: The alliance between Croatia and Bosnia has been the backbone of the counterattack.

Another persistent story is that the Sept. 8 Geneva accord, signed by the foreign ministers of Bosnia, Croatia, and "Yugoslavia," has established the ethnic division of Bosnia, and that that is what President Clinton has opted for, after having supported in the past—though only theoretically—the need to preserve a multi-ethnic country. Thus, after a certain period, the "Serbian entity" inside Bosnia will join Serbia to form a sort of small Greater Serbia. This idea is apparently confirmed by Article II of the Geneva accord:

"Bosnia and Hercegovina will consist of two entities: the Federation of Bosnia and Hercegovina . . . and the Republika Serbska."

The problem is that the agreement is at the very least ambiguous, and can be interpreted in diametrically opposite ways. Bosnian officials compared the two entities and their respective constitutions to the constitutions of the United States and that of the Commonwealth of Virginia ("which cannot, by definition, be in contradiction with the U.S. Constitution"). But the main point here, is that this is not a technical matter, but a political one. The ambiguity, or compromise, present in the accord, is the result of the clash between two opposite tendencies, and so in reality nothing has been decided; it is still the battlefield that will settle most of the issues.

The ethnic division of Bosnia is so "undecided," that Henry Kissinger had to come out after Geneva with one of his deranged commentaries against the danger of "Muslims and Croats insisting on unifying the countries." Even worse, "many insist on a sovereign Bosnian state within its original borders." But, this British policy spokesman countered shamelessly, "it makes no sense to try to impose a multi-ethnic solution for all of Bosnia-Hercegovina. . . . The only responsible outcome is to define Bosnia as a *state for the Muslim community*." Thus, Bosnia must be partitioned into three ethnic parts.

What the Russians are responding to

Finally, there is the theory that Bosnia cannot exist as a sovereign country, because Russia is threatening to launch a war. Bolstering this line are the screams coming from the Russian State Duma, from Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, and from President Boris Yeltsin himself. The reality is different: Russia would not go to a war for the Serbian "Orthodox brother." In fact, as Lyndon LaRouche explained in a recent interview, the Russian leadership is using the Bosnia issue only symbolically. "The Russians don't believe that NATO is carrying out genocide in the Balkans. That's hogwash," he said. "There is a faction in the Orthodox Church, which is tied to the Serbian Orthodox church and is pro-Milosevic. . . . [But] this crowd is influenced strongly, though not necessarily always directly, by the British. . . . [In reality] what the Russians are reacting to is 1) that the United States doesn't give them any sign of hope on dumping IMF [International Monetary Fund] conditionalities, and 2) that the U. S. has allowed itself to be lugged into this idea of the eastward extension of NATO."

On Sept. 11, Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev told the pro-Serbian "screamers": "I think Russia has had enough of confrontations with the rest of the world. I would warn against hysteria. We raised the issue [of stopping NATO air strikes] in the U. N. Security Council and remained in a minority there. Mind you, we were opposed there not by NATO, but mostly by non-NATO countries!"