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Who will support Bosnia's resistance to British genocide?

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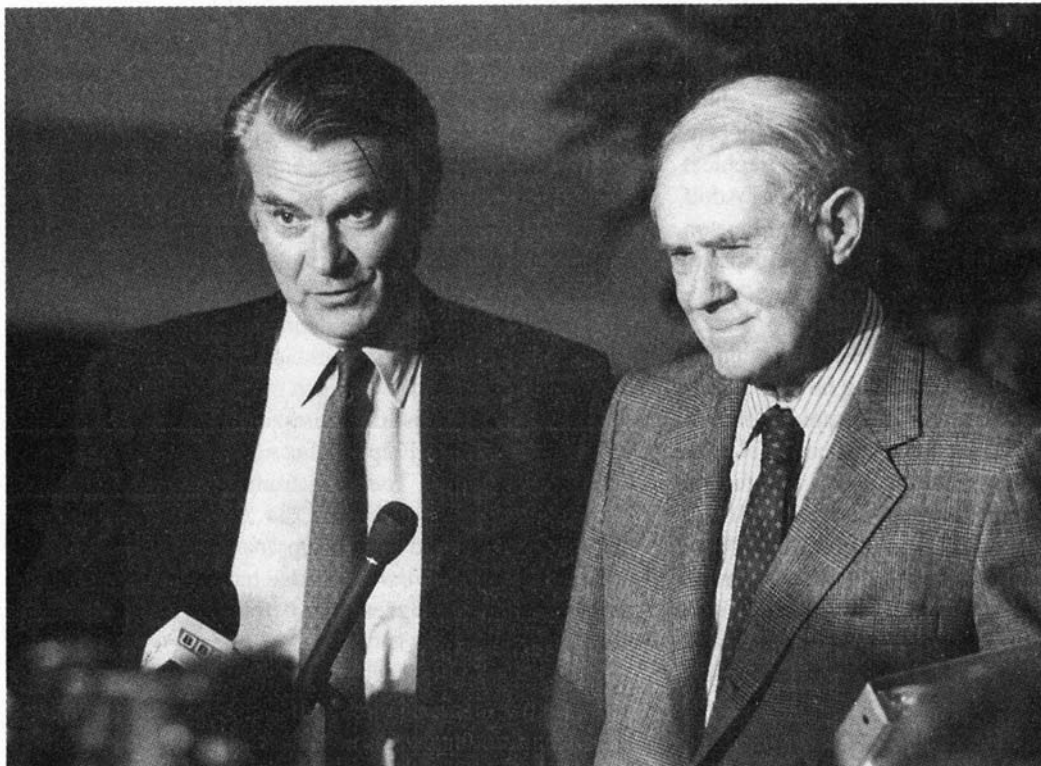
As Roosevelt said to Churchill: We cannot allow colonialism and the British Empire, and British methods, to continue in the world beyond this war. Because if we allow this, there will be no security for the United States or any other nation, because these conditions can lead to a new source of conflict and of danger to civilization.—Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., televised address to the nation, March 2, 1996

In this report, we present some of the most appalling evidence of the British role in triggering and fostering the genocide against the Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina, the Republic of Croatia, and other republics that were part of the former Yugoslavia.

This magazine has been conducting a campaign to prevent this horrible crime since at least 1988, when Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., then a candidate for the Democratic Party's Presidential nomination, went on national television to warn that the British geopoliticians had selected former Yugoslavia as the center of an artificially provoked social and military earthquake, which was supposed to draw in the whole Balkan peninsula and Europe.

Since then—while the bloody “experiment” escalated, while the Greater Serbians of Slobodan Milosevic, Radovan Karadzic, and Ratko Mladic slaughtered the defenseless civilian population of Croatia and Bosnia—*EIR* has been the strongest voice denouncing the real puppet master, the British Empire.

Many times we have been asked, “Why this genocide?” Bosnians and Croats have asked us, “Why, after all the negotiations and U.N. interventions, does the aggression continue?” Many times we have heard, in the United States and Europe, the most racist banalities—such as, “those people just like to kill each other”—presented as a sociological analysis of the war. In reality, it is impossible to understand the genocide in the Balkans, let alone to reverse it, if we do not free ourselves from the popular and academic prejudices that cloud our judgment.



Lord David Owen (left) and Cyrus Vance, then-co-chairmen of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, at the United Nations on April 1, 1993. Britain's "Invisible Empire" deployed both the Greater Serbian aggressors, and the United Nations peacekeeping apparatus, in a plan to wipe out the nation-state of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

'The Invisible Empire'

First of all: Croatia and Bosnia are the victims of an international apparatus known historically as the British Empire. It was this apparatus that deployed the Greater Serbians, and that dominates the United Nations Organization, through its Security Council.

By British Empire, we do not mean a Hollywood fantasy, or the image that that empire projected at any particular historical moment. We mean a number of powerful families grouped into an oligarchy, whose power is based on a huge, usurious financial apparatus; vast control of raw materials; an international controlling apparatus of secret services, organized crime networks of different ethnic varieties; instruments of violence and provocation, including terrorist groups; and a geopolitical capability, also known as diplomacy.

The philosophical outlook of this oligarchy is the typical feudal outlook: The peasants, servants, or any human being living on the land owned by the feudal lord, belong to that feudal lord, just as do the trees, grass, rocks, minerals, sheep, and cows. There is no difference between human beings and animals. Any idea of a republic (*res publica*), or nation—a society of free individuals, endowed by law with inalienable rights, dignity, education, productive employment; a society in which every child has the right to fulfill his or her highest potentialities; a society based on its members' creativity, applied through science and technology, generating the progress and development of that whole society—any such conception is seen by the feudal oligarch as a mortal and personal threat.

In this section

Since British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher first gave the "green light" for the Greater Serbia lunatics to launch a war of aggression against Croatia and Bosnia, *EIR* has been documenting British perfidy in the region. In this *Feature*, we assemble for the first time, all in one place, some of the most powerful documentation of that British role.

First, we identify the strategic parameters in which the war in the Balkans has occurred, and the concept of Empire that motivates the British oligarchy.

Then comes a review of the new book by former European Community "mediator" Lord David Owen, *Balkan Odyssey*. Following this are statements by leaders of Bosnia and Croatia, showing how clearly they see through the British strategy, and a selection of documents published by *EIR* in the past, which refute Owen's lies most incisively.

We conclude with a synopsis of *EIR's Special Report* of March 24, 1995, explaining how Britain's Entente Cordiale of 1904 lit the fuse for World War I, which started, of course, in the Balkans.

When this outlook is moved from the small piece of land of the feudal lord, to large geographical areas or to the whole world, then the oligarch feels the need for more efficient control techniques; hence the pseudo-science of “geographical politics” or geopolitics. It is no coincidence that one of Adolf Hitler’s teachers of geopolitics, was British oligarch Houston Stewart Chamberlain, who felt the urge to go to Germany to convince the Kaiser that indeed the Germans were the “superior race.”

Geopolitics sees the world as a large estate containing minerals, vegetables, and animals (including humans). This estate is conceived as immutable. It must be kept under control. So, what is the most efficient force one can deploy to control the largest possible area? Without going into further details, suffice it to say that from this theory derives the British theory and practice of “chokepoints”: The British Royal Navy is still sent to war today, in order to keep control over a group of apparently unimportant islands in the South Pacific, which had been stolen from Argentina, the Malvinas (renamed Falklands). Still today, the entrance to the Mediterranean Sea, Gibraltar, is under British control.

So, looking back, one can see Britain’s apparent obsession with Singapore, Hongkong, Malta, South Africa, certain islands of the Caribbean, and so on. Sometimes, certain “geopolitically important” areas were not occupied outright, but controlled through other means. This, for example, has been the tragedy of Sicily, at least since it was temporarily occupied by Adm. Horatio Nelson during the Napoleonic period.

In other areas, the British oligarchy establishes a special relationship with local satraps, as in the case of India, where the British sought an alliance with the most backward groups or tribes, to be used to control the others. This is the modus operandi that was applied in the Balkans. Here, as we shall see, Britain’s “watchdog” was the Serbian monarchy, and especially those forces who identified themselves with the racist supremacist ideology of Greater Serbia.

By “British Empire,” we do not mean that this apparatus is a sort of secretion of the people living in the so-called United Kingdom. On the contrary, the “empire” is a supranational and anti-national institution by definition. It did not originate in England, but rather it took over England, as a parasite takes over living tissue and feeds on it. Whenever a nation or a potential nation is being used by an oligarchy, the first victims are the people living in those areas. The resistance of these peoples is broken, not just by force, but first of all by poisoning their minds with an increasing level of “blood and soil” chauvinism and irrational fantasies of racial superiority. Indeed, wherever the oligarchical parasite lays its eggs, historically we can always see a sort of exhilaration and racist brainwashing among the population (“we are superior,” “we are the chosen ones”), which later turns to misery and destruction.

The empire always destroys the host nation. This hap-

pened with the Babylonian and Persian empires; it happened with the Roman Empire; it happened with the father of the British Empire, the Serenissima “Republic” of Venice. While used by the oligarchy as a base for looting and evil operations against other countries, the “host” does not gain anything, but it is slowly crushed morally and physically, the last stage normally being a demographic collapse. Then, the “parasite” moves to another “host.”

There is no way to understand what has been done and is still being done to Bosnia, without understanding the reality of the British Empire and British oligarchy. Admittedly, this empire today is—to use the expression coined for the Ku Klux Klan—an “Invisible Empire,” but not for that reason any less evil and threatening. Today, instruments such as the United Nations have been perfected. The “empire” has achieved, through the U.N. and related supranational financial institutions, a disguise of *naturalness* that has been the dream of so many imperial ideologues since before Rome. The oligarchy has truly become “invisible.”

The two main tentacles of the beast—the financial and the geopolitical—have become more efficient than ever in disguising themselves.

As we write these lines, Bosnia is being attacked by these two tentacles. The aggression and genocide by the Greater Serbians has been replaced by “genocide through financial means” by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The financial tentacle is determined to prevent the reconstruction of Bosnia. The World Bank is demanding that the destroyed country agree to pay 18% of the debts of former Yugoslavia: the debts of its aggressor.

Bosnia resists

This “Invisible Empire” assaulted a small country, Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Greater Serbians were its *longa manus*. The horrors that such aggression unleashes are frightening, but not difficult to imagine. And we saw them.

But what was not expected, was Bosnia’s resistance, the ability to stand firm, and ultimately the ability to survive. In doing that, in being the little soldier that stops the whole enemy army, Bosnia has given the rest of the world the historic opportunity to fight back against the British. Thus, it is not the rest of the world that has helped Bosnia (in fact, little or no help at all was extended), but it is Bosnia that has helped the rest of the world and given it the chance to get rid, once and for all, of the last empire. The most important victory of this resistance is the possibility to wake up the United States, to bring it back to the principles that led it to its own War of Independence.

Also two centuries ago, the British assaulted a small force with brutality, a colony they thought could have been broken easily. But the courage of the American leaders, and their international deployment to build support for their cause, created, around the War of Independence, a coalition that in-

cluded a large part of the major powers of that time. The American Revolution won, but that war is, in fact, still going on: It will last until the evil British Empire is thoroughly beaten.

The resistance of Bosnia has put that historical confrontation back on the agenda: the war between two opposite conceptions. On one side, is the conception that gave birth to the United States, and which represents, beneath the oligarchical encrustation in America, the soul and the potential for survival of the country. On the other side is the empire, with all its tentacles, agents, and lackeys. Therefore, this is not just a war for the survival of Bosnia, but for the survival of the United States and the entire world.

Sarajevo: June 28, 1914

Eighty-two years ago, in the Bosnian capital, a young, Greater Serbian terrorist, Gavrilo Princip, killed the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and his pregnant wife. That was the trigger for World War I, a war on whose battlefields more people died than in World

War II. Princip was part of a clandestine organization called the Black Hand, which had been created by the head of Serbian intelligence, Dragutin T. Dimitrijevic, known as Colonel Apis.

Colonel Apis was working for British intelligence. On behalf of London, he had been following a precise plan: to shape Serbia into the British "watchdog" of the Balkans. Eleven years before the Sarajevo assassination, Apis had managed a coup that brought to the throne of Serbia, the parvenu merchant family Karageorgevich. Then, from Serbia, he began to orchestrate its operations. In 1911, he created "Union or Death," whose terrorist branch was the Black Hand.

A war, a cataclysm of unprecedented proportion, had been planned by the British Empire for several years. The reasons were fundamentally the same as those that led to the decision to unleash the Greater Serbians after 1989. The empire was losing ground and control. The geopolitical pillars of its domination were being drastically challenged, by those continental European and American factions which were developing the Berlin-Baghdad railway (**Figure 1**) and the Trans-Siberian

World Bank bleeds Bosnian war victims

The World Bank is demanding that Bosnia pay 17% of the debt of former Yugoslavia—the entity that unleashed four years of genocidal aggression against it—as the price for any serious credits for economic reconstruction. The following is from the World Bank Report to the Dec. 20-21, 1995 Brussels Conference on Reconstruction of Bosnia. The report's preamble recognizes that 80% of the Bosnian economy has been destroyed, and half the population either killed, maimed, or expelled.

Bosnia could become a successful economy, provided international assistance can be mobilized.

... [A] particularly serious threat to the current policy stance is the rapidly accumulating arrears in wage and pension payments and the past State liabilities to households for their lost foreign exchange deposits in the banking sector. These could overwhelm the budget if the government were to take them on. ... In seeking solutions, every effort should be made to limit the government's use of domestic banking funds, especially central bank financing. Large amounts of these liabilities ... may have to be written down or written off outright through schemes such as trading wage and pension arrears for foodstuffs

and other aid.

The government must move toward a convertible dinar and should maintain a flexible position on exchange rate arrangements. ... The government should undertake ... rapid privatization of the idle assets of State enterprises. ...

An integral component of economic revival is the efficient deployment of scarce resources to help the poor ... [but] a bloated social assistance budget would undermine fiscal prudence needed for stability. Inappropriate targeting and excessive amounts of social assistance would discourage work and enterprise restructuring. ...

... Bosnia ... has accumulated substantial arrears, including to the IMF, the World Bank, and other international financial institutions, bilateral creditors and commercial bank creditors. Based on an assessment of the entire external debt situation, economic prospects, the postwar reconstruction and recovery needs, the government will need to design, jointly with the IMF, the World Bank, and other creditors, a medium-term balance of payment and external financial plan that would help to provide resources for the postwar rehabilitation of the country and enable Bosnia to normalize its international financial relations while maintaining an acceptable level of imports and reserves.

The most important conditions for World Bank membership are for Bosnia to assume an agreed share of the outstanding bank loans to the former Yugoslavia and agree on a plan to eliminate arrears on these loans.

FIGURE 1

The Berlin-Baghdad Railway by 1914

- The Berlin-Baghdad railway. The Adana-Aleppo and Mardin-Mosul sections were not completed on the outbreak of war in 1914
- Serbia: the only country on the Berlin-Baghdad Railway not associated with Germany, and also hostile to Austria-Hungary
- ++++ Branch line completed by 1914
- - - Branch line proposed to the Persian oil fields



railway (see article, p. 42). These amazing technological triumphs were the result of a policy, and a philosophical conception, diametrically opposed to the oligarchical conception.

The Berlin-Baghdad railway

The idea of applying human creativity through technology had never before been made so hubristically clear. Rivers of development, these railways had changed forever the conditions of Europe and Asia. From the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans and from the North Sea to the Persian Gulf, the empire's obsessive control of chokepoints and sea passages, its reliance on the Royal Navy to punish those who challenged its rule—all this was broken. Not by war, but by progress. And this new geometry of countries was going inexorably to establish similar relations of mutual development with the United States of America. The oligarchical families saw their worst nightmare becoming reality, and they reacted. It had to be stopped.

Especially through the project for the Berlin-Baghdad railway, countries such as Germany, France, Austria, Italy, Turkey, and the peoples of the Middle East had found potentially a new way toward mutual economic development, freedom, prosperity, and peace. The Balkan peninsula (the future Yugoslavia) was the way through which Europe had broken its containment. For the British, it was necessary to burn the whole estate, in order to keep it under control.

The senior British military adviser attached to the Serbian army, R.G.D. Laffan, warned: "If 'Berlin-Baghdad' were achieved, a huge block of territory producing every kind of wealth, and unassailable by sea-power would be united under German authority. . . . Russia would be cut off by this barrier

from her western friends, Great Britain and France. . . . One little strip of territory alone blocked the way. . . . *That little strip was Serbia.* Serbia stood small but defiant between Germany and the great ports of Constantinople and Salonika. . . . Serbia was really the first line of defense of our eastern possessions. If she were crushed or *enticed* into the 'Berlin-Baghdad system,' then our vast but slightly defended Empire would soon have felt the shock."

In this intelligence report we have, clearly stated, the reasons for Britain's triggering of World War I and four years of genocide in the 1990s and, potentially, for triggering World War III.

A few points are to be underlined in Laffan's warnings. First of all, the importance the empire's agent attaches to the French and Russian allies, the so-called Triple Alliance (see article, p. 42). Russia could be "cut off"—or better, could be freed from the British control—through the concrete possibility of economic development. And even Serbia could be in danger to get away, by being *enticed* into the Berlin-Baghdad system, i.e., again into a program of economic development. Second, the empire is vulnerable, weak, defeatable, and, in fact, unnatural, based on coercion and manipulation. Third, Germany is personified as the ultimate enemy and evil. When the imperial apologist speaks about Germany, he is not referring to it as a country; what the British were and are, instinctively, frightened of, is a conception and a system of development.

The 'Fourth Reich' scare

London needs this kind of fetishistic enemy image. More than 80 years after Laffan wrote, British Prime Minister Mar-

garet Thatcher needed to launch the campaign against the reunification of Germany, saying it would become “the Fourth Reich”: a totally invented image, psychological warfare to manipulate irrational feelings, like those of the Greater Serbians, who, through Slobodan Milosevic and Radovan Karadzic, kept repeating that their racial genocide was carried out in order to stop the advance of the Fourth Reich in the Balkans.

During the recent genocide against Bosnia, the British deployed some of their most trusted propagandists, such as Kenneth DeCourcy and his *Intelligence Digest* (see box p. 16), to combat any possible alliance between a part of Europe and the United States, against the genocide in the Balkans. DeCourcy denounces any attempt to counter the Greater Serbians’ aggression: “America’s solution is to encourage and support German hegemony. . . . Washington urgently needs to think again before it is too late; its policy for Europe is not a policy for future stability; it is the reverse.”

DeCourcy’s “analyses” were—and are—regularly taken up by a network of pseudo-Christian fundamentalist maga-

zines and other outlets in the United States, a sort of synthetic “Court of Miracles” that is very active on the dark side of certain American minds. The outlets include the magazine *Philadelphia Trumpet* and assorted late-night televangelists, who hammer on the theme of war between, on the one side, Britain and Serbia as the “new Israel,” and, on the other, Germany-Croatia-Bosnia as the “new Babylon.” Croatia is branded “the beast of the Apocalypse,” while Germany is “the Holy Roman Empire,” as opposed to the friendly British Empire.

The enticement of Russia

By deploying the Greater Serbians, the British did not intend to destroy only the Balkans. One of their longer-term strategies was to force Russia into the game, to force it to come to the aid of its Serbian “Slavic brothers.” By the IMF-World Bank financial tentacle, the British prevented any possible economic development in post-Communist Russia; at the same time, through the deployment of operations like the Lord Byron Foundation for Balkan Studies, they kept

ADL mouthpiece Brin backs Serbian butchers

Among many Bosnian patriots, there is a widespread illusion that the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (ADL) is among the leading “friends” of the Bosnian people.

It is true that, in addition to many Arab governments in the Middle East, the Israeli government of Yitzhak Rabin, and, later, Shimon Peres, has provided both material and moral support to the Bosnian government, combatting Greater Serbian genocide. But this is a totally different matter from the ADL.

The ADL, apart from efforts to cozy up to Bosnian diplomats in New York and Washington, is on record—through at least one of its best-known mouthpieces—overtly backing the Serb butchers! Herb Brin is the publisher of *Heritage Southwest Jewish Press*, a Los Angeles-based weekly that spouts the ADL line on every major policy issue.

When San Francisco police raided the West Coast offices of the ADL to break up an international espionage ring in December 1992, and again in April 1993, Brin published a full-page ad, under his own byline and under the ADL logo, defending the group. Brin admitted that he has been an intelligence operator for the League for at least 30 years (“Hardly a week passes that I don’t supply Jewish

defense material to David Lehrer, head of ADL in the region . . .”).

Just two weeks before the publication of the ad, Brin published a shameless defense of the Serbian genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina, by William Dorich, under the headline, “Socrates and the Balkans—In Defense of Serbs.” The article attempted to dismiss reports of mass rape of Bosnian Muslim women by Serb irregulars as pure fraud, even accusing the Bosnians of “willingness to kill their own people to gain international sympathy.”

In February-March 1993, Brin traveled to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and to the Serb-held town of Banja Luca, Bosnia, on a “fact-finding” mission, paid for by the Jewish-Serbian Friendship Society. He published a series of dispatches, dateline Belgrade, that covered up the genocide, under such headlines as: “Serbs Label Rape Charge as Foes’ ‘Slick’ Campaign,” “Who’s Doing Cleansing?” and “World War II Never Ended in the Balkans.” In an article published in *Heritage* on Feb. 19, 1993, Brin quoted from rabid British Serbophile Sir Alfred Sherman, denouncing the idea of a parallel between the Nazi Holocaust and the “Muslim suffering in Bosnia.” “If there is a parallel,” Brin quoted Lord Sherman, “it is the martyrdom of the Serbs in Croatia-Bosnia, who account for a third of the Serbian nation.”

All the while, the pages of Brin’s *Heritage* were filled with articles defending the ADL from the espionage allegations, and viciously slandering people like Lyndon LaRouche, for daring to publish the ugly truth about the ADL.—Jeffrey Steinberg

fomenting the worst instincts of certain Russian factions. Any possible U.S. intervention to stop the genocidalists, the foundation leaders said (starting with the original sponsor of Maggie Thatcher, Sir Alfred Sherman), is a direct attack on Russia. Russia has to react (see box).

In normal conditions, such propaganda would be dismissed as delirious; but under the destructive conditions imposed by economic shock therapy, irrationality can flourish. The British have been actively flirting with a scenario for World War III.

In fact, one of the reasons for the long non-intervention of the Clinton administration—and one of the reasons for the unjust Dayton agreement—has been the fear that Russia might be drawn into the war. The British, in the middle of the game, kept the genocide going, preventing any possible positive U.S. intervention through direct sabotage (see the story of Gen. Sir Michael Rose, p. 26).

LaRouche's 'Productive Triangle'

What prompted the British decision to launch the Greater Serbians around 1989, was the perception of an immediate and overwhelming danger, just as London's man Laffan warned of before World War I. The end of communism and fall of the Berlin Wall had opened, *mutatis mutandis*, a perspective of development comparable to that in the years preceding World War I. In particular, as readers of *EIR* know, the end of the geopolitical division of Europe and the world coincided with the elaboration by Lyndon LaRouche of his conception of the Productive Triangle: an area of great development centered in the Berlin-Paris-Vienna triangle, which could become the engine for the modernization and reconstruction of the countries of the former Soviet bloc, but also the rest of Europe, the Middle East, and so on.

According to LaRouche's elaboration, the Triangle was

British propaganda for a new Triple Entente

The following statements by British policymakers document their visceral hatred of Germany, and their effort to manipulate Russia into an alliance with Britain against the United States.

Margaret Thatcher, former British prime minister, in a speech in September 1995, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, at a meeting of the Forum for International Policy: Germany's "national character is to dominate. There is something in the character of the German people that led to things that never should have happened. Why was it that the German people let Hitler do the things he did? This is something I still fear. Even to this day."

Kenneth DeCourcy, editor of *Intelligence Digest*, Aug. 11, 1995: "American generals trained and advised the recently triumphant Croatian Army, and German pilots have been training the Croatian Air Force (U.N. sources at Zagreb airport say air traffic control frequencies 'resound to the voices of German pilots'). Yet the recent events in the former Yugoslavia, important (and dangerous) as they are, form only a small part of an overall U.S.-German plan for Europe. . . . America's solution is to encourage and support German hegemony in both East and West Europe.

"Washington urgently needs to think again before it is too late; its policy for Europe is not a policy for future

stability; it is the reverse."

Michael Martin Stenton, representative of the Lord Byron Foundation for Balkan Studies, in a press conference in Moscow on Oct. 9, 1995, sought to turn the Russians against Germany and the United States: "The new Germany has been tested, the attitude of the United States has been made clear, the weakness of Britain and the weakness of Russia have been proven. The solution to the question of the autonomous rights of the Serbs in Croatia has now been revealed: the military destruction of the Serbian community by an army trained by the United States, politically encouraged by Germany and tolerated by the new Yugoslav authorities in Belgrade.

"Another experiment was made, and that experiment was to give NATO military authority. NATO was introduced into the former Yugoslavia as an air power to police the air exclusion zone on behalf of the United Nations. . . .

"What we must now conclude is that the experiment is finished. We have absolute evidence that NATO is not prepared to behave in a neutral fashion, that it wishes to move towards a solution in a unilateral and extremely violent fashion."

The NATO bombing of Serbian forces at Sarajevo, Stenton continued, "is one of the first uses of military force that has had positive approval by the pope of Rome. . . . The question is, will this political intimidation, which forces Britain to bomb people when Britain does not want to go to war and which forces Russia to remain silent when it knows what is happening, will this political intimidation continue?"

Stenton then discussed the proposal that there be a NATO military force in Bosnia, to which Russia and

to be linked, through railroad and other transportation and communication infrastructure, to the main areas of reconstruction. One of the main branches, of course, was to run through the Balkans. No national leadership in its right mind would have failed to jump at the opportunity. The British had to move fast.

Through Slobodan Milosevic, already the principle of racist irrationality—Greater Serbia—had been revived. Milosevic, a banker trained in the United States, was a product of the Henry Kissinger grouping. Frantic meetings took place in Britain and elsewhere with Serbian envoys. The green light was given.

From then on, as this magazine has regularly documented, the “Invisible Empire,” either directly or through its U.N. incarnation, made sure that nobody would interfere with the war “experiment.”

The treason of General Rose, when he and his Special

Islamic countries could contribute. Stenton warned: “Every Russian should have no doubt that this is a poisoned offer, and I recommend you strongly not to accept it. Russia will buy no influence for herself, nor buy any advantage for the Serbs, by sending forces to Bosnia under NATO command. If there is a NATO force in Bosnia, it will be the dominant force. . . .

“If NATO is allowed to send a very powerful American force to Bosnia it will in all probability behave in exactly the same way. Except that this time . . . it will be American Special Forces seizing control in Pale, Banja Luka, Brcko, and ultimately on the River Drina itself. And if there are Russian troops present, they will be helpless to do anything about this. Which is why I recommend Russia to avoid the poisoned gift, to not send your troops and to not vote in favor of a new United Nations resolution to give NATO permission to send a military force into Bosnia. . . .

“The question that Russia ought to ask itself is whether the presence of a NATO contingent in Bosnia will make a NATO air base in Tallinn [Estonia] in 10 years time more or less likely. Russia is facing a new Cold War look-alike situation whether it wants to admit that or not. By acting now to assert its legitimate national interests and its geopolitical concerns, Russia, in fact, may prevent this situation from blossoming into a fully blown Cold War. . . .

“NATO has changed for the worse. NATO has become a giant without any checks, balances, and controls. . . . NATO now, as has been proven in Bosnia, is not only a threat to Russia, it is a threat to its own members because NATO is behaving in a way which may push many reluctant members into a sort of confrontation nobody wants, but a small group of adventurers in Bonn and Washington.”

Air Services (SAS) sabotaged NATO strikes against the Karadzic gangs assaulting the U.N. “safe area” of Bihac, is one of the examples that came out publicly. The war among the victims, the British intelligence authorship of the confrontation, in 1993 in Central Bosnia, between Muslims and Catholics, is another of these sickening examples (see *Documentation*, p. 32).

Unleash the power of the American economy

But that treason is only the tip of the iceberg. There are few U.S. observers and military personnel who have been in Bosnia, who have not been sickened by the British modus operandi. It is reasonable to believe that much more evidence of London’s perfidy is ready to pop up. The NATO air strikes that freed Croatia and put the genocidalists on the defensive in Bosnia, took place, after innumerable British actions of sabotage, because of a decision made in Washington. It showed that the British game was psychological warfare, and a courageous decision could have broken the “game” at any moment. Of course, London agitated the scarecrow of a Russian intervention in defense of the Serbians, and the operation against Karadzic’s new Nazis did not go as far as it could have. And then there was Dayton.

The ideologues of the Empire are progressively showing signs of paranoia vis-à-vis the role of the United States in Bosnia. This is what Hollinger Corporation operative Ambrose Evans-Pritchard wrote after the air strikes, in the London *Sunday Telegraph*: “Gone is the automatic trust that once tied the British and American armed forces. President Clinton ordered a secret policy that undercut the British army. . . . Now he expects London to provide . . . loyal Gurkhas for his plan.”

The current policy fight over the economic reconstruction of Bosnia does not concern only the Balkans; it concerns the economic reconstruction of the United States as well.

On April 3, for causes still under investigation, the plane carrying U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and 31 other people, including executives of several of the most important U.S. industrial firms, crashed near Dubrovnik, Croatia, en route from Tuzla, Bosnia. Brown was involved in channelling huge investments that, according to observers, do not seem to fit the agenda of the World Bank and IMF. A source told *EIR*: “There was a potential of investment exceeding \$40 billion on that plane.” In his last speech in Tuzla, Brown said: “I think we shouldn’t just look at aid. Aid is kind of a one-shot deal. We’d better look at long-term economic development, and it can only come through investment.”

Speaking of Brown at the Commerce Department on the day of the fatal crash, President Clinton recalled: “When we met earlier this week, right before he left for the Balkans, he was so excited, because he thought he would be able to use *the power of the American economy to help the peace take hold in the Balkans.*”