

Isolate the British arsonists before it's too late

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Despite escalating psychological warfare against the peoples and elites of NATO countries, two things have clearly emerged concerning the war in the Balkans:

1. Key details and names of the group that plotted the rush to war, and made sure that the Rambouillet peace talks failed, and that any obstacle to war—such as the crucial summit between Russian Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov and President Bill Clinton—were removed. The perpetrators include liberal-imperialist British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Al Gore, and Madeleine “the bomber” Albright.

2. A peace alternative does exist and is gaining strength. Indeed, governments and institutions representing the majority of the peoples of the world are dead set against the “New NATO’s” war. From the Vatican, to Russia, China, and India, to most of the nations of the Third World and large political and institutional forces inside virtually every NATO country, there is a strong rejection of this adventure. Above all, there is a growing understanding that the war arsonists intend to establish a legal precedent that would allow the official subversion of national sovereignty everywhere. The world is supposed to be pushed back to a state of feudal anarchy, in a British empire gone “global.”

The New NATO is supposed to apply its “gunboat diplomacy” to whoever intends to resist its rule. Yet, largely because of the beacon of sanity represented by Lyndon LaRouche, it is dawning on a growing number of the elites in many countries, that the *real reason* the British-steered financial oligarchy has gone “war crazy,” is that they see the military instrument as *the only way* to try to save their destructive speculative power. For the oligarchy, war is the only way to prevent an otherwise inevitable international realignment to establish a new financial system, a New Bretton Woods. The oligarchy is running out of time, but so are the peoples of the world. This is the real war to be fought right now.

‘Something for NATO’s anniversary’

The two tendencies—the rush to war, and the push to “defuse the time-bomb”—are clashing right now all over the world. This war is being fought with military weapons only in a small part; to a much larger degree, it is fought as psychological warfare. The battlefield? The living rooms of those families who are bombarded daily through the TV screen, by reports fabricated mostly by the New NATO apparatus, under the stage direction of NATO top military spokesman, Her Majesty’s Commodore David Wilby.

This is that same Wilby who was caught lying (see *EIR*, April 9, 1999) about the supposed “mass executions” of the “moderate Kosovars” around Kosovo leader Ibrahim Rugova. The lie was used to justify an escalation of the NATO bombings and to undermine the attempts at mediation by the Vatican and the Russians.

Before analyzing these peace activities, let’s see what really happened at the Rambouillet peace talks, which led to the refusal to sign the final document not only by the Serbs, but also by the Russian mediator.

The Russian “no” at Rambouillet was the key issue. What Commodore Wilby tries to obfuscate in his daily briefings, is that the only point of frontal disagreement between the five NATO countries of the Contact Group on the Balkans (Britain, France, United States, Germany, and Italy) and the sixth member (Russia) was the “military annexes” added secretly and at the last moment, reportedly under the incitement of British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

The mysterious expression “military annexes” means the deployment into Kosovo of 28,000-36,000 NATO troops under the leadership of Britain’s Gen. Sir Michael Jackson, the head of the elite NATO special force, the Rapid Reaction Corps. Of course, and *EIR* is still the only medium in the

United States to have reported it, then-Captain Jackson was the second in command of the British parachuters battalion that, in 1972, committed the Bloody Sunday massacre in Derry, Northern Ireland! Sir Jackson had established his headquarters in Skopje, Macedonia, before the Rambouillet talks ended. As he stressed in a press conference, he considered the talks a formality, and showed indignation because the “politicians” made him wait before giving him the mandate to become, in effect, the Viceroy of Kosovo.

The deployment of Sir Jackson and his Corps in Kosovo would have made out of Kosovo, what the London *Times* arrogantly called a “NATO protectorate,” and established the precedent that the New NATO could deploy “for humanitarian reasons” into any sovereign country.

According to several reports, the way the “war arsonists” acted in Rambouillet is very close to the report given by the Russian Ambassador to the United Nations, Sergei Lavrov, during an interview with the PBS Charlie Rose Show on March 25. Lavrov explained: “They were listening, but at the same time, behind our backs, they were doing something different. . . . You referred to the [refusal] to accept foreign peacekeepers. . . . When the Contact Group first drafted what eventually became known as the Rambouillet Draft Agreement, it had nothing about military implementation of the agreement. It had political principles, political mechanisms for Kosovo autonomy within Serbia. . . . And it was a very elaborate document of the Contact Group, and Russia is a full co-sponsor of that document.

“Then, as negotiations in Rambouillet proceeded, *without telling us*, NATO members in Brussels developed this paper on military ground forces to keep peace if the agreement is signed. . . . They just told our negotiator, ‘Look, this is another piece of that package. Let’s give it to the parties as a Contact Group proposal.’ We were never warned that NATO would be developing something else on behalf of the Contact Group without inviting Russia. And we said that this is not going to be our paper, . . . but we offered some very practical approaches, which would allow us to co-sponsor the document on implementation. . . . We were rejected.”

Commenting on the deployment in Kosovo of Michael Jackson for “humanitarian reasons,” Lavrov commented: “The argument about NATO’s area of responsibility I cannot accept, because it is *not* the area of NATO responsibility and NATO is trying to *develop something for its [50th] anniversary*, which is unfortunately going to be a gloomy anniversary because of what is happening in Kosovo—to develop something to justify the right to have this outreach to other territories. I don’t think Europeans are comfortable with this idea. And I don’t think it would be within the UN Charter.”

On April 6, Albright confirmed that arsonists such as herself are plotting the subversion of national sovereignty through “humanitarian” means. “The NATO of the 21st century is being tested now before the new century even begins. And we are determined to pass that test; using aircraft and

facilities from more than a dozen countries, we are striking hard,” she screamed in a speech on the New NATO at the Brookings Institution in Washington. “Some of the key policies and principles *to be affirmed at the [NATO] Washington summit are already in practice*. . . . I think the whole issue of sovereignty is one that is complicated by the fact that when somebody like Milosevic has been an aggressor, . . . he . . . gives up some of his rights, in terms of protecting what is going on inside his country.”

This was *not*, however, President Clinton’s policy. On April 7, the *New York Times* reported that Clinton had ordered Al Gore to call Russian Prime Minister Primakov, to signal that the United States would appreciate a renewed mediation effort by the Russians. Sources close to the White House indicated that the President and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger were now in favor of a non-NATO peacekeeping force for Kosovo, one that would include Russia and other countries of the region, as well as the UN Security Council—a move that would formally involve China in the effort to end the bombing and the ethnic cleansing. The sources said that Albright, however, has been adamantly opposed to any non-NATO military force, arguing that it would “ruin” NATO’s birthday party.

Neither Blair, nor Albright, nor Gore—who reportedly will play the key role at the April 23 NATO summit—attribute any real importance to what Milosevic has been doing. The British have been cynically using, for more than one century, the ideology of Greater Serbia, and for the same reasons, they are now trying to use a synthetic Greater Albania ideology. Both people, Serbian and Albanians, will be the big historical losers if they accept the oligarchy’s “kiss of death.”

What is required for peace

The main requirement for a viable peace settlement, is not so much in the practical details of how to reach a cease-fire, but rather how to contain the British, and how to mobilize the United States to defend its real interests. Blair’s big victory is to have succeeded—at least for the moment—in getting President Clinton to go along with him in this insane adventure.

The paradox is that the British feudal financial model was never so close to its death than it is at the present moment. An alliance among the United States, Russia, China, India, and, as a consequence, continental Europe and most of the rest of the world, would put an immediate end to the agony of the wounded beast—the financier oligarchy.

But the war escalation is bound to gain a momentum of its own, if it is not stopped. This is the reason why both the Vatican and the Russians are pushing for a cease-fire.

Reportedly, the rejection by President Clinton of Pope John Paul II’s call for a cease-fire, was a terrible disappointment to the top leadership of the Vatican. On April 2, a front-page commentary—reportedly reflecting the position of the Vatican leadership—in the Vatican daily *Osservatore Romano*, read in part: “The last hours have frustrated the hopes

that, at least in the most sacred days for Christians, both Catholic and Orthodox, there could have been a remission of pain, a cease-fire to violence. The proposal [by the Pope] has been rejected." The article called for a mobilization of international institutions to fill the vacuum left by the non-intervention of the United States. "Europe is called to a forceful, immediate assumption of responsibility. The epoch-like changes in the remaining of this millennium, the end of bipolarism, do not allow the [exclusive] delegation of the responsibilities to defend the common interests to the U.S. . . . Europe should have rejected the temptation of a low profile. . . . It is not too late: In the horror of the Balkans, the European Union can and must recognize its past in order to avoid a similar future."

A death camp set up to reach your TV screen

It was in this situation, that the New NATO went into action, not just in Serbia, but above all against the populations and the leaders of the NATO member countries. It was at this point that Her Majesty's Commodore David Wilby "executed" the group of Ibrahim Rugova, and the living rooms of Americans and Europeans were filled with the terrible pic-

tures of the camps on the Macedonian border, where the Kosovar refugees had been amassed without any real supplies, without water, without medicine, with scarce and inadequate food, with no real cover. This situation lasted for weeks, from the beginning of March, and worsened after the beginning of the NATO bombings of Kosovo on March 24. On April 4 and 5, the Macedonian authorities, in a desperate move, broke out the camp at Blace, sending the refugees mostly to Albania.

Not surprisingly, given the unhygienic conditions, cholera and other diseases began to spread, and every night there was an increasing number of dead, especially small children who died of fatigue, malnutrition, and cold. Why was such a powerful organization as the New NATO, which officially had mobilized all its forces out of "humanitarian concern," not able to do anything about this, for weeks? In fact, the mass of starving, degraded Kosovars was the most precious commodity that Wilby and Jackson had, to feed their psychological warfare campaign: "NATO has to bomb Pristina and the other cities of Kosovo in order to stop this humanitarian horror." But in fact, the horror of the Blace camp could have been stopped by NATO in a very short period of time.

Sen. Carulli: Pursue any hope for peace in Balkans

The following statement was released to EIR on April 8 by Sen. Ombretta Fumagalli Carulli, a member of the Italian Senate and president of the Interparliamentary Committee for the Jubilee. The purpose of the committee, which includes thousands of members of parliament from all over the world, is to accomplish the tasks set by Pope John Paul II for the Jubilee year, including debt cancellation for the poorest countries and an end to the death penalty. Senator Fumagalli Carulli also chairs the parliamentary group of the Italian Renewal party, created by Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini. She recently received Lyndon LaRouche's March 27 statement, "Gore Provokes Total War," on Vice President Al Gore and the danger of World War III (EIR, April 2).

War is an adventure without return. With reason, hope, and dialogue, with respect for the inalienable rights of peoples, it is possible to identify and follow the path of understanding and peace." Coherent with this conviction, expressed in the "Urbi et Orbi" message on Dec. 25, 1998, the Pope did the impossible to solve the crisis which opened in the Balkans. He asked Belgrade to respect the inalienable rights of the Albanian majority in Kosovo, and to stop the massacres and deportations on the side of the Serbian army and, at the same time, he asked NATO to stop punitive expeditions and air

strikes on Yugoslav territory. He committed Vatican diplomacy to an unprecedented mediation effort (an effort which has been shared and encouraged also by the Italian government), and came to the point of formulating personally, during a liturgical celebration, a cease-fire proposal. He asked Milosevic and the Atlantic Alliance to respect the solemnity of two Easter celebrations, the Catholic and the Orthodox one, so that, in the course of this one week, dialogue and understanding could be reestablished.

Belgrade answered, although ambiguously, only after the Catholic Easter was over. NATO does not trust the ambiguity and the many promises which Belgrade has never kept, and it demanded the immediate withdrawal of the Serbian troops from Kosovo and an international peace force to oversee the return and physical security of the refugees, who must be returned to their fatherland from which they were expelled.

At this point, while bombs continue to fall, there seems to be no way out. Yet, John Paul II is right: There are no alternatives to peace, and war, as the air strikes in recent days have demonstrated, is only a dangerous adventure without turning back, which will affect also those who believe that they will come out of it as winners.

We have to pursue any hope for peace. Milosevic proposed a cease-fire. I believe we should explore all paths to find out how much sincerity there is behind this initiative, and help the Serbs to live together with other people. Only in this way shall the population of Kosovo be able to go back safely to its homes, and start again to live together in peace with the enemies of today.