

EIR: So this means that the potential for a real movement against the war exists?

Vebel: Yes, definitely.

EIR: But there is no political representation for this movement, that is, no organized parties or organization that could represent this movement?

Vebel: Well, this is how they are being represented. The demonstration is organized by the Center for Anti-War Action. This Center is made up of people like her. She is a very strong lady. They are doing this by themselves.

EIR: What is the potential of this movement? How big will it become? Can she project a little into the future after the demonstration?

Vebel: Even if this demonstration is very successful, it is still not going to deter the Slobodan Milosevic government from butchering and killing. They do not have any mercy for children or for women whatsoever. So she doesn't see much prospect for progress even if the demonstration is a success.

EIR: What would she see as effective in stopping Milosevic?

Vebel: The way she sees things unfolding, it has to be the Serbian people that stop Milosevic. The way that that is going to happen is that everything is going to fall economically. So far they have some food and the people tolerate it. They are very tolerant of the rationing and so forth. But once the supplies run out and they have nothing, then the people will overthrow their own government. That's how Serbia will get back

on the right track. There is no other way, according to her.

EIR: And the economic crisis in Serbia, what is her evaluation on that?

Vebel: In spite of the embargo, the Serbians have been cleverly playing around it. However, every day everything is going downhill rapidly. More and more factories are closing their doors, unemployment is skyrocketing every day, so that the economic status of Serbia is very bad. Despite the fact that the Serbians are trying to outsmart the embargo, it still has a very grave effect on them.

EIR: Do people that she talks to think that there will be any intervention from the West to stop Milosevic?

Vebel: They have very little hope that the West or any country will intervene, because the countries in the West have been playing with them. The way she sees things is that they [the West] are thinking, "Just let these barbarian people kill each other off." She and her colleagues do not think that this is going to change. She added that in the last six months there have been 12,000 children that were massacred in Bosnia-Herzegovina alone by Serbian forces. She cannot believe that the countries in the West tolerate such a thing.

EIR: What is her opinion of the United Nations?

Vebel: Zero. Zip. They don't do anything. The troops are sticking to the orders they get as to where they can go, what they can do, how far they can go; so it is absolutely doing nothing.

The only way that they could stop this war is if they

From Serbia: 'Stop these terrible crimes'

The private letter excerpted here was written by a Serbian citizen and supplied to EIR by a group that opposes the Milosevic regime. Particularly enlightening is what the author says about the U.N. peacekeeping forces (Unprofor). The names of persons and places have been deleted.

. . . I am still looking for a job. I had hoped that there would be some changes after the elections, but in Serbia fascism won. From early morning till late at night I listen to Radio Sarajevo. However, we who live near the Bosnian border are witnessing unscrupulous aggression on Srebrenica by the Yugoslav Army. That small, heroic town has resisted already for ten months air attacks, rocket launchers, all kinds of artillery of the largest caliber, poison gas attack, and starvation. The young hero Naser Oric

is the commander of defense units of Srebrenica. A few of us still normal Serbs are trying to help Srebrenica, even though we are endangering our own lives. I can't write about it in this letter, but we will talk about it when this evil time goes away, and when we see each other. . . .

It is mistake that you left, it is much harder to occupy a city with a lot of civilians, where every corner in the city is a danger for the aggressor. Even women are fighting in Srebrenica with simple guns against tanks! . . .

Why do you not organize demonstrations against the Yugoslav Army involvement in eastern Bosnia? Every day through Dajina Rasta, convoys of carriers and tanks cross a bridge over the Drina River, going toward Srebrenica. Helicopters and aircraft take off from Punikye airport, right in front of the Unprofor battalion, which has a station at that airport.

I am going to get out of politics, which is a very dirty game. I am getting sick of politics because of the aggression against Bosnia and the silent approval of that terrible crime by world politicians. . . .