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# RE-EMERGENCE OF PAN-GERMAN EXPANSIONISM AND THE YUGOSLAV CRISIS

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## 1. Woodrow Wilson's Yugoslavia

Creation of Yugoslavia in 1918 was a strategic masterstroke of Woodrow Wilson that has secured continuous control of the Mediterranean by the Western Allies for 73 years. He put together diverse nations that fought on the German side in WWI--Croatia, Slovenia and Bosnia--and the traditional Western ally, the Kingdom of Serbia, into a strong pro-Western country that was to block forever both the Pan-Germanic and Russian imperial designs in the Mediterranean. Yugoslavia has lived up to its Wilsonian vision. Thanks to it, WWII did not see the terror of a Mediterranean based German Navy. Nor did Stalin, at the War's end, have an excuse to "liberate" the Adriatic and so perturb the balance of power that Europe enjoys today.

# 2. \$70 Billion and 70 Years Later

In 1949, Harry S Truman added another dimension to the role of Yugoslavia. In addition to serving as a bulwark against imperial expansions, it was to become a model of "national communism", demonstrating to Soviet satellites the economic progress of a reformed Communist country collaborating with the West. In the 41 year period 1949-1990, the West, mostly the United States,

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injected into Yugoslavia approximately \$70 billion (in 1990 dollars) either in direct military and economic aid, or in government guaranteed loans and investments.<sup>2</sup> About 100 bilateral military agreements were signed between the U.S. and Yugoslavia; and over 1,000 political, economic and commercial ones. We trained the Yugoslav pilots and other officers in the U.S. for the military technology supplied by us; organized long term visits of political leaders and industrial managers to the U.S. to facilitate their exposure to democracy. At the time the democratic revolutionary fervor of 1989 swept Eastern Europe, Yugoslavia was, and still is, in the best position of all Eastern European Countries, to make the transition to the democratic society and free market economy.

# 3. Wilson's Role for Yugoslavia in New World Order Gains Strategic Importance

It could not have happened at a worse time, as far as the U.S. interests are concerned. After the German unification, U.S. influence in Europe is rapidly waning. At the end of June 1991, the State Department publicly and openly admitted that American influence in Yugoslavia is zero. This is Germany's chance to implement its centuries-old desire of partnership with Russia; her early item on the agenda will be the exit to the Mediterranean.

Henry Kissinger believes that a non-communist market-oriented Russia will represent a greater threat to the U.S. than communist Russia. These circumstances have doubled the Wilsonian role of Yugoslavia. Before, the threat was either a revamped Germany or Russia. Now, it is Germany and Russia whose Mediterranean ambitions must be blocked.

# 4. German Concept of New World Order Differs from American's

"If Russia and Germany get together--there will be no American century." So spoke German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche in 1891, when it was already felt that the 20th century would be the "American century". A hundred years later, this German dream became the master plan of Kohl's Germany for the 21st century. Unite Germany, but divide Europe into mini-states whenever possible. Get Americans out and make Europe a German-Russian condominium; to neutralize U.S. Allies, use the banner "Europe to Europeans". Throw billions of marks onto the Russians to buy their participation in the grandiose design to control the world; smokescreen this action by telling the Western Allies that Germany is doing it out of "sense of guilt" over her invasion of Russia 50 years ago.

# 5. Hidden Agenda for Germanic Annexation of Western Yugoslavia

Germans love duplicity but lack subtlety. Before the ink on the Germanies' unification treaty had dried, Kohl gave away his neo-imperial scheme. First, he stunned the Russians. Before the Soviet troops left East Germany, he already begun to instigate Ukraine's secession from the Soviet Union, openly organizing an anti-Russian extremist movement. To carry out the plan, Kohl used the Germany-based organizations of old Ukrainian Nazis who escaped with Hitler's army to Germany in 1945. Then he shook Czechoslovakia by inciting Slovakian separatists via Germany-based Nazi groups that were associated with Hitler's Puppet State of Slovakia during WWII.

But the real rude awakening came to the American believers that a nation can change its

In constant dollars, the contributions were: approximately \$4 billion in military aid (1950-69), approximately \$6 billion in economic aid (1949-89), approximately \$30 billion in loans (1954-91), and \$1 billion in investments—a total of \$41 billion. Corrected for inflation, this amounts to about \$70 billion in 1990 dollars.

character in 45 years. Until June 25, 1991 (Slovenian and Croatian declaration of sovereignty), Germany had publicly supported the American position of unity and territorial integrity of Yugoslavia. But on that day, it surfaced that, privately, Kohl's Christian Democratic Party had been actively encouraging, since 1988, Slovenian and Croatian ultra-nationalists to move against American policy. The Croatian Neo-Nazis would not have been elected if it weren't for the multi-million dollar financial support from Germany and Austria. The day Croatian ultra-nationalist Tudjman was elected President, he thanked Germany for electoral help and declared as Croatia's foreign policy, "to be aligned with Germany."

While preaching for the unification of Europe, Germany had been financing, arming and advising the Croatian neo-Nazi drive for a violent breakup of Yugoslavia and the secession of the "historical" Germanic territories, Slovenia and Croatia. Considering the economic dependence of these two republics on Germany, their separation would be tantamount to an annexation of Western Yugoslavia.

Publicly, Germany had supported the EEC's policy that Yugoslav splinter states will not be accepted into the European community. Privately, Germans were telling the separatists: if, after secession, Slovenia and Croatia hold on their borders long enough, the EEC will have no other choice but to recognize the sovereignty of the new states as a fait-accompli. In late June 1991, Kohl came out of the woods. He openly opposed U.S. policy on Yugoslavia, and attempted to exclude America from European Community's decision making process on the question of Croatia and Slovenia, which would have not declared independence without German and Austrian encouragement. On June 22, Kohl hinted that Germany will be first to recognize the independent Slovenia and Croatia which, in turn, prompted the Croats to declare their secession earlier than planned. The official German recognition never came because President Bush called Kohl on the phone with a harsh warning.

In Chancellor Kohl's maneuvers, we can begin to discern a replay of Chancellor Hitler's game of step-by-step reclaiming of the Germanic "historical territories"--starting with Saar, Austria, and Western Czechoslovakia, and ending up with Yugoslavia and Russia. The new Chancellor is reversing the order. He is starting with Russia and Yugoslavia.

When Kohl arrived to the G-7 meeting in London with his grandiose plan to shower Russia with money, he was greeted with icy silence. For, by that time, both the Western Allies and the Russians had the early warning of the re-emergence of Pan-Germanic aggression which could inflame Europe again.

#### 6. Kohl-Waldheim-Habsburg Think-Tank

"Pan-Germanic" means Germany and Austria. Austria has historically been an enthusiastic executioner of German ideas. Austrians have out-Germaned the Germans and out-Nazied the Nazis. Austria had a higher percentage of Nazi Party members than Germany. It produced Hitler and Eichman as well as a disproportionate number of war criminals. Yet, for 46 years, Austria did not de-Nazify nor renounce its Nazi past. Only after Kohl reported to them that at the G-7 meeting, the Slovenian affair was treated as re-emergence of Nazism, did the Austrian parliament officially renounce the Nazi past-on July 18, 1991!

One of the war criminals Austria produced is Kurt Waldheim, President of Austria and a "specialist" for Yugoslavia. In tandem with Prince Otto von Habsburg, son of the Austrian emperor and a citizen of Germany, Waldheim has been the strategist for the annexation of Western Yugoslavia to the new Pan-Germanic empire.

#### 7. Germanic Colonization of Western Yugoslavia

Pan-Germanic drive for balkanization into seven mini-countries (six republics and Kosovo) of a small Slavic nation impoverished by a chronically ill economy-at a time when the largest European economies find themselves unable to survive without unified markets-is a cynical and transparent move against Yugoslavian people. It runs counter to the European Economic Community's goal of economic prosperity through a "Europe without borders" and its stated ultimate objective of accepting Yugoslavia into the EEC. What is the rationale of putting Yugoslavia through a painful process of disintegration, to later again integrate into the EEC?

There is no economic rationale for independence to Slovenia and Croatia. The two republics have neither raw materials nor energy sources. In Yugoslavia, they were in a privileged position of being able to buy raw materials, coal, and electricity from the southern Yugoslav republics at the controlled, domestic prices and export them at the four to six times higher world prices. Industrial products of the two republics depend on the sales in the South-East Yugoslav markets because only a small part of the products could compete.

The Pan-Germanic strategy is to economically weaken the two Yugoslav republics to the point that the "independent" Slovenia and Croatia would quickly revert to the historical status of Germanic colonies.

## 8. Germans are Inviting Soviet Presence--and WWIII

The German arming of the Croats will force Serbia to seek protection of the Russian Republic. Russian military advisors will come to Serbia, as volunteers. Clandestinely, they will bring with them armed with tactical nuclear weapons for their Serbian brothers to war against the Croatian fascists. Russian presence in East Yugoslavia fits Germany's master plan; only the American presence is not acceptable to Germans. As a result, the Adriatic will become a German-Russian lake and the Anglo-American-French control of the Mediterranean Basin will be lost forever. To counter the German expansion into Yugoslavia and the Ukraine, the Soviets will almost certainly refuse to implement the arms control treaties, as well as refuse to withdraw their troops from East Germany. It is conceivable that they, as well as some other NATO member countries, will advise, finance, and arm East German and Bavarian independence movements. In the meanwhile, Germany may realize that their newly acquitted colonies, Slovenia and Croatia, lack raw materials; they will have to annex the ore-rich Bosnia; Kohl could go to Sarajevo with a large offer of D-Marks--to be assassinated by the Serbian nationalists.

Germany is turning the clock back to 1918.

## 9. Beware of Communists Bearing Democracy: "Half-and-Half Democrats"

The antique proverb "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts" translates today into "Beware of Communists bearing democracy." Leaders of all the Yugoslavian republics, including Slovenia and Croatia, as well as the leaders of most opposition parties, top and middle industrial management, young or old, are totalitarian, communist or communist trained autocrats reciting new slogans but doing the old communist thing: fighting to stay in power at any price. The Communist-turned-"democrats" in Croatia and Slovenia present a typical example of the disparity between the words and deeds. Trained in Tito's school of deceptive pragmatism, they learned that there need be no correlation between public pronouncements and the true state of affairs. Statements take on their own reality, decoupled from actual facts. A new type of political animal, a hybrid between anticommunist and Marxist, has been bred in Slovenia and Croatia. They can be best described as "Half-and-Half Democrats". If anticommunism is a measure of democracy, Hitler was the greatest democrat.

Like Hitler's Nazi party, the Slovenian and Croatian half-and-halfs were elected by a true majority. But, immediately upon taking power, they abused their mandate into ultra-nationalist one-party regimes. The opposition parties has been stifled to nonexistence by intimidation that to disagree is unpatriotic.

#### 10. Croatian and Slovenian Neo-Nazi Regimes

The first action the half-and-halfs undertook in Slovenia and Croatia was not to pass the laws guaranteeing freedom of speech, freedom of press, and human, political and civil rights for all; it was not to privatize the industry and press; it was not to return the private property confiscated by the Communists to the people and the church. None of these laws have been passed to this date. Their first act was to organize private armies and special para-military troopers under the party's control, along the lines of Hitler's Brown Shirts of the 1930's, and to pass the Amnesty Law for Nazi war criminals, allowing them to return to Slovenia and Croatia.

Croatian and Slovenian one-party half-and-halfs refuse to make the transition to a free market economy in industry; they maintain local, government ownership of the industry because they know that property is power. More than a year has passed since those "democratic" regimes have been elected, yet not one large (above 300 employees) industry has been privatized. In fact, both governments are planning nationalization of industry from the present cooperative ownership! According to it, the government would become the owner of all major industrial plans; its directors will be governmental appointees; until now, they were elected by the Workers Councils. The only new company formed is the state-owned "Croatian Airlines". Negotiations with potential investors from the West stopped three months ago. There has been no attempt to return the land, houses, and other property confiscated by the communist regime to the individuals, companies, or churches. In fact, during the period of April 1 to May 31, the Croatian government has confiscated 122 vacation houses owned by Serbs and "gave" them to factory workers.

A number of politically motivated economic disincentive laws were introduced by the Croatian Government. One of them is the levying of a special property tax to non residents of Croatia, ten times higher that for the residents. This move, aimed mostly at the Serbian residents owning homes in Croatia, applies to residents of all other states of Yugoslavia—an act that would be unconstitutional in this country. These investment disincentives are being applied at the time the ailing Croatian economy, theoretically, is desperately seeking injection of new capital.

Zapad (West), the only independent newspaper outside the Croatian Neo-Nazi Party monopoly chain, has been prevented from publication by the government. "The move appears to confirm suspicions by foreign investors that the republic of Croatia remains reluctant to allow genuine competition, despite its rhetoric about wanting to introduce privatization and the market economy. President of Croatia is waging a propaganda war against Serbia. His right wing government has little patience for any journalists who do not toe the party's political line" [Financial Times, London, 5/14/91].

#### 11. Yugoslavia without Slovenia

Without energy or raw materials, Slovenia is an economic liability to Yugoslavia. Slovenia

<sup>\*</sup>Ironically, in "bolshevik" Serbia, two major industries have been sold to Western companies (pharmaceutical and glass) and a dozen more are in negotiations. A law for the return of property confiscated by the communists has been passed by the Serbian parliament.

owes \$2.5 billion to Yugoslavia's Central Bank for the industrialization investments. Under Tito, Slovenia and Croatia got preferential treatment in investments which drained the funds away from other republics and prevented their industrialization. Because of her loyalty to Germany and Austria, Slovenia is a strategic liability to the United States.

The Slovenian private army, "the Territorial Forces", was trained under the auspices of the Austrian General Simon and German military experts. The Slovenian leadership is dominated either by ex-communists or by Germanic puppets. Its leader, Milan Kucan, was a high-ranking bolshevik boss who differed only in style from other members of the Communist Party's Central Committee. His number two is Lojze Peterle, whose mother and wife are German; his children do not speak Slovenian. The newly appointed Ambassador of Slovenia in Washington is an Austrian rather than Yugoslavian citizen.

#### 12. No Analogy with Baltic States

Slovenia voluntarily joined Yugoslavia twice: once in 1918 and again in 1945. Hence, it has no similarity with the Russian occupied Baltic States. Slovenia sent a delegation to the King of Serbia with the appeal to be accepted into the "brotherhood of Southern Slavs," to avoid being part of the defeated Austria.

Slovenia was an Austrian province for centuries fighting on the German side in all wars. During WWII, one out of three Slovenians served in the German Army, mostly in Normandy. Every Slovenian boy was a member of Hitler's Youth. Although Slovenia, a land-locked nation, fought on the German side until the last day of WWII while Italy joined the allies in 1943, it acquired a small part of Italian Istria after WWII.

We should not object to Slovenia's separation from Yugoslavia provided Southern Istria, now under Slovenian rule, be returned to Italy, in the spirit of Wilson's doctrine. A revision of the Yugoslav-Italian borders will have to be renegotiated in any case because Yugoslavia's parliament did not ratify the 1987 Vienna Treaty according to which a country's borders remain static even if a member-state disappears. Slovenia's acquisition of Istria was a groundless act of Tito's manipulations.

Traditionally, Slovenia had better relations with Serbia than with any other Yugoslav nation. Serbia has no objection to Slovenian separation from Yugoslavia. The violent Slovenian separatistic movement is a strange phenomenon that could not have started without deliberate foreign meddling.

The clash between Serbs and Slovenians has its origin in the early 1980's when Slovenia began to support the Albanian separatists, in order to get the control of the silver and other strategic metals mines in Kosovo. In retaliation, Serbia cut the Slovenian economic privileges in relation with Serbia and boycotted Slovenian goods—which, in turn, led to the Slovenian economic crisis. Germany and Austria took advantage of this. Today, they co-own 2,300 small businesses in Slovenia.

#### 13. Prussians of Yugoslavia

Before Yugoslavia was created, Slovenian provinces were ruled by the autocratic Austrian police state where opposition was unthinkable. The Austrians call the Slovenians to "the Prussians of Yugoslavia." As recently as 1989, the Slovenian Government was tried at the "Bertrand Russel Court for Crimes Against Humanity" in Stockholm for subhuman treatment of the out-of-state laborers, mostly Albanian workers from Kosovo. Manifestations against governmental policies are outrightly forbidden in Slovenia. During one rare attempt to hold them, even two priests, standing in front of the Church, were taken to prison.

Antisemitism is rampant. The semiofficial government paper published on its front page the false image antisemitic documents "Protocols of the elders of Zion" [Tribuna Mladina, 8/14/89]. Debates on economic ramifications of Slovenia's secession from Yugoslavia are under "gag-order": businessmen who argued that Slovenia's economic prosperity depends on the consumer markets of the rest of Yugoslavia have been fired from their jobs.

#### 14. Splitting Yugoslavia -- an Old Idea of Hitler and Lenin

In 1926, Hitler supported the separatists' movement of the Croatian Nazis (Ustashi) and financed their anti-Serbian terrorist activities which culminated in the assassination of Yugoslavia's King Alexander in 1934. Ustashi's headquarters were moved to Berlin in 1937. The Croatian Fifth Column treacherously opened the Yugoslav borders to Hitler's invasion of Yugoslavia on April 6, 1941, and formed the Puppet "Independent State of Croatia" (NDH) on April 10. NDH formally joined the Axis Powers on June 15 and declared war on the U.S. and U.K. on December 14, 1941. NDH formed the German SS units "Waffen Ustashi" which fought against the Allies in Normandy; and the "Blue Division" that fought in Russia. NDH set up 23 concentration camps in which 600,000 Serbs and Jews--men, women, and children--were murdered with savagery that horrified even the SS generals. Croatia was the only country of Hitler's Europe that had separate concentration camps for children. Even Gestapo protested the Croatian mass atrocities as counter productive because it fostered the massive partisan movement that, in turn, forced, dozens of German divisions to stay in Yugoslavia instead of being used at the Easter point. On V-Day, NDH never surrendered or signed a peace treaty; technically, Croatia is in the state of war with the United States and its Allies. Tito, a Croat himself, was able to costume that the Puppet Croatian State never existed, and that Croatia as a part of Yugoslavia was a victor nation of WWII, which participated in the resistance (3% partisans were Croatian). Italy joined the Allies in 1943 while Croatia fought with Germany until the V-Day. Nevertheless, Croatia, which was always a land locked nation, acquired the territory of Istria from Italy after WWII. This was one of the rare examples in history that a loser nation gained territory from a victor nation.

#### 15. Anticommunist Traditions of Serbia

At the same time, but independently, Moscow-based "Commiterna" (World Communist International) decided to breakup Yugoslavia because Serbian nationalism was a barrier to Communist penetration in the Balkans. While the Communist Parties of Slovenia and Croatia were founded in 1932, Serbia rejected Marxist ideology so vehemently that the party could not be founded until 1946—two years after Tito took power! Serbs expelled Tito and his partisans from Serbia in late 1941. They were unable to return until mid 1944, when the Red Army had already entered neighboring Rumania. Tito and his Croatian and Slovenian communists developed an elaborate policy and methods for breaking up Serbia as the "ruling nation" and its core of Royalism and anti-communism, gradually subjecting Yugoslavia to the control of the Slovenian and Croatian communists.

The Serbian Nationalist movement of 1986 was not started by Milosevic and his communists. It was triggered by a paper from the Serbian Academy of Sciences called <u>Memorandum</u>. This unique

document describes how the Communist system gradually corrupted and took control of all walks of life and thought, and how Croatian and Slovenian Communists raped Serbia and other republics economically.

# 16. Croatian Government Justifies Nazi's Genocide of 700,000 Serbs and Jews as "natural way to resolve problems." and Legislates Second Class Citizenship Status for Serbs, Italians and Jews

The Simon Wiesenthal Center characterized the Croatian regime as "Neo-Fascist." President of the American Association of Yugoslav Jews describes it as "not Neo-Fascist but straight Nazi." Helmut Kohl and the L.A. Times present the Croatian regime as a paragon of democracy.

The 1990 constitution of Croatia assigns second class citizenship ("second nations") to minorities, violating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It also violates the Helsinki Act which requires "equality before law" for national minorities" [VII. Respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms].

Today in Croatia, there are 600,000 Serbs, 45,000 Italians, and 2,000 Jews. The new constitution coupled with history of the genocide of minorities in Croatia during WWII makes their position particularly difficult today. An estimated 800,000 Serbian and 60,000 Jewish men, women, children and babies were slaughtered by the Croatian Nazis (Ustashi) during WWII.

Chancellor Kohl, instead of using his influence to make Croatia follow Germany's example and offer a collective mea culpa by issuing an apology to Serbs and Jews, backs the Croatian government's attempt to <u>iustify</u> the WWII genocide.

Croatian President, Franjo Tudjman, an ex-Communist General and close confidant of Tito (until he fell out of favor in the 1970's), defends genocide as a "natural way to resolve national and racial problems." To him, the puppet NDH created by Hitler was "a dream of the Croatian people" [F. Tudjman: "Untread Paths of History", 1989]. Tudjman supports the Croatian Nazi's policy of the "hero and saint" worship of the notorious war criminals Pavelic and Artukovic. Ante Pavelic, according to Time Magazine (2/2/59), was "a fanatical Croat fascist, named Poglavnik [leader] by Hitler and ruled Croatia during the Nazi occupation of Yugoslavia, responsible for the extermination of 800,000 of his countrymen." Artukovic, known as Hitler of Croatia, was a notorious murderer who organized the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia in 1934. During WWII, he "guided and directed one of the worst blood baths of innocent civilians ever know in world history" [Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A., U.S. INS Court, 5/6/51]. When Hitler's troops entered Yugoslavia, Artukovic announced on radio (4/9/41): "It is the duty of every Croatian to aid the victorious German Armies. By helping them, that much sooner we will destroy the Serbs. I appeal on Croats to kill every Serb, Serb woman, and Serb child and even Serb child in its mother's womb" [U.S. INS Hearing, 4/22/52, p. 120]. Tudjman refused to disassociate his government from these criminals; in fact, after being elected President, he embraced their family members in public in Los Angeles, to demonstrate that his Croatia will be is a continuation of the Nazi Puppet State ("NDH").

#### 17. At the Threshold of New Genocide or War

Nazi thinking did not remain only in books. The new Tudjman government has encouraged the return to Croatia, with impunity, of all Nazi WWII War Criminals—that is, according to the Four Power definition in Nuremberg, those who committed "crimes against humanity". Croatian WWII criminals who were being sheltered in South America, Austria and Germany walk freely in Croatia today.

The Croatian regime's open goal is to make Croatia "ethnically pure" by eliminating Serbs, Jews and other minorities. Said Tudjman, "Thank Heavens, I am not married to a Jew" (1989).

The Croatian president stated in writing to be in favor of the 1938 Croatian Nazi "master plan" which called for the elimination of Serbs from Croatia by killing a third, expelling another third, and converting the final third to Catholicism (from Greek Orthodoxy).

In early 1991, a plot for a massive pogrom against Serbian minorities by the Tudjman government with weapons secretly purchased from Hungary was exposed. The Croatian government refused to allow a federal trial of the ex-Communist general that masterminded the program in defiance of Federal law. This was a clear breech of "the tenth principle" of the Helsinki Act which requires "Fulfillment in good faith of obligations under international law."

In the period March 31 through May 10, 1991, in Dalmatia, Croatia, 42 Serbian homes or stores have been demolished or banned without any police investigation; over 10,000 Serbian kids, women, and elders have left their homes to escape the local Croatian terror.

Chancellor Kohl supports these flagrant violations of the Helsinki Act and the Four-Power De-Nazification policies which were set forth at the Nuremberg Trial. He should propose Croatia as the first Republic to be denied foreign aid from the EEC, because it dismally fails the "democracy" tests. The 600,000 Serbs in Croatia are faced with another genocide; or, by inviting the Russians, a war.

#### 18. German and Austrian Violations of the Helsinki Act

The German explanation for its support of the breakup of Yugoslavian is "human rights" and the support of the "anticommunist" governments of Croatia and Slovenia as opposed to the "bolshevik" Serbia. (Goebbels, too, had referred to communists as "bolsheviks" because it sounds more frightening. There have been no bolsheviks in Yugoslavia since 1948.)

The use of human rights violations as a pretext for changing borders is expressly forbidden by the Helsinki Act which also demands "refrain from any action against territorial integrity and the unity of any participating state." [III. Inviolability of frontiers].

Germany has used Austria as its stooge to supply Slovenia's private army with weapons, ammunition, and military training. On June 26, Germany made EEC warn the Yugoslav Army against using force in Slovenia in its action to reinforce federal borders. In response, the Yugoslav Army ordered soldiers not to shoot and gave them dummy ammunition. Yet, Germans directed the Slovenians to shoot at the Yugoslav Federal Army with live ammunition which resulted in the deaths of about 100 Yugoslav men from all republics, plus the civilian population in Slovenia.

Those barbaric, German-inspired acts, defiance of Laws of Federal Yugoslavia recognized by Germany, leading to murders are in clear violation of the Helsinki Act which requires participating states to "settle disputes among them by peaceful means in such a manner as not to endanger international peace, security, and justice" [V. Peaceful settlement of disputes].

Kohl is claiming the rights to self-determination under the Helsinki Act as the uppermost doctrine. But the Helsinki Act clearly states that the inviolability of frontiers is the senior doctrine in the event of a conflict between the obligations of the members of the U.N. under the Charter of the U.N. and their obligations under any treaty or other international agreement, their obligations under the Charter will prevail [X. Fulfillment in good faith of obligations under international law].

Kohl is pushing the EEC for economic sanctions against Yugoslavia, specifically aiming at Serbia. The Helsinki Act forbids any "act of economic or other coercion designed to subordinate to their own interest the exercise by another participating state of the rights inherent in its sovereignty and thus to secure advantages of any kind" [VI. Non-intervention in internal affairs].

The Helsinki Act expressly forbids "foreign intervention, direct or indirect, individual or collective" [Section VI]. Oblivious to the international standards in the model of Hitler, however,

Kohl openly interfered in Yugoslavian debates and conflicts, called for political separation, and encouraged the declaration of "independent states" as well as the racist laws and policies of the Neo-Nazi Government of Croatia.

The United States, Britain and France should hold the German and Austrian Governments responsible for these wanton violations of the Treaty they signed and for the deaths caused by their interference and complicity in bloodbaths against a legal Federal Army.

#### 19. Yugoslavia without Croatia

The problem of Croatia has assumed such proportions that no patch-work solutions will work. The U.S. government must take active radical steps rather than to continue the politics of compromise.

With its traditional and blindly obedient link to Germany and Austria, its penchant for Nazism coupled with a strong desire for national identity; its resentment for the Italians, French, Anglo-Americans; its sadistic hatred for and panic fear of the enterprising and forceful Serbian minority-Croatia has become the powder keg of Europe and the greatest threat to European strategic stability.

It is undeniable that its declaration of sovereignty; its refusal to de-Nazify and to renounce the Nazi past and apologize for genocide of over 800,000 Serbs and Jews; and repeated organized conduct of violation of the Serbian, Italian, and Jewish minorities' rights; its racist Constitution, its acts against the United States' policies, and acts against Yugoslavia—a legitimate victor state of WWII—make the Republic of Croatia under Tudjman, de-facto a continuation of Hitler's "Independent State of Croatia" (NDH).

For the sake of stability, the United States should support a separation of Croatia based on her NDH borders, minus the Serbian populated territories that were arbitrarily given to the Puppet State of Hitler. According to the U.S. Military Tribunal at Nuremberg (2/19/48), "the territorial boundaries of the new Croatia were arbitrarily established by the German Plenipotentiary General in Croatia and included areas that were occupied by Serbians who were confirmed enemies of the Croats.... The Ustashi in Croatia was a political party equivalent to the Nazi Party in Germany. Similar to Waffen SS, Divisions of Waffen Ustashi were trained and used.

Since the Yugoslavian parliament did not rectify the 1987 Vienna Treaty according to which a country's borders remains static even if the parent state disappears, the borders of any spinoff state from Yugoslavia are open for revision.

Separation of Croatia and/or Slovenia from Yugoslavia within any initial borders would render invalid all treaties between Yugoslavia and Italy and all internal border agreements within Yugoslavia. It will require redrawing of Yugoslavia's external borders as well as all inter-republic borders.

The territory of Istria, illegally taken by Croatia from Italy, will have to be returned for two reasons: to give justice to the Italian population expelled, and to prevent Pan-Germanic's exit to the Adriatic. Croats and Slovenians expelled about 300,000 Italians from Istria and confiscated their property. Over one-half million descendants of these displaced families, organized around the Trieste-based "Unione degli Istriani," now demand the return of Istria to Italy if Slovenia and Croatia are to become independent countries. Rightfully so. For while Yugoslavia as a whole was a Western ally and a victor nation of WWII, Slovenia and Croatia fought on the Axis's side through the last day of the war. In contrast, Italy changed sides and declared war on Germany as far back as October 1943 and, by early 1944, was recognized as an ally even by the U.S.S.R.. The Slovenians explain their collaboration as involuntary, arguing that they were occupied and annexed to the Third Reich against their will. While this may be true, it does not give them the right to capture the territory of a Western

Ally as a reward for their collaboration with the enemy, be it voluntary or not. Croatia was not occupied, but a voluntary Hitler ally.

The inter-republic Southern borders of Croatia are arbitrary and have been drawn by Tito and his Croatian cohorts. Neither NDH nor the Kingdom of Croatia of 1,000 years ago had exit to the Dalmatian Coast. A Yugoslavian Republic of Dalmatia should be constituted to make sure that the Adriatic Coast is shared between Italy and Yugoslavia, without a chance for Germanic access to the Mediterranean. An alternate formula would be a modified London Treaty of 1915 according to which Dalmatia would be shared between Italy and Yugoslavia.

Following the procedure used for German Unification. The Four Powers plus Yugoslavia and Italy need to sign a Comprehensive Peace Treaty with the State of Croatia treating it as an Axis Power of WWII. The treaty would set the Croatian borders with Yugoslavia, Slovenia, and Italy, including the return of Istria to Italy and determine Serbian borders of the Serbian populated territories formerly in the Communist Republic of Croatia; have strict de-nazification provisions; and should forbid Croatia and Slovenia from entering in any military alliance or foreign troops on their territory. Since neither the NDH nor the Kingdom of Croatia of the 1100's had access to the Adriatic, the new Yugoslavian Republic of Dalmatia should be formed to impede a future Germanic exit to the Adriatic. A special provision of the Peace Treaty would be a plebiscite to be held a year henceforth, to decide by popular vote if Croatia will join Yugoslavia.

# 20. Yugoslavia and Creation of American Sponsored Balkan Economic Community"

There is a myth that Yugoslavia cannot exist without Croatia and Slovenia. The truth is that German-controlled Croatia and Slovenia have always been a strategic liability to U.S. interests.

With the expansion of democracies to the Balkan states and the emergence of the Republic of Dalmatia in Yugoslavia, Yugoslavia without Croatia and Slovenia will be an asset for stability. The internal borders of Croatia must change to allow for Serbian populated territories, which have opted for separation from Croatia in 1990, to become a part of new Yugoslavia which would consist of Serbia, Bosnia, and Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Montenegro, and Macedonia.

Through the formation of an American supported "Balkan economic community", Greece and Yugoslavia can play a major role in the democratic transformation process in the Balkans, which will be substantially different from that in Central Europe. It should also recognize that a future non-communist, free market oriented, imperial Russia would pose a greater threat to Western interests in the Mediterranean than Communist Russia and, hence, the Balkan Peninsula has to be built up as a bulwark against it; and that an imperial Germany might become an even greater threat to the free world.

Yugoslavia will remain Yugoslavia within the framework of the Balkan Economic Community without the relatively small missing heartland of Croatia and Slovenia. The Balkan Community would be a hub of the Western World in Southeaster Europe with the second largest consumer markets and the largest source of raw materials in Europe. Its prospect for a speedy economic development would be better than those of Yugoslavia today, and those of Central East European countries.

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