

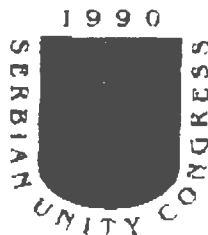
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June 13, 1991

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The Honorable Helen Delich Bentley  
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Dear Helen:

As you know, a group of American Serbs (20 professionals and 2 support staff) went to Serbia on May 27, 1991 for two weeks. As a Mission of Friendship and Goodwill, it's efforts were directed at ascertaining conditions and facts for future assistance to Serbia by the Serbs in Diaspora.

This task was completed successfully. Our findings will be published in a White Paper before year-end, covering five sectors: Health Care, Education, Agriculture, Small Business, and Public Information.

The purpose of this letter is to share with you some of the grave concerns we have regarding the current situation in Serbia and Yugoslavia.

Our official visit lasted two weeks, May 27 - June 7. During that period, we were in contact with the entire spectrum of the Serbian society, starting with the Patriarch and the Holy Synod, and then with President Milošević, his entire Government, the Serbian Academy of Arts and Sciences, Matica Srpska (Novi Sad), the Association of Serbian Writers, and many Serbian intellectuals, professionals and people from all walks of life.

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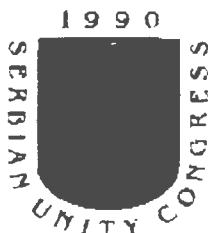
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This letter is being rushed to you, because I am afraid that the many misconceptions on the part of our Government and other Western powers about the situation in Yugoslavia may turn this country into a powder keg, ready to explode at any moment!

#### Overall Conclusion

Our foreign policy in regard to Yugoslavia is clearly pushing this country to the brink of a civil war. We are nurturing hatred of Serbs and creating instability in the Balkans for years to come. Our policy may be well-meaning; yet, it lacks substance and understanding of the special political issues and aspirations rooted in historical facts. Our policymakers seem to exhibit disdain for history as they are preoccupied resolving "current problems."

If the Yugoslavian bomb explodes, the resulting situation may become a serious political and campaign problem for President Bush and the Republican Party in 1992. It would also undermine our long-term geopolitical interests in this important part of the world.

#### Overall Impressions and Observations about Serbia

Everywhere we went we found intense political life. All aspects of existence seem to convey politicization. Essentially, people are dissatisfied with their political leaders. Economic conditions are worsening; however, there is plenty of food and people seem to be getting along with less and less. How much longer, God knows! Democracy is taking stronger roots, as exemplified by the many Opposition newspapers, magazines and pamphlets. There is a cultural ferment with emphasis on the recent and distant past to learn the truth which has been suppressed for half a century. Political leaders and great powers are distrusted. Top Serbian intellectuals are still analyzing and evaluating politics in moral terms. Our Ambassador Zimmermann is intensely disliked by everyone.



### President Milosevic

We spent over two hours with President Milosevic in a "free for all" dialogue. He impressed us as a man in command of his environment, sure of his direction and generally a smart politician with certain aspects of statesmanship. He is still a popular leader. His support has been eroded in Serbia proper, although the people on the street (taxi drivers, waiters and many professional intellectuals) still support him as "the lesser evil." Out of Serbia, where one-third of all the Serbs live (Bosnia and Croatia), his popularity and support are very solid and high.

I really do not understand -- and I hope you will be able to explain it to me soon -- why our Government could not have found a way to work with him, at least during this transitional period when Serbia and Yugoslavia should be moving from a totalitarian system to democracy. He certainly appears to be no more a Communist than Tadjman or Kucan is.

We had a hard time explaining to Serbs we met why our Government can support Mr. Markovic who is a Communist hold-over and has never been elected to anything; and yet we are against Milosevic who, according to Ambassador Zimmermann himself, was the clear choice of the Serbian people last December. This obvious inconsistency, together with some other questionable tactics, undermine our credibility in the eyes of the Serbs.

### The Opposition

We met with all of the major Opposition leaders, including the Student Group which gathers around the area called Terazijski Parliament. The Opposition seems to be fragmented, weak and too preoccupied with politics and power plays of the day. However, there are encouraging signs that the Opposition is maturing, as we met some members of the Parliament and other young people who impressed us with their potential.



Generally, the Opposition is playing its historical role under very difficult conditions, confronted as it is by the remnants of the old Communist clique.

Our policy should be to actively encourage the emergence of a new democratic political leadership, and the building of a political infrastructure. Our support should be going overwhelmingly in that direction, instead of encouraging demonstrations and partisan warfare.

#### The Albanians

We went to Kosovo and Metohija. We met with the leaders of the Serbian community as well as the Albanian "Democratic" Alternative Alliance (this meeting was arranged by our Embassy, for which we are indeed thankful).

The region is occupied by the Serbian armed police. The Federal Army with its tanks and armored vehicles lurks in the background. It is a very tense situation with little hope of any easy and quick solution. Both sides seem to be very intransigent, with no desire to give any ground. The Albanians demand the overthrow of Milosevic and restoration of autonomy given to them by Tito. While the former may be favored by certain Serbian leaders, the second is a fantasy which no Serbian politician could support and expect to be or remain in office.

These Albanians left an impression upon us as being determined, fanatical, unyielding, yet groomed to extract any concession from democracy and its processes while unwilling to abide by same, if they do not benefit from them. I am very skeptical about any lasting accommodation between the Serbs and the Albanians. To me, I must regretfully admit, some sort of a permanent separation may be the only solution.

#### The Serbs in the Krajinas

We also went to Bosnia and Herzegovina, while some of our representatives went to Knin. Finally, we



met with people from Borovo Selo where major skirmishes took place between the Croats and the Serbs (12 Croats and 65 Albanian and Roumanian mercenaries killed on one side, and 3 Serbs on the other). The situation is very tense and explosive. Everywhere, the Serbs are well armed and fully determined to retain their identity, and regain their political and human rights. They are overwhelmingly behind Milosevic. We met with three of their leaders, Dr. Babich, Dr. Karadzich and Dr. Koljevich -- all very accomplished and intelligent individuals. The Serbs in both Krainas are well organized and have a plan. The estimate is that there are 50,000 armed men at this time in this area. In the Croatian part, according to our reports, the Serbs are even more heavily armed and determined not to continue living under Croatian rule. If necessary, they are prepared to march on Belgrade to defend Milosevic. Without them, the Yugoslav crisis cannot be resolved.

In Herzegovina, we visited several pits, those "monuments" of Croatian Western culture. After 50 years of Communist suppression of truth about the mass murder of Serbs by the Croatian and Moslem Ustashes, the surviving villagers and relatives are now allowed to open these gruesome and most hideous records of genocide. Thousands and thousands of skulls and bones of children, women and old people are brought out of them, washed and revered. In profound and quiet sorrow, they are now being given Christian burial, and monuments are being erected across that land. I have lived through WW II and the Civil War in Yugoslavia, and yet I have never seen anything so overwhelmingly horrifying and satanic; still, the people there seem to have no hatred toward the murderers, just bewilderment and a quiet anger. (This anger runs deep as in a quiet river and must be taken into account if it comes to a civil war.) It should not be forgotten that some of the best fighting men of Europe have come out of this area. Their offspring are now angry and ready to fight.



### Our Policy

While I do not have a full grasp of our policy toward Yugoslavia, I am very concerned that our initiatives and actions are totally misdirected. What particularly disturbs me is our apparent lack of understanding of events that took place in the Balkans during the last hundred years. Our attention seems to be focussed on the events of the past week only.

We intend to submit soon a memorandum entitled "The United States of America and Yugoslavia" to the State Department. Let me just say for now that our overall policy toward Yugoslavia does not seem to be guided by our long-range strategic interests in that part of the world. We must not allow these interests to be obscured and distorted by the self-serving propaganda of the squabbling Yugoslavs. A part of that strategic interest must be the recognition and awareness of the re-emergence of old rivalries between the Anglo-French and Austro-German power blocks as key factors in European policies. Neither can we disregard the real possibility of Germany connecting with a revived Russia in the near future, and again threatening our vital interests in this part of the world. It is in such a scenario that the Balkans will continue to be one of the key ingredients of the geopolitical events. And the key to the Balkans are the Serbs and the Greeks, our traditional allies.

We have detected not even a faint understanding of this very real development. Apparently, at this time, our policy is aimed at crushing Serbia and "teaching the Serbs a lesson." This is what the Turks, Austrians, Germans and others tried to do in the past, with not much success, and to their own detriment in the end.

### Tentative Recommendations

Our forthcoming memorandum will include practical recommendations for policy implementation toward Yugoslavia. Nonetheless, because of the quick and unfolding events over there, I want to emphasize some key points:



1. Yugoslavia's external borders should be maintained, if possible. This is in everyone's interest.
2. The burning issue in Yugoslavia is not one of confederation versus federation, but one of internal borders and arrangement.
3. Yugoslavia's internal borders, drawn up by Tito in 1945, cannot be maintained.
4. Slovenia and Croatia are destroying Yugoslavia.
5. Due to Serbian determination and her predominant position in Yugoslavia and the Balkans, our current policy tilt toward the Croatian/Slovene viewpoint is indeed to the detriment of our long-range strategic interests.

I hope this, by necessity, "long" briefing will be of help to you. I do not know exactly when I will be in Washington again, but hopefully it will be before the end of July. As always, I will try to contact you. Meanwhile, if you need anything, let me know.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

*Michael*

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cc: The Honorable Dan Furton  
The Honorable Jim Moody





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July 17, 1991

Dear Senator Nickles:

I applaud the opening paragraph of the Senate Resolution No. 153 in which you praise the republics of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia and Slovenia for having committed themselves to democracy and free-market economy, but I regret that you omitted the other two republics - Serbia and Montenegro, as if these republics were not committed to democracy and market economy. On the contrary, they are passing through the same temptations and challenges of the transitional period like the rest of the country.

When I read the Resolution which you have co-sponsored, I found it to be a highly biased and one-sided document as a whole.

What is it that I find unbalanced in that resolution? I shall confine myself to a few essential points.

Firstly, the Resolution advocates principles of democratization and self-determination in order to resolve the current Yugoslav crisis. These are noble principles contained in the Yugoslav Constitution which recognize the inalienable right to secession not only to the people of Slovenia and Croatia but to other Yugoslav peoples as well. However, that rights comes along with other equally essential principles, such as the right to territorial integrity of countries and non-interference in the internal affairs, etc. You have chosen to call for the respect of selective principles, implying that the integrity of Yugoslavia is not important and that the secession of the republics should be rewarded by advising the U.S. Government to establish diplomatic, political and economic ties with the Yugoslav breakaway republics.

The wisdom of such an one-sided attitude, which does not take into consideration the interests of the country as a whole, is highly questionable and, therefore, misleading. That is why the London summit of the G-7 gave an equal importance to both the principle of self-determination and of territorial integrity.

The Honorable Don Nickles  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510-3602

Secondly, the Resolution accuses the federal institutions of Yugoslavia of stalling democratization and self-determination.

The Federal institutions are helping to keep the country together to enable the citizens to lead as normal a life as possible and to enable the country to honor its international political commitments and obligations while the process of democratic transformation and negotiations on the future architecture of Yugoslavia unfolds. It was widely recognized by the U.S. and other Western Governments that the Federal Government of Prime Minister Ante Markovic was the main instrument of democratization, introduction of multiparty democracy, and market economy in Yugoslavia, but that its program was torpedoed by the prolonged political crisis.

It is known that Slovenia and Croatia have opted for independence with a possibility of forming a loose confederation, that the two republics, namely Serbia and Montenegro, advocate a federal concept, while the other two, namely Bosnia and Herzegovina and Macedonia, advocate an alliance of sovereign republics. The latter approach has been accepted by all of the six republics as the basis of a possible compromise. This is still the subject of negotiations among the six republics.

The unilateral declaration of secession by Slovenia and of independence by Croatia, together with the crisis in Kosovo and the prolonged conflict between the Kosovo Albanians and the Serbian authorities there, have crippled the capability of federal institutions to honor Yugoslavia's domestic and international commitments. The EEC and CSCE have, therefore, asked for a three-month cooling off period, a sort of moratorium on the implementation of the secession and independence decisions by Slovenia and Croatia in order to preserve the normal functioning of political and economic system, while negotiations should be intensified in order to clarify the possible outcome of the current crisis and to try to find the answer to the future of Yugoslavia. It is, therefore, very important that you, as a respected Senator, do not ignore all these and many other important developments and efforts while discussing and passing judgment on the current crisis in Yugoslavia.

Thirdly, you refer in several paragraphs to the elections in Kosovo and Vojvodina, as if no elections had taken place. As it is known, Kosovo and Vojvodina are autonomous provinces of the Republic of Serbia. Multiparty, free and fair presidential and parliamentary elections in Serbia were held, which was witnessed by many foreign observers. What remains to be held are elections to municipal and provincial assemblies and preparation for them is underway.

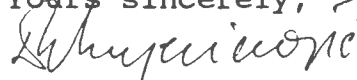
Albanians in Yugoslavia, naturally, should be represented in the ongoing dialogue on the future of Yugoslavia. However, you have failed to inform your colleagues in the Senate that the Kosovo Albanians boycotted the elections to the Serbian Parliament, thus excluding themselves from political activities of their

republic's parliament and depriving themselves of a chance to be adequately included in the dialogue. The Albanians living in Macedonia and in other republics have normally participated in multiparty elections and, therefore, have a continued impact on the legislative process in their republics. The Albanians from Kosovo refuse to recognize Serbia as their republic, they refuse to cooperate with Serbia, demand their own republic of Kosovo and thus challenge the territorial integrity of Serbia and Yugoslavia. At the same time, their political activities are developing freely: the Albanians in Kosovo have set up a number of political parties, they publish more than 26 newspapers in Albanian, they use freely their language at all levels of education - from elementary school to the University of Pristina, they communicate in Albanian in judiciary and administrative matters and enjoy rights that no minority in any country in the world does.

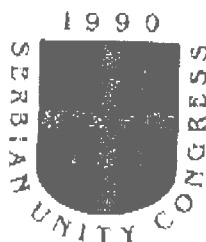
The Resolution demands the application of the principle of self-determination for the two provinces - Vojvodina and Kosovo - knowing that no international instrument gives the right to self-determination to territories and national minorities. The U.N. Charter established only the principle of self-determination of peoples (Chapter I, Article 1, principle 2.) To follow the logic of the Resolution would open up an endless process of global disintegration of states in which national minorities live.

I hope that you will take into consideration my friendly observations and try to understand the interests of Yugoslav nations and nationalities before taking position on the highly complex Yugoslav crisis.

Yours sincerely,



Dzevad Mujezinovic  
Ambassador



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July 12, 1991

Bulletin #2

THIS IS OUR SECOND ISSUE!

WE HAD SOME UNEXPECTEDLY KIND COMMENTS ABOUT OUR FIRST ISSUE OF THE  
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Milosh D. Milenkovich

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NEWS BRIEFS  
July 12, 1991

JOŽEF ANTAL SEPARATES VOJVODINA FROM SERBIA

Budapest, July 11 - Following the "Kalashnikov" affair, the Hungarians are once more challenging good neighbourly relationships. Although not explicitly, in the talk of the Hungarian prime minister with the Italian President Kossiga, Antal presented the view that in possible confederal Yugoslavia the status of Vojvodina could be changed and that it "would not necessarily have to be a part of Serbia" ("Politika")

NEW TURNS IN THE BRITISH ATTITUDES TOWARDS YUGOSLAVIA

London, July 11 - State Minister in the Foreign Office, Mr. Douglas Hogg, is suggesting measures for the protection of the Serbs in Croatia, alleviation of tension, and termination of conflicts between the nations, which would also be promoted by correction of frontier lines between Serbia and Croatia. Mr. Hogg emphasized that Great Britain is against any change in the international frontiers of Yugoslavia, which in London circles is also interpreted as an indirect London's warning to Budapest because of Antal's statements concerning Vojvodina. At the same time, the newspaper "Independent" is openly accusing the Croatian authorities of bringing out untruths, calling the propaganda in Zagreb a "circus" which is no longer believed by any of the foreign correspondents. The writing of "Independent" is in accord with the visible turn in

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reporting on Yugoslavia in the British press, which until recently had no reservations in accepting the Slovenian and Croatian attitudes, while in the course of the past days they also started writing about the reverse sides of the policy pursued by Ljubljana and Zagreb. ("Politika")

THEY ARE NOT TO BE BELIEVED

Belgrade, July 11 - Colonel Milan Gvero, spokesman of the Ministry of Defense of Yugoslavia, said at press conference that "the organs and leadership of Slovenia persistently, dishonestly, and with the use of violence and terrorism are breaking whatever they say or promise. In this way they are lying to the Slovenian, Yugoslav and the world public. They keep on applying war methods, although they themselves imposed this dirty war. The price will be paid by the Slovenian people, by impoverishment and suffering under the imposed police dictatorship." ("Ekspres politika")

MORE THAN 10,000 REFUGEES IN VOJVODINA

Novi Sad, July 12 - according to the figures of the Provincial Information Centre, up to now 10,085 refugees from Croatia have been registered in Vojvodina - Serbs, although there also are some Croats of Yugoslav determination. The largest number of refugees, most of whom are women, children, and elderly people of Serbian nationality are accommodated in the municipalities of Vojvodina. The Red Cross organization of Vojvodina has organized help, while the International Red Cross has also offered assistance. ("Ekspres politika")

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## CROSSBARS AND "AUSWEISES" FOR THE YPA

Ljubljana, July 12 - While the Slovenian propaganda machinery is firing barrages of accusations on the Yugoslav People's Army which, allegedly, is violating the provisions of the Brioni declaration, her territorial defense units continue their blockade and tight scrutiny of all military facilities in the area of Slovenia. Marked are cases threatening to turn the present truce into new armed conflicts, while provocations and attempts at humiliation of the YPA units and members are continued with undiminished vehemence. ("Politika ekspres")

## DEFENDED HOME FOR 12 HOURS

Osijek, July 11 - Osijek yesterday was a battlefield of 12 hours' clash of the Croatian police with "čotniks", with live broadcast by the Croatian television, so that the brain-washed TV spectators of the "Croatian democracy" watched "in live" the crime committed before the cameras. As reported by our correspondents and also confirmed by the official police sources of Osijek, one MUP (Ministry of Home Affairs of Croatia) policeman was killed, another was wounded, while the defender of his own home, Živko Peulić, a Serb, was killed, and his wife wounded. ("Politika")

## RECEPTEE FOR "CLEAN CROATIA"

In its issue of July 12 "Politika ekspres" published a confession of a member of the Croatian MUP who can be said to belong to the top leadership of the MUP, while for understandable reasons he wants to remain anonymous for the time being. In a lengthy article he says: "as for the number of the dead, the matter is like

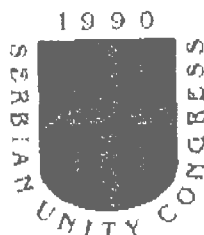
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this - at first we tried with symmetry - same number of the dead on our side and on the Serbian side. Killed, I mean. Afterwards this became ridiculous, and so we changed our tactics. We threw četniks in for manipulation. As terrorists, we started to pose their involvement in order to compromise the YPA's reputation as well. And to our own people, we hid whatever could be hidden..." We use terms "Serbian hegemony", "Belgrade domination" and many other phrases, but whom can the Serbs blame for this? They are either blind or deaf. Take this: heading the federal government is a Croat, heading the state finance also a Croat, heading the foreign affairs - a Croat, Minister of development is a Croat. Even the chief of Yugoslavia is a Croat. If by any chance the Serbs were holding these key functions, the Croats would inform thereof even Papua-New Guinea, Zanzibar, man.

#### COMMANDOS FROM ARGENTINA

Buenos Aires, July 11 - According to the Argentine daily "KLARIN", these days a group of some twenty Argentineans of Croatian descent left for Zagreb to join the Croatian national guards. As maintained by the "Klarin", the children of Croatian emigrants, who count around 150,000 in this country, are assembling in Croatia on invitation of the Minister of defense of that republic who recently visited Buenos Aires. ("Novosti")






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BULLETIN #3

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TO:

THANK YOU FOR THE PHONE CALLS AND FAXES EXPRESSING YOUR THOUGHTS ON WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THIS FAXLETTER. Remember we need all the help we can get. We can only be as good as you help us in achieving what we have set out to do. OUR INTENTION IS TO OPEN THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH WILL HELP BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PLIGHT OF THE SERBIAN PEOPLE. OUR ONLY TOOL OF VALUE IS THE TRUTH. LET'S USE IT IN EVERY OPPORTUNITY WE CAN.

The world needs to know that SERBS are HONORABLE PEOPLE. We have shown that to be a fact throughout our great history. All we have to do is remind the world and our allies what we have done to protect and preserve the honor of MANKIND. Let's not leave unanswered the many letters being written defaming the SERBIAN NAME. Let's correct the ones that are written in ignorance, and denounce the ones that are the product of malice. NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO SHAPE OUR FUTURE, BUT US! WE WILL DO THAT SUCCESSFULLY BY KNOWING WHAT WE WANT, AND WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE IT!

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Thank you for the names and the FAX numbers of the people you think our news will be of help. The number has increased drastically, since we started only two issues ago, but we need more, and please help us get to the influential ones. YOU, OF COURSE, CAN HELP BY GIVING THESE FAXLETTERS TO YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND IN TURN BY SENDING TO OTHERS UPON RECEIPT.

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The news we get is sent to you immediately, so that you have the benefit of hearing it first FROM US. We do not have the staff to edit, rewrite, and make it look good to the "eye". Some day we will! You get it as we get it from our contacts. SERBIAN UNITY CONGRESS DOES NOT SUPPORT OR ENDORSE ALL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN OUR FAXLETTER! WE ARE SENDING IT TO YOU BECAUSE WE FEEL YOU SHOULD KNOW, SO YOU CAN BETTER FORM YOUR OPINION!

Milosh D. Milenkovich

July 13, 1991

ON THE EVE OF WW III

Report from North Serbia  
(Translation)

I am not exaggerating when I say that the Third World War is being readied on the territory of still existing Yugoslavia. Everything that is happening here now has an appearance of the oncoming new world Apocalypse.

Here is the basis for my contention!

Germany is moving impatiently, and I would say also unstoppable, toward Croatia and Slovenia, or to be more precise, toward the Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas. Germany is supporting Croatain and Slovenian secession with all its might. From their press to their political parties all German factors are engaged in this action. Alfred Drager, chief of the CDU in Germany just recently stated in the "Eslinger Zeitung" that Yugoslavia was an artificial creation which was formed after WW I and thanked its existence mainly to the Serbian hegemony.

The old German and Austrian policy toward Serbia, policy which provoked the First World War and encouraged the darkest forces in Croatia to commit the worst crimes in the Second World War (against Serbs, naturally), is once again at work. Access to the Adriatic Sea has been a centuries long obsession of Germans. Serbs were in their way, and that is why Germany wants to reduce Serbia to a minimal size, to break up Serbian unity and thereby gain the control of the Balkans. Croatsians and Slovenians, Germany is sure of that, will as in the past once again join them, as will the Bosnian Moslems population. This population is helping the disintegration of Yugoslavia as they are controlling a good portion of Bosnia.

Fortunately, Germans showed their cards too quickly and brought the rest of almost entire Europe against them. Meanwhile, they would not be what they are if they did not just as quickly make some new moves, well calculated moves which should enable them to reach the main goal. To this end, suddenly and without an apparent reason Austria admitted their complicity in Nazi crimes to gain the World sympathy. I personally believe that something else is at stake. It is more obvious with each day to the Austrians that the fascist regimes in Croatia and Slovenia won't be able to camouflage for too long and that they, Austrians will be blamed for the resurrection of Nazism in these Yugoslav republics. They are now distancing themselves from Fascism so that they would not later be blamed for its resurrection.

Naturally, Germans are still propagating the secession of Slovenia and Croatia. Their press is full of praises for the democracy of the western Yugoslav republics, but also full of descriptions of Serbs as gangsters, killers and outlaws. This prompted Serbs of Frankfurt yesterday to demonstrate against this kind of mudslinging against Serbian people.

Unfortunately, many French, English, Dutch, Swiss, Hungarian, American and other media are also contributing in a world wide anti-Serbian hysteria. Needless to say there is also Croatian, Slovenian, Bosnian Moslem and Macedonain press.

Everything resembles the pres-WW II era. Then Germans were supporting the Sudetan secession from Czechoslovakia and they were joined by many countries. Today, these same Germans are supporting the secession of Croatia and Slovenia. And the world is again making the same mistake: One way or the other, they are taking their side. (For a moment I had to interrupt this writing to watch a documentary report about a magnificent welcome prepare by Croations in Zagreb 1941, to greet Hitler army. Thousand of people are showering soldiers with flowers, hugging them, kissing them. At the

same time hanged Serbs were dangling off the Belgrade utility poles).

In the heart of Europe Fascism is coming back to life, and Europe applauds feeble-mindedly whenever she can.

Two days ago some world newspaper reporters as well as TV reporters paid a visit to Serbian villagers in Slavonia, Baranja and Western Srem and were shocked at what they saw. They expected to see gangsters, and instead they met wounded farmers and heard tremendous encounters of Croatian crimes. They learned how Croatian Ustashe killed helpless old men and women, even children. They learned how as many as a hundred armed men would surround a Serbian house, under a pretext that Chetniks were inside, and after hours of long barrage from all kinds of weapons they would find dead and wounded members of a family. These reporters observed many Serbian homes with countless bullet holes as they read in Croatian newspapers the lies of how Serbs are attacking peaceful Croatians. One reporter, I believe a French reporter, after seeing all this exclaimed; "The stories of Croatian democracy are some of the greatest deceptions of our world today!" And yet, this deceit goes on and is being supported by many world newspapers from Hungary to the United States.

It is now certain that our conflicts here cannot be resolved peacefully, in spite of all the activities of Western Europe and the World. These activities and efforts are unacceptable. Serbia will not allow that three million Serbs remain in Fascist Croatia where they will be killed, persecuted or Catholicized, in Moslem Bosnia where a knife or persecution are also awaiting them, or in Macedonia where they are already not allowed to speak Serbian. Serbia shall also not allow their cradle, Kosovo and Metohia, to be taken to Albania by Shiptars, nor will Serbia allow Hungarian Fascists to take Vojvodina.

The world is not asking themselves: How did it happen that Germans, Hungarians, Albanians, Croatians and Slovenians are all united in their ideas and actions? These same people were together on the same, fascist side in the last war. They were all always lacking space and they tried to take that space from other people.

It is not coincidental that this street gangster with the chauffer vernacular, Stjepan Mesić, whom even America wanted to see at the helm of Yugoslavia, and it is no coincidence that he stated in the London "European" that Slobodan Milosevic could be compared to Hitler. His statement shocked even the Englishmen, for this kind of conduct is unbecoming of a leader of a country. Actually, the kind of conduct fits him well. While he was maligning Milosevic because he wanted to protect Serbian nationals outside Serbia proper, Mesić declared that he was a Croat, that he was not neutral and that he wants to protect Croatia. It is remarkable how British newspaper published all Mesić's statements without a commentary, regardless of how idiotic these statements were. He allows himself a luxury of fighting the Croatian battle while representing Yugoslavia, of which Croatia is only a part, while at the same time he negates the right to Milosevic to protect his people, and compares him to Hitler. Gebbels was well known for this kind of discrediting of his enemies.

The future war is being joined by all members of Fascist camp in these parts. Their representatives are organizing a great international activity. They are visiting other countries looking for allies, and worse yet, getting commitments. The leader of Bosnian pro-Turkish Moslems, Alija Izetbegovic, already visited some Arab lands, and in a few days is travelling to Turkey from which he expects a political and military assistance. Former Tito's lieutenant and lackey, Kiro Gligorov, just returned from Turkey. As reported by Turkish press Ozal promised to protect him in the ensuing war. Macedonia will have a good ally if it is not divided by then between Bulgaria and Shiptars. Macedonian press does not see that, they only know that Serbs are their biggest enemy.

Everything they have was given to them by Serbs. Serbs liberated them from Turks, recognized their nationality and secured their territory. And now, just like they did in the times of Ottomans, they are inviting Turks to help them. History taught them nothing, not even the fact that their so called territory was Serbian Empire and that their monasteries were built by Serbian rulers. May be that irrational hate toward everything Serbian stems from that fact.

Croatia established active ties with Albania, and her ally Germany did everything in its power to make sure that this miserable little country, Albania, which was isolated from the rest of the world, is accepted into Security Council.

Nobody needs her there, but Germany needs her to gain access to the Adriatic Sea. And Europe accepted this, also. Now Albania and Croatia often exchange visits in order to plan an attack on Serbia. Incidents at the Yugoslav-Albanian border are more and more frequent, and they are coordinated with the Ustashes actions in Slavonia and at Danube river toward Vojvodina. A few days ago Albanians demolished 17 border markers which was followed by a skirmish between ours and their border guards. Almost at the same time Ustashe attacked the soldiers of the Yugoslav Army at the bridge by Backa Palanka. These soldiers were guarding the bridge against Ustashe. Croatian police and military are full of Shiptars, who, together with Kurds, Algerians and others represent Croatian hired forces.

Shiptar leaders travel the world spreading lies about their alleged perils in Kosovo and Metohia in order that the world finds it easier to swallow their usurping of Serbian territory by way of unheard of terror lasting for over a century. At first all Shiptars left their jobs and refused to work for months. Serbian authorities hired other people to protect the economy, and Shiptars are saying now how they were forced to leave their jobs because they are Shiptars. Lies like these are too numerous to mention. Some people in the world are accepting them as facts, and other are using these lies for their purposes.

And what is next?

While European and World forums are conducting senseless, stupid discussions about Yugoslavia Croatsians are arming themselves day and night. Why? Nobody here is threatening them. They need the arms to realize their threat. They want to create an ethnically pure and single religious Catholic Croatia at any cost. This is a typical fascist idea to which the world still does not pay any attention. To bring thousands of tons of various weapons and distribute them illegally to practically all Croatsians, from criminal to lunatics, thieves and village bullies to simple, ordinary citizens - which is what the Croatian authorities did - is nothing else but a preparation for a big and bloody showdown. And with whom? With Serbs! This showdown they started in the last war but did not manage to finish it. I am afraid they will continue it any day now. But this time Serbs will not be passive. Serbs will beat them to the pulp; they will annihilate them in such a way that they won't ever again grab a knife, not even to slaughter a chicken. The world is not aware of this, and thus all the misunderstanding about Serbs.

And what is Washington doing all this time? Unfortunately, it is continuing to make all the moves which defy logic. They asked Yugoslav armed forces to restrain themselves from using force. What are these gentlemen thinking? How are 400 Serbs in a Slavonian village going to defend themselves when they are attacked by 3000 Croatsians using mortars and canons? According to these gentlemen from Washington, the army is supposed to keep still while fascist hordes are murdering innocent Serbian farmers.

Do they realize that 57 Serbian villages in Slavonia, Baranja and Western Srem are

surrounded by 50,000 armed Croatians awaiting the command to attack under the slogan: "Long live Croatia without a single Serb!". Do these people from Washington know what kind of democracy they are supporting? Do they know that the territory now populated by Serbs never was populated by Croatians and that this territory was given to Croats by Josip Broz? Do they know that they are signing a death sentence for the Serbs living on the territory when they insist that Croatia remains within today's boundaries? These boundaries were defined by Broz, - Croatia never had these territories before.

Besides, American authorities must understand that here is not a question of Communism and anti-Communism, of democratic Croatians and Communist Serbs, but of bloody conflict between a Croato-Slovenian Fascism and the Serbian freedom loving tendencies. Serbia proved her tendencies in both world wars. What were Croatia and Slovenia proving then? What are they trying to prove now?

Of the particularly devastating disappointment was the stand by the American Senate that Serbia should give Vojvodina and Kosovo an autonomous status granted to them by the 1974 Constitution, and constructed by the dictates of Josip Broz in order to break up Serbia as much as possible. According to that constitution the provinces enjoyed all legislative, executive, and political authority; their ministry of exterior, their police, and a right to make treaties with foreign countries, which was specially abused by the Shiptar authorities in Kosovo. Using the constitution, Shiptars wanted to proclaim a republic, so that they could secede from Yugoslavia, - the way Croatia and Slovenia are doing it now. However, Shiptars are a national minority. According to that logic the Mexicans in the USA have a right to request such an autonomy which could later be a part of Mexico. The Senate would certainly not agree to that, and yet wants us to do exactly the same thing. It is amazing that the Senate thinks the same way the Communist gangster by the name of Josip Broz did as he made sure that some 16,000 Russines in Vojvodina have more rights than 13,000,000 Serbs in Yugoslavia. Or, is this just a coincidence?

At the conclusion, I would like to make a suggestion. I do not know how feasible it is, but here is my thought. Over 20,000 Serbs came to Serbia as refugees from Slovenia and Croatia. Here, we are donating, all of us in Serbia a day's pay per week for their benefit. It would be wonderful if additional financial help could be provided from diaspora to enable these people to sustain some kind of a normal life.

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CONCENTRATION CAMPS FOR SERBS BEING SET UP  
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DECISIONS OF YUGOSLAVIA'S PRESIDENCY:

At its session of July 12 the Presidency of the SFRY passed a resolution counting six items on the following: demobilization of all armed forces in Yugoslavia except the Yugoslav People's Army and the regular peace-time police corps, reestablishment of the regime on the SFRY's frontiers that was in force before June 25, provision of conditions for normal life and work of YPA members and their families, release of all YPA members, and return of the captured equipment and facilities of the YPA and federal police.

Only a few hours after the adoption of this resolution President Mesić stated in Zagreb, that this resolution does not apply to the People's Guard forces of Croatia, which is "a part of the regular police forces which also incorporate "order-enforcing" service and special units that are under jurisdiction of the MUP (Ministry of Home Affairs) of Croatia".

"EUROPEAN": SHOCKING INTERVIEW OF MESIĆ

London, July 12 - In his interview given to the London paper "European" Mesić stated that Milošević is behaving like Hitler on the eve of the World War II. While qualifying this attack as "shocking", the "European" quotes Mesić's words that "Milošević has a great appetite for territories, and that he only pretends to be interested in the destiny of thousands of Serbs living in Croatia and other parts of Yugoslavia. "European" emphasizes that in his interview Mesić clearly articulates that he is not a neutral president and that he is convinced in the inevitable breakup of Yugoslavia. He said

it openly: "I am not neutral. I am a Croat and I want to protect Croatia, but not at the expense of others... Croatia is occupied by the Serbian army, however, rather than surrendering, the Croats will fight against it". ("Politika", July 13)

#### SLOVENIA IS NOT OBSERVING THE BRIONI DECLARATION

In the press release of the YPA's headquarters in Maribor (Slovenia) it is said that the return of the YPA equipment from the field is being prevented further on, the army barracks are kept under blockade, the housing blocs where the YPA officers live are watched constantly, the military vehicles, even food distributing ones, are being searched incessantly. It is pointed out in the communication: We would like our mutual confidence to strengthen. If this is the desire of the other side as well, then the best way of achieving this goal is in the consistent observance and carrying out of the Brioni declaration".

#### HYPOCRITICAL CROATS

"If anything kindles conflicts in Yugoslavia, and then in Europe, that will be the division of Bosnia-Herzegovina", stated Alija Izetbegović in his interview to the BBC. Saying that he was in wonder about Franjo Tudjman's statement to the London "Times" on the division of Bosnia-Hercegovina as "the best solution to the Yugoslav crisis", Izetbegović indicated that "in the behaviour of some Croatian leaders there is, so to say, hypocrisy, because here they keep convincing us of the opposite - that they are for preservation of sovereignty and integrity of Bosnia-Hercegovina". ("Ekspres politika", July 15).



CONCENTRATION CAMPS ARE BEING SET UP FOR THE SERBS IN CROATIA

"Is it possible that today, next to the memorial complex of the former nazi camp of Dachau, somewhere in its vicinity, a similar camp starts functioning, to which are driven members of those same nations whose lives were swallowed by Dachau? We believe that such a thing is impossible, that democratic forces of Europe and of the world would not allow this to happen".

The Croatian authorities recently undertook steps to close in actual fact the Memorial Park of Jasenovac, and, having done so, they also set up the first concentration camps for the Serbian "terrorists" in Smiljan near Gospić and in Opatovac in Slavonija. Of course, the Croatian authorities will not admit that these are camps for the Serbs, they will be for "terrorists", "četniks", and "rebels" who are threatening the independence and sovereignty of independent Croatia. Is the future of Europe and of the world reflected in this experiment? - wondering is the author of this article. ("Politika", July 15)

EXODUS OF THE SERBS FROM CROATIA IS CONTINUING

Novi Sad, July 14 - Over the past three days the fleeing of serbs from Croatia is continuing. In forty of Vojvodina's municipalities out of the total of forty five, reception centres have been set up for the refugees, who now count over 14,000. Officially registered are 12,000, mostly women, children and old people; since, however, many have fled accros straight to their friends or relatives, the figure is estimated to be over 14,000.

In the region of Vojvodina there are more and more wounded, Serbs who were wounded in the attacks of the Croatjan MUP forces on the Serbian villages in Slavonia, Baranja and west Srem, whom the hospitals on the Croatian side of the Danube refuse to render help. ("Politika", July 15)

"WHITE BOOK" ON THE POSITION OF SERBS IN YUGOSLAVIA TO BE ISSUED SOON

The Native Union of Serbs and Serbian Emigrants and the "Politika" house will soon publish a "White Book" on the position of Serbs in Yugoslavia. For the most part the Book will be "written" by the Serbs from Croatia and those Serbs who have property in Croatia. As pointed out by Brana Crnčević, President of the Native Union of Serbs and Serbian Emigrants, the book will present the true answer to the question about whatever is going on in this country, while several Serbian academicians will enclose their own views on the causes of the new Serbian exodus, on the historical and national reasons of the affliction of Serbs in Croatia. ("Politika", July 15)

PARIS "LE MONDE" ON THE MOTIVES OF THE SLOVENIAN SECESSION

Paris, July 13 - In its polemic article, the Paris "Le Monde" indicates that the Slovenian intention to "take in possession Yugoslavia's vital frontiers is cutting the access to West Europe for other Yugoslav republics, even including Croatia. Further in the text it is said that "Slovenia would not have decided to take the step if she had not had the support from the northern side of the Alps", and question is posed as to "whether this is the first step towards renewed Austro-Slovenian unification". As concrete examples of this support, "Le Monde" cites stay of the German military instructors in Slovenia for some months, as well as recruiting of foreign mercenaries who, actually, operated the anti-tank rockets in the Territorial Defence forces in their clash with the YPA: ("Novosti", July 14)

BELGIAN "L'EOAR": ARMAMENT FROM VIENNA AND BONN

Brussels, July 13 - The Belgian daily is reporting that since nationalisms began to flame in Yugoslavia massive

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purchase of weapons has also started in the free European market. The first to attract attention was Croatia, whose ruling party procured early this year 60,000 "Kalashnikov" guns. As the main source of the Hungarian connection are quoted ample supplies of weapons of the former east German army, the largest part of which was sold by the Premier Modrow's government to the Hungarian intermediaries. According to the Belgian daily, the Hungarian connection was at first most accessible for the illegal import of weapons to Croatia and Slovenia, while discrete or secret purchases are now being made much more through Austria and Hungary. ("Novosti", July 14)

#### THE BRIDGE OVER THE DRINA

Even at this insecure Yugoslav time, Serbian emigrant Slobodan Pavlović of Chicago has decided to invest resources in the construction of a bridge on the Drina river which will connect Serbia and Bosnia. The foundation stone of the 490m long and 9m wide bridge was laid on July 14. It will cost about 5 million Dollars, but with the auxiliary facilities the costs will amount at some 60 million Dollars. One fourth of the funds for the bridge has been provided by Mr. Pavlović ("Novosti", July 15)

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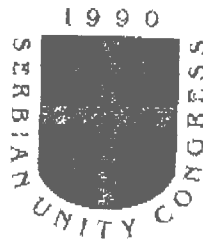
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NEW SERBIAN GOV'T BEING FORMED  
WAR IS ON IN SERBIAN BANIA  
SERBS TERRORIZED IN CROATIA  
SERBS FLEE "DEMOCRATIC" CROATIA  
SERBS APPEAL TO RED CROSS

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND IN  
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PEOPLE IN CROATIA. HELP PREVENT NEW GENOCIDE OF SERBS.

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## NEW GOVERNMENT IN SERBIA

SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC, president of Serbia is consulting with the leading serbian opposition leaders and intellectuals in the final stages of forming a new government in SERBIA.

See article below, which appeared today, July 16, 1991, in "Politika", Serbian major daily.

PRIVATE SOURCES SAY THAT  
SERBIA WILL HAVE A NEW  
GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE  
NEXT 10 (TEN) DAYS.

"POLITIKA", Tuesday, July 16, 1991, Belgrade,  
Serbia.

### РАЗГОВОР ПРЕДСЕДНИКА РЕПУБЛИКЕ СРБИЈЕ СА ОПОЗИЦИЈОМ

## Влада се, ипак, мења

Јуче је настављен разговор председника Републике Слободана Милошевића са председником Демократске странке Драгољубом Мићуновићем и потпредседником СПО Слободаном Ракићем. Овај други разговор трајао је три и по часа, а био је настављен у четвртак. Како је новинарима после састанка објаснио потпредседник ДС Јован Вукачић, ове две странке које су иницирале разговор траже формирање нове владе, односно темељиту реконструкцију владе. Предлаже се и формирање државног савета на нивоу Србије у који би ушли најумнији људи. Иницијатива за промену у Србији није одбијена, прихваћено је да се у Републици истрају ствари, а како ће то тачно изгледати знаће се после обављеног разговора. Данас ће бити обављене консултације у оквиру ДС и СПО, а очекује се да ће то учествовати и СПС.

Мићуновић и Ракић после јучерашњег састанка пису новинарима дали изјаву, а како незванично сазнајемо разговору су присуствовали Борисав Јовић, члан Председништва СФРЈ из Србије, Драгутин

Зеленовић, председник владе, и Александар Вукотичић, председник Скупштине.

Незванично сазнајемо и да су се посланичке групе СПО и ДС спремале да делимично бојкотирају рад Скупштине у случају да њихова иницијатива буде одбијена. Делимични бојкот значајно би учествовао у раду скупштинских одбора, а одсуство са седница парламента. Претпоставља се да би од 57 посланика опозиције рад бојкотовало тридесетак. Незванична је и информација да је Слободан Урковић, бивши председник Скупштине, предлазан за председника владе - кључно место по мишљењу српске опозиције, која се не би задовољила променом постојећег министара, односно козметичком променом, већ стварањем новог тима који би добро функционисао. Чује се и да је било неспоразума око терминологије, да ли ће то бити влада националног спаса, или влада способних или полако дугачије.

Исти извори тврде да је Слободан Милошевић преколноћ разговарао и са Добрицом Ђосићем.

И. Анђелић

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Sirs:

As it has been impossible for us to establish contact with the Red Cross of Slovenia, we are addressing ourselves to you with the aim of drawing your attention to the consequences of a unilateral proclamation of independence of the Republic of Slovenia, which is in fact an act of secession, and which has provoked numerous human victims (wounded and killed soldiers, and many civilians), as well as the destruction of material goods. We have observed the following:

- 1) Violation of human rights and inhuman treatment of civilians, Yugoslav and foreign citizens, who happened to be in Slovenia.
- 2) Endangering of life and property of civil unarmed persons travelling through Slovenia, as well as the expulsion of a large number of non-Slovenian people (women and children).
- 3) Creation of a war psychosis, mass spiritual terror over the population, as well as inflaming hatred and intolerance among the citizens and people of Yugoslavia.
- 4) Massive exposure of foreign and domestic unarmed civilians to fire, for they have been used as a live wall, while their vehicles were requisitioned for barricades along the highways E-59, E-70, and E-63, as well as on other roads. These civilians have been taken to collective detention centers, like the one in Ljubljana at Celovška cesta 264, where 300 people were imprisoned, without informing their families about them.
- 5) Inhuman and non-civilized behaviour towards soldiers stationed in barracks, who were cut from water and food supply for several days.
- 6) Slovenian leaders have used one action for an unseen and unheard of anti-Serbian hysterical campaign, neglecting all past historical links between our two nations, creating obstacles which would require a great deal of time to be overcome.

On the basis of these facts, as well as other evidence, we request from the International Red Cross to undertake in conjunction with the Yugoslav Red Cross to undertake in conjunction with the Yugoslav Red Cross an investigation on the spot and to record other violations of human rights, irrespective of the violator.

The aim of the Slovenian-Serbian Friendship Association is to develop friendship and humanity among people and nations. Thus we appeal to you to inform the world public about these events, asking the addresses to take action according to their tasks.

We do hope that this appeal will be taken into consideration and that you would give a reply in accordance to the general principles of humanity and international law.

Belgrade, July 7, 1991.

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NEWS BRIEFS  
July 16, 1991

**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA TALKS WITH THE OPPOSITION**

Slobodan Milošević yesterday had a talk with Dragoljub Mićunović, president of the Democratic Party and with Slobodan Rakitić, vice-president of the Serbian Revival Movement. The meeting was also attended by the President of the Assembly, by the Prime Minister of Serbia and by the president of the party in power. Unofficial information indicates that there will be changes in the Serbian government, as requested by the opposition.

Unofficial sources also have it that Slobodan Unković was proposed for the post of the Prime Minister, a key position in the opinion of the opposition which shall not be satisfied with a bare shuffle of a few ministers, but demands a new team to be created which would function properly. ("Politika", July 16)

**A REAL WAR RAGES IN BANIJA**

A real war has started to rage in Banija, cannons and mortars are firing and the Eastern Slavonija is shaking from continuous explosions. Around Petrinja and in Glina the guards, MUP-s units, HDZ's troops and "Chetniks" are waging war and for the first time the Army was to be heard from numerous fire arms. There are many wounded and in all probability, a number of casualties. For the moment their precise number is not known.

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Croatia is trying at all cost to show that the Yugoslav People's Army units have declared war on the Croatian guard, on the MUP and on the entire Republic of Croatia. ("Večernje novosti" July 16)

#### THE TERROR OF CROATIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE VUKOVAR REGION CONTINUES

Over the past several days house searches have become a major preoccupation of the Croatian police forces and even of the armed civilians, the searches conducted in an unprecedented inhuman and abhorrent manner. Serbian houses of the Serbs who have fled their homes in order to find a safe shelter in Serbia are the targets of the search. In Serbian villages these last days the water taps have been sealed and the livestock is dying of thirst with a danger of epidemics.

The exodus of Serbian women and children continues and their flight from this region by a ferryboat, the only connection of these cut-off parts of the Western Srem, Slavonija and Baranja with Serbia. The dynamics of Danube crossing is now considerably increased because not only people but also cattle are transported across the river to Serbia and this year's crop of wheat. ("Politika", July 16)

#### TODAY'S SESSION OF THE YUGOSLAVIA'S PRESIDENCY IS UNCERTAIN

The announced session of the Presidency of Yugoslavia, which is scheduled to take place in Brioni today, having as the main topic on the agenda the disarmament of para-military formations, most



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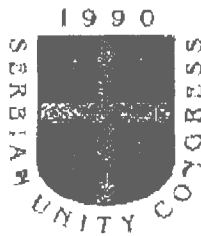
probably will not take place. It was announced that this session of the Presidency will not be attended by Branko Kostić, the Vice-President of the Presidency and by its members Borisav Jović, Jugoslav Kostić and Sejdo Bajramović. It is still uncertain whether Vasil Tupurkovski, who is now in London on an official visit, will attend the meeting.

The reasons for the four members of the Presidency of Yugoslavia's failure to attend the convened session are mostly the pressures and insistence of some members of the Presidency for the session to be held in Brioni and not in the seat of the Presidency of the SFR of Yugoslavia, in its capital, the city of Belgrade. ("Ekspres politika", July 16).

#### FRENCH "FIGARO" ON THE EXODUS OF SERBS FROM CROATIA

"Figaro", the biggest French daily, speaks through its special correspondent, on almost an entire large-size newspaper page, of the Serbian refugees from Croatia. This is the first major article published in the French press on the exodus of Serbs from Croatia which had been kept quiet so far. The article speaks also of the refugee receipt center in Vajska, quotes statements by the refugees and describes the visit to the abandoned Serbian homes in Croatia. The French correspondent also published the statement given by a member of the Croatian police force saying: "We are persecuting only the bad Serbs, the others may stay". The French reporter concludes: "Judging by the abandoned and bullet fire drilled houses, it seems that there are no good Serbs here". ("Večernje novosti", July 16)






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TO:

TODAY, ALL SERBS AND THE MANY FRIENDS WILL PAUSE TO REMEMBER THAT ON JULY 17, 1946, GREAT SERBIAN GENERAL AND LEADER, DRAGOLJUB "DRAZA" MIHAILOVICH, WAS BRUTALLY MURDERED BY JOSIP BROZ TITO'S (CROAT) COMMUNISTS AFTER A MOCK TRIAL.

GENERAL MIHAILOVICH WAS AWARDED LEGION OF MERIT ON MARCH 29, 1948, BY PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN.

LET'S REMIND OUR LEADERS IN THE USA THAT GENERAL MIHAILOVICH AND HIS BRAVE SERBIAN FORCES "CONTRIBUTED MATERIALLY TO THE ALLIED CAUSE AND WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING A FINAL ALLIED VICTORY".

**SERBS IN CROATIA - REPEAT OF 1941!**

**SERBIAN CHURCH MINED IN SISAK!**

**NEW SERBIAN GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED!**

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**WAS SLOVENIAN PROPAGANDA TOO MUCH?**

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NEWS FROM SERBIA, BELGRADERECONSTRUCTION OF THE SERBIAN GOVERNMENT IS FORTHCOMING

Aleksandar Bakocević, President of the National Assembly of Serbia, informed journalists at a regular press conference, of the meeting that the heads of the parliament groups of the National Assembly of Serbia had with Slobodan Milosevic, president of the Republic, attended also by the Prime Minister of Serbia and the representative of Serbia in the Presidency of the SFR of Yugoslavia. Bakocovic stated that the reconstruction of the Serbian government was discussed but that there were no names mentioned during the meeting, as published by some newspapers. "Politika", July 17.

A MINE THROWN ON THE SERBIAN CHURCH IN SISAK

In the Sisak and Petrinja region the anti-Serbian hysteria yesterday continued. Over the past 48 hours dozens of houses and other buildings owned by Serbs were under the machine-gun fire and bomb attacks. An explosive device was thrown on the Serbian Orthodox Church in the very center of Sisak and all the windows on the surrounding buildings crashed from the strength of the explosion. "Politika", July 17.

SALAJ - AN USTASHA, ADVISOR TO TUDJMAN

Radio Belgrade announced yesterday in its program "An Argument Plus", that Branko Salaj, advisor to Franjo Tudjman, had been one of the Ustasha leaders for years in Sweden. Salaj was the one who awarded Miro Barisic (the assassin of the Yugoslav ambassador Rolovic) with the honorary title of the Croat of the Year. Salaj, Tudjman's advisor today, for years had been very active in disseminating Ustasha ideas on the Swedish radio and television, says Radio Belgrade. "Politika", July 17.

ZIVKO PREGI WRITES TO SENATOR DOLE

Zivko Pregl, the vice-president of the Federal Government, who returned to Slovenia together with all the federal officials from that republic after the military clashes in Slovenia, by the beginning of July wrote to the US Senator Dole asking his support for the official recognition of Slovenia by the US Government, Tanjug learns from the well informed sources. The letter states the well known Slovenian standpoints, but what is not very clear is the reason why a vice-president of the Yugoslav Government should chose Mr. Dole to solicit the support from. "Politika", July 17.

AN AGGRESSIVE SECESSIONIST PROPAGANDA

The Yugoslav embassy in Paris submitted an open letter to the French media giving an objective presentation of the Yugoslav reality today. The letter of 80 typed pages was forwarded to some 200 editorial boards of the French dailies and weeklies, to the radio and television networks. It states numerous facts about the manner in which Yugoslavia was created, about the first free elections in the Yugoslav republics and speaks of the role of the Yugoslav People's Army. The letter also states that "the secessionist forces in Yugoslavia are amply using the aggressive propaganda which brings under the question mark the existence of Yugoslavia as a state". "Politika", July 17.

### CROATIA APPROPRIATES MONEY RESERVES

The Croatian bank refused to honor the decision of the National Bank of Yugoslavia and to return several billion dinars worth of ready money as part of the reserves deposited in the treasuries of the national banks of the republics. The National Bank of Yugoslavia, in accordance with the above decision, decreed that all the republics must return the dinar surplus from the money given to them at the time when it was to serve the purpose of allowing Yugoslavia to have regular and proper monetary and payment transactions which are taking place during the tourist season and at the time of an increased purchase of agricultural products. The National Bank of Croatia refused to honor this decision implying that in Yugoslavia there is not only an ethnic, political and economical but also a monetary war taking place. Is it an indication that a well conceived manner to debase the value of dinar is on its way? "Politika", 17.

### THE HYPOCRITES VERSUS THE NAIVES

Slovenia declared secession from Yugoslavia and Slovenian officials promptly abandoned all federal institutions. But the politics is one thing and the economy is the source of living. Therefore, Dagmar Shuster has good and proper motivation to remain as president of the Chamber of Economy of Yugoslavia and represent there the Slovenian interests. The Slovenian Prime Minister requests the Federal Government to prevent alienation of Slovenian property in Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina because "it contradicts the Constitution of the SFR of Yugoslavia", while only several days earlier Slovenia illegally appropriated the Federal goods reserves and quite recently decisively rejected that very Constitution of the SFR of Yugoslavia.

The Slovenian "army" practically until yesterday was waging war on the rest of Yugoslavia, embodied in the Yugoslav People's Army, considering it a fight against the "occupation". Nevertheless, it is demanding on regular basis and officially that Vojvodina, although a part of that "rest", allocated this year's crop of wheat because they are ready to promptly purchase it, just like before.

Neither are the sports spared these games. All the Slovenian athletes in the Yugoslavian national teams had withdrawn from the Mediterranean Games because by fighting for the Yugoslav colors they would become "The traitors of the Slovenian people". On the other hand those and the same athletes who have abandoned the national team are now wondering why their names are not on the lists for European and the world championships. "Vecernje Novosti", July 17.

### 315 PERSONS DEAD

Belgrade television announced in its newsreel yesterday that in Yugoslavia 315 persons have died this year in national armed clashes and over 500 have been wounded in more than 115 "local" armed combats, without taking into account the clashes in Slovenia. "Fkspres Politika", July 17.

### LIES THE ONLY WEAPON

The Yugoslav Government declared that in view of the impudent actions of the Slovenian propaganda machinery, it will demand from all the relevant international forums, condemnation and prevention of the so far "unprecedented state terror of the Government of Slovenia over the truth". Mustafa Cengic, Deputy Federal Secretary for Information stated that "the Slovenian Government, without choosing the means in deceiving its own and foreign public, has inaugurated a falsehood as an integral and extremely important part of its official state policy". "Vecernje Novosti", July 17.




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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DRAZA IN SERBIA!

Fascism in Croatia, says "GUARDIAN".THOUSANDS OF SERBS IMPRISONED IN GLIN  
town in Croatia, said informer.LIQUIDATION OF SERBS IN ARMY, said  
minister of Croatian defense!NUMBER OF SERB REFUGEES RISING IN  
SERBIA, - SERBS FLEEING  
"DEMOCRATIC", CROATIA.

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NEWS FROM SERBIA, BELGRADEREQUIEM SERVICE FOR DRAZA MIHAJLOVIC

A requiem service for the Chetnik leader Draza Mihajlovic was held yesterday in Belgrade's Cathedral. Mihajlovic was executed after World War Two on July 17, 1946. Serbian Patriarch Pavle and other church dignitaries as well as a large number of people attended the requiem. ("Politika", July 18)

THE MEETING OF THE YUGOSLAV PRESIDENCY IN BRIONI WAS NOT HELD

The meeting of the Yugoslav Presidency which was to take place in Brioni was not held because there was no quorum either yesterday or the day before. According to the latest information, however, the full session should be held today in Belgrade at 2 p.m. All members of the Presidency have confirmed their arrival. (Vecernje novosti, July 18)

GERMANS ARE SELLING-GERMANS ARE SHOOTING

Yesterday's issue of "Narodna Armija", the Army paper, speaks of secret contracts for the delivery of German "Ambrust" anti-tank systems to Slovenia. The contracted deal was carried out by the German firm named "Rita Drachsler". As the "Ambrust" system is highly complicated for handling, the German Ministry of Defense has agreed to send its experts to Slovenia to train members of the Slovenian territorial defense forces. In mid June the German Ministry of Defense had already sent ten such experts. During the clashes in Slovenia from June 27th to July 4th, imported missile systems manned also by ten German experts were used in these clashes with the Yugoslav Army.

Slovenia obtained armaments also in Czechoslovakia, from the Ministry of Defense in that country, via the "Omnipol" firm. A contract for the delivery of the "Arrow 2M" (SAM-7) missile systems has been signed with the same firm. Also offered for sale were multi-barrel mortars of the RM-70 "Flame" type as well as anti-tank rockets AT-8. ("Narodna Armija", July 17)

SERBIA AGAINST PERSECUTION

The Prime Minister of Vojvodina, the Minister for Serbs outside Serbia and the President of the Committee for Serbs outside Serbia in the National Assembly of Serbia held a press conference in connection with Serbian refugees from Croatia. According to the official data from Croatia, 19,101 persons have fled into Serbia but it is certain that this number is much higher because many of these refugees do not register in the Red Cross or other official bodies, but join their relatives and friends among whom they find accommodation. It was also stated that the same refugees are the consequence of terrorization and that these Serbs do not intend to abandon their homes forever but will return to them. ("Politika", July 18).

THREATS TO SERBIA AND THE ARMY

The Croatian Minister of Defense, Sime Djodan, held a press conference which shocked the foreign and domestic newsmen, to put it mildly. According to Djodan, war in Yugoslavia will begin in four days and in it the Croats and Muslims will liquidate the Serbs and the Yugoslav People's Army. Djodan went on to say he felt sorry for the Serbian people and the children but that the Chetniks would remember him. He described the "behavior" of the Yugoslav Army generals in falsehoods asserting that the Army is a para-military formation. The newsmen laughed at some remarks the Minister made. However, after everything Djodan said the smiles turned into astonishment. ("Politika",

"Vecernje Novosti", July 18).

#### SLOVENIA RUSHING INTO A NEW WAR

Slovenia is hastily arming itself and preparing to attack the Yugoslav People's Army. Not one single decision adopted by the State Presidency on calming the situation has yet been respected by Slovenian leadership. All this is well known to the Yugoslav state and military authorities as well as to the European Community but nothing is being done to prevent this.

Water and electricity have been cut to the Army barracks, they are blockaded by Slovenian forces which are continuing the mobilization and preparations for new barricades, for intensifying control and reconnoitering of all military structures. It is only now becoming clear that the recent statement by member of the State Presidency from Slovenia Janez Drnovsek to the effect that "if Slovenia backs down no one will have heard of Slovenia in the world within one month" was neither a haphazard nor harmless statement. ("Politika ekspres", July 18)

#### FASCISM IN CROATIA

"Tudjman's followers with their costumes raised hand salute and refusal to distance themselves from the Ustacha past, offer a perfectly clear echo of Fascism", says Edward Pierce, editor, in yesterday's commentary published by the London "Guardian". In a lengthy text the journalist explains the role of the Ustachas in World War Two and quotes the chief of the British Military Mission with the Supreme Command of the National Liberation Army of Yugoslavia, Fitzroy Mac Lean: "The whole of Bosnia was bathed in blood, Ustacha gangs cruised the villages with knives, machine-guns and clubs, massacring the Serbs, burning down Serbia churches, killing Serbian priests, slaughtering, raping, setting fire to everything. The Ustachas exerted themselves in lying with each other in the number of their victims and ways of killing them". One must never identify the Chetniks with the Ustachas, states the writer and then concludes by saying that "the essence of the Serbian and the Croatian answers to Nazism is clear: the former fought it and the latter embraced it". ("Vecernje novosti", July 18)

#### FIRST SHOTS FIRED BY THE CROATIAN GUARDS

The attack on the Yugoslav Army unit of July 15th near Petrinja cost 137 lives of the members of the Croat police forces, state well informed sources. The Army responded to this armed attack by opening machine-gun fire but also by using artillery pieces. This has been confirmed by a local inhabitant a Croat. When asked by a Sarajevo TV newsmen to state this in front of the camera, he said: "If I were to say this publicly, my life would not be safe even in Belgrade". ("Vecernje novosti", July 18)

#### SNIPERS AMBUSHING HARVESTERS

In Slavonia and in Western Srem the crops are being harvested under armed protection. The wheat is being shipped to Vojvodina where the families of the harvesters have fled. The brave harvesters are working late into the night and with much difficulty the wheat is being shipped in trucks on rafts across the Danube to the Vojvodina silos. It is hoped that this work will be completed in four to five days. ("Vecernje novosti", July 18)

#### CROAT WOMEN MARRIED TO SERBS ARE NOT WANTED

More than 30 female workers employed in the "ITEKS" firm in Ilok in Croatia have been laid





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*Milosh*

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*Mil*

Dear Mr. Milenkovich

Thank you very much for your news bulletin. This is a wonderful idea. We are distributing the material to many friends and relatives.

Sincerely,

*Danna Pantich*

Dear Milosh,

Thank you for the news. This letter will be mailed in English and Serbian, hopefully by next week. But, we have to make contacts as well.

Sincerely,

Vidak Chelovich

12 jula 1991

Dragi g. Milenkovicu:

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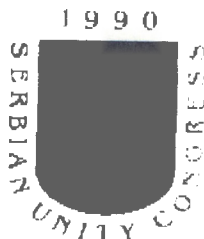
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IN TODAY'S FAXLETTER:

**PATRIARCH PAVLE TO RECEIVE ISLAMICS**

**MILOSEVIC TO RECEIVE DRASHKOVICH**

**Good Bye SLOVENIA!**

**WAR AGAINST SERBS WAGING IN BANIA**

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## NEWS FROM SERBIA (Serbian Secretariat for Information)

### REAL WAR RAGES IN BANIIJA

Yesterday at 6.20 a.m. Serbian volunteers attacked the strongholds of Tudjman's "warriors" (bojovniks) in Kostajnica and its vicinity. The raider group of the Croatia's MUP (Ministry of Interior) was captured. Its task was to poison water supply systems and water sources in Banija. In the clashes near Kozibrod, Divuša and Struga sixty people were killed so far and some 300 MUP and "guard" soldiers have fled their combat stations. The population of Kostajnica has found shelter in the neighboring villages. ("Večernje novosti", July 19)

### A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF SERBIA

At the yesterday's session of the Serbian Assembly, in spite of ample criticism uttered on the work of the Government, the deputies have given their vote of confidence. Only 32 deputies voted in favor of the change of Government and 9 deputies abstained. The Assembly also adopted the Law on Defense of the Republic. This law was adopted at a session closed for public and the press was informed that Serbia shall not form its guard because any formation of the Serbian army, of the national guard or of para-military formations controlled by the parties would lead to the national discord. The state bodies of Serbia have the exclusive authorization to form and deploy military forces and the role of the territorial defence of the Republic and of the Yugoslav People's Army is irreplaceable. ("Večernje novosti", July 19)

### MILOŠEVIĆ TO RECEIVE DRAŠKOVIĆ

Slobodan Milošević, President of Serbia, will meet with Vuk Drašković, the leader of the Serbian Revival Movement. This is reported by "Politika International Weekly" published in English, stating that the agreement on the meeting was reached on July 15th in the presence of the leaders of parliamentary groups of the National Assembly of Serbia during their meeting with the President of the Republic. The date and details of the meeting have not been agreed upon as yet. ("Politika International Weekly", July 19)

### IN VINKOVCI EVERYTHING SERBIAN IS DESTROYED

The town of Vinkovci is the sight of a city that has lived through a forceful military destruction. This is witnessed by the destroyed Serbian homes, shops, restaurants and crafts centers. The Serbs who have lived and strived here for years have suddenly become stricken by poverty. Most of them had to abandon their homes with only a bundle in their hands, leaving a great wealth behind to be bombed, destroyed and stolen. There is a day to day proof of the thesis that this is being done on purpose so that the Serbs would finally and forever leave this town. Those in the front line driving them away are the extremists, members of the HDZ. ("Politika ekspres", July 19)

### SPECIAL MUP FORCES IN THE YPA UNIFORMS

Croatian MUP (Ministry of Interior) forces and those of the National guard troops over the past two months have taken illegally from the Territorial Defense supply services storage some 6,000 complete uniform attires of the Yugoslav People's Army. The reliable military sources state that the Croatian MUP special

forces and the armed civilians, members of the HDZ (Croatian Democratic Community), dressed in those uniforms and in the dark of the night are waging various campaigns against Serbian population, YPA units and the passengers in transit through the area, Tanjug reports. ("Politika ekspres", July 19)

#### THE ARMY WITHDRAWS FROM SLOVENIA

The Presidency of Yugoslavia at its yesterday's session passed the decision that the Yugoslav People's Army units are to be transferred from the territory of the Republic of Slovenia into the other parts of Yugoslavia. The transfer is to take place within three months from the date of this decision and the members of the permanent composition of the YPA of the Slovenian nationality will decide in this period whether they will remain in the Army or not. This also applies to the persons of other nationalities who are permanently residing in the territory of the Republic of Slovenia. ("Politika", July 19)

#### PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA TALKS TODAY WITH THE OPPOSITION

Slobodan Milošević will talk today with the presidents of the parliamentary groups of the Assembly of Serbia. The talk was to take place yesterday but it was postponed because of the session of the National Assembly. This will be the third meeting of the said group and the topic is the reconstruction, i.e. the snuffing of the Serbian government and the present situation in Serbia and in Yugoslavia. ("Politika", July 19)

#### PATRIARCH PAVLE RECEIVES THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY DELEGATION

Serbian Patriarch Pavle received yesterday in the Patriarchy in Belgrade the delegation of the Islamic Community headed by the Belgrade Mufti. In their joint press release it was stated that the participants of the meeting have distanced themselves from all the attempts at manipulating with the religious feelings for nationalistic and political purposes and from all deeds and acts of religious abuse or justification of evil and fratricide in the name of the faith. ("Politika", July 19)

#### SLOVENIA AND CROATIA ARE NOT RESPECTING THE DECISIONS

The Federal Secretariat for National Defense of Yugoslavia informed the Federal Government that Slovenia and Croatia persist in their failure to respect the decisions. The territorial troops in Slovenia are still blocking military airports and barracks of the Yugoslav People's Army and the possessions and buildings usurped have not been returned to the Army. It is still very difficult to provide food supplies to some military garrisons in Slavonia and Kninska Krajina and instead of demobilizing population, citizens are continuously urged to join the national guard. ("Politika", July 19)

#### MILAN KOMNENIĆ VISITS SWITZERLAND

Milan Komnenić, the vice-president of the Serbian Revival Movement is now in Switzerland and was received there by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland, Mr. Daniel Voker. In an one-hour talk, Komnenić stated the views on the Yugoslav crises, pointing out especially at the Serbian interests and the position of Serbs in Croatia. ("Politika", July 19).

LEAFLET PASSED OUT BY SERBS IN CHICAGO  
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DURING THE PAST 50 YEARS, THE  
CROATIAN NATIONALISTS HAVE  
SUCCESSFULLY USED BOTH NAZISM  
AND COMMUNISM TO MURDER OVER  
1 MILLION SERBIAN PEOPLE AND  
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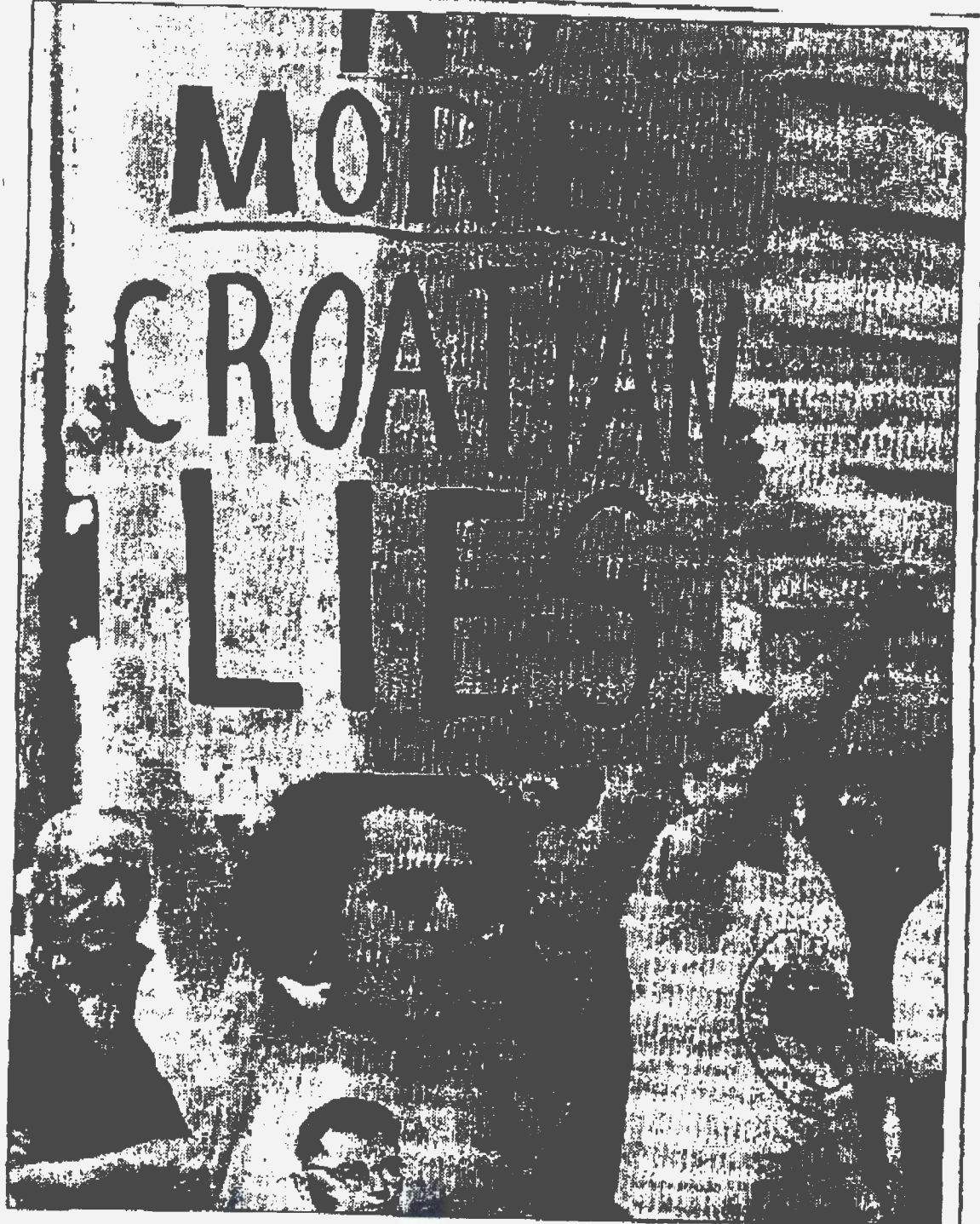
THEIR WORK HAS TO STOP NOW

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SPONTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS BY CHICAGO  
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CHICAGO SERBS SUPPORTING SERBS IN CROATIA  
COMMEMORATING DEATH OF DRAZA, JULY 17, 1946



SUN-TIMES/Robert A. Oatis

**Serbian-Americans criticize media**

Snezana Manojovic marches Wednesday on Michigan Avenue with about 100 other Chicago residents of Serbian descent. They picketed the Chicago Sun-Times, the Chicago Tribune and NBC, complaining that the U.S. media favor Croatia, which wants to secede from Yugoslavia, and have not presented the side of Croatia's Serbian minority, which opposes secession.

ATTEND SECOND ANNUAL SERBIAN UNITY CONGRESS IN CHICAGO, NOVEMBER 1, 2, & 3, 1991.





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JIM MOODY VISITED CLEVELAND SERBS AT THE FESTIVAL HELD ON JULY 20, & 21, 1991, MADE A SPEECH TO A 10,000 SERB CROWD AND GAVE SUPPORT FOR THE SERBIAN STRUGGLING FOR SELF DETERMINATION IN CROATIA AND ELSEWHERE WHERE FOR DECADES SERBS HAVE BEEN UNJUSTLY SUPPRESSED BY TITO'S COMMUNISTS AND THEIR CRONIES.

SERBS STOPPED AND BEATEN IN CROATIA

SERBS DYING DAILY IN CROATIA

PAYROLL FOR CROATS ONLY, - SERBS, NO!

MILOSEVIC MEETS WITH OPPOSITION

SERB REFUGEES GROW IN NUMBER

DE MICHAELIS SUPPORTS SERBS

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## NEWS FROM SERBIA

### DAY AND NIGHT SHOOTING

Situation in Croatia this weekend was dramatic. An open war is being waged there against Serbs. The number of killed civilians, Serbs, increases daily. In the flash points of Croatia with the majority of Serbian population, sporadic and nightly shootings have grown into an open warfare. Shooting is now heard day and night from all the available armaments, from automatic guns up to the missile mortars. ("Politika ekspres", July 22)

### BANIJA STANDS WITH THE ARMY

Increasingly aggressive attacks of Croatian police and guards on Serbian population in the town of Dvor on the river Una continue. In the clashes last night two mini-buses full of armed MUP (Ministry of Interior) special forces were hit. The Croatian Ministry of Defense and police are piling their troops preparing for war against Serbs and the Yugoslav People's Army. ("Večernje novosti", July 20)

### HITREC SACKED AND ALL SERBS

The Assembly of Zagreb deputies are up to their ears engrossed in their "Great-Croatia" chauvinism, stating that "there are 63 per cent of Serbs employed in Croatian Television and that it is high time to remove them from this medium". A prompt shuffle of Hrvoje Hitrec, the Minister of Information of Croatia, otherwise a writer of books for children, is also announced and a new TV scheme of wartime reporting will be introduced. The magazine "Zapad" (The West) is also closed having been a serious anti-thesis to the regime propaganda. The Croatian information space is now definitely closed, YUTEL newsreel having been abolished from the Croatian television screen. ("Večernje novosti", July 20)

### PAYROLL FOR CROATS ONLY

The fact that Serbs in Croatia are exposed to great physical terror is nothing new and this is witnessed by the flows of Serbian refugees seeking shelter outside of Croatia. But the fact also remains that they are exposed to an economic terror. The payrolls are distributed only on the national basis, i.e. only the employed

Croats are receiving salaries while Serbs are left with nothing and furthermore are abandoning their homes, apartments and farms having invested in them all their life's work and savings, their abandoned property to be ruthlessly plundered by the HDZ (Croatian Democratic Community) mercenaries. ("Politika ekspres", July 21)

### "REDARSTVENICI" (SPECIAL POLICE UNITS) - LIKE HIGHWAY ROBBERS

When Serbs are intercepted on the roads and highways of Croatia, after being beaten and humiliated, their vehicles and all the valuables are taken away. Some Serbs are even forced to state before the TV cameras that they are "Chetniks, infiltrated from Serbia". There are not a few cases of arms being planted in the cars by the Croatian police, owners of vehicles to be latter blamed for the possession of the same. "Politika", July 22)

**DE MICHAELIS ON YUGOSLAVIA**

At a symposium on tourism held in the Austrian town of Villach, Djani de Michaelis, the Italian Foreign Minister, stated that "the right of Croats to self-determination is legitimate, but that the same right applies also to the Serbs living in Croatia. It is important to make a clear and an irrevocable determination against the use of force in the solution of the Yugoslav problem". ("Politika", July 22)

**THE NUMBER OF REFUGEES GROWS**

According to the Red Cross of Serbia statistics, 22,140 Serbian refugees from Croatia were registered in the territory of Serbia as per July 21, 1991. From this number 15,352 persons fled to Vojvodina, 6,801 persons found refuge in the territory of Serbia without the provinces and 7 persons are in the Kosovo and Metohija region.

**MILOŠEVIĆ RECEIVES AGAIN PRESIDENTS OF PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS**

Slobodan Milošević, President of Serbia, yesterday had a meeting again with the presidents of parliamentary groups of the National Assembly of Serbia: Dragoljub Mićunović (Democratic Party), Slobodan Rakitić (Serbian revival Movement) and Vukašin Jokanović (Socialist Party of Serbia). President of the National Assembly, the Prime Minister of Serbia and the member of Serbia in the Presidency of the SFR of Yugoslavia were also present. At the meeting the agreement was reached on the future work of the Assembly of Serbia in order to eliminate all the non-constructive party confrontations and provide a creative mutual cooperation. Reconstruction of the Serbian government was again discussed. ("Večernje novosti", July 20)

**ASSEMBLY OF SERBIA ADOPTS THE LAW ON MINISTRIES AMENDMENTS**

At the yesterday's session of the Assembly of Serbia, having on the agenda the Law on Ministries amendments, the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Environment Protection were established. It was also decided to abolish the former functions of the deputy and the under secretary in the ministries, having thus reduced the number of high officials of Serbia for four hundred. ("Večernje novosti", July 20)

**MESIĆ AND DRAŠKOVIĆ AGREEMENT**

"The war can resolve nothing", agreed Stjepan Mesić, President of the Presidency of Yugoslavia and Vuk Drašković, leader of the Serbian Revival Movement, during their meeting yesterday in Belgrade. The meeting took place at the Federation Palace, at the request of Vuk Drašković, and the discussion was on the need to draw borders between Serbia and Croatia "in order to avoid war". ("Večernje novosti", July 20)



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You are urged to influence all of the known human rights agencies of the world to help release from jail a Serbian medical doctor and an official of a Serbian community in Croatia who was jailed without any probable cause.

NAME: Dr. BRANKO KRIVOKUCA (Medical Doctor)

V.P. of Vojnic Community in Croatia

This case typifies the harrassment tactics which the extremist Croation militants are using on Serbs, which to many are reminiscent of the WW II years when over a million Serbs met the most violent deaths, immediately at the onset of the war.

Dr. Krivokuca was on his way from the community in which he lives to another City of Petrinje to enroll his child in the school to be attended this fall. Doctor was stopped by the Croation militant state police and his car was thoroughly searched. They found a doctor's bag with medicine, syringes and first aid items. The doctor who lives in an area where there are lot of small communities makes a living by making house calls, and the contents in the bag is what he uses on his calls.

HE WAS CHARGED ON THE SPOT as a Serbian extremist who is transporting medical supplies to the Serbian enclaves that have seceded from Croatia. HE HAS BEEN IN JAIL FOR 9 (NINE) DAYS NOW, WITHOUT A HEARING.

We are being told that the Croation authorities are conducting an investigation, and that is why he is being held PRISONER IN THE SISAK jail in Croatia.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, DR. KRIVOKUCA IS ONE OF THE MANY SERBS THAT HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED AS PART OF THE GRAND GAME TO IMPLICATE THEM IN TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, TO HARRASS THEM, PROVOKE THEM, DEGRADE THEM, AND TORTURE THEM WHILE THE "INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED". Many of them lost their loved ones during WW II under the same circumstances.

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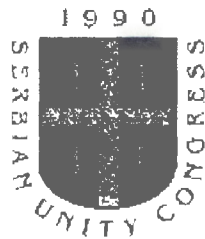
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# Greek Cypriots balk at four-party talks

By Andrew Borowiec  
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

7/23

Charges of nepotism, corruption and a thriving narcotics trade in the Turkish part of Cyprus are among the reasons preventing Greek Cypriots from seeking a compromise that President Bush tried to encourage last week.

## NEWS ANALYSIS

The internationally recognized Greek Cypriot government, which governs about two-thirds of the Mediterranean island, yesterday joined Greece in rejecting a Turkish proposal for four-party talks on the future of Cyprus. The plan, backed

by Mr. Bush on his visit to Athens and Istanbul, proposed that Greece and Turkey, as well as Greek and Turkish Cypriots, would negotiate as equals.

The official reason for the rejection was Greek unwillingness to grant equal status to the government of the self-styled "Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus," recognized only by Turkey and protected by a Turkish expeditionary corps.

The roots of the problem are more complex. They involve not only the traditional animosity between Turks and Greeks on Cyprus but the controversial functioning of the Turkish puppet state, the existence of a free-wheeling "free-enterprise class" and the degree of corruption perme-

ating the Turkish Cypriot administration.

Greek Cypriots feel that the Turkish Cypriot administration has violated a number of laws, seized foreign property and cannot be considered a valid government.

Several Ankara envoys to the island frankly admitted the overwhelming influence of shady interests in the Turkish portion, including a lucrative trade in opium and other drugs transhipped from the "Golden Crescent" of Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran.

The traditional opium route westward led through Turkey but, because of stiff Turkish anti-drug measures, had to be re-routed via Northern Cyprus.

As an unrecognized state, the Turkish sector of Cyprus is out of bounds for agents of Interpol and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency. It has become a home of well-organized smuggling rings as well as a haven for criminals fleeing international justice. Money can buy asylum in Northern Cyprus — just as it did in Lebanon before the civil war.

Northern Cyprus' president, Rauf Denktaş, is backed by Ankara mainly because, as one Turkish diplomat put it, "there is no one else there."

Mr. Denktaş's main local support comes from some 200 businessmen who became millionaires after Turkey landed its troops on the rocky beaches of Cyprus in response to an

Athens military coup in July 1974.

The average per capita income in Northern Cyprus is one-third that of the Greek-speaking portion, but lack of controls, tax evasion and the laxity of the legal system have helped the proliferation of shrewd entrepreneurs. The construction of jerry-built apartment blocks and shopping malls is flourishing in the area inhabited by some 90,000 Turkish Cypriots and about 40,000 migrants from the Turkish mainland.

Adding to the complexity of the problem is the fear within the Turkish Cypriot business community of competition from Greek Cypriots, who managed to create an economic miracle in their part of Cyprus.

## REPORT FROM OUR KRAJINA REPORTER

SERBS ARE NOT FIGHTING AGAINST CROATIANS, they are protecting their homes and families from extermination. Over 97% from the City of Glina fled to safety, leaving their homes behind. Serbian volunteers who are well armed have satayed to protect their homes from the Croatia militant extremists.

PETRINJA, neighboring town, is 65% Serb populated. If you are a Serb travelling from Glina to Petrinja chances are great you will be stopped, searched, and in many cases taken to jail, - only because you are a SERB.

SERBIAN HOMES IN GLINA TOWARD THE VILLAGE OF JUKINAC are totally destroyed.

DRAGISA STEFANOVIC, a passerby was fatally shot as he was passing by the Catholic Church in Glina. MILADIN ILIC, also passing the church was shot, and finally killed after they ran him over by a car.

TOPUSKO: Resort area where all the Serbs from the local hospital were thrown out and the militant Croats moved into their rooms, converting it into a hotel complex for them.

SISAK: Every Serbian store in the city was destroyed by bombs.

SERBS ARE BEING IMPRISONED DAILY. WE ARE COMPILING A LIST OF IMPRISONED SERBS FOR THE WORLD TO KNOW HOW "DEMOCRATIC" CROATIA REALLY IS, AND THEIR CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

## REPORT FROM OUR BELGRADE REPORTER

### FOUR OHRID DECISIONS

At the extended session of the Presidency of the SFR of Yugoslavia in Ohrid, the members of the Presidency and the republican leaders have agreed that all the illegal para-military formations in the entire territory of Yugoslavia must be disarmed and that the reserve units in Croatia must be demobilized and brought down to the militia units needed only to care for the public peace and order. Thereafter, the Army must withdraw to the barracks. The Presidency is of opinion that the three-month moratorium period of the European Community in force now for Slovenia should be extended to Croatia also. ("Večernje novosti", July 23)

### THE VILLAGE OF MIRKOVCI UNDER HEAVY ATTACK

Croatian guard and police forces have severely attacked yesterday at dawn the Serbian village of Mirkovci. During the three armed attacks yesterday, according to the official information, 23 members of the Croatian guard and police were killed and two villagers of Mirkovci, one of them with his throat cut. The Yugoslav People's Army prevented more casualties. ("Večernje novosti", July 23)



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# Serbia's Ugly Nationalists

By Jacques Bacic

**T**hough the Slovenian Parliament voted yesterday to make a temporary peace with the Yugoslav Government, the country's crisis is obviously far from over. The hostility between Serbia and Croatia is still the bomb that could explode Yugoslavia's fragile calm.

Croatia never intended to leave Yugoslavia, only to reform it so that

Jacques Bacic, born in Croatia, is writing histories of Russia and the Slavic countries.

Croatia could function as a sovereign state. The Croatians declared their independence only after Serbia had convinced them and the world that it would stop at nothing to control Yugoslavia. Rebel Serbians living in Croatia adamantly oppose the republic's efforts to break with the national Government.

Serbia's nationalists have a long history of reckless behavior. In July 1946, the island of Brioni, where the European Community, Slovenia, Croatia and the Yugoslav federal Presidency just concluded their peace talks, was at the center of a Yugoslav crisis that potentially was as deadly as the current one.

Marshal Tito, a Croat by birth but

Yugoslav by orientation, bumbled the powerful national police chief, Aleksandar Rankovic, a Serb, who had been working for more than a decade to bring the country under Serbian control.

While Yugoslavs believe that Rankovic's public admission of treason at the Brioni plenum saved them from Serbian oppression, Serbian nationalists mourn the day their native son was brought down and his plan of making seven Yugoslav republics obedient to Serbia was shelved.

After Tito's death in 1980, Yugoslavia held together under its 1974 constitution. There were outbursts of nationalist passions but nothing that threatened the state as a whole. But

the Yugoslav idea suffered a terrible blow in 1980, when Slobodan Milosevic, still an unregenerate Communist at heart and Serbian nationalist, came Serbia's leader. Since it there has been nothing but trouble.

Under Mr. Milosevic, the Yugoslav People's Army, whose officer corps predominantly Serbian, and all federal institutions lost their all-Yugoslav orientation. In 1990, after several bloody suppressions of Albanians in Kosovo, Serbia annexed the province and Vojvodina, brutally violating the Yugoslav Constitution.

Of Yugoslavia's states, only current Serbian leadership embrace an expansionist doctrine. However, with the exception of Vojvodina (percent Serbian) and their own (the Serbs are a minority in all of republics).

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and a sincere Yugoslav, he to "steer the Yugoslav ship into more tranquil waters." Slovenia has quarrel with Croatia, and both republics are on good terms with Bosnia Herzegovina and Macedonia. The four republics agree on what they want and how to go about it. They Yugoslavia.

This Yugoslavia, led by Mr. Milosevic, should use its moral, economic and military power to free Kosovo and other provinces from Serbian occupation.

## BANIJA WILL NOT FALL

Serbian volunteers on the barricades in the town of Dvor on the river Una, insist that they have not caused the insurrection but that they are only defending their homes and frontiers of the still possible and existing Yugoslavia. The Serbs in Banija are only defending themselves. "We are not attacking, we are not plundering or killing people from the back", says Marjan Janošević, the county official from this town in Banija. "There are no Chetniks in our midst, no partisans, we are the only actors in this hell in which there is no other side for us to chose", says one of the defender-fighters on the barricades. ("Večernje novosti", July 23).

## THE FILIPINOS ARE ALSO COMING

The news that Franjo Tudjman is richly paying his "redarstvenik's (special police units) has reached the Philippines. And the citizens of this far away island country marched to fight for the new Croatian "democracy". In this, however, they were stopped by the Secretariat for Interior Affairs officials of Sremska Mitrovica, who had taken away from the train Belgrade-Zagreb 36 Filipinos. It is not known at what point they have entered Yugoslavia, they have no legal confirmation on the border crossing. It seems that Tudjman's war is gaining wide international dimensions: further to the Turks, Moroccans, Pakistanis, Albanians, now the "soldiers" from the Far East are arriving as well.

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# INTELLIGENCE DIGEST

A REVIEW OF WORLD AFFAIRS

This week's briefings

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## The Italian threat to Slovenia/Croatia ....

*This service has been exactly right about Yugoslavia with our 11 January prediction that: "the Slovene government will try in the next six months to open negotiations with other Yugoslav republics for a looser association inside Yugoslavia. Should this fail, which is likely, Slovenia will proclaim its independence. It must be doubted whether the Yugoslav army will allow this."*

*It would not be possible to have given you a more accurate forecast. With that in mind it is worth paying very close attention to a report received from a senior Intelligence Digest observer just back from Ljubljana, in Slovenia.*

*This well-informed observer points to some ominous political developments in Italy, possibly presaging a future Italian intervention should Croatia and Slovenia pursue their course towards independence.*

*But this report needs to be read with the knowledge that in addition to Italy's possible intervention in the case of a disintegrating Yugoslavia, Albania has an interest in the 1.7 million Albanians in the Serbian-controlled province of Kosovo, and Hungary in the 500,000 Hungarians in Vojvodina.*

*Austria, Romania, Bulgaria, and Greece could all also find reason for intervention should the pursuit of independence within Yugoslavia spiral out of control. In a second report, we analyze the threat from the south, but first our observer from Ljubljana reports on the resurgence of a long-held Italian ambition:*

The two democratically-ruled north-western republics of Yugoslavia, Slovenia and Croatia, must now face threats coming from Italy at a time when the Serbian/communist-dominated Yugoslav army is laying plans to recover some of the self-esteem and reputation it has recently lost.

Should fighting continue with no peaceful solution in sight, outside powers, notably Italy, might intervene in order to seize parts of the country. Hungary, Bulgaria, and Albania may also be

preparing for such action, although under a cloak of extreme secrecy.

While the Rome government insists on the preservation of Yugoslav territorial integrity and respect for existing frontiers, increasing numbers of influential Italian politicians are openly calling for a revision of the border in the Istrian peninsula, now mainly part of Slovenia and Croatia. The disputed area was lost by Italy after World War II.

The Italian government of Giulio Andreotti, which adamantly refuses to recognize the governments of Slovenia and Croatia, has remained silent in respect of its intentions should Yugoslavia disintegrate without any agreement among the country's constituent parts - an increasingly likely outcome. In such an event, Italy might feel entitled to intervene, perhaps basing its argument on the need to protect a few thousand ethnic Italians still in Yugoslavia.

A growing clamour to restore Istria to Italy. Influential Italian Senator Guido Gerosa of the Socialist party, which is part of the government coalition, has now openly joined in the clamour for restoration of Istria to Italy.

Other politicians, including members of the leading Christian Democratic party, and of the Liberal party, have raised their voices in a demand that had until the recent past been put forward only by the neo-fascist MSI movement. Remnants of some 200,000 ethnic Italians who fled from the disputed territory after the last war to settle in Italy now represent a powerful lobby favouring a revision of the border.

There is little doubt that if the crisis in Yugoslavia worsens we are likely to hear more about the Istrian peninsula and Italy's claim to it. Some in Italy see this crisis as the best chance of regaining its lost territory for half a century.

## .... and the threat from the south

Notwithstanding the above report on Italy's renewed ambitions towards Yugoslav territory, our *Balkan affairs analysts* point out that the threat to any independent republics emerging from Yugoslav territory may come as much from the south as from the north.

For instance, Albania's President Ramiz Alia has placed his country's armed forces in a state of alert, claiming that recent troop movements in Yugoslavia constitute "a grave peril" for Albania, and, ominously, warning that "our Albanian brothers in Kosovo and other parts" are being threatened and "we cannot remain paralysed and unconcerned" by this situation.

Kosovo is a southern, semi-autonomous province of the Serbian republic, whose population is at least 70% Muslim of Albanian ethnic origin. Other Muslim communities in the predominantly Christian Yugoslavia are scattered in the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, in Serbia, and to a lesser extent in Macedonia. Of Yugoslavia's 25 million people, about 10% are Muslims of whom two thirds are of Albanian origin.

### Greece's reaction

Greece's reaction to Alia's assertion came quickly. A spokesman for the foreign ministry in Athens told reporters that Greece did not feel in any way threatened by developments in Yugoslavia and the movement of Yugoslavian troops. He said Greece

was in accord with the viewpoints of the EC and supported Yugoslav unity.

Political analysts believe that Greece's statement was partly intended to discourage secessionist currents in the republic of Macedonia which are advocating a Greater United Macedonia that would incorporate the Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, the two Greek provinces of Western and Eastern Macedonia, and Bulgarian Macedonia.

According to our sources in Athens, Greece would consider as "intolerable" any Albanian effort to appropriate Kosovo, and in retaliation to any such move it could revive its long-standing claim to Northern Epirus - a southern section of Albania inhabited by Greek-speaking Orthodox Christians.

Greece is also opposed to any Greater United Macedonia trend that might follow a rupture of ties between Belgrade and Skopje - the capital of the Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

### Bulgaria and the Macedonians

And whether Bulgaria could remain neutral in the event of a secessionist uprising in the Republic of Macedonia is doubtful in view of the close connections between the Yugoslav and Bulgarian Macedonians.

Our sources in Athens advise that any Bulgarian intervention in an uprising in Yugoslav Macedonia would be considered "a hostile act" by the Greek government.

## MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BEATEN BY CROATIAN POLICE

On the Slavonski Brod - Belgrade highway, at 1 p.m. on the day before yesterday, the Croatian police units stopped the official car of the Yugoslav Government where Dr. Stevo Mirjanić, the Yugoslav Minister of Agriculture was riding. In the official protest of the Yugoslav Government submitted to the Government of Croatia it reads: "The members of the MUP (Ministry of Interior) units have in an extremely impolite and abhorrent manner searched the vehicle, having dragged from it the Member of the Federal Government, having pointed a gun to his head and an automatic weapon although he had shown them his official identity card of the Yugoslav Government. One of the policeman had hit several times with his shoe Minister Mirjanić in the ribs and on the head". According to Mirjanić himself, beating was accompanied with the words: "Just to show you how Ustashes can beat". The Member of the Yugoslav Government ended his statement to the Tanjug Agency with the words "So this is what the young Croatian democracy is like". ("Politika", July 23)

There are People who know the Truth

The Toronto Sun, Thursday July 11, 1988 11

**PETER  
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## Yugoslav politics tough to crack

**I** wonder if there's anyone who understands what's happening in Yugoslavia? I mean, it was Churchill who did a great disservice to the world and common sense when he labelled Russia "a riddle wrapped in mystery inside an enigma" at the beginning of WWII when Hitler and Stalin were allies.

The effect of Churchill's quip was to discourage a generation of otherwise reasonable people from even attempting to understand the Soviet Union. It was felt that if the great Churchill couldn't understand the system, what chance had they? Why bother trying.

In fact, Churchill understood the USSR pretty well. It is — or was, until Gorbachev — a system based on, motivated by, dedicated to ... power. Understand power, and you understand the USSR. But Russia is an open book compared to Yugoslavia.

Churchill thought he understood Yugoslavia. In WWII, under Churchill, Britain enacted one of the great betrayals of the war, when it abandoned its guerrilla ally, Draja Mihailovich's Chetniks in favor of Tito's Partisans — the former predominantly Serbian monarchists, the latter Croatian Communists. Churchill was persuaded Mihailovich was in cahoots with Hitler, and that Tito was a more reliable anti-Nazi.

In fact, Churchill was hoodwinked by Communist and Soviet agents inside the British system, especially in Cairo, where the progress of the war in Yugoslavia was distorted to portray Tito as the only anti-Nazi. Names like Klugman, Cairncross, Maclean, Burgess, Philby, were busy boosting Tito. Support for Mihailovich was diverted; British liaison officers with Chetniks were ignored. Tito was planning beyond the war with Hitler.

Destroying ideological foes was as important to Tito as fighting the enemy. Croatians also became victims of Communism. Historians now recognize (though they don't advertise or stress it) that Churchill and Roosevelt were conned by a Stalin-sponsored espionage and disinformation coup in wartime Yugoslavia. After the war, of course, Tito stared down his old mentor, Stalin, and established independence from Moscow. His courage and nerve won the admiration of the West (deservedly), and he was ludicrously assumed by many to be a closet democrat.

The 1914-18 war started in what became Yugoslavia; Hitler's legions were so tied up fighting there in 1941, that the invasion of Russia was probably defeated in the mountains of Yugoslavia. With a few more divisions, Hitler would probably have taken Moscow. Stalingrad might have fallen. In that sense, the courage and fury of Yugoslavians directly influenced WWII.

I don't pretend to understand Balkan politics, and suspect anyone who claims to. But over the years I've had a fair amount to do with Yugoslavians — to use what is rapidly becoming an obsolete term.

MORE ON NEXT PAGE

In 1965 when based in Moscow for the old *Telegram*, I spent holidays in Yugoslavia. In Belgrade I went to a store to buy a rug for my Moscow apartment. When I gave the address, the woman owner said: "You must be a journalist." "How did you know?" I asked, impressed at her acumen. "Well, you don't look stupid; the only Westerners who'd live in Moscow by choice who aren't stupid are journalists and diplomats."

While her assessment can be disputed, her outspoken heresy was both refreshing and irresistible. When I used to do a lot of travelling to chaotic places, starting in the late '50s, I found that the best embassy sources for sensible, non-partisan assessments of local events, was the Yugoslavian. Yugoslavian diplomats were the most candid and realistic.

At the time I had no idea of the ethnic nationality of those Yugoslavian diplomats and soldiers who would talk so frankly and fearlessly to a journalist they didn't know. Serbian, Croatian, Slovenian, Montenegrin, Albanian, Macedonian - whatever their ethnic origins, I always found Yugoslavians tough physically and mentally, generous, intelligent, brave. Maybe hot-headed, stubborn, quick-tempered - but the sort of people you want on your side, who don't buckle or bend easily.

That could be the problem - too many strong minorities for Yugoslavia to survive as a whole. No group wants to be subservient to another. Standing for principle is more important than surviving. People of honor, albeit perhaps foolish honor.

Is there a lesson for Canada? Slovenia and Croatia are tired of what they see as being exploited and milked by larger Serbia. Whether true or not, the attitude is real.

In Canada, the West is fed up with being exploited and ignored by the East. Quebecers are tired of what they see as being abused by anglos, while anglos are increasingly resentful of favoritism and pandering to Quebec. Without the volatile traditions of the Balkans, Canada seems heading towards a Balkan-like situation.

I hope Yugoslavia survives - as I hope Canada does. But if differences are irreconcilable, perhaps divorce is best. In Africa, Eritrea seems to be parting amiably from Ethiopia, and if that's possible, there should be no reason why something cooperative can't be worked out between the republics of Yugoslavia. But it needs goodwill. Maybe a confederation of equals. Outsiders won't help by interfering.

The European community should stay out of the minefield of the Balkans. To paraphrase an aphorism: You can't defeat Yugoslavians - you can only kill them. And that goes for all ethnic groups that compromise the region.

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## NEWS FROM SERBIA

### CLASHES IN CROATIA

In BANIIJA and KORDUN, shooting was heard throughout the night in the Madzari and Komarevo villages, although it is considered to have been quieter than most nights have been recently. The Serbian village Palaca, near Osijek, was attacked and the clashes stopped only after the Army units appeared on the spot. An explosive device was again thrown last night on an Army barrack in Osijek. In Kninska Krajina new Croatian armed formations appeared, dressed in black shirts, an association to the "Black Shirts" of the WW II. The Croatian police last night attacked again the bridge linking Bachka Palanka and Ilok, and the Army units guarding it. ("Politika", July 24, 1991).

### THE ARMS SUPPLIES ALSO FROM LEBANON

In the port of Bar there are 16 ships loaded with armaments. The shipment comes from Lebanon and the documents for this dangerous freight of 35,000 tons originated from Cyprus. The documents read that the merchandise is of a transit character and the final port of call is not designated. There are indications that the ships were to dock in one of the northern Adriatic Croatian or Slovenian ports. In any case, it is a question here of yet another illegal supply and import of arms into Yugoslavia. ("Politika", July 24).

### MESIC BLAMES SERBS

Stjepan Mesic, President of the Presidency of the SFR of Yugoslavia, at the Tuesday's press conference held in Ohrid, instead of explaining and clarifying the meeting of the extended session of the state leadership and its results, presented himself in quite a different light and spilled enormous hatred against Serbs and Serbia. Nevertheless it was surprising to hear his statement that Serbia is to be blamed for everything that is happening in Yugoslavia today. When asked by the journalists whether he is speaking as a representative of Croatia or as the President of Yugoslavia, he gave a Solomonian answer saying that he is stating his own opinion, forgetting that the press conference was organized within the official function that he now holds. ("Politika Ekspres", July 24)

### SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC IS FOR PEACE

"We have come here in order to make one, no matter how modest step towards peace which is of utmost and primary interest of all our citizens. Unfortunately, even in our joint statement it was not possible to achieve unity", said Slobodan Milosevic, President of the Republic of Serbia after closing of the session of the State Presidency in Ohrid. "Therefore, I think that all those who are not caring for human life must be held responsible and must answer first of all to their own people. In spite of everything, we shall do our utmost to preserve peace in this country and to protect interests of the people". ("Politika", July 24).

### SLOVENIANS SEEKING SEVERANCE PAY

The Slovenian appetites are growing in respect of the Yugoslav People's Army property and assets. According to the calculations of the Slovenian Government, between 24 and 31 per cent of all the YPA assets belong to them. They claim

it based on the value of the Slovenian allocations paid into the military budget from the year 1945, until now. Slovenian authorities are obviously forgetting the fact that they should also calculate the value created in Slovenia by the Army; the building of the road in the Republic of Slovenia, water supply systems and bridges, and for helping Slovenian population and their settlements during every natural catastrophe. ("Politika", July 24).

#### REFUGEES FROM "DEMOCRATIC" CROATIA GROWING

On the territory of Serbia according to the latest Red Cross statistics, 23,470 refugees from Croatia have registered, those who abandoned their homes under the terror of the Croatian government. There is also a large number of refugees who have found shelter with friends and relatives and have not been registered. Although most of the refugees are Serbs from the areas where the fighting is occurring, there are also Serb refugees from Zagreb and other Croatian towns where the fighting has not started, yet. ("Politika", July 24).

#### OPPOSITION BOYCOTTING PARLIAMENT

Dissatisfied with the present situation in the Serbian government, and the overall treatment of the opposition in the Serbian Parliament, as well as the attitude of the party in power towards the Opposition's initiatives and proposals, the deputies of the opposition parties as of yesterday are not taking part in the regular work of the National Assembly.

#### PRINCESS LINDA ON IMPORTANCE OF TRUTH

Princess Linda, the spouse of Prince Tomislav Karadjordjevic, visited Borovo Selo on Tuesday and the Serbian refugees from Croatia. Princess Linda, who brought books, clothing and toys to children, was interested to know what are the problems facing now the Red Cross and the center in which children from Borovo Selo are accommodated. "It is of utmost importance that the world should learn the truth about the sufferings that the Serbs are now passing through in Croatia", said one official and added: "The truth is now more important than bread". ("Politika Ekspres", July 23).

#### FRENCH SEE THE TRUTH

The French press is now changing its views regarding Zagreb and Belgrade. There is no more division into "democratic angels" and "Bolshevik's devils" in the East of the country. French journalists are increasingly suspicious of the quasi-argumentation offered by Zagreb and they are becoming more cautious and critical of their news evaluations. This can be seen in the writings of "Figaro", "Liberation" and the Paris daily "International Herald Tribune", published in English. ("Politika July 24).



## NOTHING STAYS IN SLOVENIA

The Command of the Fifth Military District had talks with the Slovenian authorities in the presence of the European Monitoring Mission. According to the report of the YPA representatives, Slovenia is requesting that the air defense units should remain in this Republic ("because the sky is unique for the entire country"), but the YPA Commission is of opinion that all the Army forces should withdraw from Slovenia. ("Večernje novosti", July 25)

## MESIĆ RECEIVES REPRESENTATIVES OF "THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO"

At a regular press conference held in the Croatian Parliament this was stated by Iljaz Ramajli, introduced as the "vice-president of the presidency of the Republic of Kosovo". One fact is clear that by this gesture the President of Presidency of Yugoslavia has recognized the "Republic of Kosovo", which does not exist, and that he is receiving his guests in his official function of the President of Yugoslavia in Zagreb, and not in Belgrade, the official capital of Yugoslavia, where the offices and the working post of the state's president should be. ("Politika", July 25)

## MILOŠEVIĆ RECEIVES NASTASE

The President of the Republic of Serbia and the Rumanian Minister of Foreign Affairs had a talk on intensifying contacts between the state authorities of Serbia and Romania. ("Politika", July 25)

## TOWARDS A TOTAL WAR

In Vukovar there is an accelerated seeking and expulsion of Serbs and throughout Slavonia Tudjman's guards are plundering and burning Serbian homes, shops and homesteads. Ustashe formations are speedily gathering together for a new attack on Borovo Selo village. MUP (Ministry of Interior) troops from Kozibrod, according to yet unconfirmed information, have killed three Serbian refugees from the Banija's village of Kuljani. Serbian guards near Bukovica have hit a vehicle of Croatian police full of explosives. The attackers on Serbian villages near Udbina were defeated. ("Večernje novosti", July 25)

## FIGHTER AIRCRAFTS ALSO SEIZED

Yesterday's discovery of "Politika" daily on the mysterious freight of armament in the port of Bar is now extended to new and sensational particulars. According to the latest information, the armament in question is sufficient to equip an army of one hundred thousand soldiers, and on board sixteen ships that the Yugoslav Customs Authorities are now holding in the port of Bar, there are pistols, automatic guns, machine guns, cannons, an enormous amount of ammunition and hand grenades, and even tanks, helicopters, aircrafts, speed boats, clothing and footwear for an estimated number of 100,000 soldiers. ("Politika", July 25)

## ANOTHER THREE THOUSAND REFUGEES FROM CROATIA

On the day before yesterday another three thousand refugees from Croatia were registered, states the Red Cross of Serbia. This has brought up the total number of registered refugees in the Republic of Serbia up to 26,400. But it is well known that this number is much higher because the refugees taking shelter with friends and relatives are not registered. ("Politika", July 25)



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### Croatian forces in major military setback

SISAK, Yugoslavia — Croatia's security forces, leading a convoy of 1,000 fearful villagers to safety, abandoned a strategically vital stronghold to Serbian militants yesterday in a major military setback.

Kostajnica, about 70 miles southeast of the capital Zagreb, was the last Croatian stronghold in the strategic Banija region. The retreat should allow ethnic Serbs and army troops to move freely between southern Croatia and neighboring Serbia, the news agency Tanjug said.

**The Plain Dealer**, August 1, 1991, Thursday, page 3-A.

NEWS LIKE THIS IS NOT TO BE BELIEVED. THIS IS ALL PART OF CROATIAN PROPAGANDA TO GAIN SYMPATHY FROM THE WORLD AT LARGE. THEIR OFFENSIVE IS YET TO COME!

## THE NEXT MOVE IS CROATIA'S

The Yugoslav Presidency has confirmed the proposed decision to call for a cease-fire in Croatia. During the next three days it is the Croatian authorities who have to declare their attitude to this proposal. The final decision on modalities for the cease-fire is to be adopted at the meeting scheduled for Friday, August 2, 1991. ("Njubi", August 1)

## GOVERNMENT THAT ENJOYS CONFIDENCE

At yesterday's session of the Serbian Assembly the Serbian Government was reconstructed. The following were elected: Budimir Košutić as Vice-President for International Cooperation and the Legal System; lieutenant general Tomislav Simović as Defense Minister; Vladislav Jovanović as Minister for Foreign Affairs; Ratomir Vico as Minister of Information; Branka Ješić as Minister of Labor, Veterans and Social Welfare; Danilo Marković as Minister of Education; Dr. Pavle Todorović as Minister of Environmental Protection and Dragan Kićanović as Minister for Youth and Sports.

In presenting this proposal Serbian Premier Zelenović stressed that in the reconstructed cabinet of 25 members, 21 are members of the Socialist Party of Serbia and 4 are independent members. He also pointed out that some representatives of the parliamentary opposition were offered to take part in the Government but that no definitive agreement was reached. ("Politika", August 1)

## CROATIAN BATTLE GROUND SITUATION

Kostajnica is free. Before the attack launched by the Suvanah Banija shock division, 800 Croatian so-called guardists and MUP (Ministry of Interior) troops withdraw from Kostajnica. The whole area of Dvor on the river Una is free. Before withdrawing from Kostajnica the guardists and the Croatian police plundered everything they could lay their hands on. This included supermarkets, shops, kiosks, the knitted-wear factory and private homes. Clashes in the Bankovec area continue. The Yugoslav Army has set up a buffer zone in the environs of Skradin and Šibenik. Croatian guardists deserting in increasing numbers. Krajina is making ready for defense. Milan Babić, Premier of the Krajina

Government of the Serbian Autonomous Region has stated: "We are not going to attack Croatia nor the Croat people, we are defending Yugoslavia". ("Politika", August 1)

## IZETBEGOVIĆ REJECTS SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH SERBS

In connection with the talks between Keradžić and Zulfikarpašić, that is, between the Serbian and Muslim parties in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the leader of the other Muslim party, the Democratic Action Party and President of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Alija Izetbegović today made a statement. In his statement he stressed that he wanted "concord and peace with the Serbs in Bosnia and in Yugoslavia but not an agreement between two nations behind the back of the third. There can be no peaceful and stable Bosnia and Herzegovina without full agreement among the three nations nor can there be a Yugoslavia, we feel, without Serbia and Croatia". ("Politika", August 1)

## SETTLING ACCOUNTS WITH SERBS

"The Croat leadership is intensively arming and preparing for a final settling of accounts with the Yugoslav People's Army and with the Serbs in Croatia", was said last in a talk between Milan Drecun, commentator of the Army paper "Narodna Armija" and the interviewer of TV Belgrade. It was also stated that in the next few days a shipment of antitank missile systems and anti-aircraft missiles would reach Croatia. Drecun underlined that there is a foreign connection that is paying for these armaments for the "young Croat democracy". ("Politika ekspres", August 1)

### ALBANIANS' PLANE THWARTED

The channel through which Albanians joined the Croat police service was intercepted in Kruševac. A mass travel of the Albanians began after the defeats of the Ustashi formations in Krajina, Slavonija, Srema and Baranja. The Kruševac militia, in a routine 24 hour check intercepted 20 busses with about 1000 Kosovo Albanians who were headed for Croatia to join the Croat forces. ("Politika ekspres", August 1)

### LEGIONARIES TRAPPED INTO RECRUITMENT

This is how the Muslim Party for Democratic Action in Mostar recruited 150 youths for the MUP (Ministry of Interior) forces. Members of the Party for Democratic Action promised a group of 150 unemployed youths jobs in the police force in Sarajevo. However, they were actually being recruited for the MUP ranks in Croatia and instead of going to Sarajevo they were informed they would be going to Zagreb at the call of the Croat MUP. This call was answered by 50 of the 150 youths, the remainder having realized that this was a trick and they refused to go to Zagreb because of the false promise. ("Večernje novosti", August 1)

### THE ARMY AS A SCAPEGOAT

Colonel Jovan Miškov, Commander of the Ljubljana Corps, said to the "Večernje novosti" reporter that in connection with the consequences of the Yugoslav Army withdrawal from Slovenia, more than two-thirds of the officers married to Slovenian women had to leave behind them their wives and children. "Who asked us when the decision was made to engage the Yugoslav Army in Slovenia, and now we have to leave in this undignified manner. We have been betrayed by the Yugoslav leadership who are making a scapegoat of us and blaming us for all the difficulties, Miškov stressed". ("Večernje novosti", August 1)

### RIVERS OF REFUGEES

According to yesterday's figures put out by the Serbian Red Cross, 30,422 refugees from Croatia were registered. Of this number 18,397 in Vojvodina, 11,966 in Serbia without provinces and 64 in Kosovo and Metohija. With respect to the previous day the number of refugees increased by 734 persons. ("Večernje novosti", August 1)

### HELP FOR SERBS FROM CROATIA

More than 11 million dinars have been collected as assistance for refugee Serbs from Croatia and for those who have remain there to defend their homes. Throughout Serbia enterprises and Red Cross chapters have sent more than 200 tones of food, medications, footwear and clothing to these Serbs. Increasing amounts of help are also arriving from Serbs and their organizations abroad. The feelings of solidarity are obviously being tested to the full in this post-war period.



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IN THE NEW YORK TIMES, SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 1991, PAGE E 3, CELESTINE BOHLEN IN HER ARTICLE SHOWS THAT ONE CAN BE A JOURNALIST, WRITE ABOUT A SUBJECT MATTER AND STILL HAVE NO BASIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT IT. IN THE TWO SENTENCES OF HER ARTICLE, SHE EXHIBITED CLEAR INTENT TO DENIGRATE SERBIAN PEOPLE.

The Serbian press in the last year has been notorious for embellishing, even fabricating, stories that reinforce the image of the enemy — whether it be Croatian nationalists, Albanian separatists or that classic nightmare of Serbian paranoia, an eclectic coalition lumping together the Vatican, Moscow, the remnants of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and, recently, Senator Robert Dole of Kansas, who has been marked for his vocal criticism of Serbian policies.

Meanwhile, the Serbian newspaper Politika raised yet another specter, of occupation by foreign powers. Thus, the editorial concluded, "it could come again to a situation where we are given orders in the German language."

CALL HER AND TELL HER WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT HER INFORMATION SOURCES. TELL HER IN YOUR PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS THAT SERBS DO NOT FABRICATE AND THAT SERBS ARE NOT PARANOID. TELL HER ABOUT THE VATICAN'S UNQUENCHING THIRST TO CONVERT EASTERN ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS TO CATHOLICISM. TELL HER HOW SERBIAN CHURCHES HAVE BEEN PLUNDERED AND DESTROYED, SERBIAN PRIESTS KILLED AND TORTURED, AND DON'T FORGET TO TELL HER HOW SOME EAGER CATHOLIC CLERGY PARTICIPATED IN THE GENOCIDE OF THE SERBS IN WW II.

CELESTINE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT SERBS HAVE NO PARANOIA TOWARD MOSCOW, BUT WE KNOW WHAT SHE MEANT TO SAY, BUT DID NOT KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT TO FEEL COMFORTABLE. SHE MEANT THE COMINTERN, OF COURSE! SHE OUGHT TO KNOW THAT THE COMINTERN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE SERBS BECAUSE OF THEIR DETERMINED REJECTION OF COMMUNISM. COMINTERN PROPONENTS, CROATIANS AND SLOVENIANS, ARDENTLY WORKED TO DENIGRATE SERBS AND SERBIA, AND DESTROY THE SERBIAN UNITY. THAT IS WHY IT IS SO IRONIC WHEN DISINFORMED MEDIA CALLS SERBIA MARXIST AND BOLSHEVIK.

CELESTINE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT THERE ARE NO REMNANTS OF THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE, - THERE IS AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN EMPIRE POKING OUT ITS UGLY HEAD. OBVIOUSLY, CELESTINE IS SUGGESTING THAT WE BURY OUR HEADS TO THE FERVENT SUPPORT AND THE NOTORIOUS MILITARY SUPPORT BEING HANDED TO THE CROATIAN AND SLOVENIAN SECESSIONISTS FROM, BOTH, AUSTRIA AND HUNGARY. FURTHERMORE, LET'S TALK TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE ABOUT THE UNIFIED GERMANY'S FLAMBOYANCY, AND THE SAME DESIRE TO DOMINATE THE BALKANS HITLER HAD IN WW II. MAY BE THEN CELESTINE WILL REALIZE THAT THE XENOPHOBIA SHE IS REFERRING TO IS THE REALITY THE WHOLE WORLD SHOULD BE AWARE OF.

AND FINALLY, CELESTINE'S BUBBLE SHOULD BE PUNCTURED SO THAT SHE CAN SEE WITH HER OWN EYES HER BACKYARD AND THAT SENATOR DOLE, INDEED, IS A FANATIC SERB HATER. HIS IMMENSE LOVE FOR EVERYONE THAT CHALLENGES SERBS AND SERBIA CAN BE EASILY EVIDENCED BY MULTI-

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## NEWS FROM SERBIA

### NEVER WAS THERE SUCH A SORROWFUL FUNERAL SERVICE

After half a century, the remains of some 3,000 Serbs, victims of the Ustashi genocide from the World War Two were laid to rest yesterday in the crypt of the church under construction in Prebilovci. The pits into which Ustashi were throwing brutally murdered Serbs have been opened last and this year in Herzegovina (in the rep. of Bosnia and Herzegovina) after half a century of Socialist Yugoslavia. This gathering was also attended by the Serbian Patriarch Pavle. ("Politika Ekspres", August 5)

### PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC RECEIVES EUROPEAN 'TROIKA'

Slobodan Milosevic, President of the Republic of Serbia, received on August 3rd the Ministerial 'troika' of the EEC countries-the foreign ministers of Netherlands, Luxembourg and Portugal. During the talks it was stressed that the good services of the EEC, based on respect for equality of states, political independence and non-interference in their interior affairs, are welcome and that they contribute towards creating conditions that would lead to overcoming of the present state of armed conflicts in Croatia, and would further pave the road to establishment of stable peace.

In this respect the President of Serbia stated that the EEC representatives are welcome to Yugoslavia in all capacities-as politicians, as diplomats, businessmen or tourists-except as members of the foreign military forces. The military presence of foreigners in Yugoslavia would not be in harmony with the political independence of Yugoslavia and would go beyond the scope of good services of the EEC, assuming that Yugoslavia must first agree.

### ON THE VERGE OF TRAGEDY

The EEC Ministerial 'troika' mission in Yugoslavia has failed. Yugoslavia is threatened by 'tragedy' and catastrophe, declared the Netherlands Minister Van der Broek, reporting that all the attempts to reach an agreement on the cease-fire and start the dialogue on the future of the country have failed. The proposals of the European Community were not accepted "by one of the key political parties, while the others have given their agreement". The 'troika' meeting with the Presidency of Yugoslavia was preceded by a series of individual meetings with republican leaders and with the federal Prime Minister, with the Minister of Defense and of Foreign Affairs. ("Vecernje novosti", August 5)

### MESIC DECEIVES THE MISSION

Branko Kostic, Vice-President of the Presidency of Yugoslavia and Borislav Jovic, Member of the Presidency of Yugoslavia from Serbia, gave separate statements to the press explaining the reasons for which the EEC Ministerial Mission in Yugoslavia failed. President of the state Presidency spared no effort to lead the Ministerial 'troika' into believing that the Presidency's session is boycotted by some members of the Presidency, although it was previously agreed who will attend the session, Kostic stated. In the eyes of the world and of the Yugoslav republic some shameful games are being played with the aim to conceal the true state of facts in Croatia, to hide and protect the real culprits for the persecution of the Serbian people and for the civil war which this persecution has caused, declared Jovic. ("Vecernje Novosti", August 5)

### SERBIA IS NOT THE AGGRESSOR

"The basic fact is that the Serbian people in Croatia is attacked and a distinction must be made between the aggressor and the attacked. On the basis of the decisions brought by the Croatian leadership, peaceful life of Serbs is endangered, their homes and their

property. This attack on Serbs in Croatia should be stopped as soon as possible. It is the basic prerequisite for the end of bloodshed, stated Aleksandar Bakocevic, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, in his interview to "Vecernje Novosti". Bakocevic continued by saying: "Serbia is not in favor of war and Serbia did not pass any unilateral acts of aggression against Yugoslavia. On the contrary, from the very beginning of the Yugoslav political catharsis it was striving for a peaceful and democratic solution of the constitutional and political crisis and for the respect of the well known democratic principle that every people has the right to self-determination. If one people in using same right must be respected of the other Yugoslav peoples wishing to live in Yugoslavia, no one can deny them this right". ("Vecernje Novosti", August 4)

#### ESCAPE FROM AN IMPASSE

Budimir Kosutic, the new Vice-President of the Serbian Government, commenting on its reconstruction stated that there are two main reasons for the government reshuffle: first of all the new times are demanding new people, and than the fact remains that the first government did not perform at its best because it did not have experience with a multi party system. In order to make itself politically efficient, the new Government must change its program. ("Vecernje Novosti", August 5)

#### THE TRUTH RE-EDITED IN ZAGREB

What is happening with the media image of Serbia in Europe and in the world? The Yugoslav center for the European Broadcasting Union exchange is located in Zagreb and that is where the decisions are made as to what and where of the broadcast materials of the other Yugoslav television centers will be sent into European program exchange. Therefore it is not surprising that the media image of Serbia but also of the Yugoslav People's Army and of Yugoslavia is such as it is. The proof that the presentation of one-sided programs has exceeded all limits and that the world is finally asking itself what is happening with the other side in conflict, is best shown by the recent strong protest of the European exchange coordinator from the very center of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) in Geneva. The protest was sent to Zagreb. Belgrade television was prevented from entering through regular channels into the Eurovision exchange and it was forced to use the maximum of intervision. And through intervision sometimes the Eurovision was using TV Belgrade material. TV Belgrade has lately increased its presence in Europe through the satellite program and quite recently is sending its program overseas. But even when Zagreb sends TV Belgrade material, it makes re-editing to suite its "daily political needs". ("Politika", August 5)

#### THEY WANT WAR WITH SERBIA

The session of the Croatian Parliament yesterday was held in an atmosphere of open accusations of Serbia and Dr. Franjo Greguric, the new Prime Minister of Croatia even went so far as to state "We are at war and Serbia is the aggressor". He added: "The least we can do is to freeze all political and economic relations". Therefore it is understandable why the Croatian Parliament yesterday passed an urgent law giving the highest authorizations to the Republican Government-authorizations to decide on war and peace. ("Politika Ekspres", August 4)

#### USTASHI PLUNDER OF KOSTAJNICA

The night before last, according to the eye witnesses, many trucks loaded with plundered goods left Kostajnica. Tudjman's 'army' has now stopped sparing the Croat homes and is plundering and looting everywhere. Huge trucks and trailers loaded with all sorts of goods are leaving in the direction of Dubica and Jasenovo. ("Politika Ekspres", August 4)

#### SERBIAN REVIVAL MOVEMENT AND DEMOCRATIC PARTY TOGETHER AT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

When answering the question on the relations between the Serbian Revival Movement (SPO)

and the Democratic Party (DS) in the panel discussion in Vranje (Serbia), Slobodan Rakitic, deputy of the National Assembly stressed that all the misunderstandings have been settled and according to the present situation, if the municipal elections are to take place, these two parties will nominate their joint candidates. ("Politika Ekspres", August 4)

#### FOR INSUBORDINATION-THEY BECOME LIVE TARGETS

The number of those who are escaping from the ranks of the Croatian guards and units is growing fast. Tudjman is being abandoned even by his one time most ardent supporters those who are demanding the promised salaries or who complain are placed in front lines in clashes with Serbs. ("Vecernje Novosti", August 5)

#### RAID ON THE ARMS DEPOT

Information service of the Fifth Military District Command reported that yesterday at 4:30 a.m. armed civilians raided a maintenance and technical institute of the Yugoslav People's Army in Bregana, situated at some 30 kilometers from Zagreb. The guards were attacked from the back and disarmed and during this raid "some 40 armed civilians were positioned around the depot". The raider have looted the depot of infantry armament, loaded some quantity of arms into a vehicle and left military premises. ("Borba", August 3-4)

#### SELECTED SCENES ON TV

"Glas Slavonija" newspaper claims that Osijek studio of the Croat Television has received orders from Zagreb putting a ban on broadcasting "scenes of tears, despair, refugees, wounded guardists and injured MUP (Ministry of Interior) forces". The paper explicitly states that the order dispatched to all the organizers, editors and journalists was signed by the head of the Information news program of the Croatian television (HTV) Tomislav Marcinko, with the explanation that Croatia is in the state of war. ("Politika", August 3)

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RE: CELESTINE BOHLEN'S ARTICLE

TUDE OF SPONSORED RESOLUTIONS AGAINST THE SERBIAN PEOPLE, PARTICIPATION IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER HEARINGS AGAINST THE SERBS, MAKING SPEECHES AT ALBANIAN RALLY'S, AND EVEN PAYING A PERSONAL VISIT TO KOSOVO TO MAKE OPEN PROMISES TO SHIPTARS. WOULD SOMEONE GUESS WHAT BINDS HIS TIES TO ALBANIANS AND TO CROATIANS?

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SAID:

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"SERBIA. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS OFT OPINION THAT THE CROATS AND SERBS HAD NOTHING IN COMMON AND THAT IT IS RIDICULOUS TO TRY TO FORCE TWO SUCH ANTAGONISTIC PEOPLES TO LIVE TOGETHER UNDER ONE GOVERNMENT. HE, THE PRESIDENT, THOUGHT THAT SERBIA, ITSELF, SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY ITSELF AND THE CROATS PUT UNDER A TRUSTESHIP. AT THIS POINT EDEN INDICATED HIS FIRST OBVIOUS OBJECTION TO THE TRUSTEE METHOD WHICH THE PRESIDENT IS GOING TO PROPOSE FOR MANY STATES. EDEN DID NOT PUSH IT BUT IT WAS CLEAR TO ME THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE MADE UP THEIR MINDS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO OPPOSE THIS. EDEN THOUGHT THE PRESIDENT'S OPINION ABOUT THE INABILITY OF THE CROATS AND THE SERBS TO LIVE TOGETHER A LITTLE PESSIMISTIC AND HE, EDEN, BELIEVED IT COULD BE DONE."

(Taken from Robert E. Sherwood's book, Roosevelt and Hopkins, New York: Harper & Brothers, 1948, page 711). This was said after anthony Eden's coming to Washington.

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**PRESIDENT BUSH AGAINST DESPOTISM**

AT HIS KIEV VISIT, PRESIDENT BUSH SAID: "AMERICANS WILL NOT SUPPORT THOSE WHO SEEK INDEPENDENCE IN ORDER TO REPLACE FAR-OFF TYRANNY WITH A LOCAL DESPOTISM. THEY WILL NOT AID THOSE WHO PROMOTE A SUICIDAL NATIONALISM BASED UPON ETHNIC HATRED." (The Plain Dealer, Sunday, August 4, 1991, page 18-A)

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**WWII death camp divides Serbs and Croats**

DOBRILA BOROVIĆ, CARETAKER OF THE JASENOVAC MUSEUM "... IS DISGUSTED FROM THE CROATIAN OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE TRIED TO PLAY DOWN WHAT HAPPENED AT JASENOVAC. THE OFFICIALS INCLUDING PRESIDENT FRANJO TUĐMAN, HAVE SAID ONLY 30,000 SERBS WERE SLAUGHTERED". "...MANY SERBS WHO SUFFERED PERSONALLY AT THE HANDS OF THE USTASHE ARE STILL ALIVE AND HAVE BEEN GENUINELY DISTURBED BY THE NATIONALIST RHETORIC OF CROATIA'S CURRENT GOVERNMENT". (San Francisco Examiner, Tuesday, August 6, 1991).



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# SERBIA

# TODAY

## SUMMIT MEETING OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO AND SERBIA

Slobodan Milošević, President of the Republic of Serbia, sent an initiative to the Presidents of Presidencies and Presidents of the National Assemblies of Bosnia and Herzegovina and of Montenegro for convening a joint meeting of the Presidents of the Republics and Assemblies of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia.

In his letter the President of the Republic of Serbia stated that in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia throughout the Yugoslav crises not one decision was passed or proclaimed on the secession and independence. This shows in the best way that the interest and determination of all the peoples and of the majority of population living in these republics, is to preserve Yugoslavia as a joint state of equal peoples and republics and create conditions for its successful development. "The agreement of the representatives of these three republics regarding the most important question in the solution of the Yugoslav crises could serve as good basis for a joint initiative of the Yugoslav authorities and the public, and of the bodies of other republics, for purpose of finding solutions that will affirm in an equitable way the interests of all the Yugoslav peoples", states the letter.

## SERBIA DID NOT ENDANGER PEACE

"The present situation, conflicts between nations and a war in Yugoslavia were caused by separatist and nationalistic policies of the Slovenian and Croatian leadership, under the coat of democracy, aided from the outside, and all this is already taking its revenge on Yugoslavia and on Europe. Therefore, all the attempts to put a blame on Serbia and its leadership for what is now happening are completely groundless. Anyhow, the world and Europe have seen who the aggressor is and who is defending his own homestead in Croatia, who is proclaimed a guest in his own house and who is forced to seek refuge", stated Borislav Jović, Member of the Yugoslav Presidency and President of the Socialist Party of Serbia, during his visit to Kula and Urbas.

Dr Jović also stated "that the present attitude of some European states towards the policy of the Republic of Serbia was caused by our reluctance to become subjected to some foreign regime, and by our firm determination to remain independent in the creation of our national policies. This should be openly and finally stated and in this spirit the latest moves of some foreign factors are to be accepted. However, no threats with economic sanctions in this respect will frighten us because for our people national pride and dignity are more important than anything else whatsoever", Dr Jović concluded. ("Politika", August 9)

## THE SERBIAN NATION DOES NOT ACCEPT TOTALITARIANISM

"Within the whole Yugoslav web the situation of the Serbian people in Croatia is one of the major issues. The exodus of the Serbs from Croatia raises the question of the responsibility of the Croat leadership for their madmen's policy towards the Serbs who live in that Republic. Their actions in destroying the villages, plundering the homes and expelling the Serbs are crimes against humanity under international and Yugoslav principles", was stressed yesterday by Aleksandar Bakočević, Speaker of the Serbian National Assembly at a press conference.

"Every well-meaning person clearly realizes that the Serbian people in Croatia have organized themselves in defense from attackers. Despite current propaganda, it is becoming more and more clear who are the aggressors and who the victims. Serbia is not the attacker; she has no territorial pretensions. In Croatia it is a question of defense on the part of the Serbian people from the application of the state terrorism. The column of refugees moves in one sense, from Croatia, and now numbers more than 50,000 men, women and children who have fled across to Serbia and to Bosnia and Herzegovina", Bakočević stressed. ("Politike", August 9)

## ANOTHER 5,211 PERSONS ESCAPE TO SERBIA

According to Serbian red Cross data by August 8th, 44,881 refugees have arrived in the Republic of Serbia. This figure is 5,211 persons more than registered the previous day.

## DJAKOVO MEETING OFFERS CHANCE OF PEACE

Dr Budimir Košutić, Vice-President of the Serbian Government, yesterday received Mr Jovan the Zagreb-Ljubljana Metropolitan and Member of the Holy Archbishop Synod of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Metropolitan Jovan informed the Vice-President of the forthcoming meeting of the Conference of European Churches to be held during August in Djakovo, as agreed upon in principle.

In addition to the above, also discussed were property rights issues and other demands made by the Serbian Orthodox Church as well as the status of the Church's cultural institutions such as its Museum and Patriarchate library. The question of religious tuition in schools was also discussed. ("Politike ekspres", August 9)

## REQUIEM AND SERMON AT OPLKNAC

On Friday, the 16th of this month a requiem will be held commemorating 70 years since the death of King Peter I Karadjordjević. The requiem which is to start at 11 a.m. will be officiated by Serbian Patriarch Pevle, as is expected. After the ceremony orations will be made by representatives of the Republic of Serbia and the dignitaries of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

## SHOOTING IS SILENCED

The truce in the autonomous regions of Slavonia, Baranja and Western Srem is mainly being respected. Last night there was sporadic firing opened by the Croat forces in the direction of Vršedin, Ada and some other localities. The defenders of these villages did not retaliate to these provocations because they want to respect the truce. ("Politike ekspres", August 9)

### A TIME OF FATEFUL AND CRUCIAL SOLUTIONS

"During the past one hundred and more years the whole of Serbian history was permeated by the option for a Yugoslavia and everything that was done was based on the assumption that a common existence would be established", said Academician Vasilije Krestić in an interview to the "Politika" newspaper. He added that "what has recently been happening in Slovenia and Croatia makes it clear that all Serbian efforts, all aspirations and hopes and all sacrifices were in vain and that the hopes for a common state have been dashed because they were mistaken".

Academician Krestić said that "it is a great historical responsibility of the Croat leadership for breaking up Yugoslavia a fact which has brought to the forefront the question of boundaries, and this issue could be a 'casus belli'. As to the drawing up of boundary lines themselves both the Croat and Serbian side should abide by the same principles. Together with the self-determination all the negative consequences of genocide which deeply harmed the Serbs, should be taken into account. If the consequences of genocide were to be overlooked, and if the starting point were to be taken in keeping with ethnic relations at present, the perpetrators of genocide would be rewarded and those who are anyway always prepared to commit genocide would have a further motivation to exploit genocide to the full". ("Politika", August 9)

### TRUCE VIOLATED BY MORTAR FIRE

Guns and mortars are still sowing death in the areas of Eastern Slavonia. That no respite or truce is respected was indicated last night in Eastern Slavonia and Baranja. Again several usual targets - Serbian villages - were attacked. A strong mortar fire was launched about 9 p.m. against the Serbian village of Bijelo Brdo in the northeastern part of the Osijek municipality. As before, the attack came from Sarvaž, held by Croat Ministry of Interior units and Croat National Guard, the attack was launched with full force. There were no casualties on the side of the Yugoslav Army units while, as usual, the Croat side asserted it had no losses. ("Politika", August 9)

### NO EXCHANGE CARRIED OUT

Yesterday at 4 p.m. a group of 8 captured MUP (Ministry of Interior) and Croat guardsmen were brought by minibus to Bijelo Brdo. They were to have been exchanged for 8 Serbs who have been kept in the Osijek investigation center for months. The Yugoslav Army tried to intervene for the exchange to take place but after a long wait no one appeared from Osijek. The captured men did not conceal their disappointment at a failure of this exchange mission. ("Večernje novosti", August 9)

### WASHINGTON POST TELLS PART OF STORY

"... powerful Serbs relentlessly apply the power of the central state against small would-be independent Croatia. Not only are they encouraging fellow Serbs (12%) in Croatia to claim autonomy or integration with Serbia, a result that can reduce Croatian territory by 40 percent, Serbs are also using the ostensibly neutral federal army, whose officer corps they dominate, to support Croatia's Serbian militants. Further, the Serbs are sloughing off international mediation in order to create "Greater Serbia" on the ground before any negotiation begins. Already hundreds (mostly Croats) are dead and tens of thousands uprooted as the army-supported militants roll over undermanned Croatian guard units." (The Washington Post, Tuesday, August 6, 1991, page A14).

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