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February 24, 1993

Dear Helen,

Enclosed is an article which appeared in our local newspaper.

The article doesn't name the 38 Holocaust sites from which soil was collected. If a soil sample from Jasenovac is not included, we must make every effort to see that it is.

Of the 150 people who attended the hourlong ceremony, were Serbs represented?

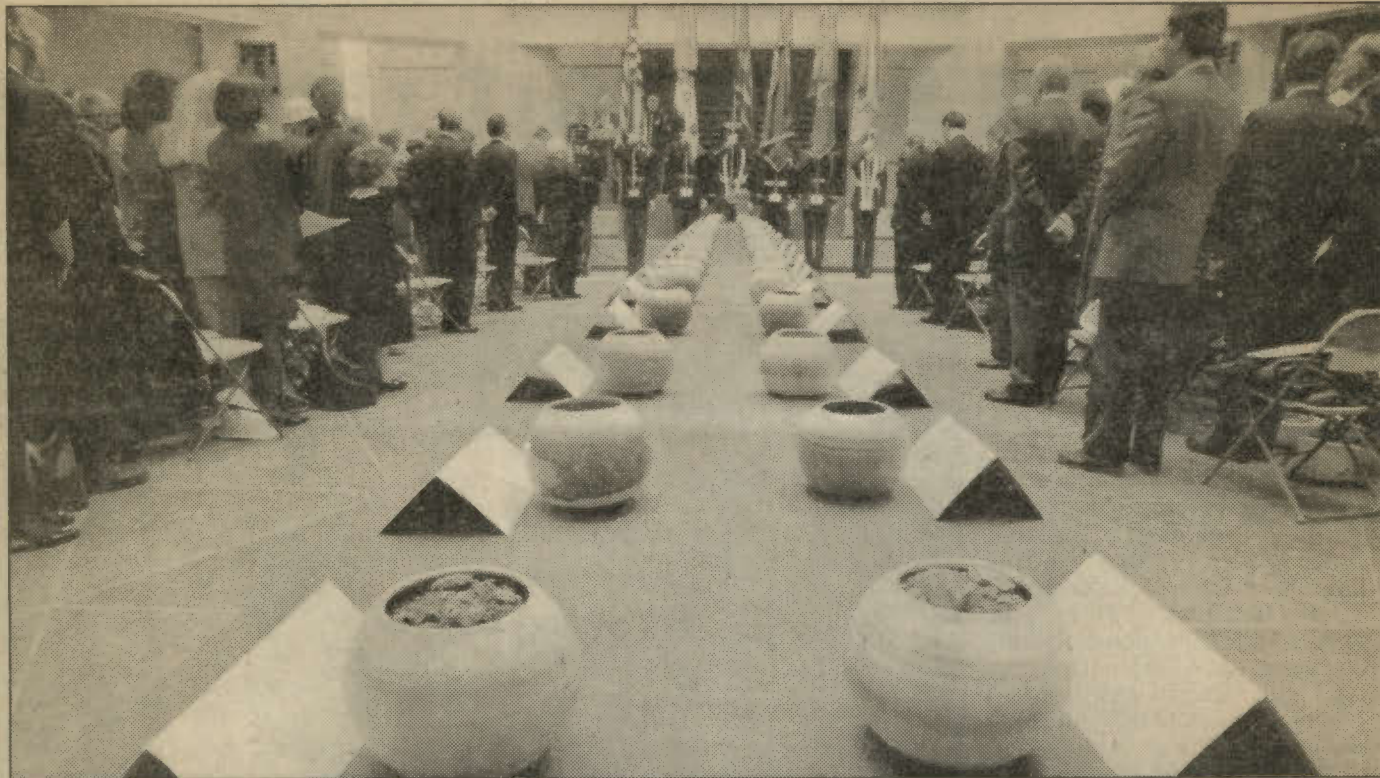
The museum is scheduled to formally open April 26. I strongly urge a Serb delegation to attend and make their presence known.

Yours in victory,
Juliana Treća

copy to:
Serb-met
Bob Stone
Alex Malick
Rev. Linnick

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WASHINGTON



Associated Press

NEW EXHIBIT: Soil samples from various Holocaust sites, including concentration and death camps, are presented to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington. The museum is scheduled to open in late April.

Soil takes root in Holocaust museum

■ As one official put it, 'each particle of soil was collected from a place of unspeakable human tragedy.'

COX NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — Soil collected from 38 Holocaust sites in Europe was dedicated Monday in a solemn ceremony at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

About 150 people attended the hourlong ceremony — the last pre-opening observance planned for the museum, which is scheduled to formally open April 26.

Many wiped away tears of pain and bitter memory, while others pressed closed eyelids to subdue the anguish of the Holocaust.

Eternal flame: Survivors, liberators and families of survivors sprinkled the soil in a cabinet be-

neath what will be an eternal flame. The flame will be housed in the Hall of Remembrance, a 60-foot-high hexagon-shaped part of the museum designated as the national memorial to the 12 million Holocaust victims.

Abe Resnick, vice mayor of Miami Beach, presented a small urn of soil he collected from Lithuania. Resnick, whose family was murdered at the Ninth Fort in Kovno, Lithuania, visited the site in May 1992.

"I think it symbolically brings to rest those who perished so terribly during the Nazi era," said Resnick, who was the only member in his family to survive the Holocaust. "It's truly something rewarding and something gratifying to be able to see."

'Sacred': Harvey Meyerhoff, chairman of the U.S. Holocaust Me-

morial Council, said the soil dedicated was "a sacred artifact — each particle of soil was collected from a place of unspeakable human tragedy." Two journeys to Europe were made in May and November to collect the soil.

"As we dug the spade into the ground in those terribly desolate locations, the cries of the innocent victims echoed in our ears," Meyerhoff said.

Soil from Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia also was interred to honor "the eternal resting places of the young men and women who fell in battle to restore dignity and freedom to the human race" during World War II, said Miles Lerman, chairman of the International Relations Committee of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

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April 1, 1993

The Honorable Helen Bentley
1610 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Bentley:

On March 31, 1993, the Baltimore Jewish Council approved the attached statement on the war in the Balkans; we hope you will find it useful. If you have any questions about this document, please call Adam Kessler at (410) 235-9006.

Sincerely,



Sanford V. Teplitzky
President

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Attachment

March 31, 1993

STATEMENT BY THE BALTIMORE JEWISH COUNCIL
CONCERNING THE WAR IN THE BALKANS

THE BALTIMORE JEWISH COUNCIL, REPRESENTING 49 JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE BALTIMORE AREA, REMAINS DISTRESSED OVER THE CONTINUING AGONY OF THE BOSNIAN PEOPLE. FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS WE HAVE WATCHED AS THE VIOLENCE MOUNTED, CAPPED BY SHOCKING REPORTS OF BRUTAL ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY SERBIAN FORCES ON THE MUSLIM POPULATION, PARTICULARLY THE USE OF MASS RAPE AND SO-CALLED "ETHNIC CLEANSING." IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS THE COUNCIL HAS ISSUED MANY STATEMENTS CONDEMNING THESE ACTIONS WHILE URGING THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN ENDING THE VIOLENCE.

WE ARE TROUBLED THAT THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HAS NOT MOVED QUICKLY ENOUGH TO IMPLEMENT ITS COMMITMENT TO STOP THE BLOODSHED, AND GROSS HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, THROUGH A FORCEFUL JOINT INTERNATIONAL EFFORT. AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE SHOULD REQUIRE THAT THE UNITED STATES ASSUME A HIGHER PROFILE IN BRINGING PEACE TO THE REGION.

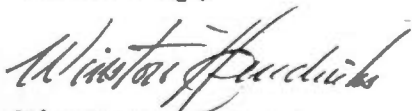
JEWISH TRADITION AND HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE HAVE LONG GUIDED THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY IN ACTING UPON ITS CONCERNS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS. THE DEVASTATION OF THE HOLOCAUST COMPELS US AS JEWS TO CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THIS HORROR.

Dear Rep. Bentley:

Please read the enclosed material carefully.

Our country is currently in the spotlight, involving the former Yugoslavia. The documentation enclosed reveals the atrocious crimes of World War II, when the Vatican worked WITH Nazi Germany AGAINST the United States--a fact that our Government officials seem not to remember. In face of the Vatican's history of fomenting wars, throughout history--let no one nurse any illusion as to the deadly consequences another conflict would have.

Sincerely,



Winston Hendricks

P.S. I vehemently oppose public dollars into private institutions. "Keep the Church and State separate."- President Ulysses S. Grant.

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Dear Sir:

Re - Yugoslavia - Croatia

Few there are who do not know about the genocide committed by the Nazis, with Eichmann in the front line exterminating 6,000,000 Jews.

Few there WHO DO KNOW about the genocide in Croatia during World War II. Both campaigns were directed by Roman Catholics, with the knowledge of the Vatican from whose hierarchy--including the pope--there was no protest.

How the the Roman Catholics in Yugoslavia disarmed their troops from the rear as the Germans invaded at the front is something that was not mentioned in our daily papers. An American newsman witnessed motion pictures of the Trial of Archbishop Stepinac. He reports as follows:

"Archbishop Stepinac stood up. Under oath he testified that he had never collaborated with the Nazis and never aided the Ustashi (Catholic Action terrorists) or the notorious traitor leader, Ante Pavelich...

"Finally, a third captured Nazi newsreel devoted entirely to the treason of Archbishop Stepinac. There he was exchanging greetings with the Nazi generals, planning with them, dressed in his Sunday clothes to sprinkle holy water on the Nazi troops and the forces of Ante Pavelich, collaborating with Pavelich himself, and finally appearing in the field to give his blessing to the invaders of his country." George Seldes, THE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW, Page 14.

Pages and pages could be written about the horrors committed by the Ustashi, headed by Ante Pavelic and Andrija Artukovic, with the blessing of Archbishop (later Cardinal) Stepinac. One more item, however is important in what it conveys.

"All officials participating in the trial (of Archbi. shop Stepinac) were Croatians and Roman Catholics. Following the conviction, the Vatican excommunicated all persons who had taken part in or were considered responsible for the prosecutioⁿ of the archbishop, on the grounds that no member of the Catholic clergy could be prosecuted without consent of the Vatican." THE CASE OF ARCHBISHOP STEPINAC Embassy of the Federal Peoples Republic of Yugoslavia, Washington, D.C.

The ruthless desire of the Italian clerics inside the Vatican for worldly and political power (so entirely foreign to the teaching of Jesus of Nazareth), can never be stressed too strongly. If anyone imagines that this sort of bestiality in Yugoslavia was an isolated event, never to be repeated, he or she is in grave error. These latest atrocities are no flashes in the Vatican pan. They are just examples of what the Vatican would gladly perpetrate in any country if it possessed the power to do so; America not excepted.

Sincerely,

"The love of truth is our only salvation"

Jean Guehenno

of the French Academy

Winston Hendricks

Enclosure: Photo copy Encyclopedia AMERICANA
Captured photographs
Censorship and the Church of Rome
6,000 'HIDDEN' NUNS

"Wherefore putting away lying,
speak every man truth...
(Eph. IV, 25.)

1000 YEARS OF VATICAN POLICY AGAINST THE YUGOSLAV PEOPLES

As far as Pope John the VIII (875) was concerned, all those Croats who would not submit to him were "seafaring bandits"—*marini latrunculi*. Pope John X (925) called them "wild and lazy heretics"—viles at ignavi heretici—and characterized their language as a barbarian tongue—*barbara seu sclavinica lingua*. Lucius III did not spare the Slavs when he said that our people were "calumniators of the Holy Roman Church, the plague of Church order, thieves of the land and income of the clergymen, attackers..." *sanctae Romanae Ecclesiae oblaternates, ecclesiastici officii verberatores, terrarum redituumque ecclesiasticorum raptores, invasores...* Honore III was not softer in tone (1221) when he called the Slavs "foxes, rebels, heretics like witches with bared breasts, perfidious, destroyers"—*vulpes, rebelles, heretici velut lamiae cum nudatis mamis, perfidi, subversores*. Gregory IX was horrified by the "perfidy of the Slav heretics"—*perfidia hereticorum Slavonie*—(1234) and two years later called the Bosnian "the perfidious Bosnian nation"—*natio perfida Bosnensium*. For Bonifacio VIII (1298) our people were an "evil offspring"—*perversa genimina*—and for John XXII (1319) Bosnia was "a land of heretics and polluted spots of infidelity"—*terra Bosnensis patria hereticorum ac infidelitatis labe polluta*—while to Clement VI (1351) they were "the adversaries of the Christian faith, sons of injustice"—*fidei christianae adversari, iniquitatis filli*.—Innocent VI called them "adversaries and rebels"—*contradictores et rebelles*, while the Inquisition Cardinal Torquemada named them the "tainted people"—*pestilentes homines*. And so on and so forth down through the centuries, up to the last one hundred years, up to the four Pius', IX, X, XI and XII.

In the course of history and the tremendous changes and movements that took place throughout more than thirteen centuries, if one were merely to take a summary cross section, he could pile up volumes of documents which would constantly and firmly attest to this fundamental thought. Under this harsh reality, supplemented by irrefutable historical documents, we find the Roman Curia—the Vatican consistently on the side of all possible enemies of the Yugoslavs. It is sufficient to indicate the allies of the Curia down through the centuries, which were the common foes of the Yugoslavs. They were equally the Venetian dukes and the apostolic Hungarian kings, equally the Carolingians and the Austrian Hapsburgs. Hand in hand with the Vatican, they left the Slavs a horrible legacy through their successors—the Nazi Fuehrer, the Fascist Duce and the Admiral Regent of the Apostolic Hungarian King.

These historically indisputable facts have been noted by *Josip Juraj Strossmayer*, Catholic Bishop, great orator in the Vatican Council and fighter for brotherhood and unity among our peoples (1870). In the harsh period of suffering under the Austro-Hungar-

ian yoke, Bishop Strossmayer vainly tried to divert the Roman Curia from the enemies of the Slavs and incline it toward the Slavs in its world policy, especially towards the South Slavs. Disillusioned in his endeavors, he wrote to his intimate associate, the great historian and clergyman, Franjo Racki (1887): "From a hundred tiny things we see that whatever spirit permeates the civil Italy the same spirit permeates the ecclesiastical Italy. The greatest evil of the Curia and the Roman prelature is Italian nationalism which lies like a nightmare on the breast of the Roman Church..."

CARDINALS AND CROATIAN FASCISTS CON- VENE IN SPAIN WITH POPE'S BLESSING

The Vatican's attitude towards Yugoslavia was clearly indicated at the 25th Eucharistic Congress which was held last year in Franco's Spain, in Barcelona. Among the Ustashi-Machek followers who attended this Congress were war criminal Luburic, Pavelic's saviour and soldier priest Vilim Cecelj, Ustashi Minister Andrija Ilic, Machek's former envoys Grga Vukovic, Ante Budimirovic and Ivo Jelovac, General Brozovic of the Domobranci (Croatian quisling home guard) (under the passport name of Hans Dorner), Ustashi Colonel Pusic and others.

The Vatican and Franco financed the Congress and the invited Ustashi group; the Congress was organized by a special committee under the patronage of war criminal Archbishop Ivan Saric. The Ustashi were treated as an official delegation and they took part in all performances about which Franco's press regularly wrote. Upon conclusion of the Pontifical Mass for the people behind the "iron curtain," among which the Vatican also included Yugoslavia, which was held in Pope Pius Square, many bishops went up to and kissed the fascist Ustashi flag.

Two days later at a great procession, when the Ustashi group marched by with the flag, they were warmly greeted from the platform by the Pope's emissary, Cardinal Tedescini, Under-Secretaries in De Gasperi's Government Andreotti and Tavianni, Franco and his Cabinet. The infuriated Ustashi cried out "We are ready for our chief, for Stepinac and those who are struggling in the country," and they expressed their thanks for such a reception by sending telegrams to Pope Pius XII, Franco and war criminal Saric.

In his message Pope Pius XII said: "I wish the whole world would look upon Spain. I place her high as an example to the other countries." Cardinal Tedescini pointed out that it was the Pope's personal wish that the Congress be held in Spain. In concluding the Congress he gave this answer to Franco on the oath he gave the Pope: "God and the Eucharist have inspired the people of Spain to assure such a fine picture, one that hasn't been seen in ages and one that was only possible in Spain."

Eichmann Murder Role in Yugoslavia Told

JERUSALEM — (AP) — Adolf Eichmann's commandos were geared to move at such lightning speed that they cracked down on Yugoslavia's Jews only two days after the German armies rolled in, a witness at Eichmann's trial testified today.

Alexander Arnon, 63, former Jewish leader in Croatia, testified that the German tanks smashed into Zagreb on April 9, 1941, "at 3 o'clock in the afternoon."

"At five o'clock Croatian independence was declared under martial law," he continued.

"On April 11, the Gestapo came to the Jewish community, seized all assets and placed everyone under arrest."

Anti-Jewish measures ensued with rapidity until most of Yugoslavia's 75,000 Jews were seized.

Documents offered by Deputy Attorney General Ya'akov Bar'or, showed the German embassy in occupied Yugoslavia prodded Berlin for help in deporting Jews and Eichmann himself was sent there to speed things up.

The documents said Eichmann in 1941 telephoned his

representatives in Belgrade that firing squads should massacre Jews in German-occupied Serbia who could not be moved to the extermination camps.

Bar'or told the court a decision was made at a meeting in Belgrade to shoot all males of the 20,000 Jews held in Serbia.

He said Eichmann was represented at the meeting by two subordinates.

Arnon testified that out of the 75,000 Jews in Yugoslavia, 60,000 were murdered.

The witness named Andrija Artukovic, minister of the interior in the Fascist government, as a chief prosecutor of the Jews in Croatia.

Artukovic fled to the United States after the war. He is now 60 years old and works as an accountant in Long Beach, Calif.

Artukovic won a 7-year battle against extradition to Yugoslavia as a war criminal when a United States commissioner ruled two years ago that the Yugoslav government charges were political and there was "no reasonable cause" to believe him guilty of the accusations.

THE ROCK

THURSDAY, FEB. 9, 1967

CROATS AND BOMBS

The bombing of the Yugoslav Consulate in Sydney, recently, coincides with a spate of similar bombings in other parts of the world.

A report from New York, January 30, reads:

Police today are guarding the only Yugoslav mission in Canada and the U.S. which has escaped a wave of weekend bombings.

It is the Yugoslav consulate in Pittsburg and police said today that they had been told a bomb was hidden in the building.

Despite an extensive search no explosives were found.

The wave of bombings yesterday damaged two Yugoslav embassies and four consulates in Canada and the U.S.

Nobody was injured but the embassies in Washington and Ottawa were severely damaged.

The other explosions were in Toronto, San Francisco, New York and Chicago.

It was the 21st anniversary of Yugoslavia becoming a communist republic.

The bombers are generally believed to be Croatian refugees who are highly organized in many countries. They are quite frank about their purpose, which is the overthrow of the present regime.

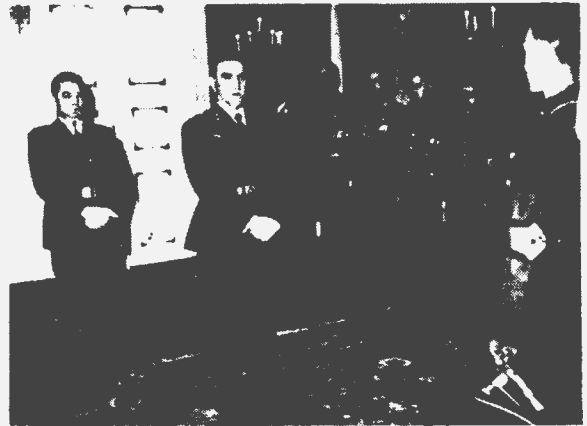
The Croats are almost 100 per cent Roman Catholic.

Of course, there are new residents amongst us from overseas who don't like us either. We were the only paper in Australia to reveal that the vicious war criminal, Artukovic, was harbouring in the U.S.; and that a book detailing his record has been banned for import into Australia. But his group of devout R.C.'s, of whom there are many segments in Australia, do not use fire as a hobby. Their method is the bomb, to practice the use of which they have special schools in this country.

Frankly, the thought has crossed our mind in the past that we may be honoured by their attentions; but so far they have confined their activities to their non-R.C. compatriots.

The hatred of the Croats towards the Serbs is now legendary.

And, as we have said, they cannot have any love for us; But they use bombs, not fire.



Artukovic (left) on Jan. 26, 1942 in Zagreb, as Ustashi Minister of the Interior, greeting a representative of Nazi German parliament (right). Pavelic is in the center.

Artukovic is an excellent Catholic and a Knight of Columbus. He has a sterling Catholic wife and five children, two of whom were born in Yugoslavia, one in Ireland and two in the United States.

Every member should write at once to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, White House, Washington, D. C., and ask him to refuse the petition of Yugoslavia for the return of Andrija Artukovic to that country. Say as much as you want to—but say that. Have others write but do not leave it just for others to do. Write yourself, and quickly. This is a matter of now or never. Do not delay.

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By this agreement (*sporazum*), Croatia enjoyed complete autonomous status under the name of the Banovina of Croatia. The ban, or governor, of Croatia had to be appointed by the crown after being proposed by the Croat Diet. While Croatia was granted full autonomy, the rest of Yugoslavia continued under the unitaristic and centralistic system. Dr. Maček joined the government as its vice president, and several members of the Croat Peasant Party were appointed to important posts in the central government. The agreement (*sporazum*) did not solve the problem of Serbo-Croat relations, however, and was particularly opposed by the Serbs as having been reached without participation of their political parties; also as having included several Serbian districts in autonomous Croatia.

The Cvetković-Maček regime continued until March 27, 1941, when the regency and the government were overthrown by a popular uprising of the Serbs in protest over the signing of the Tripartite Pact with Germany.

World War II.—In the beginning of World War II, Yugoslavia was spared involvement in the conflict, preserving a precarious neutrality for 20 months. But after his conquest of western Europe, Hitler turned toward the Balkans. By increasing diplomatic pressure, he forced Yugoslavia to sign the Tripartite Pact in Vienna on March 25, 1941, but promised not to ask for passage of Axis troops or war material through that country. This situation differed from that of Rumania, Bulgaria, and Hungary, who, after signing the pact, had to permit the presence of German troops on their soil. The Serbs, in a violent popular reaction, overthrew the regency and the government two days later, thus practically repudiating the Tripartite Pact. Hitler's reaction to what he considered a personal affront was swift; on April 6 he launched a powerful attack on Yugoslavia from three sides, preceded by a merciless bombardment of Belgrade. The Wehrmacht, far superior in mechanized armament, broke the organized resistance of the Yugoslav Army in 10 days. The king, Peter II (who had ascended the throne after the coup d'état of March 27, 1941), accompanied by the new government presided over by Gen. Dušan Simović, went into exile in London to continue to fight on the side of the Allies.

Yugoslavia was divided between the Axis and their satellites, Bulgaria and Hungary, which at the time created the "Independent State of Croatia" whose head (*poglavnik*) was Ante Pavelić, and which included more than 2,000,000 Serbs. Serbia was reduced practically to its pre-Balkan War frontiers, but without the attributes of an independent state. The occupation of Serbia was marked by acts of extreme cruelty on the part of the Germans; but even these were surpassed by the atrocities committed in Pavelić's Independent Croatia. The official policy of the Pavelić Ustaši, which was publicly announced in the Pavelić Ustaši parliament, was the extermination of the Serbs in Croatia. Those who escaped murder were either forcibly evicted from Croatia, or forced to embrace the Roman Catholic faith. The unofficial estimate made by the government in exile of Serbs killed by the Ustaši reached the appalling figure of 600,000 men, women, and children.

Balkan Aftermath.—After the surrender of Yugoslav armies, the Germans declared that King Peter's regime and the Yugoslav state had ceased to exist, and the country was split up by the conquerors. German-sponsored leaders of the Croat separatist group *Ustashi* (The Awakening) proclaimed the creation of a new Croat State. Ante Pavelić was to be its temporary head, and Croat soldiers in the Yugoslav Army were urged to revolt. The Ustashi introduced a totalitarian regime based upon brutal terrorism. Vast pogroms decimated the Jewish population. The treatment of Serbs and Croats who opposed the terrorists was just as harsh. Within the first six months of its rule, the Pavelić regime accounted for 300,000 victims. A Croat delegation went to Rome to offer the crown of a revived Croatian monarchy to Aimone, duke of Spoleto, prince of the Royal Italian House of Savoy. The duke accepted the throne but never came to Croatia. The Ustashi ruled Croatia contrary to the will of more than 90 per cent of the population.

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Yugoslavia was dismembered, with portions of the country going to Germany, Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria, and the Italian satellite state of Albania. On the ruins of Yugoslavia emerged the new state of Croatia under the rule of Ante Pavelić and the Ustaše terrorists. Roman Catholic prelates of Croatia sowed the seeds of religious civil war by welcoming or submitting to the policy of the Pavelić government to convert to Catholicism by force the very large Orthodox Serb minority of Croatia. Catholic Croats massacred Orthodox Serbs, and Serbs later retaliated. Slovenes were deported to Serbia, enrolled in the German army, or deported to Germany to work in war factories and labor camps. In Serbia the Germans allowed General Milan Nedić to form a "Government of National Salvation" but did not permit him to maintain a regular army or foreign affairs ministry.

COLLIER'S ENCYCLOPEDIA

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It should be noted that the new editions of the Encyclopedia Americana omits "or forced to embrace the Roman Catholic faith". This should be a warning what the public may expect now that the Church of Rome has, through its wealth and numbers, secured this influence on publications, the press, television, and an increasing extent on education and even the motion pictures.

For the full record of the atrocities committed by the Catholic Action terrorists, the Ustashi, see: **GENOCIDE IN SATELLITE CROATIA 1941-1945**, by Edmond Paris. Published by The American Institute for Balkan Affairs, 1525 West Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois 60614. \$5.00. The book lists the names of the Serbian Orthodox priests and rabbis murdered by the Ustashi; a large collection of photographs shows the Ustashi leaders, their Nazi-Fascist allies, and their victims.



WAR-TIME COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE VATICAN AND NAZISM

In 1941 Yugo Slavia entered the war on the side of the Allies—but many Roman Catholics rebelled and welcomed the invading Germans.

The Papal Nuncio and Archbishop Stepinac are here seen in company with Quislings and Nazis.

After the Allied victory in 1945, the Archbishop was given a fair trial of his unpatriotic activities—and for these crimes he was suitably punished. He was not punished for his *religious* views, as current Vatican propoganda attempts to make us believe.

THE REGISTER (Roman Catholic weekly) of Sunday, May 14, 1961, carries a colored drawing of "Heroic Cardinal Stepinac", a crown of thorns over his head and this caption, "I am happy to do my duty."



AN ARCHBISHOP WITH THE MURDERER OF HIS KING

In 1934, Anton Pavelic played a leading part in the assassination at Marseilles of his monarch, King Alexander of Yugo Slavia.

He escaped—but was sentenced to death "in absentia" by a French Court.

In 1941 (when Yugo Slavia joined the Allies), this shameful man emerged to become the leader of the Roman Catholic "quislings" and he led their treason in assisting the Nazis and Fascists into his homeland.

During the years of Hitler's triumphs in the war, this criminal had a representative at the Vatican! And he received a "special blessing" from Pope Pius XII. (After Hitler's fall, he was smuggled into Argentina, with assistance from the Vatican).

Recommended Reading:

- "THE PEOPLE DON'T KNOW" - George Seldes
- "TERROR OVER YUGOSLAVIA" - Avro Manhattan
- "FREEDOM'S FOE - THE VATICAN" - Adrian Pigott
- "THE HERETIC" - Sir Fitzroy Maclean
- "ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA"

Lest We Forget!

Left: Devout Catholic Dr. Mile Budak Minister of Education and Cults said on July 22, 1941:



"The movement of the USTASHI is based on religion. For the minorities we have three million bullets. We shall kill one part of the Serbs. We shall transport another, and the rest of them will be forced to embrace the Roman Catholic religion, thus our NEW CROATIA will get rid of all Serbs in our midst in order to become ONE HUNDRED PER CENT CATHOLIC WITHIN TEN YEARS!"

Mesmerized with the insanity that permeated the atmosphere, Pavelic, Artukovic and the USTASHI'S goal was summed up by their Minister of Justice, Dr. Milovan Zanic, who said in Nova Gradiska:

"This State, our country is **ONLY FOR CROATIANS**, and **NOT FOR ANYONE ELSE**. There are no ways and means which we Croats will not use to make our country truly ours and to clean it of **ALL JEWS AND ORTHODOX SERBS**. **ALL THOSE WHO CAME TO OUR COUNTRY 300 YEARS AGO MUST DISAPPEAR. WE DO NOT HIDE THIS OUR INTENTION.**"

The USTASHI are not dead! They are not paying for their crimes against humanity in World War II. They are mingling among you, operating in the open and unmolested, because under the guise of 'religion' they move around the United States with headquarters in Chicago, Ill., Gary, Indiana, Youngstown, Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio, Los Angeles, California, etc., Spain, Germany, Italy, with their 'glorious' Poglavnik (dictator) giving orders from Buenos Aires, Argentina.



MIROSLAV FILIPOVIC a Franciscan monk and USTASHA admitted at his trial that his first victim was a child. He said he told the USTASHI: "USTASHI, I re-christen these degenerates in the name of God and you follow my example."

When captured he boasted that he had participated in the murder of over 40,000 men, women and children at JASENOVAC.

Even some of the USTASHI couldn't stomach the excesses of this crazed killer.

(1950—Escaped Croatian Franciscans operate USTASHI headquarters, Chicago, Ill.)

THIS STORY has never been brought to the attention of the American people because pressures are applied to ANYONE WHO DARES EXPOSE THESE USTASHI living and operating openly in the United States. Fighting under the guise of 'religion' or 'freedom fighters,' labelling anyone who opposes their brand of 'civilization' as being communist,' they have managed to deceive some well meaning but misinformed Americans. This is a story that the American press, radio, television, government officials, and especially the Catholic Church DARE NOT TALK ABOUT!

The largest exodus of Croatian Catholic members of the clergy (over 500—larger than any number recorded in any country in our modern history) took place with the fall of the "Independent state of Croatia." Together with the USTASHI murderers, and under the protection of HITLER'S NAZI troops, they managed to escape.

NEW YORK TIMES—JANUARY 1, 1942

Below is a reprint from the New York Times of a memorandum by Archbishop of the Serbian Orthodox Church:

"At Korenica hundreds of persons were killed but before they died many of them had their ears and noses cut off and then they were compelled to graze on grass. The tortures most usually applied were beatings, severing of limbs, gorging of eyes and breaking of bones. Cases are related of men being forced to hold red-hot bricks, dance on barbed wire with naked feet, wear a wreath of thorns. Needles were stuck in fingers under the nails, and lighted matches held under the noses.

"Of the murders on the large scale in the village of Korito 103 peasants were severely tortured, tied in bundles and thrown in a pit . . . then gasoline was poured over all the bodies and ignited."

"ONCE AN USTASHA—USTASHA UNTIL DEATH"



USTASHI murderers raise three fingers—symbol of "Croatian and Catholic"—as they are sworn to loyalty. Andrija Artukovic (center)

In front of Crucifix and candles "Bog i Hrvati" (God and the Croats) are sworn into office by Poglavnik Pavelic. Third from left—ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC



CROATIAN CATHOLIC PRIESTS WHO FLED YUGOSLAVIA

No church in history has ever witnessed or recorded such a large exodus of its priests as the Croatian Catholic Church in Yugoslavia.

Over 500 Croatian Catholic priests and members of religious orders, fled with the USTASHI under the protection of the retreating NAZI army.

Almost a hundred of these priests reached the United States immediately with many more arriving later. They mingle mainly with the Americans of Croatian descent. From the first infiltration some of the most vicious lies and distortions of historical fact have been disseminated not only in the foreign language press but also American press, radio and television. They are still trying to convince the American people that 'INNOCENT CROATIAN SOLDIERS' were killed in 1945, when in the mopping up stages many USTASHI SOLDIERS were turned over as the enemy of Yugoslavia.

It did not take them long to set up headquarters for the USTASHI "movement" in the United States. Finding a nucleus of sympathetic and misinformed Americans they settled in Chicago, Ill. Working under the guise of 'religion' they continue to operate through their newspapers and publications, the two main ones listed below:

An American newspaper in the Croatian language, dedicated to the cultural enlightenment and spiritual uplifting of Americans of Croatian origin through the American way of life.

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In every single issue messages from and to the USTASHI throughout the world are printed. With "movements" active in Germany, Spain, Italy, Canada, Austria, etc., with their POGlavnik PAVELIC living down in Buenos Aires, Argentina, they are still convinced that the USTASHI abroad will succeed in overthrowing the government of Yugoslavia and will then march in and set up another "HRVATSKA" (CROATIA).

They have become the real spokesmen for the USTASHI "movement," for who in America would doubt the veracity of a priest? They have taken up the fight for all USTASHI DEAD OR ALIVE and even published an appeal for fund raising—monies to be sent directly to 'LEADER ANDRIJA ARTUKOVIC,' B-62 Surfside Colony, Surfside, California (DANICA No. 19, May 7, 1958.)

What would ANY AMERICAN do if suddenly while listening to a sermon in church the priest from the pulpit yelled: "GO HOME AND KILL YOUR NEIGHBOR BECAUSE HE IS A JEW, PROTESTANT, ORTHODOX, ETC."? TODAY, IN YUGOSLAVIA THERE IS A LAW FORBIDDLING ANY MEMBER OF THE CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OR ANY CHURCH TO YELL "KILL" FROM THE PULPIT OR INCITE HATRED AGAINST HIS BROTHER SLAV—just like the law in the United States or in England. And these escaped USTASHI in the U.S. yell 'religious persecution!'

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Mr. Harvey Meyerhoff, Director
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April 23, 1993

Dear Mr. Meyerhoff:

At the April 22nd, 1993 dedication of the Holocaust Museum, you showed contempt for yesterday's victimized parents—because of the acts of their offspring. It will be remember as a very sad day for me and for the 1.2 million Americans of Serbian descent.

The Jewish Holocaust Memorial Museum, under your direction, has begun to "cleanse" the holocaust even before it opened its doors. In your dedication remarks, you said "*For the dead and the living we must bear witness*" ... "*We are responsible for what we are doing with those memories*"

Thousands of Serbian holocaust survivors of WW II, were betrayed by you, and your holocaust museum. Your most offensive remark was "*many thousands perished in the Balkans along with the Jews, they were the Gypsies and the Homosexuals.*" No Serbs Mr. Meyerhoff? It appears that the words you used to dedicate this museum were insincere. You "*remained silent,*" you "*bears no witness,*" you "*assumed no responsibility*" for the nearly one million Serbs, who died in what you now portray as the "*Jewish*" holocaust. In that holocaust, the Serbs lost one third of their population, more than any other ethnic group in this century. Now, you provide no exhibition space to these holocaust victims. In three wars in the Balkans in the 20th century, the Serbs lost nearly 60% of their population fighting for the principles of religious freedom and democracy.

In *Jasenovac*, the *Auschwitz* of the Balkans, 60,000 Jews, 30,000 Gypsies and more than 700,000 Serbs were put to death by the Croatian *Ustashi*. I was enraged that you failed to pay tribute to General Draza Mihailovich who became the international symbol of resistance to Nazi tyranny. Time Magazine voted Mihailovich *Man of the Year* and along with his Chetnik Freedom Fighters, returned more than 500 American Airmen downed over occupied Yugoslavia. This display of selective amnesia is both self serving and appalling. I wonder how the remaining downed airmen felt about your silence. Airman like Major Richard Felman of Arizona, a Jew. Your American, tax supported, congressionally approved institution, displayed a contempt for the very Serbian people who safely returned your American sons. You exhibited your gratitude by cruel and insensitive silence.

Draza Mihailovich would have celebrated his 100th birthday on this date. President Harry S. Truman gave the *Legion of Merit* to Mihailovich, the highest recognition given by the American government. You desecrate his honor, dignity and dedication to freedom and country, the principles we as Americans usually admire. He was shot by Tito's Communist firing squad for defending those ideas.

Elie Wiesel was outraged at the American silence during the holocaust. Today, the Serbs deserve to be equally outraged by an American media that refuses a voice to the Serbian people, and by your ignoring the contributions made by the Serbian people regardless of the current conflict.

Inviting President Tudjman of Croatia, was a shocking disgrace to the standards of morality. Tudjman who claims *Jasenovac* is a "*myth,*" has no explanation for the tens of thousands of skulls found buried on the site, the thousands of skulls found in pits or, the thousands of depositions by survivors that corroborate the mass killings at *Jasenovac*. Israel refuses to have diplomatic ties with Tudjman and calls him an "*anti-Semite,*" then you invite him as a guest of honor. Ms. Paiss, the Director of Communications of your museum was quoted in a *New York Times* article yesterday saying "*The Museum knew about Tudjman's writings but decided to invite him anyway.*" She does not deserve such a position of responsibility if her judgement is so impaired.

Mr. Meyerhoff, your position at the Jewish Holocaust Museum was due to the recommendation of the Congresswoman from Maryland in whose district you reside. Representative Helen Delich Bentley is an American of Serbian descent. You displayed contempt for the Serbian people yesterday and a total lack of appreciation toward your friend and congressional representative.

Disappointedlly yours,

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April 23, 1993

Dear Mr. Stephanopoulos:

Thank you for your letter of December 9, 1992 and your kind acknowledgment in receiving my book *Kosovo*. I hope that both you and President Clinton have had an opportunity to read parts of its content. I am not a very proud American today, Harvey Meyerhoff and my President showed contempt for yesterday's victimized parents—because of the acts of their offspring. I write it in behalf of the 1.2 million Americans of Serbian descent who share in my horror as we had to endure the dedication of the Holocaust Memorial Museum yesterday in Washington.

In his dedication, Harvey Meyerhoff said **"For the dead and the living we must bear witness" ... "We are responsible for what we are doing with those memories."** His remarks were short lived however, as from the outset, he and this institution have begun its "cleansing" of the holocaust by a policy that clearly establishes this facility as nothing more than a "Jewish" Holocaust Museum. Mr. Meyerhoff's most offensive remark was **"many thousands perished in the Balkans along with the Jews, they were the Gypsies and the Homosexuals."** Insultingly, Serbs were not included in Mr. Meyerhoff's list of Balkan victims. Thousands of Serbian holocaust survivors of WW II were betrayed by his words. Perhaps his words, used to dedicate this museum, were simply insincere. He **"remained silent,"** he **"bears no witness,"** and, he **"assumes no responsibility for the memories"** of the one million Serbs, who died in **"their"** holocaust.

In that holocaust, the Serbs lost one third of their population, more loss of life than in any other ethnic group in this century by demographic comparisons. This museum provides no exhibition space to these Serbian holocaust victims. In 3 Balkans wars in the 20th century, the Serbs have lost nearly 60% of their ethnic population in defending the principles of democracy and religious freedom. Serbs provided the first victory for their allies in WWI and took staggering losses on the Salonika front. The atrocities of Serbs by Albanians in Kosovo have been well documented, **"ethnic cleansing"** of Serbs from Kosovo has not diminished since. Before WWI Serbs were 70% of Kosovo, After WWII they were reduced to 55%, today they are less than 10%. (200,000 were "cleansed" in just the last 10 years under Albanian autonomous rule) When will the world recognize this as systematic genocide?

At Jasenovac death camp, 60,000 Jews, 30,000 Gypsies and more than 700,000 Serbs were put to death by the Croatian *Ustashi*. I was enraged that Meyerhoff failed to pay tribute to General Draza Mihailovich who became the international symbol of resistance to Nazi tyranny. Time Magazine voted Mihailovich *Man of the Year* and along with his Chetnik Freedom Fighters, returned more than 500 American Airmen downed over occupied Yugoslavia. This display of selective amnesia by Mr. Meyerhoff is appalling. I wonder how the remaining downed airmen felt about his silence. Airman like Major Richard Felman of Arizona, a Jew.

Mr. Meyerhoff's behavior can be viewed as self serving. However, President Clinton must be held responsible for his failure to elevate the occasion to a higher level as the head of state of all the people. Instead, he politicized the moment by placing the current **"ethnic cleansing,"** ahead of the enormous debt the people of the United States owe to this former ally, the same Serbian people, who safely returned 500 of our American sons.

Draza Mihailovich would have celebrated his 100th birthday on this date. President Harry S. Truman gave the *Legion of Merit* to Mihailovich, the highest recognition given by the American government. This museum desecrates his honor, and his dedication to freedom and country, the principles we as Americans usually admire. For supporting his American ally, Mihailovich was executed on July 17, 1946, by Tito's Communist firing squad. Ironically, my birthday.

Elie Wiesel was outraged at the American silence during the holocaust. Today, Americans of Serbian heritage deserve to be equally outraged as access to the American air waves, owned by everyone, is denied to them and, by a guaranteed **"free press"** that denies them a voice. History may prove to be harsh on us for our treatment of the Serbs but, history will condemn us for betraying the principles on which this experiment called democracy was founded.

The State Department's involvement in the invitation of President Tudjman of Croatia to this dedication, was a shocking disgrace and a moral crime. Tudjman who claims "*Jasenovac is a myth*," has no explanation for the tens of thousands of skulls found buried on the *Jasenovac* site, the tens of thousands of skulls found in pits throughout Croatia or, the thousands of personal depositions by survivors that corroborate the mass killings at *Jasenovac*.

There are volumes of documents that attest to why *Jasenovac* was nicknamed the *Auschwitz* of the Balkans. Israel refuses to have diplomatic ties with Tudjman and calls him an "*anti-Semite*," that did not stop the museum or our country in inviting him as an honored guest. To what depth has humiliation of the Serbs been made to sink?

I remind the President, in World War II, more Serbian children, under the age of ten, were slaughtered in Yugoslavia than all the people killed today in this civil war. For the first time in recorded history, Roman Catholic Croatians had 3 concentration camps for babies in which more than 100,000 were put to death. Congresswoman, Susan Molinari, remarked on her return from Croatia "*There will never be anything to equal this*," I agree, *for we have already seen its equal* when compared to the 60,000 Jews and 30,000 Gypsies and 1 million Serbians that were slaughtered in WWII by these same Muslims and Croats.

Many of those Serbs were slaughtered by Roman Catholic priests who participated in the *Ustashi* and were the operators of these concentration camps. Priests like Franciscan Fr. Miroslav Filipovic who, admitted at his trial, that he participated in the killing of 40,000 people, 550 of whom were children. That *Ustashi*, with all of its Fascist ideas, is thriving again in the new Independent Croatia, Mr. Stephanopoulos, why is our government so silent about this fact?

Before this war, the Yugoslav government recommended a national referendum for independent secession to solve differences. Exactly like the one President Clinton and Americans support today in Russia. However, the Croats and Muslims protested such a referendum as totally unacceptable, insisting it would be dominated by a Serb majority. The referendum seeking independence was later approved by a Muslim majority, then recognized by the United States, even though it was a vote by a Muslim majority in which the 35% the Serbian population refused to vote. That was not a consensus, nor was it a democratic process.

George, President Clinton faces the most difficult decisions of his new administration. I pray that he does not bomb the Serbs. Instead of acting like his predecessors who did little to solve the problems which created this war, President Clinton needs to solve the inherent problems which caused the First and Second World Wars. Solutions need to be found that favor no one, but solutions that equally apply the principles of democracy and freedom to everyone. Consider lifting the sanctions as encouragement for a peaceful settlement. Continuing to isolate the Serbs will only force them to further resistance, that has become more than obvious. Re-organize the map that guarantees the Serbs access to hydroelectric facilities, a fair share of the natural minerals, coal mines and factories. Allow Serbs a direct link to their own ethnic people. Serbs do not want, nor do they deserve to be placed in a deliberate "*Nagorno-Karabakh*" of Europe. It continues to be astonishing that the United States seems to believe that the Serbs will "*ever again*" allow themselves to be dominated by either Croats or Muslims. The current map has proven clearly that it encourages "*ethnic cleansing*" on all sides. What unbelievable slaughter would such a map portend for the future.

Arming the Bosnians or destroying Serbian weapons will not bring a resolve, it will surely expand this war, create further loss of life and perhaps initiate World War III. I do not believe that any of us from the Balkans want to witness the 4th Balkan war in this century.

I trust that you will share my concerns with the President. I am enclosing an additional copy of my book, Kosovo and the commemorative booklet I prepared for the visit of our Serbian Orthodox Patriarch to the city of Los Angeles this past October, in anticipation that you will forward them on to your father. May this Easter season bring you needed strength and courage and may the Lord bring renewed faith and Peace to all mankind.

Christ Has Risen!

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THE WAR IN THE EAST 1943-1945

visit Stalin, who until February 1944 had been tepid in his support for Tito's campaign. In Moscow Tito granted 'permission' for Soviet troops to enter the country and they began to cross the border from Romania on 6 September. Their arrival, and Hitler's decision to evacuate Greece in October, transformed the Partisans' position. Army Group F, outflanked in the Balkans by the Red Army and along the Adriatic coast by Allied Armies Italy, immediately beat a hasty retreat into central Yugoslavia. Belgrade, the capital, fell to a joint force of the Red Army and the Partisans on 20 October. Stalin, at his August meeting with Tito in Moscow, had given a guarantee that the Red Army would evacuate Yugoslavia as soon as its presence was no longer militarily necessary, and his promise was indeed kept after the German surrender of May 1945.

Mihailović ended the war a tragic figure. Tito's ascendancy had driven him deeper into complicity with the Germans; his belated efforts to reingratiate himself with the Allies totally failed, and after having hidden from Tito's troops in the mountains of central Serbia for over a year he was caught in March 1946, tried in Belgrade in June and executed by firing squad on 17 July. His plea of exculpation, 'I wanted much, I began much, but the gale of the world swept away me and my work', has entered into the memorabilia of the Second World War. 'Destiny', he said, had been 'merciless' to him, and hindsight, by which many of his judgements have been forgiven, accords weight to that view. His tragedy was to have been a nationalist leader in a state composed of minorities, whose differences Hitler cynically exploited in order to divide and rule.

Hindsight has also greatly diminished Tito's achievement. At the end of the war he was widely hailed as the only European resistance leader to have liberated his country by guerrilla effort. Many strategic commentators further credited him with having diverted such numbers of German and satellite troops from the eastern and Mediterranean battlefields as to have materially influenced the outcome of the war in those theatres. Realistically, it is now accepted that the liberation of Yugoslavia was the direct result of the arrival of Russian troops in the country in September 1944. What now seems most surprising about the Tito era is that Stalin should have so unwisely agreed to remove the Red Army from Yugoslav territory at the moment of victory – a misjudgement which robbed Soviet post-war control of eastern Europe of consistency from the outset. Strategically, estimates of Tito's diversion of force from Hitler's main centres of operation are now seen to be exaggerated. The principal army of occupation in Yugoslavia was always Italian. After the Italian collapse Hitler was indeed obliged to double the number of German divisions deployed in Yugoslavia (from six to thirteen) but few were suitable for use against the Red Army or Allied Armies Italy. Only one, the 1st Mountain Division, brought from Russia in the spring of 1943, was first class; the rest, including the SS Prinz Eugen and Handschar Divisions and the 104th, 117th and 118th Divisions, were composed either of ethnic Germans from central Europe or of locally enlisted non-German minorities, including a high proportion of Balkan Muslims from Bosnia and Albania. They were quite unsuitable for war against Russian, British or American mechanised formations;

their presence in Yugoslavia, even their existence, was in itself evidence that fighting there partook more closely of the character of civil rather than international war. In a sense, Hitler's cunning in setting Serb against Croat and monarchist against communist rebounded on itself; for, though his only real interest in the country lay in the exploitation of its resources and the free use of its lines of communication to southern Europe, he eventually became a party to its internal quarrels. In objective military terms, his involvement cost him little, but it would have simplified his politico-military arrangements if he had taken the trouble, after his whirlwind victory of April 1941, to establish a pan-Yugoslav satellite administration, charged with maintaining order within the country, rather than cynically bribing Yugoslavia's neighbours with portions of its territory to impose occupation policies which rapidly proved ineffectual.

The Special Operations Executive, though puffed by a powerful lobby of historians, some of whom were its former officers, largely fails in its claim to have contributed significantly to Hitler's defeat, since its achievement in Yugoslavia, its principal theatre of operations, was ambiguous. The same verdict holds true for the activities of the American Office of Strategic Services (OSS), set up in June 1942. Through an agreement allocating responsibilities between OSS and SOE signed on 26 June 1942, OSS took the major role in supporting the Italian partisans and the Johnny-come-lately resistance movements in Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria. Italian resistance activity discommoded the Germans very little, the Hungarian, Romanian and Bulgarian subversives scarcely at all. SOE's and OSS's parallel effort in psychological warfare (sponsored in Britain by SOE's parent organisation, the Ministry of Economic Warfare, through its Political Warfare Executive) afforded high excitement to the journalists and intellectuals who staffed it; its effect on opinion in the occupied countries was marginal and on German civilian morale negligible. 'Black propaganda', transmitted by radio stations purporting to operate within the boundaries of the Reich, understandably convinced no German who could daily witness the absolute control the Gestapo exercised over German society. The only non-military manifestation of internal resistance to Nazi rule, the Catholic Bavarian White Rose group, was pitilessly liquidated almost as soon as it appeared in February 1943. Allied efforts at economic warfare were equally unavailing; the principal success, the purchase of future production of Swedish ball-bearings, was negotiated so late in the war (mid-1944) that victory had been won by conventional military means before it could take effect.

The 'indirect' offensive encouraged and sustained by the Allies against Hitler – military assistance to partisans, sabotage and subversion – must therefore be judged to have contributed materially little to his defeat. Among his army of 300 divisions deployed across Europe on 6 June 1944, the last moment in the war when Hitler exercised unchallenged control over the greater part of the territory he had conquered in 1939–41, fewer than twenty can be identified as committed to internal security duty. Outside central Yugoslavia, parts of western Russia far behind the Wehrmacht's lines and tiny pockets of defiance in mountain Greece, Albania and southern France, all peripheral to his conduct of

the larger war, occupied Europe lay inert under the jackboot. The 'dawn of liberation', so seductively promised by Churchill, Roosevelt and the governments in exile to the conquered populations, was signalled only by the flicker of gunfire at the military boundaries of the Wehrmacht's zone of operations.

— The bacillus of espionage —

If the structure of Hitler's empire was penetrated and fissured by clandestine activity, that took a form quite different from the 'setting ablaze' Churchill had so optimistically demanded in July 1940. Resistance may have been a gnat on the hide of the Wehrmacht: espionage was a bacillus debilitating its vital system. The real triumph of the Allies' indirect campaign against Hitler between 1939 and 1945 was won not by the brave and often foolhardy saboteur or guerrilla warrior but by the anonymous spy and the chairborne cryptographer.

Of the two, spies were by far the less important. Popular imagination invests 'Humint' (human intelligence, in the jargon of the trade) with a significance even greater than it gives to the resistance fighter: certainly far greater than is given to 'Sigint' (signals intelligence). Moreover, governments to a considerable degree conform to popular estimations of the worth of a spy. The notion that the inner councils of the enemy are penetrated by an 'agent in place' who transmits their deliberations and decisions swiftly and directly to his master in the friendly camp is beguilingly attractive to any war leader: Churchill, Roosevelt, Stalin and Hitler were all beguiled in this way during the Second World War. Hitler, for example, was led to believe by the Wehrmacht intelligence service, the Abwehr, that it maintained an extensive network of agents in Britain who were able to report after June 1944 on the accuracy of pilotless-weapons strikes on London. Churchill and later Roosevelt were supplied through the Czech intelligence service with significant information of German capabilities and intentions by Agent A-54, probably the Abwehr officer Paul Thümmel. Stalin, who benefited from the dedication of the international communist movement's members to the Soviet cause, drew on the Swiss-based 'Lucy ring' for information of German activities in occupied Europe, on Richard Sorge's network in Japan for warning of German military intentions, on the 'Red Orchestra' for day-by-day intelligence of the German order of battle and, during 1941-2, on the Schulze-Boysen Luftwaffe network (a Red Orchestra component) for technical data; through the 'Cambridge Comintern', composed of British intelligence officers, Anthony Blunt, Guy Burgess and Kim Philby, Stalin also kept his finger intermittently on the pulse of Anglo-American higher strategy.

All these sources were, however, to some degree unsatisfactory or compromised. Agent A-54's transmissions, for example, were too sporadic to provide a coherent picture of German strategy. The Red Orchestra was wrongly placed to monitor key German military activity, the Schulze-Boysen network was insecure and quickly penetrated (117 of



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MESSAGE

Following is a two-page joint statement on Bosnia by AJC and 12 other national Jewish organizations, which was issued yesterday by NICRAC. This is the latest in a series of statements and actions instigated or endorsed by AJC in support of more forceful action by the world community, with U.S. leadership, to save the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We will continue to press for a decisive response by our government to the plight of the Bosnian people.

As a consequence of -- and follow-up to -- our efforts in this matter, our Annual Meeting next week will be addressed by the Foreign Minister of Bosnia, Haris Silajdzic. It promises to be a dramatic moment in our convention. The Foreign Minister's appearance is scheduled for Wednesday at 2 p.m.

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212.686.1353 Fax**ORGANIZED JEWISH COMMUNITY CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION
TO HALT GENOCIDE IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA**

(New York, April 26) -- Thirteen national Jewish organizations and 117 Jewish communities, comprising the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, today announced the launching of a major national campaign to urge the Clinton Administration to act immediately to stem the "ethnic cleansing" being committed largely by Serbian forces against Muslim and other civilian populations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In their joint statement the Jewish organizations called for the immediate lifting of the arms embargo imposed against Bosnia-Herzegovina, and for the immediate and appropriate application of military force designed to stop the Serbian aggression.

The full text of the statement follows:

Statement of the Organized Jewish Community on Bosnia-Herzegovina

Thirteen national Jewish organizations* and 117 Jewish communities, comprising the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, announce the launching of a national campaign to urge the Clinton Administration to act immediately to stem the "ethnic cleansing" being committed largely by Serbian forces against Muslim and other civilian populations in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Clearly, the limited measures taken by the international community thus far, including the imposition of economic sanctions against Yugoslavia and the enforcement of the no-fly zone over Bosnia-Herzegovina, have not succeeded in protecting civilians or promoting an effective peace process.

As we commemorate the Holocaust this month by resolving that "never again" will we stand by and allow genocide to go unopposed, the organized Jewish community calls

upon the American public to join us in imploring our government to assume its rightful moral responsibility and global leadership by taking the following decisive measures to end this barbarity. We call for:

- the immediate lifting of the arms embargo in order to provide defenseless Bosnians with the means to defend themselves.
- the Administration to coordinate the immediate and appropriate application of military force including limited air strikes designed to stop the Serbian aggression.
- an increase in humanitarian aid to the civilian population.
- maximizing the isolation of Serbia in the world community through the imposition of more severe economic and diplomatic sanctions.
- the creation of a war crimes task force composed of professional investigative personnel and charged with collecting information that can qualify as evidence for subsequent war crimes proceedings.

We call for the immediate implementation of all of these measures before the "ethnic cleansing" of the Bosnian population is completed as the world stands by.

As a nation whose highest principle incorporates a commitment to individual and human rights, it is incumbent upon us to do all that is humanly possible to stop the carnage, save lives, and promote peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina. - 30 -

The national member agencies of the NJCRAC joining in this statement include:

American Jewish Committee
 American Jewish Congress
 B'nai B'rith
 Anti-Defamation League
 Hadassah
 Jewish Labor Committee
 Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.

National Council of Jewish Women
 Union of American Hebrew
 Congregations
 Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations
 of America
 United Synagogue for Conservative
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- Immediate and appropriate air strikes to stop Serbian aggression.
- An increase in humanitarian aid to the civilian population in Bosnia-Herzegovina.
- Increasing the isolation of Serbia through the imposition of more severe economic and diplomatic sanctions.

Immediate Action Recommendations

- 1) Fax, telephone, or mailgram the above position to your House and Senate members and to the White House. The White House public opinion number is 202-456-1111.
- 2) Generate a campaign by Jewish organizations and individuals to communicate these positions immediately to the above.
- 3) Issue your own statements to the media even if you have issued statements in the recent past. Utilize your religious coalitions already in place or approach Christian, Moslem and other faith groups to issue joint statements, if possible.
- 4) Meet with local media. Encourage them to publish and broadcast editorials. Share the attached op-eds, editorials and statements.

Other Agency Activities

As a result of our conference call on Wednesday and our faxed memo yesterday, several organizations and communities have stepped up or instituted additional activities:

- NCJW is working with a network of women's organizations which have agreed to participate in a national women's campaign urging more decisive government action.
- The UAHC Religious Action Center incorporated action on this issue into their Conference on Conscience this past weekend attended by hundreds. It also plans to mobilize the Reform movement rabbinate on the issue.
- The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism will be encouraging their rabbinate to address the need for action at upcoming Shabbats and other meetings.
- The NJCRAC Campus Advisory Committee conducted a conference call of campus leaders at which activities for campuses around the country were put into motion.
- Over twenty communities have contacted the NJCRAC indicating renewed activity over the next week including coalition press conferences, rallies, issuing joint and Jewish community press releases, and generating telephone and mailgram campaigns to House and Senate members and the White House.

As always, please share news of your activities with the NJCRAC, particularly the response of your House and Senate members.

Memorandum**National Jewish Community
Relations Advisory Council**443 Park Avenue South
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DATE: April 23, 1993

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TO: NJCRAC Member Agencies

FROM: Maynard Wishner, Chair
Abraham J. Bayer, Director, International Concerns
Michael Greenberg, Senior Community ConsultantRE: IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN TO HALT SERBIAN GENOCIDE

An NJCRAC consultation on the Bosnia situation involving over 20 national and community agencies was unanimous in calling for an immediate, concerted national campaign by the Jewish community to convince our government to take further steps to halt the genocide by Serbian forces against Bosnian Muslim and other civilians populations.

Political factors in the United States and on the ground in Bosnia-Herzegovina dictate the need for immediate action. It is possible that by receipt of this memo, our government may have already proposed greater measures. That does not mean they will not meet resistance in the Congress. Regardless, it is vital to communicate your support for a stronger policy to the White House and your members of Congress.

Background

From a bi-partisan consensus that is beginning to emerge in the Congress, to an increasing chorus of columnists, editorial writers and pundits, to the report of 12 State Department officials calling for military action, support is clearly building for our government to take more decisive measures to protect innocent civilians in Bosnia-Herzegovina and stop Serbian aggression.

Meanwhile, the situation on the ground in Bosnia is rapidly deteriorating in which largely unchecked Serbian forces continue committing atrocities including the mass rape of women and the slaughter of civilians.

Our Position

Consistent with the Resolution on Bosnia passed on February 15 at the NJCRAC Plenum, we recommend that in your activities and communications, you call for:

- A lifting of the arms embargo to provide Bosnia Muslims with the means to defend themselves.

January 31, 1991

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January 15, 1990

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Congresswoman Helen Delich Bentley
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Re: US Holocaust Museum Dedication

May 03, 1993

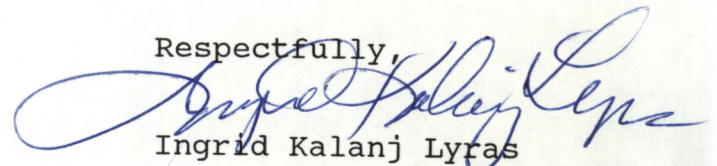
Dear Congresswoman Bentley,

I have taken the liberty of sending you some of my correspondence with the US Holocaust Museum. I know you are an extremely busy lady, and the material I have enclosed is somewhat overwhelming. However, if you can grab a moment, please look it over.

I am extremely concerned about the state of our country. When I had read that our State Department had prepared a list of democratically elected foreign heads of state, and witnessed Mr. Tudjman's presence at the opening ceremonies for the Holocaust Museum, I was **sickened**. Futhermore, I understand that no Serbians, what so ever, were invited. If the USA has a problem with the representatives of the Serbian government, why, for God's sake, did they not extend an invitation to one of the religious leaders or any non-political representative of the Serbian people? Mr. Tudjman's past and present record speaks for itself - but only to those who are **KNOWLEDGEABLE** about the current and historical events of Yugoslavia. At any rate, he has disgraced and made a mockery of the museum and for the museum council members to even allow him a seat, is the most blasphemous deed I will probably ever witness.

I am enclosing a small donation. Why? Because I truly admire your **truth, honesty and hard work** concerning the political developements, in the last couple of years, over the Yugoslav situation. If Americans ever find out the real reason why men like Senator Bob Dole and his "followers" want so earnestly to **KILL THE SERBS**, maybe we won't have to "donate" American boys to a foreign civil war that will become much worse than Vietnam ever was.

Respectfully,



Ingrid Kalanj Lyras

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UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
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January 16, 1993

Re: MARIJA [OBRADOVIC] KALANJ

Dear Mr. Di Iorio;

As per our conversation on Friday, January 15, 1993, I am faxing all information I have on my great grandmother's life, who was a Holocaust victim of WW II. You should have already received the photo's I had sent express mail.

My great grandmother was born in 1875, a daughter of Nikola and Sava Obradovic, in the village of Dabašnica, Opštine[community] Srb in the Lika region of what is Croatia. Her name was Marija. Approxiamately 10 years later, her family moved to Bosnia, where her father had purchased land in a village called Benakovac, Opštine Jasenica, a farming area outside the city of Bosanska Krupa, Bosnia. It is here in Benakovac, where she had met and eventually wed in 1893 my great grandfather, Mileta Kalanj. Together they had a large family consisting of 7 sons and 2 daughters, several of whom had died as a result of the genocide waged against the Serbs during the second world war. In 1929, her husband Mileta, had died of esmatic related complications. At this point my great grandmother went to live with her third eldest son, Petar and Smilja [Ciganović] Kalanj -these were my grandparents.

In the early 1930's something called the Agricultural Reform was enacted in Yugoslavija. My greatgrand mother and her son Petar had applied for land in Serbia. The application was made in Skoplje [Macedonia] and they were approved to purchase property in the Kosovo region of Serbia. My great grandmother and her family packed their belongings and left Bosnia in December of 1937 to live on their new land in a village near the town of Orahovac in the Kosovo region of Serbia. They stayed until April of 1941 when they were literally driven out by the ethnic Albanians of this area who were already sided with the Axis powers at this time. My great grandmother and her family ^{lives} virtually left (or sneaked out of) Kosovo in order to save their, in the middle of the night. The forceful expulsion of Serbs was already taking place here.

Their destination again was Bosnia, where they thought they still had their land. Back to the village of Benakovac, where my great grandmother and 90% of her family would be wiped out over the course of the next two years to come.

When they arrived in Benakovac, they stayed with relatives and friends. World War II had already started and I believe Germany was soon to recognize the "Independent State of Croatia" at the end of 1941 [correct me if I'm wrong]. There was no work for the men and my grandfather, Petar had set out for Bor, Serbia to work in the silver mines there. My great grandmothers two remaining sons had left to fight with the partisans. So who was left in the village? The women and children. My great grandmother got word in late 1942 or early 1943, that her son Peter was captured and murdered by the Nazi's in Bor, Serbia. In November of 1942, Smilja and her year^{old} daughter, Mira [my great grandmothers' daughter-in-law and granddaughter, respectively] had succumbed to starvation and freezing temperatures. My great grandmother was left with Peter and Smilja's two remaining sons, Jovan [my father] and Ranko [my uncle]. Somehow the three managed to make it through the winter of 1942-1943, but were not so lucky when March of 1943 came. The Croatian Ustasha and their counterpart, the Bosnian Moslem group called the Zelenci Kader were again advancing on the rural Serbian villages. My uncle, Ranko who was approximately 5½ years old at the time^{he} was machine gunned down by the Ustasha. Two weeks after this incident, my great grandmother and my father, Jovan who was 12 years old at this time, tried to escape the path of the Ustasha, but were finally caught. My then, 68 year old ^{great} grandmother made a last attempt at saving her one remaining grandson and herself by hiding in the well on her property that was used for drinking water by the family. She took Jovan and together went into the well. The Ustasha found them and fired shots into the well. My great grandmother fell and my father remember's hearing her thrash about, so apparently her cause of death was not the bullet, but a grotesque drowning in her own well; being wounded to save herself from the drowning. She was the human shield for my father - he was not wounded. At this point he was pulled out of the well by the Ustasha and his ordeal starts from here.

I know this is long but I have been as accurate as I can in trying to convey each event. I had to call my father in Yugoslavia and his ⁽¹⁾ remaining uncle's to make sure everything was in order. If you have any questions in reference to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. My fax number is (216) 536-6875. Thank you for your time in this matter.

Sincerely,

 Ingrid Kalanj Lyras



UNITED STATES
HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM

March 8, 1993

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Dear Mrs. Lyras,

Thank you so much for your moving letter of January 16, 1993, and your interest in the ID Card Project. The ID office is closing down as of May, and we are actively trying to finish as many IDs as possible. However, not all of the information that we have received will be able to be used because of time pressures.

As far as I know, there are no plans to continue the ID Project after May. But we would like to keep your information on file for other possible future use by the museum.

I have taken the liberty of sending on the original picture of your great grandparents to be duplicated by our photographic department. As soon as I receive the original back, I will return it to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me through May 1. After May 1, inquiries may be directed to the office of the museum's Research Institute director, Dr. Michael Berenbaum.

Once again, thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,



Pamela Kidron
Director, I.D. Project

cc: Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Director, Research Institute
Dr. Joan Ringelheim, Director, Oral History Department
Genya Markon, Director, Photo Archives



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March 19, 1993

UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM
c/o MR. ANTHONY DI IORIO
Oral History Department
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Washington, DC 20024

Dear Mr. DiIorio,

I would like to thank you for contacting the I.D. Project department. Pam Kidron, director of this department, did in fact contact me, however it does not look as though they will be able to use my story at this particular time. Just as you had explained to me the "time factor" on these portfolio's, so too did Ms. Kidron's letter convey the message of "because of time pressures". I truly hope that it is because of "limited time" and not because my story is of a Bosnian Serb who perished fifty years ago in trying to save her last remaining grandchild. Today's media portrayal of all Bosnian Serbs has indeed affected the opinion of people of all walks of life, towards the present day Serbs here and abroad.

I have taken the liberty of sending you a small article which may be of some interest to you. It deals with the New York Times article of 02/25/93 by Eli Wiesel and his tour of the POW camps in Bosnia. When I last spoke with you, I had not yet read Mr. Wiesel's article. I think the enclosure raises some questions.

Again, thank you very much for your time and effort in the above mentioned matter. It has truly been appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Kalanj Lyras

cc: Pamela Kidron, Director, I.D. Project
Dr. Michael Berenbaum, Director, Research Institute

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Media Advisory

**Re: Elie Wiesel NYT article
(ICRC) Confirms Bosnian Serbs Closed Camp - Muslims,
Croats Failed To Close Theirs**

An op-ed article by author Elie Wiesel, that appeared in the New York Times on February 25 omits some important details about an agreement between members of Elie Wiesel's delegation, the Red Cross and Bosnian Serb and Muslim leaders. The International Committee of the Red Cross confirmed on December 18 that the Bosnian Serb run POW camp Manjaca "has now been closed down," but Muslim and Croat-operated camps were not, including two in the Sarajevo area that Wiesel's delegation said kept prisoners under harsher conditions than the Serbian camps. According to the ICRC statement:

"The ICRC notes with regret that neither the government of Bosnia-Herzegovina nor the Bosnian Croat side have honored their undertaking to release the detainees they are holding."

Italian journalist Daniel Salvatore Schiffer, a member of Wiesel's delegation, immediately criticized the failure of the Croats and Muslim leaders to live up to the agreement. Schiffer, who remained in Yugoslavia after Wiesel returned to the U.S., publicly urged Wiesel to speak up about the broken promise by the Muslim leaders. Thus far, Mr. Wiesel has been silent on this critical issue.

Wiesel has charged Yugoslav President Dobrica Cosic, a longtime friend and fellow author, of "betrayal" because 500 of the 3,000 prisoners of Manjaca were transferred to Batkovic, another prison, which is also confirmed by the ICRC. It should be noted, however, the Bosnian Serbs are reluctant to release those prisoners which they hold responsible for the massacres of Serb civilians carried out by Muslim units against Bosnian Serb civilians in such places as Srebrenica, Bratunac, Konic, Mt. Igman, Milici, Zvornik and numerous other locations. Mr. Cosic's influence with Bosnian Serbian leaders is also limited.

Those who admire Mr. Wiesel are troubled by his silence about the failure of Muslim and Croat leaders to open their POW camps and his insistence on the release of those who are believed by Bosnian Serb leaders to have committed war crimes. Cosic, a founding member of the Jewish-Serbian Friendship Society in the 1980's, had invited Wiesel to investigate reports of abuses at POW camps which were being leveled at the Serbs in world press, while similar and worse violations, confirmed by the ICRC in Croatian and Muslim camps, were being ignored. Mr. Wiesel is under considerable pressure to join the one-sided condemnation of Serbs by much of the political and media establishment. American Serbs hope that Mr. Wiesel will use his considerable reputation to condemn abuses wherever he finds them, using universal standards applied equally to all who have abused basic human rights.

Daniel Salvatore Schiffer can be reached in Milan, Italy at 00392-780-666. The Red Cross can be reached in Geneva at 41-22-734-6001.

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United States Holocaust Memorial Council
Mr. Bud Meyerhoff
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Re: Dedication Ceremonies of US Holocaust Memorial Museum

April 30, 1993

Dear Mr. Meyerhoff

It is a "queer" world we live in these days. Fifty years ago, at the age of twelve, my own father became a Holocaust victim. He watched as his immediate and extended family was virtually wiped out. He, himself, escaped torture and near death, by hiding and lying about his nationality and his religion. His story is only partially told because the pain is so overwhelming he has to stop and tell me "I can't, it hurts, it hurts too much" and we continue on a day it is easier for him to speak of his childhood ordeal.

It is also very frightening when one hears the "Revisionists" speak as if the Holocaust had never occurred and their attempts to greatly reduce the actual number of victims it claimed. It is an abomination, void of words, when the virtually, untold story of a certain ethnic group, whose loss of life due to the systematic genocide of its people by an Axis puppet state during 1941-1945, resulted in one of the largest victimized groups (in proportion to its population size), is continually and purposely being suppressed by Western media and governments. I think you know now, sir, I am talking about the Serbs.

Before the state of Croatia declared its independence and succession from the country of Yugoslavia, its elected leader Mr. Franjo Tudjman, a former fascist and Ustasha (during WW2) and more currently a former communist with a high position in Yugoslavian government, ran an election campaign that boldly glorified Croatia's Nazi past. He co-authored a book titled "Wastelands of Reality" in which he reduced the number of Serbs, Jews and Gypsies massacred in the Jasenovac Concentration camp, to a mere couple of thousand. Also, he reduced the overall Jewish victims to a few hundred thousand. He states in his book that "genocide is a

natural phenomon, in accordance with the laws of the divine Yaweh". On the campaign trail he was credited as telling his "followers", thank God my wife is neither "A SERB OR A JEW". What do you think, sir, the large Serbian minority living in Croatia and in Bosnia were feeling when they saw the checkered board flag of Nazi Croatia flying high in their towns in 1990, 1991 ? When Serbian homes and businesses were marked with an X and then systematically destroyed, burned, sometimes with the whole families inside of them ? I am talking about the year 1990.

I spent two months, September and October, in Yugoslavia that year. Mostly in Bosnia and the Dalmation hinterland, which is now recognized by the world bodies as being a part of Croatia. It was my second time to visit the Jasenovac Memorial Museum - the largest concentration camp in Yugoslavia during WW2. I was absolutly forbidden by the Croation authorities to take pictures of the inside of the museum. I might add, on my first visit to Jasenovac, in 1979, I freely took all the pictures my camera could accomodate. Exactly a year after my second visit, this Holocaust Museum now, no longer exists. It was leveled, along with the mounds containing the mass graves of its victims, by the forces of the "NEW DEMOCRATIC CROATIA". Is somebody trying to white wash their murderous past by doing this blasphemous deed to the 800,000 Serbs, 60,000 Jews and 30,000 Gypsies that were annihilated in this camp in the most bestial and primitive ways ??

You see sir, my father is a **BOSNIAN SERB** who survived; he was one of the lucky ones. But the media's likening of the present day Bosnian Serb to the Nazi's is not so easy to deal with. It can kill the spirit of survivors like my father who is not ashamed, but afraid to say he is Serbian in his adopted homeland, the USA. The Serbs were slaughtered by the Nazi/Ustasha alliance and they have vowed "NEVER AGAIN". The Simon Weisenthal Center has documented that the first victims of this civil-ethnic-religious conflict were the Serbs. Approximately 40,000 fled or were driven out of Croatia between 1990-1991. This was somehow, hardly touched on by our media here in the West.

However, sir, the most heinous act I will probably ever witness in my lifetime, is the presence of a Nazi/Ustasha fascist at the dedication ceremony for the opening of the US Holocaust Memorial Museum. I am talking about Mr. Franjo Tudjman, president of Croatia. I am curious, was he there to observe what a thorough job he and his accomplices had completed 50 years ago ??? Too bad Adolph Hitler isn't around, perhaps our State Department could have suggested that he too, be extended an invitation to this great and tragic event. The museum, in my opinion, has been desecrated by this mans' presence and if the World Jewish Congress "swallows" the explanation given by Mr. Tudjman in his letter to the Congress (1992) that his writings have been "MISINTERPRETED", then what is happening now in Bosnia and other parts of Yugoslavia will continue on and on and possibly, further and further.

HE WHO FORGETS THE PAST, IS DESTINED TO REPEAT IT. The Serbian

issue aside, 60,000 Yugoslavian Jews perished at the Jasenovac Concentration camp. I know what the Serbs feel about the presence of Mr. Tudjman at the opening ceremonies. I can only wonder what those Yugoslavian Jews would say if they could speak from their graves.

In closing, I would like to find out why Serbian-Americans were not contacted sooner than May of 1992 to participate and contribute their part to the museum. I know for a fact, they would have done more than their share to donate funds in order to help tell the stories of the victims of a half a century ago. After all, they were systematically annihilated, displaced and forcibly converted to Roman Catholicism during WW2. Could it be that the "**JOSEF GOEBBELS PROPAGANDA**" promoted by and for the Croats and Bosnian Muslims, via their well paid for prominent American PR firms, has found followers among the Jewish people, prejudicing them against the Serbs ??

Also, one more item. Your colleague and founding chairman of the US Holocaust Memorial Council, Mr. Elie Wiesel, has remained silent about certain aspects of his tour of the POW camps in Bosnia. I am very concerned and disheartened at Mr. Wiesels' "voicelessness" in regards to the failure of Bosnian Moslems and Bosnian Croats to open their POW camps and failure to honour their undertaking to release the Serbian detainees they are holding. I find Mr. Wiesels insistence on the release of those, beleived by the Bosnian Serbs to have committed wholesale massacres on Bosnian Serb civilians in places such as Srebrenica, Bratunac, Kupres, Zvornik and other spots, quite troubling. By the way these massacres were seldom, if at all, reported by our media here in the states. Has Mr. Wiesel's life been threatened or has he possibly been bribed ??

If the swastika rises high again in the new united Germany and if its government LEADERS reduce the number of Holocaust victims and/or publicly deny it ever happened, then, and only then will the Jewish people and other peoples of the world understand that the Serb is once again on the defence for his life and land, against an aggressor who is determined to annihilate him and take all he holds dear. Even an animal, when backed into a corner, will fight for its life.

Now in 1993, 50 years later, my father once again is **AFRAID** to say he is Serbian - **TWICE VICTIMIZED** in one life time !!

Respectfully yours,

Ingrid Lyras

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The Simon Wiesenthal Center

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Serb Am. Natl. Info. Network

CONVENOR'S PERSONAL STATEMENT/INTENT
Serbia: Questions Lecture and Discussion Series
Oxford University

At Oxford University by my own initiative, without involvement in any university body or social or political organization, I have convened a lecture/discussion series because I am concerned that:

(a) information is not being adequately disseminated, and some is evidently being with-held about the reasons for the Serbs' current struggle;

(b) current events are being presented with a slant, so that a multi-sided civil war is being broadcast to us as if it were an invasion, a slant which at times is tantamount to actual propaganda; and

(c) the history of WW2 Axis policies, directly relevant to the current conflict, is being repressed.

Extending beyond an intent to see the Serbian reasons explained, these issues involve concerns to this society, at home: as the issues centre ultimately on the suppression of information here. These are the types of issues that need to be opened for discussion in a university setting; and my intent is to create a scholarly atmosphere where qualified speakers can present their material, and then be engaged in discussion.

In this series, questions have been posed. Answers to them have been given by qualified speakers, mostly from Serbian viewpoints that are otherwise not being given due attention in the UK and USA.

These lectures are scheduled to be published together as a book, with the same title as the lecture discussion series.

Interviews can be arranged with any of the speakers in this series

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"SERBIA: QUESTIONS"

Press release by the series covenor,
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Old Member, Pembroke College, Oxford University.

"GREATER SERBIA" - PROTECTIONISM or EXPANSIONISM?"

The Serbian concern was expressed in the initial lecture/discussion (28 January 1993). "Protectionism or Expansionism?" was the question posed that evening by COUNT NIKOLAI TOLSTOY, who warned against a repetition of errors in decisions made by the British against Yugoslavia at the end of WW2, due to misconceptions and lack of information.

A formal response to the question was given by DR. J. GARRETT, READER, BRISTOL UNIVERSITY, UK, for whom "protectionism" constitutes the answer, due to the history of WW2 nationalism in the Nazi satellite state of Croatia, as he explained from his research.

That state encompassed the territory of present-day Croatia and Bosnia; and in it, the Ustashi government instituted an actual genocide. It differed in its policy and in its extent from the "ethnic cleansing" about which we are hearing today.

The latter is occurring on all sides, as neighbours are fighting neighbours in this civil war. But, in contrast, the actual genocide of WW2 was a sweeping policy in the Nazi satellite state of Croatia, from 1941 to 1945, in accord with Nazi/Ustasha ideology against "subhumans"-- eastern Slavs (Serbs), Jews and Gypsies. Against this historical background, the nationalist government of present-day Croatia seceded unilaterally from Yugoslavia without rights having been secured for the Serbian minority. Bosnia followed. The choice for the Serbs was either to submit, or to resist. The Serbs chose to resist.

"IRRELEVANT HISTORY"?

GENOCIDE AGAINST SERBS, JEWS and GYPSIES, 1941-1945

The relevance of the WW2 history was addressed further in the second lecture/discussion (11 February, 1993). More data for the Ustasha systematic genocide against human beings were presented by ALEKSA GAVRILOVIC, OBE (Order of an officer of the British Empire); and data for the Ustasha systematic destruction of cultural monuments were presented by ZAGA GAVRILOVIC (an art historian and Byzantinologist), Fellow, Institute for advanced Research in the Humanities, Birmingham University, UK.

The present government in Zagreb and their collaborators are denying the actual genocide. Only 30,000 Serbian victims from WW2 are admitted by Tudjman today. But in 1945, the Nazis admitted a total number of 750,000 Serb fatalities under the Croatian Ustasha policy: that number mitigated the Croatian Ustashi's own estimate of over 1,000,000 Serbian fatalities. Those were only the number killed, according to the policy that one-third of the Serbian population must be killed, while another third must be deported, and a final third must be forcefully converted to Catholicism.

By Tudjman's government the monument to the victims at the site of the largest liquidation camp in Croatia, Jasenovac, has been demolished; while his nationalist government are displaying many of the same nationalist symbols as those displayed by the Ustasha government, for example the checker-board patterned flag. The effect is the same for Serbs as if the modern German state were denying the holocaust while were yet brandishing the swastika.

At the threshold of Croatia's unilateral secession, the Serbian minority were already being oppressed there. Data for this had been brought into international forums before the secession. (Similar data was also being brought forward from Kosova, I should insert.) Yet the secession of Croatia proceeded nevertheless - with support primarily from Germany, Austria, and the Vatican.

When the Croat Bosnians and Moslems then seceded - with additional support from Turkey and Iran - an alliance emerged in this region which reflects the old Axis: Germany, Croatia, Croat/Moslem Bosnia, with Turkey. And in it, the Vatican is, once again, deeply involved.

MEDIA OBJECTIVITY? -- IMPLICATIONS.

The question regarding media objectivity arose against this background. What are the implications when WW2 history is suppressed? And what are the implications when a nation (Serbia) that sees herself resisting a resurgence of that alliance, is being shunned and demonized?

A cause for lack of media objectivity was identified by NORA BELOFF in the third, and final, lecture/discussion in this series (25 February 1993). NORA BELOFF distinguished herself through three decades of journalism as an international correspondent, after achieving a degree in history from Oxford University. Then concentrating on Eastern Europe beginning in the 1970s, she wrote the book about Yugoslavia, titled, Tito's Flawed Legacy (published in the USA and the UK, 1984 and 1985).

Ideals in the recognition of the Baltic states had been hastily transferred into the recognition of the Balkan regions, she observed. Yugoslavia had been assimilated conceptually to the Soviet Union. Croatia and Bosnia had been assimilated conceptually to Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia. The ideals were ostensibly for democracy. The news media projected Izetbegovic (the "elected" president of Bosnia) as if he were for a democratic state himself. But it is he who wrote the Islamic Declaration (it was republished in 1990, and has never been retracted by him), for the formation of an "Islamic" government; and he who has recently been awarded an honour by Saudi Arabia for his adherence to "Islamic" ideals, not democratic ideals.

Were the democratic ideals supposed to exist in the elections for independence? But those elections took place without sufficient infrastructure, and were boycotted by most Serbs, who comprised at least a third of the Bosnian population.

As for the other leader who was projected also by the media as democratic, Tudjman has (as mentioned) denied minority rights in Croatia and is rewriting WW2 history in favour of the Axis.

"GERMANY'S NEW DRANG NACH OOSTEN IN TO YUGOSLAVIA" / IMPLICATION FOR A BRITISH FOREIGN POLICY.

Sir Alfred Sherman will be addressing this topic on 24 April 1993 in the Law Library Theatre.

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

INFLUENCE IN THE UN? The demonization of the Serbs by the media, is being supported by the severe UN sanctions against Serbia. They are unprecedented. No one has ever suffered such sanctions, not even South Africa. So, why should Serbia? Even if we imagine her as the aggressor, the question remains: why such unprecedented sanctions?

The UN acted in an unprecedented way also when they granted Bosnia a seat with astounding swiftness after the "elections" for independence; and when they granted Croatia independence against protests by a minority who (with sound reason in history) felt themselves unprotected and threatened.

Why has the UN acted in this way? While the question remains open, it may be worthwhile to consider the former Secretary-General of the UN, Kurt Waldheim. He was the president of Austria at the times of the secessions. In WW2 he had been a Nazi officer active in the Balkans.

USTASHI REMNANTS? There was never a Nuremberg for any of Kurt Waldheim's Ustashi counterparts.

WHERE DID THEY GO? WHO ARE THEIR SONS?

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