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U.S. Threatens Serbia With Isolation

Republic told to end role in Bosnia war

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Washington

The United States, launching a diplomatic drive to stop fighting in the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, yesterday threatened to make Serbia an international pariah if it does not give up its alleged role in the war.

The threat was detailed in a meeting in Helsinki where John Kornblum, a U.S. representative to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, called for "concrete steps to correct flagrant violations of CSCE principles" in the fighting against Bosnia.

Kornblum said the United States wants a halt to hostilities by April 29, or senior officials will consider giving Bosnia full membership in the 51-member organization on an emergency basis, which would provide the fledgling nation with international legitimacy. In addition, Kornblum said, the United States and its allies would consider suspending Serbia's participation in the conference.



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Yugoslav federal army soldiers took a break in a suburb of Visegrad in Bosnia-Herzegovina

U.N. envoy arrives in Bosnia; U.S. warns Serbian

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — U.N. envoy Cyrus Vance, whose shuttle diplomacy led to a truce in Croatia's civil war, arrived Wednesday seeking peace in troubled Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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dead wrong," Vance said after meeting Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

The former U.S. secretary of state urged the warring ethnic groups to negotiate peace. But in a development certain to raise tensions, the leadership of Bosnia's Serbian community proclaimed a general mobilization of able-bodied Serbs, according to SRNA, a newly founded news agency in Bosnia.

In Helsinki, Finland, John Kornblum, head of the U.S. delegation to the 51-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, proposed that the Serb-dominated federal government be suspended from the human rights group if it doesn't stop fomenting violence in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

It would be the first time the CSCE had suspended a nation.

In Washington, the United States issued a sharp warning to the Yugoslav ambassador that Serbian aggression in Bosnia-Herzegovina is "completely outside the bounds of civilized behavior."

In the most concerted U.S. steps yet on the deadly fighting, Secretary of State

government

James Baker also called foreign ministers of key European allies to discuss Bosnia.

Serb irregulars, some from Serbia, recently have captured several predominantly Muslim towns near Bosnia's border with Serbia. They appear to be carving out a swath of Bosnian territory, as they did in Croatia, with the idea of linking up with Serbia, the largest of the six former Yugoslav republics.

AT LAST THEY SEE THE EVIL

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Israel May Help Yugoslav Jews Leave

Israel is considering flying all of Yugoslavia's 5,500 remaining Jews out of the country, Israeli press reports say. Among Israel's fear is that Jews in Bosnia-Herzegovina could get caught up in that republic's budding civil war. The Sephardic community in Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital, has been hard hit by the fighting. Serbian artillery has taken up positions in the old Jewish cemetery on heights above the city, a representative of the Jewish community in Sarajevo says.

If the Jews leave, the Jewish Agency would fly them to Israel, where they would join Soviet and Ethiopian Jews as recent immigrants. When peace returns to the Yugoslav republics, the people would be free to return.

U.S. Threatens Serbia Over Role in Bosnia

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war. In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tutwiler described the conduct of the Serbian leadership in Belgrade and Serbian armed forces as "completely outside the bounds of civilized behavior."

Meanwhile, U.N. special envoy Cyrus Vance arrived in Belgrade yesterday in a bid to halt the fighting. But fresh clashes erupted in Bosnia even as he arrived, dealing a further blow to an already ragged cease-fire brokered Sunday by the European Community.

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A senior official said U.S. Secretary of State James Baker telephoned the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Germany and Portugal, the current head of the EC, to discuss how to end the fighting, which has killed hundreds of people and forced nearly 140,000 to flee their homes.

Deputy Secretary of State Laurence Eagleburger called in the Yugoslav ambassador, Dzevad Mujezinovic, and delivered a strong protest, the third the United States has passed to Belgrade in the space of six days.

The United States had until now taken a back seat to the EC in trying to stop the Yugoslav civil war, which erupted last summer. But this has changed with the spread of fighting to Bosnia, which, until recently, had been unaffected by the war.