

## Zepp-LaRouche: Stop the genocide in the Balkans

*Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the president of the Schiller Institute in Germany, on July 22 issued the statement excerpted here, "Appeal to the Governments and Parliaments of Europe: Stop the Genocide in the Balkans!" The statement is being circulated for endorsements throughout Europe.*

All illusions aside, Europe's inability to react appropriately to the bestial genocide now under way in former Yugoslavia, is the symptom of a dying civilization.

This war has already claimed approximately 100,000 dead and countless more maimed and wounded. The miserable plight of 3 million refugees who have lost everything, cries out to heaven for some remedy. A catastrophe of hunger and epidemic disease is now rolling forward, while the capacity of Croatia, itself ravaged by war, to harbor these people has been absolutely exhausted; yet it is impossible to simply cold-heartedly turn these refugees away when they arrive at the border. . . .

The Serbs under Milosevic's leadership would never have dared to commit the war crimes they have committed—crimes unparalleled in their gruesomeness—had they not been absolutely assured of support by representatives of the collapsed Yalta order of Baker and Yazov, Eagleburger and Carrington. . . .

We, the undersigned . . . call upon Europe's governments and parliaments to immediately make possible the following measures:

- Unequivocal condemnation of the role of representatives of the collapsed Yalta order in promoting the spread of war.
- Effective neutralization of the Serbian Air Force.
- Effective buildup of the defense capability of Croatia, and of the Croats and Muslims in Bosnia.
- Recognition of the Republic of Macedonia by its legal name.
- Extension of the embargo to Greece, Romania, and all others who are evading the embargo against Serbia.
- Banning of ship transport on the Danube into Serbia.
- Opening of the borders for refugees, whose suffering must be blamed in part on Europe's failure to act.
- Immediate implementation of an economic reconstruction program for the entire Balkans region, as part of the Eurasian infrastructure program proposed by Lyndon LaRouche, as the basis of a peace plan.

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## Profile: Milan Panic

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### Serbian leader and the Hollywood mafia

The new prime minister of Serbia ("Yugoslavia"), American citizen Milan Panic, took office in mid-July, amid widespread predictions in the international press that his regime is intended to ease out the communist dictator Slobodan Milosevic, and possibly to pave the way for the restoration of the monarchy, under Crown Prince Alexander II Karageorgevic, who is touring the countryside to rally support for his cause. The Vienna daily *Die Presse* on July 15 reported that Milosevic's demise is a foregone conclusion—which only he himself does not recognize.

Who is this unusual person, who has seemingly emerged out of nowhere, to take a seat in the cockpit of a region that is exploding into World War III?

Panic, who came to the United States at the age of 14, takes care to play up his friendly ties to the U.S. State Department—which gave the green light for his appointment. Asked at a press conference on July 10 in Helsinki, Finland, whether he had any disagreements with Secretary of State James Baker, Panic replied: "Mr. Baker is my secretary of state. How could I disagree with my secretary of state? . . . I think it is fair to tell you that everything that Mr. Baker wanted me to do, I would do without Mr. Baker. . . . We are both Americans."

As to Milosevic: "God help him if he gets in my way."

### Ties to Clinton, Brown

As chief executive of the California firm ICN Pharmaceuticals, Panic maintains extensive ties to the pro-drug Hollywood "mafia," including the circles associated with Bill Clinton's campaign manager Mickey Kantor and Stanley Sheinbaum. Panic works closely with Nathan Gardels, editor of *New Perspectives Quarterly*, the journal of the late Robert Hutchins's Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions. In addition to Kantor and Sheinbaum, the publication's board includes Richard Dennis, who is not only the moneybags behind the Drug Policy Foundation, a leading propaganda outfit on behalf of drug decriminalization, but is also the second largest contributor to the Democratic National Committee.

Panic has a longstanding political and business relationship with Jerry Brown, whose family's links to the California mob are legion. Brown served on the board of Panic's ICN Pharmaceuticals, whose Serbian subsidiary, Galenika, is run by a former U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger, a protégé of Henry Kissinger and former president of Kissinger Associates, who served as U.S. ambassador to Yugoslavia, was on the board of ICN, as is Robert Abboud, formerly of the First National Bank of Chicago and Occidental Petroleum Corp.

Panic has been the main contributor to the political action committee which financed Brown's political activities after he stepped down as California governor. Brown served on ICN's board from 1988 through 1991, for which he was paid \$20,000 a year. During the presidential primaries, charges surfaced in the media that Brown had tried to peddle his political influence in Congress on ICN's behalf.

Questioned about Panic during an interview on John McLaughlin's "One-on-One" television broadcast July 4-5, Brown said that Panic has been a political supporter of his for 20 years, and said he hoped that his "friend" could help bring peace to the Balkans. "I imagine the State Department must be giving him some kind of a green light," Brown said.

### His policies

*New Perspectives Quarterly* recently distributed a column which Panic wrote on the Balkans crisis, which was also published in the *Washington Times*. In it, Panic vowed to disband and disarm all the "irregular" forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Concerning economic policy, he emphasized the priority of rapid privatization and payment of the foreign debt of former Yugoslavia. He wrote: "I will pursue a rapid policy of privatization modeled on the highly successful example of Galenika, which is now the subsidiary of . . . ICN Pharmaceuticals. . . ."

"In the months ahead, my government also will pursue an initiative to bring all the newly independent states of the former Yugoslavia back into an economic union. Collectively, all the states owe \$14 billion in foreign debt. Six billion dollars is owed by Serbia and the other \$8 billion by the rest.

"After Serbia reviews its assets and eliminates its debt, as a gesture of good will, I intend to propose that we also pay off the debt of the others—Croatia, Slovenia, and Bosnia."

While this blithe promise to pay off the debt will undoubtedly make former Yugoslavia's foreign creditors happy, Panic may not find it as easy as he makes it sound. Why, back in the United States, the Resolution Trust Corp., the federal authority mandated to bail out the bankrupt savings and loan industry, is suing Panic for defaulting on an \$8.4 million loan he assumed when he brought a motel in Mission Valley, California, in December 1985. According to the July 11 *Los Angeles Times*, Panic also owns another California motel on which he has not paid his real estate taxes since 1990.

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## Interview: Edgardo López Grimaldo

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# 'Colombia has become Endara's jailer'

by Javier Almarío

*Panamanian Maj. Edgardo López Grimaldo was interviewed by EIR correspondent Javier Almarío in the La Picota jail in Bogotá, Colombia on July 20. A former spokesman for the Panamanian Defense Forces and aide to Gen. Manuel Noriega, he has been imprisoned in Colombia with the aim of extraditing him to Panama on political charges. He is gravely ill and requires medical treatment by a specialist. His attorneys are demanding his release and that Colombia grant him political asylum.*

"The Colombian government, surely without wishing to, has become the jailer, the policeman that imprisons the political enemies of the illegal Panamanian government of Guillermo Endara," stated Edgardo López Grimaldo, a major in the extinct Panamanian Defense Forces, who is now imprisoned in the maximum security wing of the La Picota jail in Bogotá. There, he is waiting for the government of César Gaviria Trujillo to either extradite him to Panama, or else to grant him political asylum.

López Grimaldo was the head of press and public information for the Panamanian Defense Forces when the United States on Dec. 20, 1989 invaded Panama with 30,000 soldiers—"half of them drugged," he says—60 Blackhawk helicopters, laser-guided weapons, and Stealth bombers invisible to radar. At least 4,000 persons died in the invasion.

"They even killed 12,000 chickens and 600 head of cattle that the Panamanian soldiers were raising in a self-sufficiency plan to feed the troops," said López. "It was that invasion which imposed the Endara government. It is an illegal government which now pursues its political enemies inside and outside of Panama.

"The great fear of Endara and his masters, the Americans led by George Bush, is that in the next elections we can retake control of the country, that is, if they allow more or less free elections." They want me in prison because I am a powerful enemy, because I could be elected to the Legislative Assembly and in the future become a nationalist President that defends Panamanian sovereignty," said López Grimaldo. Endara's lack of independence from Bush is so severe that "the government itself and Endara's own supporters, call the U.S. ambassador in Panama, Dean Hinton, 'the Proconsul.'

"They have been persecuting me since the invasion. First,