

## U.N. backs Serbia with plan to partition Bosnia

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On June 28, 1914, in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo, a terrorist killed the Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, igniting World War I. The executors of the plot belonged to a national-masonic organization known as "Young Bosnia," which included the most fanatic Greater Serbians living in Bosnia. One of the Young Bosnia leaders who participated in the assassination was Vaso Cubrilovic, one of the forerunners of the ferocious Chetniks who are now persecuting the Bosnian population under the leadership of Rodovan Karadzic.

In 1937, Cubrilovic presented to the government of the King of Yugoslavia a genocidal plan for the "Expulsion of the Albanians" (see excerpts, page 37). Cubrilovic, who later served in Tito's communist regime, explained in the 1937 memo that, despite all the formal protests, no one in the world would concretely oppose the plan. "To tell the truth, the greatest danger lies in the possibility that our great allies, Britain and France, might interfere," he wrote. But not to worry: "There must be given the cool and resolute answer that the security of the Morava-Vadar line [which the presence of the Albanians would endanger—ed.] is in their interests, a thing that was confirmed during the last great war, and it will be made more secure, both for them and for us, only when we completely dominate the regions. . . ."

In light of this history, the question today is posed: Did Slobodan Milosevic, the leader of the Greater Serbians, give the identical "cool and resolute answer" to "peace mediators" Cyrus Vance and David Lord Owen? Indeed, the only way to explain Vance and Owen's activities, in particular at the recent Geneva Conference, is that they see their task as that of forcing the sovereign government of Bosnia to surrender to Serbian aggression.

### Behind the cantonization scheme

Lyndon LaRouche stated in a recent interview that Vance and Owen, "whose policy is the one originally carried out by Lord Carrington, Henry Kissinger, Lawrence Eagleburger, and Brent Scowcroft, are the actual architects of the disaster. Their plan was to destroy the Balkans, to start a Balkan war like that of 1912, in order to destroy Europe, so that Germany and other nations on the continent of Europe would not 'take advantage of' the collapse of the Iron Curtain in order to extend railway systems, energy systems, technological progress, and other economic influence into the former communist regions of eastern Europe.

"So this was a *deliberate*, criminal action by London and Washington, in order to set the Balkans aflame to disrupt Europe from within. And they are just going ahead with it." Behind the free hand given to Milosevic, there is a "rotten agreement to redivide the world between two—principally—superpowers, the U.S. and Moscow."

This agreement was discussed at the January summit in Moscow between George Bush and Boris Yeltsin. "Bush cut a deal with Yeltsin in which former Yugoslavia would be divided in a partition—that is, a global strategic division just like the Yalta division of territory: 'This side is yours,' and 'this side is ours.'" This new Yalta "goes together with the collapse of the effort to bring Moscow closer into cooperation with Europe, and goes together with the tendency in Russia now to form not a communist regime, but a hardline, Russian nationalist, imperialist regime, which proceeds on the basis of what it perceives to be its geopolitical global interest, while the United States, with Britain, proceeds from the other side. We have a new partition of the world, not settled, but in progress—a new partition which could *lead to World War III.*"

## The U.N. treason

The plan presented by Vance and Owen in Geneva (see page 28) was in fact a simple request to Bosnia that it capitulate. The republic is supposed to be divided in 10 autonomous provinces along ethnic lines. Sarajevo itself is to become an "open city," i.e., outside the control of the Bosnian government. The genocidalist gangs of Rodovan Karadzic, the leader of the Chetniks in Bosnia, are allowed to withdraw, with all their heavy weapons, inside "their" cantons. U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali provocatively told the Bosnians that the talks represented "the last chance for peace." Karadzic congratulated himself for having been able to participate to a face-to-face meeting with the Bosnian government, and thereby gaining recognition. It took months of brutal pressure on the side of the United Nations to force Bosnian President Alija Itzebegovic to sit down to talk with the butcher of his people. Karadzic was full of praise for Lord Owen and the "sophisticated British diplomacy."

To be sure that the right pressure was applied to the Bosnians, the U.N. made sure that the Geneva meeting took place while the Bosnian capital city of Sarajevo was under siege, with people starving and dying of cold. The U.N. leadership thereby descended to an unprecedented level of immorality.

On Dec. 28, U.N. spokesman Fred Ekhard called a press conference to leak—and possibly sabotage—a military operation being organized by the Bosnian government. He said: "The concern is that there may be a major offensive in preparation by the Bosnian government to try to regain lost territory or possibly *even to try to liberate Sarajevo*." This response, to a reported attempt by a sovereign government to free its own capital city from the aggression of terrorist paramilitary gangs! On the other hand, there has never been an instance in which the U.N. has leaked a military operation prepared by the Chetniks, not even when these operations were setting up rape camps!

"Ghali Hitler!" "Ghali fascist!" "Boutros Ghali—Shame!" chanted the people of Sarajevo, when the U.N. secretary general arrived in the city for a six-hour public relations visit. Sarajevo residents distributed an open letter to Boutros Ghali: "May God help you in the New Year as you helped us this year!"

The provocations of the peace mediators continued. On Jan. 5, Lord Owen repeated that an international military intervention in favor of Bosnia must be avoided, because it would hinder the "humanitarian help" supposedly being rendered by international forces. Cyrus Vance, from his side, intervened—according to several reports received by *EIR*—to block a meeting that had been tentatively scheduled for Jan. 8 between President Itzebegovic and President George Bush at the White House. Vance's rationale was reportedly that such a meeting would be disruptive for the peace process! Finally, on Jan. 8, Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger let down his mask and brutally attacked Bosnia and Croatia.

## Serbian-occupied territory in Bosnia-Herzegovina



Eagleburger, who has been a somewhat covert sponsor of Milosevic, now no longer feels the need to hide his policy. His words were echoed by the assassination of Bosnia's deputy president, while Itzebegovic was out of the country.

## Bosnian government stands firm

But despite the pressures and the provocation, the Bosnian government stated its position with force and dignity. President Itzebegovic stated, after the first round of talks in Geneva, that Bosnia must retain sovereignty over its territory, and that the Chetniks should not be allowed to retain the heavy weapons given them by the Serbian Army, while the U.N. and European arms embargo has destroyed the ability of Sarajevo to defend its population from the slaughter. "I don't think there is any sense in coming back to this conference again unless these principles are accepted," President Itzebegovic said. He said that Bosnia does not need a military intervention from outside, just the lifting of the embargo.

"The desire of our soldiers is the lifting of the arms embargo," said Bosnian Foreign Minister Haris Silajdzic, during a visit to Bonn. "If that is not possible, then there should be a limited military intervention, that is, the destruction of targets from the air or by missiles." The U.N. arms embargo is "illegal." "Sarajevo is dying. It is freezing to death; yet we are not allowed to use the little bit of army we have. It is not only those monsters in the hills who are killing Sarajevo and other towns; it is the international community killing Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"Either stop the aggression or let us stop it. Anything else

is complicity. It is very hard not to suspect there is willingness on the part of the international community to surrender Bosnia-Hercegovina to the aggressors. . . The world has Bosnia-Hercegovina on its conscience!"

### Schiller Institute mobilization

Even at this late hour, the world is not represented by Vance or Eagleburger. The campaign launched by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the Schiller Institute, "Stop Milosevic's Rape of Bosnia!" is receiving an enthusiastic response in Europe and the Americans. Most people can see that the Bosnians are eager to fight to defend their land, and that the arms embargo represents a legitimization of the rape

camps and the other atrocities. The Serbian campaign to present the Bosnia government as "Islamic fundamentalists" has miserably failed. There is a need for real economic help (as opposed to the "humanitarian" alibi of Boutros Ghali) for the reconstruction of Bosnia.

Maybe we are a few months before June 1914, but this time there is a lot that can be done. The Schiller Institute leaflet on Bosnia reads: "We stand on the brink of world war once again, thanks to the western elites' craven behavior toward Serbia. Do not expect that these cowardly and complicit men will of themselves move to stop what they have set in motion. It is urgent that all men of good will act to stop this war now!"

## The Vance-Owen plan for carving up Bosnia

The following is the official text of a "Constitutional Framework for Bosnia and Hercegovina," presented in Geneva on Jan. 2 by mediators Cyrus Vance for the United Nations and Lord David Owen for the European Community:

1) Bosnia and Hercegovina shall be a decentralized state, with most governmental functions carried out by its provinces.

2) The provinces shall not have any international legal personality and may not enter into agreements with foreign states or with international organizations.

3) Full freedom of movement shall be allowed throughout Bosnia and Hercegovina.

4) The constitution shall recognize the three major "ethnic" groups as the constituent units of the state, as well as a group of "others."

5) All matters of vital concern to any of the constituent units shall be regulated in the constitution, which as to these points may only be amended by consensus of these three units; ordinary governmental business is not to be vetoable by any constituent unit.

6) The provinces and the central government shall have democratically elected legislatures and democratically chosen chief executives, and an independent judiciary. The Presidency shall be composed of three representatives each of the three constituent units. The initial elections are to be U.N./EC/CSCE (United Nations, European Community, Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe) supervised.

7) A Constitutional Court, with a member from each group and a majority of non-Bosnian members initially



This map of the partition of Bosnia, proposed by "mediators" Cyrus Vance and David Owen, was published in the Croatian newspaper Vecernji List.

appointed by the ICFY (Geneva International Conference on Former Yugoslavia), shall resolve disputes between the central government and any province, and among organs of the former.

8) Bosnia and Hercegovina is to be progressively demilitarized under U.N./EC supervision.

9) The highest level of internationally recognized human rights shall be provided for in the constitution, which shall also provide for the ensurance of implementation through both domestic and international mechanisms.

10) A number of international monitoring or control devices shall be provided for in the constitution, to remain in place at least until the three constituent units by consensus agree to dispense with them.