

Editorial

Time is running out

Is it not stupefying that politicians at the end of the twentieth century seem hell-bent on repeating the tragic errors of their predecessors that led the world to two brutal and unnecessary wars? Day by day the holocaust in the Balkans worsens, because none of the most obvious steps to check Serbian aggression are taken, or are taken so belatedly that they are no longer relevant.

Nearly two months ago, Gen. Paul Albert Scherer, former director of military intelligence and counterintelligence for the Federal Republic of Germany, came to Washington for a series of public and private meetings. As reported in *EIR* March 26, he warned that the policy of appeasement toward the Serbians could only result in a worse disaster than Neville Chamberlain's similar policy toward Hitler.

The argument which some raised to counter Scherer was that since Russia supported Serbia, any military intervention to stop Serbian aggression against Bosnia would strengthen critics of Boris Yeltsin who attacked him for being soft on the West. Scherer's answer at that time was simple. By allowing Serbian aggression to go unchecked we would signal to hard-liners who supported Great Russian imperialism, within the Russian military, that they too could have a free hand. In no way would this encourage more rational elements in Russia.

Shortly after Scherer's visit, on April 2, just before the Clinton-Yeltsin summit, a grouping from the Russian military-industrial and scientific elite surfaced to make public that President Yeltsin was prepared to accept the SDI proposal outlined by Lyndon LaRouche and adopted by President Reagan in 1983. Thus an alternative, genuine road to peace was being offered by the Russians themselves—nor was this counterposed to curbing Serbian savagery.

So far, there has been no public response to this offer from the Clinton administration, although we know that the matter was discussed at the recent summit. Meanwhile, President Clinton has expressed a mood of growing anger in the United States at British efforts to prevent a military response to Serbia.

Enforcement of the no-fly zone has been a U.S. initiative, and talk is of a more interventionist policy

to come. Even these exploratory moves have run up against fierce criticism, led by Britain's Dr. Death—David Owen—who constantly holds up the “hope” that the Serbians will become more reasonable, and accept the huge slice of Bosnian territory he is trying to offer them.

The recent Russian referendum was used in the West as another excuse to try to delay any action, so as not to give Yeltsin's opponents ammunition against “democracy” in Russia. Now the vote is over, Yeltsin remains in power; still there is talk, but no adequate action on the part of the West.

The immediate policy to be followed was outlined by General Scherer in March. It is supported by all Croatian patriots, despite the despicable role which Croatian President Tudjman has played in seeking his cut of the Bosnian pie from David Owen. It has received significant support in the United States.

Air strikes should begin to knock out Serbian missile sites and supply lines, and other military capabilities such as the tanks which fire unopposed on Bosnian civilian targets. At the same time, the arms embargo against Bosnia must be lifted in order to allow that nation to defend itself.

We in the West must orient toward those in Russia who wish to bring their nation into the mainstream of western civilization. This means implementation of the LaRouche program for an end to economic shock therapy and the construction of major infrastructure projects to link Russia and the rest of the former Soviet Union to the most productive area of Europe—the so-called Productive Triangle program. The principles behind this proposal were presented in Moscow by Mrs. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, when she lectured eloquently in April at the Russian State University of the Humanities on the need for a new Renaissance such as was initiated by Nicolaus of Cusa. That led to the 1439 Council of Florence, based on the principle of each human being created in the image of God.

That is the real reason why, for the sake of the Serbian people, as well as for their victims, the evil that is Serbian aggression must be crushed now.