

'I call upon Clinton to launch air strikes'

The following article is based on reports provided to EIR by sources close to the Bosnia "peace negotiations" under U.N. auspices in Geneva and written by EIR staff.

"We gather here in Geneva today in a situation that history may very well record as one of the most shameful, ludicrous, and appalling chapters of the 20th century. In short, virtually all of the political leadership of the West is collaborating in the guise of peace settlement, in a policy that will mean the extinction of a sovereign, U.N. recognized state, and no doubt the ongoing, if somewhat slowed, genocide of its people.

"Capitulation and appeasement are the order of the day, as Mr. Owen, orchestrator and spokesman for craven EC inaction, pursues a peace which represents death and burial not only for Bosnia, but also for the western conscience.

"How can we so blithely ignore the U.N. Charter, the Paris Charter, numerous U.N. resolutions, the London Conference agreements, and the Helsinki Final Act? How can President Clinton, obviously in anguish over the plight of Bosnia, call for assertive intervention one day and procrastinate under the banner of U.N. multilateralism the next? How can our envoy Reginald Bartholomew expedite a so-called settlement that is the abandonment of all our values?

"I am here today to say that neither history nor present world opinion will condone this de facto ratification and sorry cooperation with Serbian aggressors. For that matter, there is substantial and increasing support in the U.S. Congress for military intervention and lifting the arms embargo. And, for example, it has been just reported that 70% of the U.S. public favors military intervention to lift the siege of Sarajevo. Forty percent now favors military intervention to roll back ill-gotten Serb gains. And these figures exist without significant presidential leadership.

"Many have died. Millions have become refugees. But many more can be saved. Bosnia needs protection more than

ever from Serb aggressors. Sarajevo is constantly under siege while the genocide continues in such towns as Prijedor and Koserac.

"I call upon the United States and its European allies to call a halt to these talks until the Bosnian Serbs can be made to negotiate in good faith. I also yet again call upon President Clinton and the West to launch major NATO air strikes on the Bosnian Serb forces that continue to strangle the populations of Sarajevo and other Bosnian cities.

"The strikes must be launched not to force the Bosnian government to the surrender table, but rather as a first step in an effort to save and protect Bosnia. If these strikes cannot be launched multilaterally, they must be launched unilaterally by the United States. To do less is to prolong the agony of thousands of innocent people, and to debase us, as citizens of more powerful wealthy nations, to live by the same ideologies that drive the genocidal Serb dictatorship in its twisted campaign to destroy the multi-ethnic state of Bosnia-Herzegovina."

On Aug. 9, in U.N. headquarters in Geneva, and before 60 or 70 journalists representing the world's major press, news agencies, and television stations, U.S. Rep. Frank McCloskey (D-Ind.) read out the above statement. Accompanied by Marshall Freeman Harris, who had resigned only days before as head of the Bosnian Desk of the State Department, in protest at U.S. inaction, McCloskey had traveled to Geneva on Aug. 8 at the invitation of the government of Bosnia, to meet with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and to force through his views into the European press, which had in the main studiously blacked out the congressman's Aug. 5 press conference in Washington. Also present at the press conference were Prof. Lamija Tanovic, head of the Bosnian Mission to Denmark, and Prof. Francis Boyle, legal counsel to the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"Five days ago I resigned," said Harris to the Geneva press. "The threat of air strikes as opposed to carrying them



Demonstrators joined an emergency rally called by the Schiller Institute outside the White House on Aug. 8 to demand the removal of European Community envoy Lord David Owen from the "peace" negotiations for Bosnia, and urge President Clinton to militarily intervene in Bosnia's defense. Over 100 demonstrators arrived on short notice on a Sunday afternoon. Throughout the United States, "phone trees" mobilized people to send telegrams and leave messages with the White House hot line. In Mexico City, activists with the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement organized a motorcade, which included a banner reading, "U.N. Pimping for Genocide in Iraq and Bosnia."

out has narrowed the Bosnian government's options as opposed to expanding them. There is no alternative: The Serbians must halt their offensive and lift the sieges they are now prosecuting against all cities. The victims in this war are the Bosnians, yet they are being victimized by the only people in the world who have the power to help them. Everyone associated with these talks is part of the death watch."

Owen should be removed

A journalist asked McCloskey what he thinks of David Owen. He replied: "I have suggested Owen should be removed. He is not neutral. Owen was appointed by the EC, but he berates a decision by the U.S. President on air strikes.

"Air strikes could do it. I would say, send ground troops if necessary. Not doing anything will only result in more deaths. We would not have significant aviation casualties. As to the presence of Unprofor troops there as hostages, well, I have been told that within *15 minutes*, the evacuation orders can begin to be executed. So let's stop using Unprofor as an excuse."

An extraordinarily hostile CNN journalist — his television network did not, of course, cover the conference — asked McCloskey what he was doing in Geneva. The congressman replied: "I am here at the invitation of the government of Bosnia. I can state my own opinions, and I'm not telling the Bosnians what to do. You should simply understand that I am not a member of the General McKenzie school of diplomacy, those who heap abuse upon the Bosnians as though they were complicit in their own genocide."

Professor Boyle was asked why the arms embargo against Bosnia can be upheld, in spite of the fact that Bosnia actually won its case against Serbia, on the issue of the Genocide Convention, on April 8 in the International Court of Justice at The

Hague. "You're right. What's happening is totally illegal. It's a complete breach of international law. The great powers on the Security Council want the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina wiped out. They believe someone has to be in charge of the Balkans. They've chosen Milosevic. They've given him a green light while illegally depriving us of our right to defend ourselves, under Article 51 of the U.N. Charter.

"No U.N. resolutions even mention Bosnia, because all the resolutions on the arms embargo against former Yugoslavia, came into effect before our republic ever came into existence! I hope the good people of Europe and the U.S.A. will say, "Stop this! We've had enough!" And to you, gentlemen of the press, my last words are: Don't believe anything Owen tells you. It is lies and propaganda."

The conference was closed by Professor Tanovic with these words: "I wish to thank these Americans for their beautiful and courageous action. There are still some wise people in the world.

"But we are exhausted. We are treated like a second-class state and second-class human beings. We have no right of self-defense. Nothing we say is taken seriously. Every one of our stipulations is ignored: 'You can kill us, and we will negotiate.' We have reached the point where we can make no more compromises."

Although Agence France Press, Associated Press, Reuters, and Deutsche Press Agentur, the main European agencies, all filed stories on the Aug. 9 press conference, not a single word appeared in the French press nor electronic media, and in Germany, only the *Tageszeitung* in Berlin even mentioned it. Such a blackout is possible only when there is highest-level government intervention to enforce it. Following the Geneva conference, Marshall Freeman Harris flew to London, and held a widely reported press conference there

at the invitation of Alliance for Bosnia, a small but influential group of intellectuals and Members of Parliament who may perhaps have realized that plunging the whole of continental Europe into World War III might not be so clever after all.

The first western parliamentarian outside the United States to back McCloskey was Alex Kindy, a Canadian MP of Ukrainian descent, who immediately wrote to President Clinton, Canadian Prime Minister Kim Campbell, and to President Izetbegovic to this effect (see p. 32; for actions by other U.S. congressmen and State Department officials see p. 60 and 68).

Palais Tabazan

As the press conference was being held in Geneva, an hour away in Brussels the general staff of NATO was meeting, purportedly to discuss air strikes. In fact, there was already a pre-arranged plan that there would be no such strikes without the final say of the secretary general of the United Nations, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, a man completely identified with Anglo-French policy. Over recent days, Boutros-Ghali's French friends have been re-deploying the French Unprofor troops to take over the Serbian positions on Mounts Igman and Bjeslanica, i.e., French soldiers have been ordered to place themselves in the way of danger so that the United States will not dare to carry out air raids. In other words, there will be no air raids unless the President of the United States decides to save his presidency by saving Bosnia, and go it alone.

Meanwhile, back in Geneva, U.N. headquarters has been turned into a virtual armed camp since Saturday night, Aug. 8, when a small group of Bosnian and Swiss demonstrators broke away from the main demonstration before the Palais des Nations, and approached the police crash barrier shouting "Owen Fascist" and "Fire Dr. Death!" Dozens of riot police, barbed wire, and rows of water cannons now surround the building, leading a wag to suggest the building be renamed Palais Tabazan, after the family which served as public executioners to the good city of Geneva for several centuries, and for whom a street there is boldly named.

Clinton must challenge Britain on Bosnia

Lyndon LaRouche made the following remarks during his weekly "Executive Intelligence Review's Talks" radio interview on Aug. 11.

The Clinton administration backed down totally to the British line, and tried to appear not to have done so.

This procedure, as it came out of Brussels, under which the military action will not occur, will be limited to, will be coordinated with the United Nations; that after each action they will go back to the United Nations before going to the next military action, all of this sort of thing, means that *nothing at all of any significance will be done*. In the meantime, the French put their U.N.-assigned troops on the mountaintop with the Serbians, which means that one could not bomb the most relevant position of the Serbian artillery, without hitting French U.N. troops.

The thing literally stinks.

If I were President of the United States, I should be laying before the American people *precisely* what these modern Daladiers such as Lord Owen, who is worse than [Neville] Chamberlain, and the French have done in this situation, and say, this is the problem we have to deal with. I think the American people have the right to know what is going on in the Balkans. If we're going to make policy, I think the American people ought to know what's going on.

I think that unless Clinton does that and says openly that the Bosnians are being destroyed because the French and British are acting as virtual allies or directors of the genocide being done by the Serbian fascists there, I don't think we can make policy.

We have to call a spade a spade. . . .

First of all, it should be recalled that friends of ours were in the middle of this operation which forced the exposure of what Lord Owen had done, his duplicity, that Lord Owen was working as a virtual agent of those Serbians such as Karadzic, the psychiatrist. Remember, Lord Owen is a psychiatrist, and he is connected very directly through these professional channels to Karadzic, not merely in the profession of psychiatry, but the operations in Bosnia were run and designed on the basis of certain psychiatric principles of psychological warfare, in which Owen's circles were participating in theoretical planning side of designing this kind of warfare.

So Owen is not simply "connected" to Karadzic by professional linkages; he is actually a part of the group of people who designed this kind of warfare; and they were using this kind of psychological warfare to try to turn all of Bosnia-Herzegovina — and part of Croatia, too — over to these fascist Serbs. And that meant that the Kosova region of the former Yugoslavia be subject to massive "ethnic cleansing" against the so-called Albanian population there; and that Makedonija would be the next to go, which means the whole Balkan war would spread. . . .

The crucial issue the United States has to face is twofold on this military-strategic level. The United States has to face the fact that the British are working *against* the most vital interests of the United States in the Balkans and in China, among other places. . . .

If we do not act in Bosnia to stop the Serbs, the United States has no political, diplomatic, strategic credibility on