

this planet. That loss of credibility, more than any Russian resentment against our action against their Serbian “little brothers,” will accelerate Moscow’s perception that the United States *is* a paper tiger, and the Russians will come on with a hostile attitude toward the United States as they reconsolidate their power very rapidly. . . .

There is no diversionary, compensating, offsetting tactic by which President Clinton could save his administration from the absolute disaster which will hit it if he does not bite the bullet on this issue of confronting openly, boldly, and effectively, the duplicity of London and Paris in the recent years on this Balkan issue. . . .

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## Interview: Niaz Durakovic

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### ‘When the British come, people fight each other’

*On Aug. 7, leading Bosnian opposition figure Niaz Durakovic, head of the Bosnian Social Democratic Party, was interviewed in Geneva, and the text of the interview was made available to EIR. One day earlier, Durakovic had been thrown out of the Geneva “peace talks” by Lord Owen, for having laughed in Owen’s face.*

**Q:** Mr. Owen asked you to leave the conference yesterday. Why?

**Durakovic:** I left because Owen’s arrogance made it impossible for me to stay. First, he had said that he was against dividing Sarajevo, but now, when [Bosnian Serb leader] Karadzic says so, he demands it. I told him, “You can’t treat people like cabbage.” Owen accepts Karadzic’s wishes and his military threats. I told him his plan means going back several hundred years in history, that it is anachronistic and tragi-comic. I laughed at him. He even proposed that a part of Sarajevo should be given to Serbia, which I know they want because the head of the Serbian Parliament lives there.

Owen turned green and asked me to leave, so he could stay only with the members of the Presidency. But he has already divided the Presidency!

Reuters says I am a hardliner.

**Q:** What do you think of the British?

**Durakovic:** Owen himself is not the problem as such, the problem is who is behind him and pushing this. Through Owen you see the cynicism, the egoism, the crisis of a whole civilization.

It is political prostitution. In Bosnia we always said: Whenever the British come to make peace, people fight each

## Canadian MP: ‘Owen should be removed’

*Canadian Member of Parliament Alex Kindy (Calgary North East) sent the following letter to Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic.*

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to inform you that I admire and support your position to maintain the territorial integrity of the State of Bosnia and any attempt by other powers to infringe on that integrity should be condemned by all freedom-loving nations around the world.

The attitude of Lord David Owen, who has played a very negative role in this conflict, is destructive, biased and hypocritical. I personally believe that Lord Owen should be removed from his position as Chief Mediator for the European Community. I have put this position forward to the Canadian Government.

As well, I have supported the position of Representative Frank McCloskey (D-Indiana), as announced on August 5th at a press conference in Washington, D.C., and I have informed the President of the United States of that position.

other for the next half-century. England is supporting Serbia to push down supposed “German” domination in the Balkans; they think a strong Serbia guarantees British interests.

This is a superpower game, but England is not a superpower.

**Q:** What do you think about President Clinton?

**Durakovic:** Does Clinton know where Bosnia is? Hundreds of thousands wept for joy when they heard he was elected, because he said he would stop genocide here. But now he’s elected; it is an empty balloon. The people of Bosnia are deeply disappointed by his diletantism.

**Q:** What do you want done?

**Durakovic:** Air strikes on Serbian positions. Break all sieges in Bosnia. Lift the arms embargo — we don’t expect you to fight for us.

We must warn the world in a shocking way. All world media must be alarmed to keep telling the West: You have direct responsibility! We need an emergency Security Council session. We have no arms; young men in Brcko [city in northern Bosnia] have thrown themselves against Serbian tanks with dynamite sticks strapped to their bodies.