

let the communications be restored. Let human rights be respected in the regions presently ruled by Serbia. Then we shall see.

EIR: Is it advisable that Bosnia not attend the talks at all?

Filipovic: We cannot directly change the will of President Clinton. I am concerned that *we not accept anything*. We should never give into *anything*. It is the only defense we have.

EIR: What of the new 28th Division, "Return to Srebrenica"?

Filipovic: Three years ago, I said we should form a special force, named to be the force for restoring the authority of Bosnia-Herzegovina over the region of the Drina. I insisted, we should form a Drina Corps to declare our *strong will with military force* on our eastern border.

I am glad the 28th Division has been formed. It will fight, and I know that eastern Bosnia will be gotten back.

You see, I am from the Krajina region of Bosnia, from Banja Luka. I have often visited soldiers who come from that region, and they tell me they will not put down their arms, until we get back to Banja Luka, Prijedor, and the rest.

Interview: Stjepan Klucic

Three principles are needed for peace

Professor Klucic is a member of the Presidency of Bosnia-Herzegovina and head of the Republican Party of Bosnia. He is a Catholic of Croatian origin.

EIR: What do you say to the Contact Group plan?

Klucic: Bosnia must remain sovereign. We can discuss the plan, only to the extent it be sovereign within its present international borders. We can discuss, only to the extent, there be no *Anschluss*—no federation, neither with Serbia, nor with Croatia.

We are going on the basis that the West's intentions be good—and it is in the interest of the West, that Bosnia be a sovereign state.

Should the international community not support this, then "peace" will be short-lived.

EIR: What has to be done now?

Klucic: My party, the Republican Party, has presented a de-

mand to the Bosnian government: For 100 years, for the next *century*, no one shall be allowed to emigrate from Bosnia. No one shall leave the country. That is, if we are to rebuild an integrated state.

There are three further principles we insist upon. First, the return of *all* refugees, regardless of their religion, to Bosnia; second, the prosecution of the war criminals; third, a Marshall Plan, for which the financial basis to rebuild our country must now be defined.

Should these principles not be respected, mark my words, *war will break out again*.

Should they not be respected, we will begin, *now*, to make all needful preparations in order to relaunch the war within a couple of years.

EIR: What about the Serbians in Bosnia?

Klucic: The issue is to win back over to the Bosnian side the Bosnian Serbs. With western aid to rebuild the nation, and to the extent we do respect human rights over the entire territory, it can be done.

We have got to find political leaders able to sweep away the hatred. It will take time, and neither Belgrade nor Zagreb shall be involved, because they were concerned before to divide this country.

EIR: Most observers consider England to be the principal begetter of the war. At the World Court in the Netherlands, there lies a suit against it for conspiracy to commit genocide, regrettably, now in abeyance.

Klucic: We have let the suit lie a while in abeyance, to give England a chance to change its actions. But what you say is true.

You see, Unprofor [U.N. Protection Forces] has not put the U.N. Security Council resolutions into effect, but rather, those policies of the respective governments whose troops are engaged. There has been an "Anglo-Saxon" bloc—Gen. [Louis] MacKenzie, Gen. [Michael] Rose, and now [Gen.] Rupert Smith.

One should bear in mind that war crimes have no statute of limitations. Time has not run out for us to prosecute. And the English know that time is on *our* side.

EIR: What about France?

Klucic: There were two battles to be waged at once: We had to force [Croatian President Franjo] Tudjman into war against [Serbian dictator Slobodan] Milosevic. And we have *forced him to split* from Milosevic, once and for all.

And then, we were much exercised to get France to break with England, through [President Jacques] Chirac.

Bosnia-Herzegovina must remain a single unified state, and every nation must be got to understand that.

EIR: Were the bombing raids this week called off too soon?

Klucic: Yes. We have got to see the artillery batteries around

Gorazde, Sarajevo, and other cities taken out. The airports at Banja Luka, as Mr. Roy Gutman has just said here, must be taken out. And the way to the capital must be cleared.

EIR: What about the Posavina Corridor?

Kluic: If Croatia throws itself 100% onto our side, we can cut the corridor. Unfortunately, the Americans are swayed by their apprehension that the Yugoslavian National Army will launch a massive onslaught were that to be attempted, or were the Croatians to move to free East Slavonia and Baranja, or to take the hinterland of Dubrovnik, i.e., Trebinje.

EIR: Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole has just said he will *yet again* put off the vote to lift the arms embargo.

Kluic: I say, *let us have the arms now*. Then, you can announce afterwards, that the embargo is lifted. We have no heavy artillery, no missiles.

Our soldiers and officer corps need these weapons *now*, to train. We should have had them in 1992. Let us be sent them *now*, then lift the embargo. Otherwise, Serbia will attack, probably at Gorazde.

Interview: Mirko Lazovic

'We believe in the existence of Bosnia'

Mirko Lazovic is a member of the Presidency of the Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, president of the Parliament of the Republic, and a member of the executive, Social Democratic Party of Bosnia-Herzegovina. He is Serbian Orthodox.

EIR: I'm asking everyone the same question. What do you think of the Contact Group plan?

Lazovic: This plan is all unclear. There is talk of percentages, here and there. We cannot accept any plan which calls for dividing our republic according to ethnic criteria. We cannot accept this idea of "federations." There will be no "ethnic entities." We will allow ourselves to be bound by confederation, neither to Serbia, nor to Croatia.

Bosnia can deal with these neighboring countries, only as a *sovereign State*, and in no other way. I believe the Americans, and the Germans, have understood that.

Neither will we allow *political division*. We can let the conflictual Serbian-inhabited areas enjoy a certain degree of autonomy, but that is all, nothing like a German *Land*, or

their own state. That is out of the question.

The same goes for the Croatian-inhabited areas: There may be intellectual ties, there may be cultural ties, but that is all.

EIR: Like Spain and Mexico?

Lazovic: Exactly.

EIR: What about the recent events in France?

Lazovic: I feel a certain optimism about [President Jacques] Chirac. France has made it clear that [Bosnian Serb leader Radovan] Karadzic's Serbs must accept the existence of Bosnia-Herzegovina. France—that was not the case under [former President François] Mitterrand—has said that it considers it *French interest* to uphold a multi-ethnic Bosnia.

England is now very much occupied to avoid being alone in a corner—with *Russia!* And, of course, it is much occupied to prevent America and Germany from having any influence here. It is she who wants the *status quo*, because of her *interests*.

EIR: You have seen terrible things. How have you kept such a high morale and such grandeur?

Lazovic: We believe in the existence of Bosnia-Herzegovina. It exists as a State, and it will continue to exist. I was born in this country. During this war, I have become very deeply conscious of what it means, *not* to have a State and not to belong anywhere.

I have to find this strength, for myself, and for my children. Over the past centuries, Bosnia has known wars, and it has suffered. But it exists.

I believe in a civil State, in which all those of Bosnia and Herzegovina shall live, no matter whether Catholic, Muslim, or Orthodox.

This country has been a land of great tolerance for centuries. And we did *not* start this war. It was started from outside.

The people of this country will surely find a way to work together again, much more swiftly than their politicians. A great number of secular political bodies will doubtless spring up, in which people will *not* be organized on a so-called "ethnic" basis. You know, I'm a leader of the Social Democratic Party.

EIR: You are Serbian Orthodox. The British press speaks of Bosnia as a "Muslim State."

Lazovic: Such affirmations are simply, *untrue*. Western politicians speak of a "Muslim State," so they can get on with dividing Bosnia.

It is perfectly logical that there should be a greater number of Muslims in the Army or other institutions. But the Army is *not* fighting for "Muslim interests" alone. They are fighting for our State, in which all religions will freely share.