

Lord Byronists foment 'clash of civilizations' to protect the Empire

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"Our organization is named after the British poet who gave his life in the endeavour to free Balkan Christians from Mohameddan rule." This is not Radovan Karadzic or Slobodan Milosevic, in their most explicitly racist years. These words are the opening of the "Mission Statement" of the Lord Byron Foundation for Balkan Studies—the foundation that, together with the intellectual racists of Thomas Fleming's magazine *Chronicles* in the United States, has sponsored the international conference on "America's Intervention in the Balkans," in Chicago on Feb. 28-March 2. Fleming (see preceding article) is the main proponent of a return to the Confederacy and its partition of the United States.

The conference invitation queries whether the U.S.-sponsored Dayton peace agreement "brought real peace" to Bosnia. "Or is Washington still pursuing an explicit pro-Muslim agenda, while alienating America's traditional European allies . . . ?" Of course, the "traditional allies" referred to are the British. "The conference will be invited to consider whether Washington has acquired an aggressive bias in the Balkan affairs. . . . It will provide a forum to those . . . who suspect that the instruments of American intervention—including the current *arming of Bosnia's Muslims* by the U.S. and the pseudo-legal fatuities of The Hague War Crimes Tribunal—pollute and undermine the values in whose name they are used. . . . The conference will also consider the implications of America's Balkan adventure . . . is this new imperialism merely a spontaneous attempt to bypass mounting domestic problems?"

Indeed, the name of Lord George Gordon Byron couldn't be more fitting for one of the most perfidious operations launched directly and openly by the British oligarchy in recent years. Its mission is the same for which, 170 years ago, Lord Byron was deployed in the Balkans: to save the British Empire by setting aflame the European region that stretches from Turkey to Austria, in order to trigger a general war. Today, the danger to Britain's imperium is the development of the Eurasian land-bridge, uniting the Pacific coast of China and Russia to the Atlantic coast of Europe, which has the potential to break once and for all the British dirty operations that have prevented economic cooperation between North and South, East and West. This lawful, natural development has been sabotaged for more than a century. The Lord Byronists of today intend to continue that tradition.

Byron, Mazzini, and the Balkans

Now, as then, British imperialists' main *instrumentum regni* is the "clash of civilizations" between the "Christians" in the North and "Islam" in the South." The central dogma of this pagan religion, geopolitics, is the need to keep developed Europe separated from the Middle East, Africa, and Asia. In the mind of the imperial geopoliticians, the virus of industrial development and economic cooperation, must not infect what is known today as the Third World—that is, the area at one time directly dominated by the British Empire, and, still today, used for looting via extraction of raw materials, natural resources, and cheap labor.

The North meets the South at the Balkans, which explains why the populations of this region have been repeatedly the victims of machinations by the oligarchs of Venice and London. Immediately after the 1815 Congress of Vienna—and few years after the formal disappearance of the Republic of Venice—London launched a major effort to dig its claws into the Balkans, at that time controlled by the Ottoman and Austrian empires.

In 1823, after spending several years in Italy, mostly in Venice, the "beatnik" poet Lord Byron was deployed against the Ottoman Turks. He arrived in Greece with a large sum of money and a personally recruited regiment, to lead an anti-Ottoman insurrection, which had exploded in Missolonghi. Like his geopolitical descendant, Lawrence of Arabia, nearly a century later, he soon came to head the revolt. When he died the following year, he was placed in the Pantheon of the British Empire, apotheosized as the Romantic Poet.

Byron's Greek adventure was the beginning of the great British manipulation of nationalist movements in 19th century Europe, often pushing them to attack and then letting them be massacred, while cutting deals with their enemies. The aim was to reshape Europe for maximum British geopolitical control.

Of course, Byron's name became a byword for the alliance between the British oligarchy and the most chauvinist among the Slavic and "Christian" Orthodox elites, for the most part, based in Serbia and Russia. These feudal groups could easily be manipulated by the British, even against their own interests, and could be directed against either Catholic or Protestant countries, but, above all, they could be directed against the Muslims.

The leading architect of this “experiment” was Giuseppe Mazzini, who, from London, led an international network of terrorist and “nationalist” groups, such as Young Italy, or Young Serbia, but extending as well into the United States. On these shores, the Mazzini movement was one and the same thing as the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Freemasons, the masonic organization of Confederate Gen. Albert Pike, founder of the hated Ku Klux Klan. Mazzini’s capabilities became apparent in 1848, when Europe exploded into revolts and insurrections that suddenly enveloped the continent and led to the destruction—through “flight forward”—of the best part of Europe’s patriotic movement, many of them students of the American Revolution of Washington, Hamilton, Franklin, et al.

After the defeat and the repression of the 1848 uprisings, the British, mostly through the Scottish Rite, consolidated their control over the republican movement, and by the turn of the century were preparing to overthrow the remaining *anciens régimes*. The blow came on June 28, 1914, when Gavrilo Princip, a young Serbian terrorist, a member of the Mazzinian, British-intelligence-sponsored Young Bosnia, killed the heir to the Austrian throne, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand, and his pregnant wife, in the streets of Sarajevo. It was the trigger for a war without precedent: the First World War.

The same operation, today

The Lord Byron Foundation was officially created in October 1994, and represents the modern deployment of the same imperial apparatus. The new, disturbing element in the Chicago event is the open alliance between the “normal” Byronists and the Southern League’s Thomas Fleming. As in the old Mazzini network, Young Serbia and Young America are working together again.

This clearly indicates that the British are reassembling several parts of the old machine *openly*. According to observers, this could indicate a weakness, the need to do something immediately, unhesitatingly, not only in the Balkans, but also in the United States. But it also represents a clear and present danger to both. Is this British machine “going operational” in the anticipation of the imminent vaporization of the world’s financial system? The Balkans, and especially multi-religious, multi-cultural Bosnia, had been selected again, at the end of the 1980s, by the British as the trigger for a worldwide explosion. Bosnia, the only European country with a Muslim majority, was supposed to be the flashpoint for a war of the North against the South, of the white race against the colored or, as the Byronists put it, of the “Christians” against the “Mohameddians.”

Such a monstrosity was expected to supply the rationale for the genocidal looting of the Third World, while ensuring that no economic cooperation and mutual development would take place between North and South. Indeed, the alternative to this insanity has been shaping up in the form of the Eurasian

land-bridge, to the point that there exists concrete collaboration between many European, Middle Eastern, and Asian countries. Even more than any empirical consideration—important as it may be—the *bridge* exists as a powerful conception of economy and human will, potentially able to inspire and evoke from the desperation of the depression a worldwide political movement.

The American intervention

If the British-directed gangs of Milosevic and Karadzic could not achieve what Gavrilo Princip did in 1914, it was the unexpected resistance from the Bosnians, that gave the chance to U.S. President Bill Clinton to reverse the George Bush-Margaret Thatcher policies, and force the NATO “allies” to launch air strikes against the aggressors. The Dayton agreement froze the situation. The American intervention was late in coming, and far from adequate. Most important, it was not followed by any economic reconstruction of Bosnia. The British Empire’s financial tentacles—the World Bank and International Monetary Fund—were given the “reconstruction” franchise, and they promptly demanded that war-torn Bosnia repay the former Yugoslavia’s debt as a condition for financial aid. No reconstruction took place, and the British specialists are again at work to reignite the war. Dayton did not brake the British plans, it just shifted them into “idle.”

But, the American intervention did temporarily stop the countdown to war. It was in October 1994, at a time when an underground war between the United States and Britain was taking place over Bosnia policy, that the Lord Byron Foundation was spawned. Its immediate task: To stop, isolate, and neutralize those forces in the United States who were jeopardizing the “experiment.”

It is important to consider in this context the deployment of Thomas Fleming at the Chicago conference. In February 1993, less than a month after Clinton became President, Fleming used the pages of his journal *Chronicles* (which is co-sponsoring the Chicago conference) to launch the effort to slice the United States up into pieces. He wrote that the U.S. government had to be stopped, the country divided along the lines demanded by the Northern League (a.k.a. Lombard League) in Italy. Of the United States, he wrote: “There are only two alternatives for this continental empire *that has never been a real nation*: Either we find the means to decentralize decision-making and restore authority to the old institutions of family and town and country, or else we lapse into a multifaceted civil war of blacks against Hispanics against whites against blacks against Jews.” If the United States cannot be broken up peacefully, “if there is no movement or party willing to embrace a Leghist [Northern League] program . . . my advice is to stockpile ammunition and invest in bullet-proof doors and shutters.” Is this the civil war scenario that the unholy alliance of the Lord Byron Foundation and Fleming’s Southern League intend to trigger?

Driving a wedge between potential allies

From the very beginning, the foundation invested its efforts into undermining any U.S. initiative against the genocide in Bosnia, by using a hostile, jingoist Russia as a bogeyman. Simultaneously, intense pressure was applied on the most rabid pan-Slavic currents in Russia, who were told that the American intervention into Bosnia, on behalf of the Muslims against the Orthodox Serbs, must be seen as a *casus belli*. Further, the British poison pens dripped, the United States is in an alliance with Germany to destroy Russia. Britain, they whispered to Russia, is Russia's potential best ally in this new war against the German-Americans.

On Oct. 6, 1995, Byron Foundation Executive Director Srdja Trifkovic and Director of Studies Michael Martin Stenton held a press conference in Moscow, following a series of meetings. Stenton took particular aim at Clinton's efforts to force Europe, via NATO, to enforce peace in Bosnia, which destroyed the four-year-long charade of British control of United Nations "peacekeeping," which cost so many tens of thousands of lives in Bosnia and Croatia (see *Documentation*).

Worse, he warned his Russian hosts, was the U.S. offer to Russia to participate with its own military forces in peacekeeping operations in Bosnia, which would have driven the final nail into isolating Britain. Stenton ranted, "Every Russian should have no doubt that this is a poisoned offer, and I recommend you strongly not to accept it. . . . I recommend Russia avoid the poisoned gift.

"Russia is facing a new Cold War look-alike situation, whether it wants to admit that or not. By acting now to assert its legitimate national interests and its geopolitical concerns, Russia, in fact, may prevent this situation from blossoming into a fully blown Cold War," he said, adroitly playing on Russia's fear of NATO, and stressing that he equated NATO, not with the Atlantic Alliance, but with Britain's enemy: the United States.

The continuity of Stenton's ravings with the agenda of the Chicago conference, shows any but the most dull that Britain's dearly held "clash of civilizations" is not between Christian and Muslim, but between the British oligarchy and a potential community of principle, encompassing both faiths, and more.

Documentation

Stenton warns Russia: Don't trust Americans

From the remarks of Byron Foundation "Balkans expert" Michael Martin Stenton, to the Moscow press conference on "Russia and the Settlement of the Conflict on the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia," Oct. 6, 1995.

. . . It is a long time since the first bullets were fired on the streets of Ljubljana in the summer of 1991. But we have seen no movement towards a practical peace of compromise. It is my conclusion, therefore, that the experiment is finished. We know the evidence, we know the outcome. The new Germany has been tested, the attitude of the United States has been made clear, the weakness of Britain and the weakness of Russia have been proven. The solution to the question of the autonomous rights of the Serbs in Croatia has now been revealed: the military destruction of the Serbian community by an army trained by the United States, politically encouraged by Germany and tolerated by the new Yugoslav authorities in Belgrade. . . .

Another experiment was made, and that experiment was to give NATO military authority. . . . It was a highly important experiment and it would have been very beneficial for the whole international community, if NATO had taken its responsibility seriously and behaved in a constructive and neutral fashion. . . .

This military attack by NATO upon the Serbs is one of the first uses of military force that has had positive approval by the Pope of Rome. An event of first class ideological importance. What we are witnessing is the creation of a new consensus, a new consensus that does not cover the whole world, but does cover the most powerful parts of it. . . . The question is, will this political intimidation, which forces Britain to bomb people when Britain does not want to go to war and which forces Russia to remain silent when it knows what is happening, will this political intimidation continue? . . .

This demand [for NATO to deploy ground troops] is accompanied by an offer. The offer that Islamic countries and Russia can also contribute some troops and might be allowed to have some rights of representation at the NATO high command. Every Russian should have no doubt that this is a poisoned offer, and I recommend you strongly not to accept it. . . .

The Americans will never use military force against the Muslim authorities. . . . If NATO is allowed to send a very powerful American force to Bosnia it will in all probability behave in exactly the same way. A political and military authority that connive with the black propaganda stunt . . . is perfectly capable of doing the same again. Except that this time it will not be American and NATO bombers destroying bridges and command centers and ammunition dumps. It will be American Special Forces seizing control in Pale, Banja Luka, Brcko and ultimately on the River Drina itself. And if there are Russian troops present, they will be helpless to do anything about this. Which is why I recommend Russia to avoid the poisoned gift, to not send your troops and to not vote in favor of a new United Nations resolution to give NATO permission to send a military force into Bosnia.

If there is a political and territorial agreement between Serbs, Muslims, and Croats, I have no doubt that the existing Unprofor [UN Protection Forces] troops are perfectly adequate to organize an armistice. There is no requirement for a new powerful force.