

To war with the IMF, or to peace with LaRouche

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What seemed unimaginable a few days ago, is now happening: an escalating confrontation in the Balkans, massive deployments by NATO, relentless bombings, the world divided into two opposing camps, and three words—at first whispered with terror and incredulity, then firmly stated as a terrible realization—World War III!

From the Vatican to Russian President Boris Yeltsin, the warnings to stop the bombings are multiplying. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro Valls stated on March 24: “The use of force is always a defeat for mankind. One cannot help but think of the possible victims, and of the feelings of hatred that will unavoidably arise. It comes to one’s mind what Pope Pius XII said on Aug. 24, 1939: ‘Nothing is lost by peace; everything can be lost with war.’ ” The date mentioned by Navarro Valls was the day after the signing of the Hitler-Stalin Pact, the beginning of the process that led directly into World War II.

Today, two opposing fronts have been formed, as Russia, China, India, and, progressively, Italy and other European countries, are calling for a halt to the bombings. But, those who triggered the situation in Kosova intend to provoke, in Russia in particular, a radicalization and an emotional desire for revenge among a of large strata of the population and of the elites. After years of International Monetary Fund (IMF)-dictated economic destruction and humiliation, all the powder needed for the explosion is there. The NATO bombing of the Slavic Serbian “brother” could be that fuse.

As Lyndon H. LaRouche had warned, the financial oligarchy is ready to push the situation toward global war in order to salvage the unsalvageable: the mountain of worthless speculative paper piling up exponentially in the financial temples of the City of London and Wall Street.

In the meantime, a different process was gaining momentum, and recruiting new countries trying to escape from the collapsing financial system and to create an alternative to

economic death—the “Survivors Club,” centered around India, China, and Russia, and including Malaysia and some other nations. For these countries ravaged by the IMF’s shock therapy, the alternative is more and more openly represented by LaRouche. The financial oligarchy had to act.

On June 28, 1914 in Sarajevo, the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria by a British-controlled Serbian terrorist organization triggered—not caused—World War I. The situation had already been carefully prepared, such that elites, governments, and people, clinically “insane” and oblivious to the consequences of their actions, could easily be led into an instinctive, rageful rush to war.

The present situation in the Balkans has indeed been “prepared” for a general explosion. The reason why the Balkans was the “war laboratory” of choice for the British Empire then, and for its updated form, the British-American-Commonwealth faction, today, are clear. In the Balkans, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia meet. The presence of different cultures, ethnic groups, and religious backgrounds is seen by the British psychological warriors (well trained, for example, in Northern Ireland), as a weakness to be manipulated and exploited. In periods of economic prosperity, these differences favor cooperation for mutual benefit. But in periods of economic depression, such as the present, provocations and “divide and conquer” operations are easily set up.

Who is Milosevic?

Since 1991, Serb dictator Slobodan Milosevic has had a green light for his bloody “Greater Serbia” adventure—in Croatia, Bosnia, and Kosova. As *EIR* has pointed out repeatedly, the force behind Milosevic is not Russia, as superficial media analysis about the pan-Slavic, pan-Orthodox “brotherhood” keeps repeating. Milosevic started his career as a pro-IMF banking manager, and he was an “economic liberal,” in the sense that he favored the usurious policies coming from

the West. Milosevic enjoyed a close relationship with the gang of Henry Kissinger and Lawrence Eagleburger, and the most effective support for Greater Serbia, for example in Bosnia, came from top intelligence officials of the British and French armies, who were sometimes labelled “traitors,” but, according to experts, they were “deployed into a complex operation.”

Milosevic could have been stopped much, much earlier. His supposed invulnerability, the image projected by the Western media of the Serb evil superman challenging the world, was a pathetic fraud. Milosevic was protected exactly because he was the most efficient provocateur on the market. For example, few doubt that the British officials who made sure that Milosevic could carry out his ethnic cleansing, had not fallen in love with the idea of a Greater Serbia; they were just preparing the conditions so that the “experiment” could take place.

With Kosova, the experiment had reached the critical point. The “new NATO” (see article which follows), which was prepared also starting in 1991, suddenly discovered its “humanitarian” vocation. The problem of stopping Milosevic became the key issue. British Prime Minister Tony Blair became the most impassioned spokesman of the “humanitarian” line. His hysterical appeals (“Britain does not end at the Channel”) to “fight oppression,” to “stop the massacre,” were broadcast while he was pushing for the deployment in Kosova of Gen. Sir Michael Jackson and his Rapid Reaction Corps. What the flaming “humanitarian” Blair forgot to say, is that Sir Jackson was one of the butchers of the 1972 “Bloody Sunday” in Derry, North Ireland, and a specialist in intelligence warfare—including deployment of “gangs” and “counter-gangs” to fuel confrontations.

Rambouillet’s military annexes

The “peace conference” in Rambouillet that preceded the NATO bombing was aimed, on the part of the British-American-Commonwealth faction, at making sure that Sir Jackson’s troops were deployed in Kosova. This was the substance of the so-called “military annexes” that the Serbs, and the Russians, refused to accept. In an interview on March 25, the Russian Ambassador in Washington revealed that the Russian delegation at Rambouillet was intentionally misled and kept in the dark on the military annexes, and then was presented with them at the last minute—a *fait accompli*, whereby it was hoped that Russia would accept the deployment and the destruction of the principle of national sovereignty. The Ambassador revealed that Moscow had shared intelligence on the training of Kosovars’ military groups in NATO countries with the relevant parties, but nothing was done.

Indeed, the real target of the bombing of Serbia, is Russia—at the very moment that the Russian leadership is finally beginning to draw the line on the IMF destruction of their country. The provocations against Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov by U.S. Vice President Al Gore (see article, p. 64), and Gore’s torpedoing of the potential for a peaceful solution that Primakov was expected to find in talks with President

Clinton, show that the financial oligarchy has thrown away its mask.

The provocation against Primakov is the signal that the financial globalizers intended to force a confrontation before the crisis could be defused. Reportedly, Primakov and President Boris Yeltsin were pushing a peace plan, which Milosevic most probably would have been forced to accept. Apparently, the plan excluded the stationing in Kosova of the British Rapid Reaction Corps; but, it was never given a chance. This is the same plan that Italian Prime Minister Massimo D’Alema has endorsed, amid the rageful reaction of the “new NATO” and its Anglo-American sponsors.

Sir Michael Jackson: would-be Kosova viceroy

The condition that the “new NATO” has spelled out to stop the bombing, is that Serbia (and Russia) accept the “military annexes” of the Rambouillet peace conference, i.e., the stationing of 28-36,000 NATO troops under the command of three-star British Gen. Sir Michael Jackson. This is the part that the Russian mediator rejected in Rambouillet. Sir Jackson is the head of the Allied Command Europe Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC), and he is waiting in Macedonia to make of Kosova what the London *Times* calls a “NATO protectorate.”

The Italian daily *Corriere della Sera* revealed on March 13, in an article entitled “The Peacemaker Who Shot the Irish,” that Jackson was one of the authors of the 1972 “Bloody Sunday” massacre in Derry, Northern Ireland.

On that Sunday, a platoon of Her Majesty’s paratroopers from the First Battalion opened fire on an Irish demonstration, killing 14 unarmed citizens. The head of the Battalion, Col. Derek Winford, stated arrogantly that “they certainly were sharpshooters.” Winford’s second-in-command was then-Capt. Michael Jackson.

Britain’s psychological warfare operations in Northern Ireland—the use of “gang-counter-gang” provocations to “keep control of the territory”—could evoke an eerie parallel with the situation in Kosova.

Jackson subsequently pursued a successful “anti-insurgency” career, becoming chief of all the British forces in Northern Ireland and then head of the elite NATO ARRC. Prime Minister Blair reconfirmed his special brand of hypocrisy, when he announced last February that he would keep his election promise and open a new inquiry into the “Bloody Sunday” killings. At the same time, Blair was praising Jackson’s Rapid Reaction Corps, en route to Kosova.