

Croatian patriots resist freemasonic penetration

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Since the beginning of Serbian aggression, Croatia and Bosnia have also been the victim of another army: Freemasonry. The two articles we report on below, one from the leading weekly *Danas* and the other from the daily *Vecernji List*, are symptomatic of the kind of underground war now raging. Over the last weeks and months, other Croatian media have been dealing with the subject. Indeed, most of the articles on the "brotherhood" have been obviously directed toward recruiting to the Masonry. The piece by Jure Ilic is an example of this; the courageous article by Aleksandar Shiroka is the exception, and the voice of the anti-masonic resistance.

Note that the triumphalistic piece by Ilic (we don't know whether consciously or not), is stuffed with falsehoods. To cite just a few: It is absolutely false that Masonry is a "reflection of a country's democracy." The Greater Serbian organizations have always been affiliated with the British Masonry and in parallel with British intelligence. The dictator of Yugoslavia, Marshal Josef Broz Tito, was a Mason.

Second, there has been no "reconciliation" between the Catholic Church and Masonry. Rather, the highest level of the Vatican, including on several occasions Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, has restated the absolute incompatibility between being a Catholic and being a Mason. The "conciliation" line is being spread by the Masonry especially in the case of Croatia, because the country is traditionally Catholic and, contrary to other historical so-called "facts" reported in *Vecernji List*, has always put up strenuous resistance to masonic penetration.

Third, concerning the task of the Mason "to educate and perfect himself . . . to act among ordinary people to spread and apply his acquired knowledge," the whole world knows at this point how much Masonry reeks of dishonesty, secret plots, and destabilization schemes. Just look at the Italian Propaganda-2 (P-2) lodge, or the revelations in the British media.

Fourth, the claim that a "majority" of U.S. Presidents were active Masons is absurd; no more than 14 Presidents had any ties to the Masonry at all.

Fifth, concerning the help Masonry can give to Croatia because of its "international connections": We all know very well about those international connections. The article by

Shiroka, for one, is quite clear. The open recruiting appeal that exudes from every line in the essay by Ilic should not obfuscate that the Scottish Rite is an instrument—and officially so through the leadership of the Duke of Kent (cousin of Queen Elizabeth)—of Anglo-American imperialism, the same imperialism that, in agreement with their nominal adversaries in Moscow, has kept the world and "Yugoslavia" in an iron grip known as the Yalta system. We suggest that Mr. Ilic and his sponsors do some research on the possible connection between the French and British Masonry in sponsoring not only the Serbian terrorists of the Black Hand (the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914), or a connection with the creation of Yugoslavia, or with the support Slobodan Milosevic is receiving to carry out his genocide in Bosnia, Croatia, and elsewhere. And let's also look at the role of the "brotherhood" in the activities of the U.N. "peacekeeping" operations (Unprofor), or of its officers like Gen. Philippe Morillon and Col. Patrice Sartre who are aiding Serbian aggression.

The idea that adhering to Masonry is a patriotic act for a Croatian is sickening. Maybe one would make a career, just by obeying orders. But what will a Croatian do when those orders involve setting up his own country?

An informal anti-masonic resistance group has informed *EIR* that the U.S. millionaire of Hungarian descent, George Soros, is raiding the place, buying heavily into Bosnian and Croatian media. He is also reportedly creating a school of "democratic" journalism, where journalists are taught the "politically correct" line of the new world order. It is easy in countries destroyed by a war of aggression and isolated by an embargo to seemingly buy a lot with little money. The attitude of Croatian President Franjo Tudjman, his incredible acceptance of the U.N. Geneva plan and his recent attacks against "fundamentalist" Bosnia, appear to fit this pattern.

But as a Croatian patriot told *EIR* recently, "These are tricks aimed to break us from the inside. We have enemies outside, but also have been penetrated from the inside. Despite appearances, I do not know many Croats ready to trade their country for a career or to bend 33 or more degrees in exchange for political, financial protection."

Croatian weekly rips Pike, Scottish Rite

“Serbian Aggression Encouraged by Masonry—Are the Numerous Conflicts in the World Today Just Accidents or Well-Organized Actions by the Self-Proclaimed Caretakers of the World?” This is the headline of a two-page article against Albert Pike and the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite Freemasonry published in the Jan. 15 issue of the Croatian weekly Danas. The author is Aleksandar Shiroka of the Croatian Information Center in Montreal. According to journalistic sources, the article was supposed to be published five or six weeks earlier, but, because of pressure from inside the magazine, the publication was delayed.

These developments indicate that Freemasonry is exerting strong pressure to establish itself solidly in the new Republic of Croatia. According to sources, emissaries have also recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet the leadership of the Southern Jurisdiction at the Masonic Temple at 1733 16th Street N.W. It seems that a foreign affairs department editor lost his job over this article. Independent sources have described the article as largely accurate, although the masonry certainly existed in Croatia prior to 1990. Excerpts follow. Subheads have been added.

After almost 90 years, the almost-forgotten statue of an American Confederate general, Albert Pike (1809-91), erected in a square close to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., caused a storm of interest in the United States. It all started last fall when a Baptist minister, James Bevel, started a big campaign for the removal of the statue of the creator of the dark, racist organization called the Ku Klux Klan, responsible for the evil against the black population of America and for the creation of racism that spread far outward from the American continent. Albert Pike became a Chief Judicial Officer of the Invisible Empire and, in 1859, Commander of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of the Scottish Rite. The American public was surprised that the notorious KKK derives from that wing of the Scottish Rite, since a great deal of the members of the American establishment belonged, and still belong, to that Masonry.

After the first reactions in the American media—and we want to single out the respectable *Washington Post* of Oct. 28, 1992, which comments with disgust about the unpleasant discovery—the story soon crossed the Atlantic and assumed a new dimension in Italy, where the Italian magistracy has

ordered an investigation of a secret lodge of the Scottish Rite, called “Albert Pike,” in San Mango d’Aquino in Calabria, established to facilitate the cooperation of the Masonry with the Italian and American mafia. The “Albert Pike” Lodge is a secret heir of the Propaganda-2 (P-2) Lodge, which was closed after the murder of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro and the discovery of indisputable evidence of the connection of its members, especially its leader Licio Gelli, with that event. The police are particularly interested in Gelli’s heir, Elvio Sciubba, a special emissary of the American Southern Jurisdiction in eastern Europe.

But before we explain Sciubba’s activities, let us mention that both Gelli and Sciubba are heirs of the dark politics of Giuseppe Mazzini, a member of the Scottish Rite of the highest order and one of the chiefs of the British Intelligence Service in the 19th century, a personal friend of Albert Pike. Through the masonic Brothers, Mazzini developed a worldwide intelligence network in order to destabilize Europe and especially Italy, in order to destroy the power of the Vatican and Christianity as a whole. His best known weapon was the formation of so-called “youth” movements, Young Italy, Young Turkey, Young Germany, etc., and along these lines emerged Young Bosnia.

The killing of Archduke Ferdinand

The Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia . . . after the relative failure of the 1848 revolution—the Austro-Hungarian monarchy survived—Mazzini and British Intelligence changed its strategy and successfully finished the project with the murder of Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo in 1914. Behind that assassination stood the Belgrade [Serbian] masonic organization Black Hand, Young Bosnia, and the British Intelligence Service that organized the April 1914 demonstrations in Belgrade in order to force the Belgrade government of that time to break the peace agreement with Germany and enter the war. The move of French President François Mitterrand, a member of the Grand Orient Lodge who visited Belgrade exactly on the anniversary of the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand, can be analyzed from that standpoint.

Exactly one year before the open aggression of the Yugoslav Army against Croatia, on Saturday, June 23, 1990, the Grand Lodge of Yugoslavia was opened officially. *Danas*, on July 3, 1990, reported that event with great enthusiasm. On that occasion, in a secret ceremony, the Grand Master Zoran Nenezic, one of the rare bearded Masons, was initiated. Already by February 1991, Nenezic was being trained by his American Brothers in California, where, in Long Beach, he was elevated to the 32nd degree. In February 1992, Zoran Nenezic’s picture appears in the *Scottish Rite Journal*, the organ of the Southern Jurisdiction, together with the aforementioned Sciubba and other Brothers during their meeting in Prague in November 1991. Here, Nenezic was promoted to the highest degree, the 33rd.

In that period, Sciubba was very active in all of eastern

Europe. And at the very same time, that part of Europe went through the greatest crisis since World War II: the Polish economy being destroyed by the shock therapy of Harvard Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, a free market fanatic; Czechoslovakia falling apart; the former Soviet Union in an economic war and political chaos; and Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina going through the greatest destruction of their history. One of the consequences of that situation has been a huge wave of refugees from eastern Europe, especially from Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, toward Germany, making the economic and political situation in that country particularly unstable.

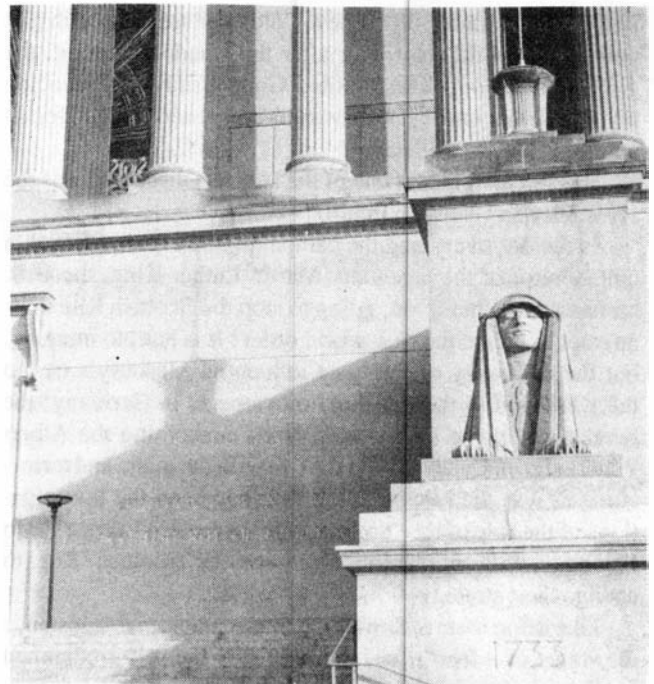
But "help" comes from the other side. According to the Italian Catholic daily *Avvenire* of December 1992, a whole plan of activities is plotted by the American KKK and the Skinheads in Germany, together with the former East German secret police, the notorious Stasi. In the spring of 1990, Dennis Mahon, Grand Dragon of Tulsa, Oklahoma, arrives in Germany to train his "buddies" in martial skills. In September 1991, during a concert in Ingberg, the proclamation of the birth of the German section of the movement takes place. The official newspaper of the German police, *Magazin für die Polizei* of November 1992, carries the picture of a hooded KKK member on its front page. The issue is dedicated to the foreign groups active in the destabilization of Germany, and it talks about the KKK and Mahon. . . .

Venetian oligarchs targeted

While moves are made to destabilize Germany and to degrade the idea of United Europe, at the same time that the Vatican and Catholics are being attacked. With similar methods, a wave of anti-Semitism is inspired in Poland, a traditionally Catholic country, and a similar attempt is made in Croatia.

But there are other methods: Recently the American publishing house Prometheus, based in Buffalo, New York, published a book written by the Serbian communist Vladimir Dedijer, *The Yugoslav Auschwitz and the Vatican*, with the subtitle "Croatian Massacres of Serbians in World War II." The book is full of lies and falsehoods. In the original, that book was titled *Jasenovac and the Vatican*, but the American publisher obviously decided to give it more "weight" with "Yugoslav Auschwitz," in order to associate Nazi Germany directly with the Vatican. It is very obvious why the book appears now, when the decision over whether to protect the non-Serbian population is being debated. . . .

It is hard not to notice a certain parallel in historical events. The Venetian banker and Mason Giuseppe Volpi was frequently seen in 1913-14 in Belgrade with the Serbian General Apis and his secret organization the Black Hand, which organized the murder of Franz Ferdinand. With his Venetian friend, Count Carlo Sforza, Volpi created a Yugoslav government on the island of Corfu during World War II, while in 1920 he prepared an agreement in Rapallo by which Croatia lost great portions of Istria.



The sphinx at Scottish Rite headquarters at 1733 16th Street, N.W. in Washington. Emissaries are said to have traveled from Croatia to get their marching orders here.

Before the Serbian aggression against Croatia in 1991, Elvio Sciuibba is in close contact with Belgrade. The bearded Mason, Zoran Nenezic, contrary to the masonic rules, was promoted to the highest degree of the Masonry in only one year, and another Venetian "Brother," Gianni de Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, negotiated secretly at that moment with the future President of Yugoslavia, Dobrica Cosic, on a new carving up of Croatian territory. At the same time, he refuses to accept Croatia into the European Community with the help of the same Masonry of Lord Carrington.

The Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, besides Lord Carrington, also includes George Bush, James Baker, Henry Kissinger, and Lawrence Eagleburger. At the time of the Yalta conference, where the destiny of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina was decided, Churchill and Roosevelt were also members. If one is to judge from the most recent meeting of the Grand Masters from all around the world in the Mother Lodge of the Scottish Rite in London in September 1992, they are quite happy with the events in Europe. While in their spring meetings on the island of Capri and in Barcelona, European issues still dominated, at their last meeting the focus was totally on Asia.

Not long after their meeting, India found itself on the verge of exploding into a religious confrontation, along with Hong Kong. The conclusion was that the democratization of Hong Kong is a good tactic, since if China accepts it, the road is opened to the destabilization of China and a possible partition. And if China does not accept it, which is more

likely, the conditions for a new Cold War are created in that part of the world. Not long after the London meeting, the governor of Hong Kong visited Great Britain, announcing that the democratic process was to be opened in that British colony. The rest we know.

It is interesting that one of the subjects discussed was the selection of a "New Churchill."

Is the discovery and the campaign of Reverend Bevel, a collaborator of the legendary Martin Luther King, the U.S. human rights champion, going to stop the Scottish Rite in its attempt to create the new world order? It is hard to imagine, but the discovery of the most influential Masonry's ties to the KKK and to the neo-Nazi movements in Germany, the revelations of the Italian magistracy concerning the Albert Pike Lodge in Calabria, and the ties with the mafia and terrorism—as was the case with the P-2 lodge and the investigations of the role of the "ambassador" to eastern Europe Elvio Scubba—will most probably force the Scottish Rite to change their strategy.

One thing is sure: Removing one symbol, in this instance the statue of Albert Pike, shall not stop the self-proclaimed caretakers of the world in their filthy games.

Caution: very slick

The Zagreb journal Vecernji List published a piece of slick propaganda for the Freemasons on Jan. 9. Written by Jure Ilic and entitled "Masons Back in Croatia," the following excerpts were translated by Steven Crkovic:

After a series of rumors followed by facts and by some newspaper articles, we can assert with certainty that Masons are back in Croatia. As we have heard and read, Croatian Freemasons—who have already been accepted in the activities of lodges in Vienna and Graz—on March 21, 1992, after thorough preparations and with the help of their Austrian colleagues, opened their own lodge (for the moment a "deputized" one), the Illyria, in Vienna. In this way, Croatia has reinstated one of her great European traditions of which she not only had been part but played a significant role. One could almost say that even today the attitude toward masonry is a reflection of a country's democracy. . . .

There are around 6 million Masons in the world now. In the United States, the masonic lodges operate almost openly, which is not strange when one takes into account that the first American Constitution was written by the Freemasons and that the majority of the American Presidents were active in masonic lodges. It was similar in Europe. Numerous politicians and leading men in the cultural world and in politics are in a high position in masonic lodges, while the majority

of them directly influence world processes and events. . . .

Experts assert that the tradition of Masonry dates back to mystical ages of the ancient times. Some are of the opinion that Hiram Abif, the architect of Solomon's Temple, was the first Freemason. Freemasonry evolved, as some say, even in the Pythagoras school, and then through medieval alchemy, while mystics go much further by including King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table in the freemasonic brotherhood and the legendary Holy Grail in the masonic secrets. . . . The very first lodge is considered to be the Grand English lodge, founded on June 24, 1717 in London, from which all the other reputable European brotherhoods emanate. Long-time disagreements between the Vatican and Masons from the time of Voltaire and the French Encyclopedists, who were attacking the Church privileges and for that reason were excommunicated by the Church, have been smoothed over. The big conciliation was proclaimed in 1982, when Pope John Paul II issued his *Codex Iuris Canonici* [Code of Canon Law]. . . .

The first masonic lodge in Vienna was founded in 1724. . . . The lodge is symbolically called "At the Three Canons." . . . For us, that lodge is very important for the simple reason that two Croatian noblemen were there from the beginning: Count Sigismund Gondola-Gundulic from Dubrovnik, and Count Joseph the First Kazimir Draskovic. . . . The founder of the Masonry in Croatia is Count Ivan Draskovic, who founded it together with other Croatian officers returning from the Seven Years' War. In 1789, nine more [lodges] were formed. . . . Up until 1940 in Zagreb, there were 10 lodges with 585 members. . . .

Today the Masonry in Croatia is starting from the beginning. . . . Only an honorable man in good repute can be a Freemason, well established in his profession and accomplishments, his acceptance being dependent on the decision of all the lodge members by a secret ballot, where white and black balls are used. One black ball and the decision is postponed by a year. . . . The Mason's first and foremost duty from his first step as a disciple is to educate and perfect himself . . . to act among ordinary people to spread and apply his acquired knowledge. Second degree is the assistant . . . the third is the master, after which Freemasons can advance further up to the 33rd degree of the Scottish Rite or to the degree of the Royal Arch. . . . A candidate is blindfolded during the initiation so that he cannot withdraw at the last minute and betray the secret. . . .

As with Freemasonry in general, the Croatian Masonry had in the past a significant influence in political, economic, and every other aspect in the destiny of Croatia. It is the same today, especially because of the tremendous influence of Masons in the western world and because of their numerous connections and mutual trust. Thus, it is not even necessary to emphasize that Croatian Masons could help in the reconstruction of Croatia in a significant manner, and in Croatia's different alliances with world institutions and individuals.