

ures, he said, "I am well aware of the sad circumstances of your country, tormented by a civil war that has brought untold misery, suffering, and death to the Sudanese people, especially in the South. The life of your communities is deeply affected by the breakdown in the good relations that should exist between Christians and Muslims. . . . Still in this part of Africa, I see clearly a particular reproduction of the mystery of Calvary in the lives of the majority of the Christian people. . . ."

Dignity of human person, unity of human race

The pope paid a courtesy visit to President Omar Hassan Ahmed el Bashir, and said he came to offer "the message of reconciliation and hope which is at the heart of Catholicism." He said he hopes that seeking a constitutional formula "will make it possible to overcome contradictions and struggles, with proper respect paid to the specific characteristics of each community." He stressed two principles: "First, the inalienable dignity of every human person, irrespective of racial, ethnic, cultural or national origin, or religious belief, means that when people coalesce in groups they have a right to enjoy a collective identity. Second, the fundamental unity of the human race . . . requires that no group should consider itself superior to another. In such perspectives, the freedom of individuals and communities to profess and practice their religion is an essential element for peaceful human coexistence. Freedom of conscience and freedom to seek the truth and to act according to one's personal religious beliefs are so fundamentally human, that any effort to restrict them almost inevitably leads to bitter conflict."

At a meeting at the apostolic nunciature in Khartoum Feb. 10 with leaders of the various religions, he voiced hope that "all the citizens of the Sudan, irrespective of the difference between them, will live in harmony and in mutual cooperation for the common good. . . . Here in Sudan I cannot fail to emphasize once more the Catholic Church's high regard for the followers of Islam. Sudanese Catholics recognize that their Muslim neighbors prize the moral life and worship of the One God. . . . They acknowledge that there are very solid reasons for greater mutual understanding and they are eager to work with you to restore peace and prosperity to the nation."

At a mass celebrated for 100,000 faithful near Green Square, the pope held up Sudan's Blessed Bakhita as a model, saying she is "one of the people to whom the lesson of the Cross brought incomparable strength amid all kinds of sufferings." He added, "The immense suffering of millions of innocent victims impels me to voice my solidarity with the weak and defenseless, who cry out to God for help, for justice, for respect of their God-given dignity as human beings, for their basic human rights, for the freedom to believe and practice their faith without fear or discrimination. . . I earnestly hope that my voice will reach you, brothers and sisters of the South."

Profile: Dr. Jovan Raskovic

New light on Serbia's Nazi psychiatric mafia

by Mark Burdman

Leading European publications have begun to provide written confirmation of *EIR's* contention that the Serbian war of aggression has been conducted as a form of psycho-social engineering, with Serbian psychiatrists playing a leading role in the conduct and strategy of the war, including the implementation of such policies as "ethnic cleansing" and mass rapes of Bosnian women. This subject was the feature of the cover story of the Feb. 12 *EIR*, entitled "The Tavistock Psychiatrists Behind the Rape of Bosnia."

The most widely known case of the Serbian psycho-mafia is Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs and a psychiatrist trained in group therapy techniques. Less well-known, is the seminal role of the late Dr. Jovan Raskovic, a senior psychiatrist at the neuropsychiatric clinic at Sibenik who founded the Serbian Democratic Party of Croatia in the period preceding the outbreak of war in the summer of 1990. It was Raskovic's party which initiated the slaughter against Croatia, beginning with staged provocations in August 1990 that were carried out in full coordination with the Milosevic regime in Belgrade. Raskovic was a political-psychiatric inspiration for Karadzic.

In its Feb. 11 edition, the French weekly *L'Express* published a feature entitled "The Brains of Purification," focusing on Raskovic as "the theoretician of Serb ideology." *L'Express* claimed that Raskovic's activities were "much more perverse" than even the abuses of psychiatry under Stalin. In the latter case, the psychiatrists were only "the instruments of power," but in Raskovic's case, it was psychiatry that shaped the ideology, with "the psychiatrist intervening directly on events by making himself a political man."

L'Express echoed *EIR's* characterization of the Serbian psycho-mafia's ideas as Nazi-like, writing that Raskovic's Freudian-modelled theories "evoke the apology for race superiority of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, [and] the theories of Darwin on natural selection."

It quoted from his 1986 book *Luda Zemlja (Crazy Nation)*, in which Raskovic put forward a "psychiatric" justification for Serbian rule over the other peoples of former Yugoslavia: "The Croats, feminized by the Catholic religion,

suffer from a castration complex that submits them to a total incapacity to exercise the slightest authority. Humiliation that they compensate for by their great culture. As to the Muslims of Bosnia-Herzegovina and neighboring regions, they are victims, as Freud might have said, of anal frustrations which incite them to amass wealth and to seek refuge in fanatic attitudes. Finally, the Serbs, Orthodox, an oedipal people which tends to liberate itself from the authority of the father." This "resistance," according to Raskovic, embodies the courage of warriors, making them the only people "capable of exercising real authority over the other peoples of Yugoslavia."

The book's preface was written by Dobrica Cosic, currently president of the rump "Yugoslavia" (actually Serbia-Montenegro) and earlier the senior ideologue in the Serbian Academy of Arts and Sciences. In 1986, Cosic authored his famous "Memorandum" for the Serbian Academy, elaborating how the "Yugoslav" identity of the past years should be replaced by a "Greater Serbian" identity. *L'Express* quoted Cosic from the preface: "Thanks to the metaphysical communication that [Raskovic] established with the Serbs, he awakened this people that had been put to sleep by the Tito regime. He led it to reclaim its identity."

'I prepared this war'

According to European sources, Raskovic's theories became "popularized" when he began to be featured in the Serbian media, which portrayed him as the number-one psychiatrist and scientist of his time, and as the natural leader of the Serbs in the years to come. As *L'Express* quoted Raskovic himself telling the Belgrade-based television chain "Yutel" in January 1992, six months after the launching of the full-scale armed offensive in Croatia: "I feel myself responsible because I prepared this war, although it was not a matter of military preparations. Had I not provoked this emotional tension inside the Serbian people, nothing would have happened. My party and myself lit the fuse of Serbian nationalism, not only in Croatia, but everywhere else, in Bosnia-Herzegovina notably. We guided this people, by giving it its identity." (Some months later, Raskovic died of a heart attack.)

L'Express commented that Raskovic and fellow psychiatrist Radovan Karadzic must bear the responsibility for having created and circulated the ideology that "banalizes hate by giving it a professed scientific basis. The rapes and the massacres committed in the name of 'ethnic cleansing' flow from this sinister logic, which [Raskovic] did not bring with him to the grave."

A government of psychiatrists and patients

Complementary information received by *EIR* from European researchers indicates that Raskovic developed his psychiatric theories in practice, in his work at the neuropsychiatric clinic in Sibenik. According to a former colleague of

his, now a bitter opponent, Raskovic practiced electroshock therapy and other "sadistic" psychotherapeutic techniques, while claiming to be a proponent of the existentialist school of "anti-psychiatry."

Raskovic regularly recruited his own patients to his Greater Serbian political goals. According to the cited former colleague of Raskovic, the three party leaders who brought the Serbian Democratic Party into war in Croatia were former patients of Raskovic at Sibenik! One of these, Milan Martic, is presently the interior minister of the self-proclaimed "Serb Republic of Krajina," who has deployed a network of underlings to run the rape camps in areas under Serbian control.

Informed sources further report that Raskovic was the political recruiter of Radovan Karadzic. Asked in a May 1990 interview whom he looked to as his philosophical model, Karadzic answered, "Above all, Jovan Raskovic." It was on the model of Raskovic's Serbian Democratic Party, that Karadzic set up his own "Serbian Democratic Party" in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The sources also report that Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic was once the psychiatric patient of Karadzic!

One well-informed Balkan insider told *EIR*: "The Serbian regime, actually, is a combination of psychiatrists and patients."

Et tu, Owen?

Other bits and pieces of the story have begun to appear elsewhere in Europe. In its edition for Feb. 15, the German weekly *Der Spiegel* pointed the finger at two other key protagonists from the inner Milosevic circle, Svetozar Stojanovic and Mihailo Markovic. As *EIR* documented, Stojanovic and Markovic are two of the key figures in shaping an ideological-philosophical-psychological rationalization for Serbian brutality.

Der Spiegel revealed that Stojanovic returned to Belgrade one year ago from the United States and, since that time, has taken control of Serbian propaganda against Germany and the Islamic countries. Anti-Milosevic Serbians with whom *Spiegel's* correspondents spoke, further assert that Stojanovic is, nonetheless, a relative moderate in comparison to Markovic, who had formerly been a senior figure in the left-radical "Praxis" group. It was Markovic, these Serbs report, who was the first leading Serbian figure to welcome the August 1991 putsch in Moscow.

Another curious fact has been pointed to by the German doctors' publication *Deutsche Arzteblatt*, which notes that not only Karadzic, but also Britain's Lord Owen, is a trained psychiatrist. The magazine's reference about Owen might shed some additional light on the former British foreign secretary's antics in Geneva, where he has worked with former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to concoct the plan for carving up Bosnia and rewarding Serbian mass murder and aggression.