

In the middle of these discussions, Croatian President Franjo Tudjman is reiterating what he said at the U.N. General Assembly: that he welcomes the replacement of Unprofor troops with NATO troops. Croatian military and political analysts say that statements like this are possible only if such a proposal has been discussed at the highest levels in the West, and may also be pushed, at least verbally, by people like Lord David Owen, the European Community's death-dealing "mediator" in the Balkans.

While it is not believed that NATO troops, in particular U.S. forces, will be sent into the Balkans, especially after the recent harrowing experiences in Somalia (where U.S. troops have been subjected to killing, wounding, and capture), these analysts underline that the existence of such policy debates shows that the main line of thinking in London, Paris, and Washington is to accede to and indeed facilitate the Greater Serbian dream. A NATO military presence in Croatia is viewed as the final partition of Croatia, in the wake of the carving up of Bosnia.

### Atomization proceeds

Lord Owen and the forces deployed by the psychological warfare departments of the U.N., London's Tavistock Institute, and their allies, are celebrating the undisturbed continuation of the geopolitical game of war and turmoil in the Balkans with a new phase of disruption and disintegration. The Vance-Owen plan which was responsible, together with Serbian aggression, for the ethnic cleansing in Bosnia and clashes between the two victim-groups of Bosnian Croats and Bosnian Muslims, is now producing an internal violent conflict in the Muslim communities and will soon provoke the same among Croats.

Following the decision of Fikret Abdic, the leader of the Muslim-dominated region of Bihac in the northwest of Bosnia, to declare a state of autonomy from Sarajevo, a full-scale military conflict has broken out between forces loyal to Abdic and part of the Fifth Corps of the Bosnia Army loyal to President Alija Izetbegovic. It is feared that similar conflicts may take place elsewhere in Bosnia and even in Sarajevo.

In the meantime, the approach of winter is giving alarm signals of an inevitable human conflagration, if the geopolitical gamemasters are not stopped. Recent reports say that in Sarajevo, epidemics of all types are spreading, helped by the war, by the physical exhaustion of the people, and by the uncontrolled invasion of rats and other sick animals in the already-devastated living areas. Already back in August, Dr. Enrico Mara, who had been sent to Sarajevo by the Italian Foreign Ministry, compared the health situation to that of Europe during World Wars I and II. Mara told Italian radio, Reuters reported at that time, that the Italians had expected to set up field hospitals to treat war wounds in Bosnia, but realized that the top priority was rather hospital wards to handle contagious diseases.

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## Bosnia

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# Catholics, Muslims angry over Owen plan

*The first text below is translated from "The Owen-Stoltenberg Map Means the End of Catholicism in Bosnia," by Dr. Pero Pranjic, priest and vicar to the refugees of the Archdiocese of Vrhosbosna [Sarajevo]. It came to us in French from the Christian Information Service of Zagreb, and gives some measure of the wild irrationality of the "new world order" plan for partitioning Bosnia into a patchwork of cantons divided among the three ethnic groups, Croats, Muslims, and Serbs, promulgated by European Community "mediator" Lord David Owen and U.N. "mediator" Thorvald Stoltenberg.*

*Dr. Pranjic argues that in order to placate Bosnian Muslims for the crime of their ancestral homes being awarded to the Serbian aggressors, they are being handed territories which are historically Croatian, and are being egged on to carry out "ethnic cleansing." He compares this to the case of a victim of assault and robbery, whose attacker the police decide not to capture and punish. "It is wrong for the police to take the property of a third man in order to 'help' the one who has been robbed and has not recovered what he lost and remained defeated; then the other man gets angry and desperate because he has been deprived without being to blame for anything. This is how the international community is acting toward us."*

*Dr. Pranjic's views have nothing in common, as should be obvious, with the extreme chauvinist Croatian-Bosnian leader Mate Boban, who is leading his own terror campaigns. In fact, Boban has publicly insulted the Catholic Archbishop of Zagreb after the latter stated that no Christian, and no Croatian, could resort to the enemy's methods of "ethnic cleansing." Dr. Pranjic's arguments do reflect the deepening bitterness among the different ethnic and religious groups as a result of the Anglo-French geopolitical games played in the Balkans. Excerpts of his analysis follow.*

### Owen map writes off Catholicism

After long efforts and "negotiations," Messrs. Owen and Stoltenberg have delivered in Geneva their maps to the parties engaged in the negotiations. It should come as no surprise

that they do not satisfy the Serbs because they have not realized their dream of a Greater Serbia, just as they did not realize it through the conquest of Croatian territories. Nor should it come as a complete surprise that the Muslims are downright unhappy because, thanks to Greater Serbian aggression, they have lost a good part of their territories in eastern and western Bosnia, where they have lived for centuries. And they could not possibly be satisfied because they have not realized their civilian Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, which they desired from the outset. It is a fact that they have, through their recent aggression and by force, already ethnically "cleansed" most of central Bosnia of Catholics, and that they are desperately trying to monopolize their ancestral homes, in order to partially make amends for what the Serbian conquerors took away from them.

If any honest and impartial person observes the map of Bosnia (I intentionally stress this because I am not now speaking of Herzegovina), he will verify that the Anglo-American and French proposals are precisely a rope around the neck of the Bosnia Catholics. That is why for us in Bosnia and for all of those who have been chased out of there, this has a terrible effect, because even the Croatian negotiators, or at least this is how it appears in the media, are accepting this map, i.e., are capitulating to the idea that the most vital part of their own people in Bosnia will be simply strangled by this rope. In fact, the Anglo-American and French policies have taken, in the course of the consideration and partition of the newly recognized state of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the entire state as a single territory, and thus given 17% of the "terrain" to the Croats, thinking that they have thus acted correctly because, as a percentage, this really is the number of Croats on the territory of Bosnia-Herzegovina. But they blocked out or voluntarily distorted the following facts:

### **Facts have been distorted**

1) In this 17% of territory, they are essentially giving us the rocky terrain of western Herzegovina which, even without their "discovery," were the Croatian people's lands. On this territory lived some 185,000 Croats, and 15,000 lived in eastern Herzegovina. Eastern Herzegovina is at present largely occupied by the Serbs and also, in the latest period, by the Muslims. With that in mind, even if one resolves the Mostar question, the Croats have at least lost one of "their parts" at present, the near totality of the diocese of Terinje-Mrkan.

2) It is an evil and an injustice that the gentlemen intercessors barter and so easily cede to others precisely the Catholic part of the Bosnian territory, where the majority of Croats lived in this new state of Bosnia-Herzegovina (at the moment, the territories of the archbishopric of Vrhbosna-Sarajevo and the bishopric of Banja Luka. I will use church statistics in this text, which were the most readily available to me, and hence I am using church names for the regions),

i.e., 77% (about 640,000 people). They never took the trouble to study how many Croats there were in Bosnia and what portion of territory had belonged to them for centuries.

3) They have, de facto, allowed the Serbs to keep most of the territories they conquered from the Croats, thus "paying off" the aggressor. Banja Luka and all the Croats on that territory simply do not exist for the international negotiators, because for them too, it is "Serbian land." As to the occupied and pillaged part of Posavina in Bosnia, the Serbs there "wholeheartedly" accepted giving it to the Croats, so that they can say that they surrendered something, and this "something" is humiliating. One finds indicated on the proposed maps, such little morsels around Orasje and Odzak that two caps would cover them, and even that little bit is burned, looted, and devastated.

4) The Catholic parishes around Breko, Derventa, Bosanski Brod, plus the Usora territory and the four parishes in the Travnik region, the negotiators simply abandoned to the Serbs. No territorial compensations are proposed for the Croats who live there.

5) As to other central Bosnia territories, the negotiators gave them to the Muslims so that the latter would not make demands and to calm them down at least a little. So why should we be astonished when the Muslim Army wants to so violently cleanse this part of the "pie" which has been ascribed to it, and does it more systematically and unfortunately more bloodily even than the Serbs? The images which we receive daily from the regions of Zepce, Travnik, Bugojno, Skoplja, Fojnica, Kiseljak, Zenica, and Vares are only the result of this map which is now available to the public and which seems to have been drawn up for a long time; probably some people had received an advance signal telling them what they could do to implement it.

6) This goes completely against a healthy spirit, and anyone who can be considered an honest man—he need not be Croatian or Catholic—cannot be satisfied by what has been left to the Croats in Central Bosnia. It is in fact so poor and miserable (what has been left in Posavina can be covered by two caps) that this can be covered by something no bigger than a hat. All these territories, around which terrible combat is raging now (unfortunately a number have already fallen and been "ethnically cleansed"), have been "painted green" on the maps, i.e., thanks to the paintbrush of the wise intercessors, have been delivered to the Muslims.

The more our poor Bosnian population (made up of three peoples and three religions) is exhausted and desires peace, the more those who desire to help it should respect fundamental ethical principles. . . .

How can the Croats be satisfied with what is being left to them in Bosnia? The number of inhabitants of Bosnia was never taken into consideration, much less the number of Croats, not even in the territories where they have been living for centuries. According to church statistics this is the situ-

ation:

The Banja Luka diocese has 120,000 Catholics. They are undergoing a particular tragedy of violent extinction, and I think that their priests and especially their bishop want to continue to strongly raise their voice and cry out to the world for justice. The Banja Luka archdiocese counts 528,492 Catholics. According to church law, they are divided into 13 deaneries. According to the bishop's exact figures (and additional figures) the facts are totally clear. Are these 13 deaneries and such a number of Catholics, according to the proposed map, not to remain Croat under the new apportionment? Thus the Croatian ethnium and Catholicism have been uprooted and erased in Bosnia in the most arrogant fashion. The loveliest churches and centuries-old monasteries which survived Turkish oppression and communist atheism, have been destroyed. And can someone sit down now and draw something and say that in Bosnia, the territory of the present archdiocese of Vrhobosna is no longer Catholic and never will be again, but is Serbian Orthodox and Muslim?! It is a horrible fact that at the end of the 20th century, before the world media's cameras, the most lively archdiocese in Europe is being snuffed out! On this territory there were 144 parishes, more than 200 Catholic churches, a dozen famous Franciscan monasteries with museums, archives and historical material, three Jesuit monasteries, some 20 convents, two theology faculties in Sarajevo (with 150 students and some 50 professors with scholarly titles and doctorates in the world's most reputable universities), and two seminaries in Visoko and Travnik (the latter had been confiscated by the communists, but was supposed to be given to the bishop under democracy). Add the cathedral, numerous shrines, and let us not forget the Caritas of the archdiocese which currently cares for the majority of poor in Bosnia without distinction of religion or ethnic origin. All this, by a stroke of the pen of Messrs. Owen and Stoltenberg, could be erased except for some little thing which could be covered by three caps. . . .

### **Mahathir: Ethnic cleansing targets Muslims**

*Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad included in his speech to the U.N. General Assembly on Oct. 1 some observations which may serve as an indicator of the rancor in the Muslim world over the genocide and partition of Bosnia and the do-nothing attitude of Europeans. Excerpts from the official text, provided by the Malaysian government, follow:*

. . . Far from achieving universal peace, the world is treated to a spectacle of unparalleled brutality by the Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In many countries of Europe fascism has once again reared its ugly head. Houses are torched and people burned to death. And the voters actually approved.

During the Cold War days, the protagonists tried constantly to provoke uprisings against governments of the countries they were opposed to. They would provide financial and material help and the promise that they would protect these

rebels or provide them with asylum.

With the collapse of the communist bloc, the people there expected help when they overthrew their communist governments and established democratic free-market societies or they sought independence for their countries. In some instances they found their expectations justified. The Slovenes and the Croats enjoyed the full support of the Europeans and were able to mold new nations. But the Iraqi Kurds and the Bosnians learned that they thought wrong. It is only coincidental that both are Muslim communities.

The most tragic case is that of Bosnia-Herzegovina. The crime of the Muslims is that they wish for a non-Muslim religiously heterogeneous state. They were viciously attacked by the Serbs who openly declared that they were and are doing this to ensure that Europe remains Christian. They are not prevented by the Europeans.

### **Cruelties defy imagination**

The cruelties committed by the Serbs defy imagination. In one case, which caused officials in one of the powerful countries of the West to resign in protest over the government's passivity, a six-year-old child was repeatedly raped in front of her mother, who not only had to watch, but was prevented from giving any help until the little child died after two days of exposure.

This is not an isolated incident. Muslim women, old and young, and little girls, were raped, brutalized, and killed by the tens of thousands at the hands of the Serbs and now the Croats.

Hundreds of thousands of Muslims have died and are dying and some 2 million have been forced to flee from their burning towns and villages.

Mr. President,

And what do the erstwhile champions of freedom and democracy do? They actually prevented the victims from defending themselves. Instead they try to force the victims to accept the partitioning and surrender of their territories which had been ethnically cleansed by the Serbs and the Croats. Thus are the rapists and murderers to be rewarded? Only the most gullible will still believe that the vociferous champions of freedom and democracy will risk their necks for other people's freedom and democracy. . . .

Malaysia would like to record its satisfaction over the acceptance of the Malaysian troops to serve in the U.N. forces in Bosnia-Herzegovina. We regret, however, the exclusion of certain Muslim countries from participating in the Unprofor. Apparently the distrust of Muslims is quite widespread.

Malaysians are prepared to serve under whoever is appointed by the U.N. in Bosnia-Herzegovina. We hope that our troops will be well supported. We will not protest if the U.N. decides to increase pressure on the Serbs, including mounting a military offensive, provided due preparations are made.