

## Script for Bosnia holocaust was written in London

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In late February, for the first time in recorded history, and at the invitation of the U.N. (i.e., England), Russian troops in the guise of Unprofor (U.N. Protection Forces) blue helmets entered the ancient nation of Bosnia; once they reached the Serbian stronghold at Pale outside Sarajevo, they were greeted by cheering Serbian troops with flowers, bread, and salt shouting "Greater Serbia" and "Long Live Russia." Serbian soldiers told the western press: "There will never be air strikes now. The Russians are on our side." That very day, Vitali Churkin, Russian special envoy to the Balkans, stated, in almost identical terms to those of Russian Air Force Chief Deinekin: "In Bosnia there can be no such thing as strike and negotiate. You can have either negotiations, or an all-out war."

This perilous Anglo-Russian gambit has been some time in the making: Reports have come in recently from Italian radio and Radio Sarajevo, that beginning in January the Russians had already begun moving heavy military matériel, including *anti-aircraft* weapons. Since the Bosnians have no air force whatsoever, while NATO, one is led to believe, does, the eventual target of such attention is not exactly shrouded in mystery.

To any serious student of history, the pitiful come-down for NATO in Bosnia will appear in its true light as a strategic reversal on a par with the agreements of Teheran and Yalta, and another ratchet downwards on the slide toward war. Like Shakespeare's traitor Iago, offering nothing of substance but playing both ends against the middle to the Russian Othello, the British have, by bringing Russia through secret negotiations into the eye of the Balkans storm, pushed it onto a confrontation course with the West, one against its own best interests, but which only the most bold and decisive action from the United States can now deflect.

The deed once done, Iago must shriek to the four winds,

"T'was I!" and indeed, on Feb. 19 one read the following admission in the London *Independent*: "John Major and Douglas Hurd were told that the Russians planned to send troops to Bosnia during John Major's trip to Moscow this week but Mr. Major *decided not to pass this on* to the allies because it was told to us in confidence and we got the impression it wasn't something they wanted broadcast to the world" (emphasis added). Just so, to make the point, to those of us who labor still under the illusion that Great Britain and the United States are military allies in a broken-down old thing called NATO.

The so-called Serbian withdrawal from artillery positions outside Sarajevo under the "threat" of NATO air strikes by midnight Feb. 21, is an evil joke, an open secret, covered on the front page by dailies such as the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* in Germany: The Serbians handed over to U.N. "control" only broken, unusable equipment. Then, protected by their Russian friends, they moved the good stuff off toward the front lines, the better to besiege the rest of Bosnia: Maglaj, Bihac, Tuzla, all besieged, all the scene of extremely heavy fighting.

### **Bosnians demand written material**

Immediately following the NATO ultimatum of Feb. 10, Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic set up a crisis headquarters, headed by Vice President Ejup Ganic. As the Russians flew in and NATO backed down, Ganic stated: "What was the aggressor's aim—and, I must say, the aim of some states who have their troops within Unprofor? The aim was to drag us into futile negotiations at the airport, in order to make it look, when the deadline expired, as if we could not agree with the Serbians on the withdrawal, and that both sides were to blame for the failure to implement the NATO resolution.

“We adopted a very clear strategy. We will maintain contact with Unprofor on a strictly written basis, insist that we have *written* material, and that everything be meticulously documented. This used to drive them insane. . . . Naturally, they failed to accomplish anything with the Serbian side over this eight-day period. Unprofor made a serious blunder—yet to be elucidated—because it used the NATO ultimatum as working material for negotiations with the Serbians. . . . This was the result: Unprofor people scattered all over the hills discovering weapons . . . the outcome of this, confirmed by Mr. Akashi of the U.N. who said that 20% of the Serbian weapons were not under control, but in fact this percentage is much higher. Therefore, the NATO resolution has not been respected by the aggressor.”

The British are playing the Great Game; this week, they have proven they do not shrink from throwing to the Russians the entire Adriatic and eastern Mediterranean, which means, potentially, thermonuclear war, in order to crash any future Russian-American economic alliance with continental Europe. Whilst the British moves are *strategic*, as they re-draw the Yalta agreement unopposed, blithely moving the front line of the Russian empire from eastern Europe right up to the Italian border—on Feb. 22, in fear, even the former Italian communist party’s (now PDS) newspaper *Unità* called for maintaining the territorial integrity of Bosnia at any cost, and Prime Minister Carlo Azeglio Ciampi called for an immediate increase in the Italian defense budget—the United States has been trying to outflank the British with *tactics*.

### **Croatia and Bosnia sign agreement**

Not that the agreement between Croatia and Bosnia, brokered in Zagreb Feb. 22-23 by U.S. diplomat Charles Redman, and signed by the Croatian and Bosnian commanders, is unimportant, the more so, since the agreement does *not* recognize the Owen-Stoltenberg plan for Bosnia as its basis, but rather the territorial integrity of Bosnia as a whole. Nor is the American decision to blow open the case of Aldrich Ames, the CIA’s former chief of anti-Soviet counterintelligence, insignificant. The British, in fact, are far more upset by the scandal than the Russians. While the head of the Russian intelligence service, Yuri Kobeladze, casually remarked that the Ames case “does not affect us. It was purely a matter for the United States.” London finds it less droll. A senior British intelligence officer told the *Guardian* on Feb. 24: “It is a setback, and the timing is very *unfortunate*—just as the Russians are being helpful and coming on board over Bosnia. It’s a Cold War echo just when we don’t want it.”

There may indeed be a re-thinking of alliances going on in the United States, but it is *not coming fast enough* to stop Bosnia from being wiped from the map. On Feb. 23, a senior policy adviser to Clinton, Charles Kupchan, formerly European desk chief at the National Security Council, told the French daily *Le Figaro*: “During the historical anomaly of the Cold War, England had the upper hand, but we are now beginning to realize

that France has more to offer the United States. . . . Clinton feels closer to France than to England. . . . England tried to break the developing Franco-American axis, by opposing it brutally. A silly calculation! They have isolated themselves, worse, they have marginalized themselves.”

Again, tactics, irritating tactics on the part of the United States, but no more than tactics so far: the appointment of Adm. William Crowe (ret.) as ambassador to London. An opponent of the Persian Gulf war, he is already being stigmatized by the British press as an uncouth, overgrown, overweight cowboy. Hard on the heels of the Gerry Adams affair, London’s journalists were much exercised these days by the arrival in Belfast of the Kennedy clan, there to defend from a murder charge the Irishman Paul Hill of the Guildford Four. Hill happens to be married to Courtney, the daughter of the late Sen. Robert Kennedy.

But can the United States afford to be tactical, when the survival of the whole of Europe is at stake?

Lyndon LaRouche’s attack upon British geopolitics has been echoed with audacity by the Bosnians, who depend on the British troops for their *food supplies* and therefore have everything to lose. Yet again, on Feb. 11, the day after the NATO ultimatum, British commanders in Bosnia announced that their troops would no longer be taking food convoys to central Bosnia, because the ultimatum made it “too dangerous”! In the face of this blackmail, on Feb. 23, Stjepan Kluic, a Catholic member of the Bosnian Presidency, told the Danish daily *Politiken*:

“Great Britain, France, and Russia are siding with the Serbs. For the first time in history, the Serbs and the Russians have crossed the Drina and are on their way to the Adriatic Sea. The West does not see that the Russians are trying to accomplish their centuries-old dream of reaching the Adriatic. What neither the czar, nor communism succeeded in doing, Yeltsin has. No Bosnian refugee would return to areas where there are Russians. A new Berlin Wall will be erected in Sarajevo.

“Lord Carrington and Lord Owen have collaborated with British intelligence in dividing Bosnia. It is very telling that it was the British commander of the U.N. troops in Bosnia, Gen. Sir Michael Rose, who was the first to say that air raids against the Serbians’ positions would never be carried out.”

Or, as LaRouche recently told a Croatian journalist: “If the victims, the people of the Balkans come to recognize this British imperial game, they will be able to see themselves and other forces within the region as commonly victims of British imperial manipulations. They will then recognize the degree to which the holocaust in this region is conducted according to a script written in London. . . . Without concerted and openly stated agreement by the governments of Bosnia, Croatia, and perhaps the United States, too, that the continuing cause of this spreading and worsening Balkan holocaust is British geopolitics, no attempted practical measure could succeed in halting it.”