

pertinger come into full view.

From a purely economic standpoint, the territorial arrangement, as far as it is known, cannot allow for a Palestinian State to exist. Aside from the psychological, political, and security complications arising from the byzantine arrangement of "control" worked out for Zones A, B, and C, there are economic realities which make the current framework unworkable.

What has been penciled in on the map, is a number of cities and villages under Palestinian administration, responsible for organizing economic activity, trade, education, services, and so forth. Yet, as has been painfully obvious since the Oslo agreement, there are no corridors, even between Gaza and Jericho. Whereas the Israelis are completing construction of a vast network of roads linking all their settlements with one another, skirting Palestinian urban areas, the Palestinians have no such infrastructure. Thus the seven cities, plus Gaza and Jericho, are like islands in a turbulent sea.

Lack of vital infrastructure is most evident in the case of water. In the West Bank, there is not enough water. Since the 1967 war, the Israelis have taken 82% of the underground water available, pumping it out of underground aquifers, and through their pipeline, to service cities on the Israeli coast. This has left the Palestinian population, 18% of the water of the West Bank.

Along with the status of Jerusalem and Hebron, the water issue was certainly the hottest in the negotiations. Like Jerusalem, it was postponed; what the Israelis agreed to, was to increase the Palestinians' share from 18% to 23%. As in Gaza, most Palestinian cities on the West Bank have acute water crises; wells have been drawn dry, or have become so saline, as to be useless.

Water cannot be 'deferred'

Thus, when it is trumpeted in the press that a breakthrough has been reached in Israeli-Palestinian relations, and at the same time, that the "water question" has been deferred, to a committee of Israelis, Palestinians, and Americans who will "study the question," red flares should go up.

Lyndon LaRouche put his finger on the open sore, in a radio interview with "EIR Talks" on Sept. 27: "The greater problem is, that unless the Israelis and the Palestinians are able to show real progress in economic development in the region, particularly on the water question, this entire peace process remains in jeopardy.

"Exemplary is the question of water. *There is not enough water in the region to meet the needs of all of the population for development.* . . . Sharing this water that exists, negotiating the sharing of it, doesn't mean a thing, it's not worth anything. . . .

"Without mass desalination in the Middle East, you can't have economic growth. Without desalination, therefore, you can't have peace. That's the problem."

Bosnia: Next battle is against monetarism

by Umberto Pascali

On Sept. 26, immediately after the foreign ministers of Bosnia, Croatia, and Serbia signed in New York the "Further Agreed Basic Principles" for the Bosnian State, several, especially Bosnian sources, gave *EIR* their assessment of the situation. The evaluations ranged from the moderately optimistic, "We have established the right to have a central government, and the representative of [Serbian President Slobodan] Milosevic had to accept it," to the sarcastic, "It's all a trick; [Greater Serbian boss and war criminal Gen. Ratko] Mladic is redeploying his heavy guns around Banja Luka, and the New York agreement sanctions the partition of Bosnia."

But one comment was striking, because it addressed economic policy: "I think the point is that we could lose even if we win, unless we face now the problem of our future economic independence," he said. "Lyndon LaRouche said that Bosnia has been a rallying point for our civilization because it's a small country which resisted the international oligarchy by resisting the British Empire agenda here. It would be a continuation of that resistance for Bosnia to fight to remain independent economically and otherwise. It does not mean isolation, but it means we have to have an independent policy toward the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank. . . . The British used all their means to destroy us, they failed. Actually, we helped create a new strategic situation. Couldn't our country help shape a new international grouping against the dictatorship of monetarism?"

Indeed, this statement would be labeled a "dream" or "simplistic" by the majority of "experts," but four years ago, those experts had already given Bosnia up for dead. How could a tiny unarmed country resist one of the biggest armies in Europe? But at the end of four and a half years of genocide and resistance, a worldwide front had been formed, which allowed NATO air and ground attacks to proceed against weapons dumps and command and communications centers of the Radovan Karadzic-Mladic Bosnian Serb regime.

'North' and 'South' against genocide

That coalition included for the first time the "North," led by the United States and President Jacques Chirac's France, and the "South," i.e., the so-called Third World, in particular the Muslim countries.

It was a totally new constellation of forces that included countries ranging from the United States to Iran, a constella-

tion united against the British geopolitical horrors. And when Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev told the pro-Greater Serbia fanatics in the State Duma (Parliament) that he had tried to raise the issue of stopping the NATO air strikes in the U.N. Security Council, but without success, he stressed that the opposition came “mostly from non-NATO countries.”

At that moment, what Russia used to consider an ally, or at least a non-enemy, the Islamic world, was meeting through the foreign and defense ministers of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, strongly supporting the NATO operation. It was an unprecedented situation that isolated Britain. Already on July 21, the OIC had unilaterally declared the arms embargo against Bosnia invalid. Referring to the NATO strikes, Malaysian Foreign Minister Abdullah Badawi said: “The decisive military action must continue with all its force. . . . The only language [the Greater Serbians] understand is the language of force.” He referred to the role played by the British in allowing Hitler’s aggression: “The policy of appeasement led Hitler to take control of almost the whole of Europe. It also led to the Holocaust. We are now dealing with little Hitlers and Eichmanns.” The Bosnia foreign minister and Croatian representatives were guests of honor at the meeting.

Few options left for London

Few options are left for the London puppet-masters. France is being rapidly lost to them. The artificial conflict between France and Islamic “fundamentalism” is beginning to be neutralized. “It is frankly absurd,” a Bosnian Muslim source told *EIR*, “that when the policy of France was in the hands of a brutal enemy of Bosnia like François Mitterrand, there was no so-called Islamic terrorism against France. When Jacques Chirac reversed that policy and lent a helping hand to the Bosnians, then the ‘fundamentalists’ got into action. Did anybody look into British intelligence’s ‘Arab Bureau’ recently?”

One option is the redeployment on the ground of the Karadzic gangs. While “negotiating” in New York, the great “mediator,” Serbia’s Milosevic, has increased support for the paramilitary gangs in Bosnia. The heavy weapons withdrawn in part from around Sarajevo have been transported to the last Bosnian Serb stronghold of Banja Luka. In the meantime, air strikes (from the Banja Luka airport), mortar attacks, and even anti-personnel cluster bombs (like that against the town center of Travnik) have been launched against Bosnian and Croatian cities.

Even more poisonous is the activation of the British intelligence machine to try to ignite a new confrontation between Muslims and Croats, especially in Hercegovina.

The war—the open and the secret one—is continuing, but already, as our sources reported, the slogan is spreading fast in Bosnia that the next real battle will be against monetarism, for a plan of huge economic development and, thus, “economic independence.”

Serb intelligentsia blasts ‘Pale regime’

Last week, *EIR* carried a groundbreaking interview with Dr. Mirko Pejanovic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs under the jurisdiction of the Republic of Bosnia-Hercegovina and a member of the Bosnian Presidency, which exposed the international media lie that the majority of Bosnia’s Serbian citizens support the butcher regime of Radovan Karadzic in Pale. This lie, that the British-sponsored genocide of puppet Karadzic and tinpot general Ratko Mladic is an “ethnic” or “religious” war, has been sustained by the propaganda capabilities of such British geopolitical stalwarts as Henry Kissinger. Dr. Pejanovic expressed his horror at Kissinger’s public call to divide Bosnia along so-called ethnic lines: “It’s the worst evil that could happen to our country,” he exclaimed. “That was one of the characteristics of the colonial powers, all the way to Hitler: Divide and conquer!”

Dr. Pejanovic has provided us with ample material from the Serb Civic Council (SCC) of Bosnia and Hercegovina, which he heads, that documents their efforts to bring the war to an end, organize a united, democratic Bosnia-Hercegovina, and get on with economic reconstruction.

Appeal to Serbian people in Bosnian Krajina

The following “Appeal to the Serbian People in the Bosnian Krajina” was issued on Sept. 18 in both Washington and Sarajevo, by the SCC, over the signature of its president, Mirko Pejanovic.

The tragedy to which the Pale regime has led the Serbian people in Bosnia and Hercegovina is clearly shown these days. When the Pale regime is losing, then, unfortunately, the innocent Serbian people suffer as well.

Organize your own local authorities. Request urgently talks through Unprofor with the state authorities of the Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina and protect the civilian population from the consequences of military operations.

Nobody can take away from you your right to free life, national equality and local autonomy. Request from the international community and authorities of the Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina whose citizens you also are, to guarantee that right to you.

Elect delegations of citizens in the city of Banja Luka and other cities for talks with representatives of the government of the Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina and the international community. Express your wish for a peaceful life with your neighbors, Croats and Bosniaks, in the Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina.

A part of the Serbian people who live in Sarajevo, Tuzla,