

war was going on there, and some of them didn't dare to stay. They were afraid of pressure and revenge. It's that way with every, every nation; everybody goes where they have a majority—also Muslims and Croats.

Umberto Pascali: I want to ask you, how you see the future? I know that there were meetings between Metropolitan Nikolai, Cardinal Puljic, and Rejs Ulema Ceric. How do you see the future of this dialogue?

Rosic: I've talked to the Rejs personally, and I know that he felt very bad about the killing of people; because, everybody suffered, every nation had its victims, but the Muslims had the greatest number of victims. The war between Serbs and Muslims was bad enough, but it was even worse, when the Muslims and Croats started fighting. As for the Muslims, we say that in Bosnia, they were "between two fires."

Swan: I thank God that you were not hurt in this war, and that you survived, and that you have continued to help. I am here, basically, to find out how we in America, can be of some help to Bosnia, *now*, in order to maintain peace. While I'm not here in an official capacity, I think that there's a great deal of work that can be done by the citizens of America.

So, I really came to find out from people such as yourself, what your viewpoint is, and what role you see being played by people in other parts of the world. Also, to extend an invitation to people from Bosnia to come to America to help to tell the story that *needs* to be told.

There are some methods that President Clinton had wanted to use. He doesn't have universal support in America on this point, and we want to mobilize greater support. This should come from the public at large, rather than through the political establishment.

U.S. must carry on legacy of Ron Brown

While in Bosnia the delegation issued this statement on the tragic air crash.

... From the moment we arrived, many in leadership position and many common people have been asking about Ron Brown. The U.S. Commerce Secretary and the high-level business delegation flying on his plane had died on April 3, while trying to land at the airport of Dubrovnik. We landed in Dubrovnik ten days later, our eyes pointed on the nearby St. John Hill, where the plane crashed, and our minds absorbed Brown's legacy: What could we do to prevent the genocide against Bosnia from continuing "through financial means"? How could we make sure that real reconstruction took place?

... The question most asked of us was: Will the U.S., will this administration continue the approach carried out by Ron Brown, or will his death be the end of those efforts? ... Indeed the approach of Brown to the reconstruction of Bosnia was the opposite of the philosophy and practice of the World Bank and the IMF. ... Brown did not have in mind a little help that would barely guarantee the economic survival of the war-destroyed country, in exchange for its giving up its national sovereignty and becoming enslaved to the debt mechanisms. No! Ron Brown came to Bosnia accompanied by the most powerful delegation of business leaders he could manage to gather.

It was a powerful combination: the American principle of the right to economic development, and the means to implement it. It was the way to unleash the positive power



The late U.S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown

of the American economy, as opposed to the destructiveness of financial speculation and usury. ...

We had many meetings with Bosnian leaders, we saw how their faces lit up when we called for a Marshall Plan for Bosnia. This is what Bosnia needs, they said. Real, huge investment, construction of infrastructure, reestablishment of a modern economy that will give our people the dignity of being productive individuals. For them this was the image of Ron Brown ... as opposed to the diktat of the Lord Owens and Lord Carringtons.

... We will spare no effort so that the legacy of Ron Brown will uplift the American people, especially the youth. So that the sacrifice of those perished in the tragic flight, will help to bring back the U.S. to its real tradition and its real interest: a power for the good, a nation that develops itself by helping developing the world. ...