

Press Coverage

London's 'Iron Lady' gave the green light

On April 18, three Sarajevo dailies carried "pool" coverage of the Schiller Institute's April 17 press conference at the headquarters of the ruling Party of Democratic Action (SDA). We quote the text of the coverage as it appeared in *Oslobodenje*, and include some additional reportage from the other two dailies. At least two reports of the press conference were aired on Sarajevo television.

Oslobodenje headlined its coverage: "The West's Dangerous Games"; a kicker referred to the Schiller Institute program: "Insistence on a 'Marshall Plan' which includes setting public works in motion for the reconstruction of B&H."

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"The Schiller Institute," said Raimondi, "was the only organization which, even before the aggression against B&H, had warned that the "Western games" were leading to the destabilization of this area."

"The policy of destabilization in the last five years was also carried out through the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. 'The conditionalities should not be imposed on Bosnia and Hercegovina,' Raimondi thinks, 'which these two organizations are demanding, after four years of destruction.'

"The Schiller Institute, the organization which brings together representatives of associations from many countries, is promoting a campaign for the sovereignty of Bosnia and Hercegovina, and its right to economic development, and is against any kind of conditionalities. That's why they insist on the 'Marshall Plan,' which includes setting into motion the building of public works for the reconstruction of the country.

"A Schiller Institute delegation, including members of the Committee to Save the Children of Bosnia and Hercegovina, arrived in Sarajevo on Tuesday, after a one-day visit to Croa-

tia. They have already held talks in Sarajevo with members of the Presidency of the Republic of B&H, Stjepan Kljuić and Mirko Pejanović, Rejs Ulema Prof. Dr. Mustafa Cerić, Deputy Minister of Defense Muhamed Cengić, Cardinal Vinko Puljić and representatives of SDA."

Vecernje Novine bore the headline, "Schiller Institute Press Conference: Geopolitical Games around the Aggression against B&H; the Iron Lady Gave the Green Light." The accompanying picture shows Britain's then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

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"It is highly immoral to expect the people of Bosnia and Hercegovina to pay the debts of the communist Yugoslavia. The 'Marshall Plan' aid must be tied in with the sovereignty of B&H and that is what we are striving for," stated Raimondi."

Dnevni Avaz, "The West Is Responsible for the War."

"The Schiller Institute, according to Paolo Raimondi, was the only organization which denounced the 'games of the

Pres - konferencija "Šilerovog instituta"
Geopolitičke igre oko agresije na BiH
GVOZDENA LEDI DALA
ZELENO SVJETLO



BiH je žrtva planirane geopolitičke igre određenih zemalja Zapada i namjere da se na njenim prostorima izazove rat. Da nije bilo "zelenog svjetla" iz Londona, koje su dali Margaret Thatcher, lord Carington i britanska oligarhija, zajedno sa francuskim predsjednikom Mitterrandom, kao i "svjetla" koje su dale neka snaga iz SAD-a, ne bi se četnici pokrenuli - rekao je predstavnik međunarodne političke i kulturne organizacije "Šilerov institut" Paolo Raimondi na preskonferenciji u Centrali Stranke demokratske akcije u Sarajevu.

"Šilerov institut" bio je, po riječima Raimondija, jedina organizacija koja je još prije agresije na BiH ukazala da "igre Zapada" vode ka destabilizaciji ovog područja.

Na destabilizaciju politike u posljednjih pet godina utječu i Svjetska banka i Međunarodni monetarni fond, BiH smatra Raimondi, ne mogu se postavljati uvjeti kao što to čine te dvije organizacije nakon četiri godine njenog razaranja.

"Šilerov institut", kao organizacija koja okuplja predstavnike asocijacije iz raznih zemalja pruža, prije svega, podršku kampanji za nacionalni suverenitet BiH i pravo BiH da se ekonomski

tira na "Maršalovom planu", koji podržavajuje pokretanje javnih radova u obnovi zemlje.

- Krajnje je nemoralno da se od naroda BiH očekuje da plaća dugove komunističke Jugoslavije. Pomoć "Maršalovog plana" mora biti povezana sa suverenošću BiH i mi se za to i zalazamo - rekao je Raimondi.

"The Iron Lady Gave the Green Light," headlined the Sarajevo daily *Vecernje Novine*, in its coverage of the press conference given by the Committee to Save the Children of Bosnia-Hercegovina. The photo is, of course, of Margaret Thatcher.

West' that led to the destabilization of this area. Yesterday at the headquarters of SDA in Sarajevo, the representatives of the Schiller Institute from Germany were introduced to the press." The caption of an accompanying photo of bombed out houses: "Onward with the reconstruction of Bosnia and Hercegovina with the 'Marshall Plan.' "

The Croatian daily *Slobodna Dalmacija* of April 20, covered the delegation's press conference in Dubrovnik:

"An international delegation of the Committee to Save the Children of Bosnia-Hercegovina of the Schiller Institute held a press conference, upon their return from a visit of several days in Sarajevo, at the Dubrovnik Hotel Imperial on Thursday evening [April 18]. They presented to the media their impressions of their journey through B&H. The delegation included members from Italy, Germany, Slovakia, as well as current and former American parliamentarians. They reported on their evaluation of the situation in neighboring B&H and spoke about their efforts to contribute to keeping the peace both in B&H and in Croatia.

"Elke Fimmen, the representative of the Schiller Institute from Wiesbaden, presented the necessity for an urgent renewal of the economy of B&H, because there would otherwise be a reversal in economic development, opening the way for new tension and fighting.

"A stable peace in B&H remains the prime political task of the United States, Benjamin Swan, state representative

from Massachusetts stressed. He added that after the tragic accident of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and his co-workers, the United States will continue to develop joint economic cooperation as well as support rapid restoration of infrastructure.

"Former U.S. Congressman from South Carolina, James Mann, spoke about the fate of thousands of children, who were sent to other countries for refuge during the war. He stressed that it should be one of the future aims of the U.S. administration to make it possible for these children to return to their native country, B&H, as well as to ensure the preconditions for a normal life and education of the youngest ones.

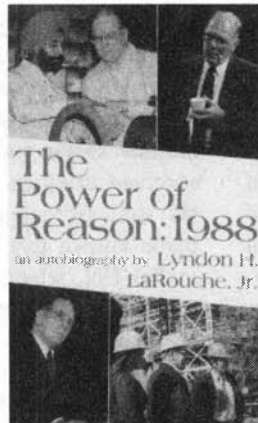
"Concerning the destruction during the aggression against B&H and Croatia, Theo Mitchell, former state senator from South Carolina, said that, after he returned home, he would encourage the U.S. government to inject fresh capital into this region, so that the destroyed production potential could be rebuilt, and new employment for local people could be created.

"Concluding the press conference, the representative of the Schiller Society for the Protection of Life, Culture, Science and Human Rights, Dr. Jozef Miklosko of Slovakia, spoke. He reported on the discussions which they held during their stay in Sarajevo with representatives of the three religious communities. Miklosko supported strengthening their collaboration, so that durable peace could be secured in the area of B&H."

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—Former U.S. Attorney General
Ramsey Clark

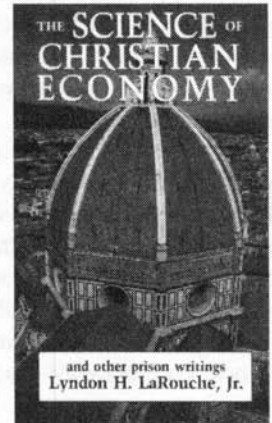
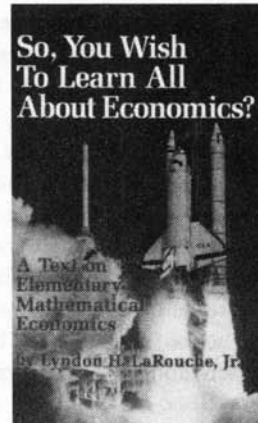


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