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Editor,

DOUBLE STANDARDS

Lamenting by the Moslems about "double standard" used by the Bush Administration is at best disingenuous ("Egypt accuses U.S. of Having Double Standard," San Francisco Chronicle, 4/17/2002).

It is both sad and amusing to observe now how the Israel-Palestinian war is bringing forth a number of quintessential issues the Serb-American Community tried to address unsuccessfully in the 1990s. These included, for example: slanderously slanted or fully manufactured news by the pro-Moslem media which sensationalized lies about "60,000 rapes," "death camps," the "Markale market massacre", etc. Or our Clinton government's double-standards such as violation of the UN arms embargo to help the Bosnian Moslem army, allowing 10,000 mujahedins to join the war, or squashing the truth about the Moslem staged Markale market tragedy where over 60 innocent citizens of Sarajevo were murdered. This last event was apparently staged just so gung ho media (such as CNN/ Christine Amanpour, for instance) would have a great story for the unsuspecting American public.

Sharon is now compared to Slobodan Milosevic. And why not? Once the genie of unrestrained lies and deceit is released, everything goes. Except now the ghost of the Bosnian tragedy is dancing at the Palestinian and Israeli doors.

Sincerely,

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VESTI - Frankfurt, 21 April, 2002

Michael Djordjevic about Vesna Pestic as Yugoslav Ambassador in Washington

SERBIA HAS NO NATIONAL POLICY

American banker of Serbian background Miroslav-Michael Djordjevic from California and the founder of the Serbian Unity Congress has commented on the recommendation of DOS that Vesna Pestic becomes

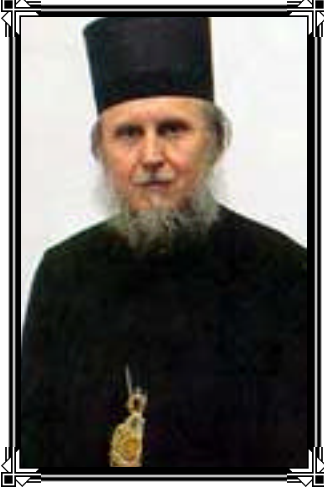
the Yugoslav ambassador in Washington with these words:

"Since Serbia has no national policy and vision of its future state, in essence, it matters not who is the ambassador in Washington or anywhere else. When one does not know where one is going, all roads are good and all drivers acceptable."

Serbian Unity Congress has chapters on all continents where Serbs live.

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EDITORIAL



IN MEMORIAM

HIS GRACE DANILO KRSTIC, Th.D.,
ORTHODOX BISHOP OF BUDIM

*Our spiritual world lost one of its best representatives,
the Serbian people lost a great shepherd
and Serbian Unity Congress lost a great friend.*

NATO analysis lists nine Islamic terrorist organizations in Bosnia

Nine Islamic and several aid organizations are listed in a NATO analysis used as a basis for intelligence and security processing of individuals and organizations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, a Bosnian Serb daily has reported. The NATO analysis says that evidence exists of links between one of the organizations, Red Rose, and Hamas. The agency reporting the newspaper's account also said that the Israeli secret services believed the terrorist network in the Balkans was a part of the global Islamic terrorist network and consisted of some 6,000 terrorists. The following is the text of a report by the Bosnia-Herzegovina Federation News Agency FENA - spelling of names as received:

Sarajevo, 16 April: Nine Islamic and several aid organizations are listed in a NATO analysis used as a basis for intelligence and security processing of individuals and organizations in Bosnia-Herzegovina, [the Banja Luka-based daily] *Nezavisne Novine* reported today.

The analysis mentions the Elbard Bosnia (Free Bosnia) organization which is based in Zenica and Vehabije, a religious organization registered in 1995 and financed by Sudan and Saudi Arabia. Vehabije is particularly active in the Velika Kladusa region where it is headed by Osman Galijasevic.

The NATO analysis says that evidence exists of links between the Red Rose organization and Hamas. It also mentions the Zetra organization which is active in the Cazin area, the Patriotic League which was registered as a political party at the beginning of the war in Bosnia and the extremist

organization From Three to Nine. The Active Islamic Youth, headed by Adnan Pezo of Zenica, is also listed among organizations with terrorist links.

The NATO analysis also mentions the Muslim Youth Association based in the municipality of Stari Grad in Sarajevo, the youth organization of the extreme Islamic organizations Young Muslims and Fatih which cultivate the traditions of the mojahedin [wartime unit] El Fatih.

The Gorazde-based Hamas Turabe extremist organization is also mentioned as well as the Islamic Warriors, a paramilitary formation of local extremists which is active in the Kakanj area, the Pharaohs and the Oric Group. The analysis also lists the Black Swans organization and the Seve terrorist organization which was modelled on the Iranian secret intelligence organizations.

The aid organizations with terrorist links are Nahala, Fund for Islamic Revival, Human Appeal International, Al Haramani and TWRA.

According to the Israeli secret services, this terrorist network in the Balkans (Bosnia, Macedonia, Albania, Bulgaria, Kosovo-Metohija and southern Serbia) is a part of the global Islamic terrorist network and it consists of some 6,000 terrorists.

Federation News Agency, April 17, 2002

HIS GRACE DANILO KRSTIC, Th.D., ORTHODOX BISHOP OF BUDIM, PASSED AWAY

On Saturday, April 20, 2002, in the fifth week of the Great Lent, His Grace Danilo (Krstic), Th.D., Serbian Orthodox Bishop of Budim, passed over in Sent Andreja to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Bishop Danilo of blessed memory was born on May 13, 1927 in Novi Sad. He studied law in Belgrade, and graduated from Sorbonne in literature in 1952. From 1954 to 1958 he studied theology at the Saint Sergius' Academy in Paris, whereas he gained doctoral degree at Harvard, USA in 1968. He took monastic vows in 1960, and in 1969 the Holy Assembly of Bishops of the Serbian Orthodox Church appointed him the auxiliary bishop of the Serbian Patriarch, his official title being the Bishop of Moravice. From 1984 he was the administrator of the Diocese of Budim, and from 1988 he was appointed the hierarch of the Diocese of Budim.

Bishop Danilo was one of the most educated hierarchs of the Serbian Orthodox Church. While being in Belgrade as the auxiliary bishop of the Serbian Patriarch, he used to incite - mostly by his enormous erudition and pastoral words - great interest of young intellectuals, especially the students of the Belgrade University, for the Word of God and Christ's Gospel. Bishop Danilo's numerous theological and literary works are dispersed in numerous publications, magazines and books, published both in the Serbian Orthodox Church and in the issues of other sister Churches.

The Orthodox Church addresses earnest prayers to the Lord to place the soul of Bishop Danilo of blessed memory where the righteous reside.

Information Service of the Serbian Orthodox Church
April 21, 2002

(His Grace Bishop Danilo was the honored guest speaker at the Serbian Unity Congress Convention in Detroit in 1997. In 1999 he was appointed by His Holiness Patriarch Pavle to host the "**Sentandrejski Sabor**" in Budapest, Hungary, and officially represent the Serbian Orthodox Church. This was the first time ever meeting of the Church, the Crown, Democratic opposition in Serbia and the Diaspora. After the liturgy, His Grace Bishop Danilo asked everyone present at the St. Andrei Cathedral: Metropolitan Christopher, Bishop Artemije, Zoran Djindjic, Vladan Batic and others from the opposition to kneel, "kleknimo svi i pomolimo se Bogu da spase Srbiju". An unforgettable moment for those present.)

VIEWPOINTS OF *World Press Review* *Slobodan Milosevic Goes on Trial*

Sofia Republika - The Tribunal, which in principle is slated to unveil the truth about greatest Yugoslav tragedy, is now sitting at The Hague, at long last. Some say that crimes against humanity and genocide in the former federal republics have been perpetrated under the direct supervision of Milosevic. According to others, NATO and The Kosovo Albanians have committed exactly the same sins against the Serbian people, However, only the Serbian leader is prisoner at the bar right now....So if justice is sought, let it be justice for all,

--Nickolay Koev

Bratislava Praga - The Balkan butcher, a modern Hitler, Serbia's Stalin - these are some of the monikers the ex-president [Milosevic] earned during his brief and stormy career....At the same time, no attention is paid to actions of the late Croatian president and dictator, Franjo Tudjman, or the Albanian Liberation Army and its mafia operatives, or the Muslim mujahedin in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Genuine justice remains a far-off ideal, because only one criminal of many is being judged.

-- Mladen Bosicic

Warsaw Gazeta Wrocza - For hundreds of thousands of people - Croats tortured in Vukovar, Bosnians besieged in Sarajevo, Serbs expelled from Kraina - the trial of Milosevic is not a political or legal matter. For them his responsibility is tangible, concrete: graves of loved ones, arm and leg stumps, scars, burned homes, lost homelands, irretrievable lost hopes.

-- Konstanty Gebert

ONE-TIME SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO STUDENTS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF SRPSKA - SUC Belgrade Office

On the occasion of granting scholarships to a group of students from the Republic of Srpska, members of the Serbian Unity Congress Belgrade Office headed by its director, Mrs. Slavka Draskovic, were guests at the Bureau of the Republic of Srpska in Belgrade.

On recommendation of SUC Board member, Mrs. Olga Danilovic in Vienna, and in cooperation of the RS Bureau in Belgrade decided to approve 15 additional scholarships fro the students form this Serbian land. The amount totals US \$ 3,000. The share per each student is approximately the same as the regular Studenica Foundation scholarship per semester. These students have thus become serious candidates for the regular scholarships due in September 2002.

The SUC representatives were first welcomed by Mr. Goran Macar, president of the Bureau, and Mrs. Borika Abramovic, team member.

Mrs. Abramovic thereafter introduced the guests and sponsors from the SUC to the scholarship winners. Mrs. Draskovic made the students acquainted with the Studenica Foundation, its President Michael Djordjevich, and the ideas that guided the founders of the Foundation - to nurture the treasure of the Serbian people, to which, she added, the winners of this scholarships also belong. She also explained the SUC and the Studenica Foundation decided to make this exceptional scholarships payment and she invited the students to apply for the regular scholarships awarded each fall.

The fact that all the winners of this scholarship were expelled from various parts of Bosnia-Herzegovina, as well as that each of them lost one or both parents during the war in Bosnia, says enough for itself. We were glad that we had the opportunity of easing the life of these young people, at least a little with our modest financial contribution. Regardless of the tragedy that unjustly fell upon them, they continue to put great efforts in their striving for education and a better life.

There was a warm and open-hearted atmosphere, created by the organizers of this donation and by the awarded students, apparently the Studenica Foundation has once again made a right and humane move by allocating funds for these scholarships .

At the end of the meeting, it was concluded that the cooperation between the SUC Belgrade Office and the Republic of Serpska representatives should be intensified.

The Studenica Foundation is located in San Francisco. Its founders have been several respectable families: the Djordjevich family (San Rafael, California), the Vukovich family (Denver, Colorado) and the Chelovich family(Detroit, Michigan). The President of the Foundation is Mr. Michael Djordjevich.

ONE MORE PROOF: UNITARY BOSNIA IS A REAL PIPEDREAM

Sarajevo - "For more qualitative progress in Bosnia & Herzegovina, there is the need for firmer rule by laws," in the opinion of the Supreme Commander of International forces in B&H, General John Sylvester, according to the Sarajevo media. He added that another impending circumstance to progress in Bosnia is also the non-existence of Bosnia-Herzegovina national identity. Ever since I am in B&H, I have yet to meet someone who will tell me" "Yes, I am proud to be Bosnian and am looking forward to building B&H," concluded General Sylvester.
News Agency Tiker, 4/17/2002

Why is America promoting Hague inquisition?

By Aleksandar Pavic

BELGRADE – Why is it in America's interest to promote injustice in the Balkans?

We have grave-faced U.S. officials, such as Pierre Richard Prosper, the U.S. ambassador for "war crimes," coming to Belgrade these days just to tell the fragile Yugoslav government that it "must" cooperate with what can only be described as the kangaroo court in The Hague, or else.

And "else" means being denied not only U.S. aid (which is not a bad thing in itself, not because it comes from the U.S. but because no country should base its policy on foreign handouts) but also U.S. support in international financial institutions such as IMF and the World Bank (also not bad, except when a country is so debt-ridden that it needs support to have a portion of its debts to these institutions written off), as well as U.S. encouragement for much-needed foreign investment to start coming in after almost a decade of economic sanctions.

These U.S. officials are coming into a sovereign country – although the concept of sovereignty is fast becoming obsolete under the New Order – to demand compliance with a "court" that could never pass muster in the United States as long as it is still a free and democratic land. For the International Criminal Tribunal for War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia is an institution that is both judge and prosecutor, that is financed by foreign governments, that allows anonymous witnesses, that uses NATO troops to hunt down "suspects" even in their own countries with brutal force and that has no jury.

It is a court in which politics and what is left of international law mix. It is a court where "justice" is micromanaged so that the context of a regional tragedy is blurred and the small fry caught in its net can take the attention away from the big fish that stoked the flames of war to begin with. This "court" is the perfect example of how the law can be used as a bludgeon of political control and foreign policy. It relativizes the very concept of law. It is the modern version of Kafka's "Trial."

And the U.S. is throwing its substantial diplomatic and political weight behind this institution. The question is why?

Is it because it is the model of the future that needs legitimization abroad before it can be applied at home? If so, then Americans should take heed and follow its proceedings. Except – it is almost impossible to do so. For all its publicity, its richly-funded apparatus (almost \$500 million since its inception in 1993), its lofty proclamations of promoting "justice" and the "prosecution of war criminals," it is very hard to actually follow the tribunal's proceedings. And that is strange, considering that the working of this

court is such an important pillar of U.S. policy that countries are being blackmailed to accept it.

It is doubly strange considering the fact that at this very moment standing trial before this "court" – after being kidnapped by masked men from his own country – is a man, Slobodan Milosevic, whose name filled the headlines of the mainstream media during the previous decade. He was dubbed the "Butcher of the Balkans" by these same media and has already been convicted by their editorial staffs as "the biggest war criminal since Hitler," as the main "Balkan warlord," as the man responsible for unspeakable atrocities and crimes, "ethnic cleansing" and other deeds too terrible to mention.

Could it be that his trial is denied proper coverage because it has exposed all the weaknesses of the Hague tribunal? Because of the fact that most of the "evidence" gathered by the "prosecution" has proven to be nothing more than hearsay? Because of the fact that the "witnesses" for the "prosecution" have been exposed as liars by Milosevic himself, who has taken to waging his own defense rather than recognizing the tribunal by accepting the services of lawyers on its payroll?

And yet, this is a court that the U.S. is trying to impose on the country of Yugoslavia, in violation of its constitution. Can the cause of justice and democracy be promoted through injustice and inquisition?

There is no mistaking the fact that Milosevic was an old-fashioned commie who used nationalist rhetoric to promote his own agenda and secure his grip on power. There is no mistaking the fact that, even before the international sanctions against Yugoslavia, his economic policy of mixing old-style statist socialism with mafia-style crony capitalism was driving his country on a course of ruin in any case. And there is no mistaking of his complicity (along with other Balkan – and Western – leaders) in starting a bloody and destructive civil war that ripped the former Yugoslavia asunder.

However, old Yugoslav anti-communists, this writer included, feel that they did not fight so that one brand of totalitarianism would be replaced by another – either locally or globally. For, the Hague proceedings are in fact a show trial reminiscent of the banner days of Joe Stalin.

And the question that still remains is – why is the U.S. promoting this?

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America used Islamists to arm the Bosnian Muslims

The Srebrenica report reveals the Pentagon's role in a dirty war

By Richard J Aldrich

The official Dutch inquiry into the 1995 Srebrenica massacre, released last week, contains one of the most sensational reports on western intelligence ever published. Officials have been staggered by its findings and the Dutch government has resigned. One of its many volumes is devoted to clandestine activities during the Bosnian war of the early 1990s. For five years, Professor Cees Wiebes of Amsterdam University has had unrestricted access to Dutch intelligence files and has stalked the corridors of secret service headquarters in western capitals, as well as in Bosnia, asking questions.

His findings are set out in "Intelligence and the war in Bosnia, 1992-1995". It includes remarkable material on covert operations, signals interception, human agents and double-crossing by dozens of agencies in one of the dirtiest wars of the new world disorder. Now we have the full story of the secret alliance between the Pentagon and radical Islamist groups from the Middle East designed to assist the Bosnian Muslims - some of the same groups that the Pentagon is now fighting in "the war against terrorism". Pentagon operations in Bosnia have delivered their own "blowback".

In the 1980s Washington's secret services had assisted Saddam Hussein in his war against Iran. Then, in 1990, the US fought him in the Gulf. In both Afghanistan and the Gulf, the Pentagon had incurred debts to Islamist groups and their Middle Eastern sponsors. By 1993 these groups, many supported by Iran and Saudi Arabia, were anxious to help Bosnian Muslims fighting in the former Yugoslavia and called in their debts with the Americans. Bill Clinton and the Pentagon were keen to be seen as credit worthy and repaid in the form of an Iran-Contra style operation - in flagrant violation of the UN security council arms embargo against all combatants in the former Yugoslavia.

The result was a vast secret conduit of weapons smuggling through Croatia. This was arranged by the clandestine agencies of the US, Turkey and Iran, together with a range of radical Islamist groups, including Afghan mujahedin and the pro-Iranian Hizbullah. Wiebes reveals that the British intelligence services obtained documents early on in the Bosnian war proving that Iran was making direct deliveries.

Arms purchased by Iran and Turkey with the financial backing of Saudi Arabia made their way by night from the Middle East. Initially aircraft from Iran Air were used, but as the volume increased they were joined by a mysterious fleet of black C-130 Hercules aircraft. The report stresses that the US was "very closely involved" in the airlift. Mujahedin fight-

ers were also flown in, but they were reserved as shock troops for especially hazardous operations.

Light weapons are the familiar currency of secret services seeking to influence such conflicts. The volume of weapons flown into Croatia was enormous, partly because of a steep Croatian "transit tax". Croatian forces creamed off between 20% and 50% of the arms. The report stresses that this entire trade was clearly illicit. The Croats themselves also obtained massive quantities of illegal weapons from Germany, Belgium and Argentina - again in contravention of the UN arms embargo. The German secret services were fully aware of the trade.

Rather than the CIA, the Pentagon's own secret service was the hidden force behind these operations. The UN protection force, UNPROFOR, was dependent on its troop-contributing nations for intelligence, and above all on the sophisticated monitoring capabilities of the US to police the arms embargo. This gave the Pentagon the ability to manipulate the embargo at will: ensuring that American Awacs aircraft covered crucial areas and were able to turn a blind eye to the frequent nighttime comings and goings at Tuzla.

Weapons flown in during the spring of 1995 were to turn up only a fortnight later in the besieged and demilitarised enclave at Srebrenica. When these shipments were noticed, Americans pressured UNPROFOR to rewrite reports, and when Norwegian officials protested about the flights, they were reportedly threatened into silence.

Both the CIA and British SIS had a more sophisticated perspective on the conflict than the Pentagon, insisting that no side had clean hands and arguing for caution. James Woolsey, director of the CIA until May 1995, had increasingly found himself out of step with the Clinton White House over his reluctance to develop close relations with the Islamists. The sentiments were reciprocated. In the spring of 1995, when the CIA sent its first head of station to Sarajevo to liaise with Bosnia's security authorities, the Bosnians tipped off Iranian intelligence. The CIA learned that the Iranians had targeted him for liquidation and quickly withdrew him.

Iranian and Afghan veterans' training camps had also been identified in Bosnia. Later, in the Dayton Accords of November 1995, the stipulation appeared that all foreign forces be withdrawn. This was a deliberate attempt to cleanse Bosnia of Iranian-run training camps. The CIA's main opponents in Bosnia were now the mujahedin fighters and their Iranian trainers - whom the Pentagon had been helping to supply months earlier.

Meanwhile, the secret services of Ukraine, Greece and Israel were busy arming the Bosnian Serbs. Mossad was especially active and concluded a deal with the Bosnian Serbs at Pale involving a substantial supply of artillery shells and mortar bombs. In return they secured safe passage for the Jewish population out of the besieged town of Sarajevo. Subsequently, the remaining population was perplexed to find that unexploded mortar bombs landing in Sarajevo sometimes had Hebrew markings.

The broader lessons of the intelligence report on

Srebrenica are clear. Those who were able to deploy intelligence power, including the Americans and their enemies, the Bosnian Serbs, were both able to get their way. Conversely, the UN and the Dutch government were "deprived of the means and capacity for obtaining intelligence" for the Srebrenica deployment, helping to explain why they blundered in, and contributed to the terrible events there.

Secret intelligence techniques can be war-winning and life-saving. But they are not being properly applied. How the UN can have good intelligence in the context of multinational peace operations is a vexing question.

Removing light weapons from a conflict can be crucial to drawing it down. But the secret services of some states - including Israel and Iran - continue to be a major source of covert supply, pouring petrol on the flames of already bitter conflicts.

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Vatican Facing Another Legal Time Bomb

April 6, 2001 - The current pedophilia scandal rocking the Catholic Church in America has resulted in several lawsuits against multiple archdioceses as a result of a pattern of cover ups and pay offs. The Vatican has been added, as a defendant in at least two lawsuits filed by sexual abuse victims who claim sovereign or diplomatic immunity is no defense for the battered institution. This trend will likely continue as more victims come forward and more lawsuits are filed.

But, the Vatican faces another legal time bomb that has been quietly wending its way through the federal court system since November 1999 and may be just as financially devastating. In November 1999, Ukrainian Holocaust survivors later joined by Serb and Jewish plaintiffs filed a class action lawsuit against the Vatican Bank, alleging complicity in the laundering of Nazi World War II loot including the proceeds of genocide from several Croatian run concentration camps where upwards of 500,000 Serbs were liquidated between 1941 and 1945.

The Vatican Bank has claimed sovereign immunity to the lawsuit declaring that it is an arm of the Holy See. However, the lawsuit persists and the thorny question of whether a US Court can hear a lawsuit against a Vatican organization remains unresolved. Plaintiffs' attorneys claim immunity is not available for the Vatican Bank which is no stranger to scandal; Federal Judge Maxine Chesney has yet to rule on the case.

Jonathan Levy, one of plaintiffs' counsels, suggests the Vatican is particularly vulnerable to legal process since it is both a Church and a quasi state, but has only enjoyed United States recognition since 1983 as a sovereign entity. Levy said, "Many of the Vatican's activities fall outside the traditional actions of a state, particularly when it comes to financing the Church. In the case of the pedophilia cover up, a Vatican policy of protecting guilty priests violates customary international law as well as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child."

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child has been ratified by over 190 nations including the Holy See and expressly prohibits sexual exploitation of children. According to Levy, "Some in the Vatican feel they are above temporal laws. There is a parallel here, after World War II the Church assisted Nazi war criminals and helped them escape justice, now it is pedophile priests who have escaped punishment with help from Rome. In my opinion these are the actions of a rogue state and subject to full legal process in our courts."

For more information on the Vatican bank lawsuit see:
www.vaticanbankclaims.com

U.S., CLINTON ACCUSED OF WAR ATROCITIES

By Jeffrey T. Kuhner

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The lawyer for a Croatian general indicted by the war crimes tribunal in The Hague says his client's case opens the possibility that former President Clinton will be charged with crimes against humanity for authorizing a Croatian military offensive in 1995 that recaptured territory from rebel Serbs.

"According to the unjust indictment brought against my client, there is a basis for an investigation and indictment of high-ranking Clinton administration officials who oversaw Operation Storm," said Luka Misetic, the defense attorney for Gen. Ante Gotovina. The high-ranking Croatian general was indicted in June 2001 by the prosecutor's office at the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague on charges that he exercised "command responsibility" over the military campaign in which 150 Serbian civilians were killed.

Secretly supported by the Clinton administration, Croatian forces launched a three-day massive military offensive - known as "Operation Storm" - on Aug. 5, 1995 in which Croatia recovered territories occupied by rebel Serbs following Croatia's bloody drive for independence from Yugoslavia in 1991.

Gen. Gotovina was the military commander of Sector South of the operation, which was responsible for the capture of the rebel-held city of Knin. He is

also accused of overseeing the ethnic cleansing of 150,000 Serbs who fled from Croatia during the military offensive.

The United States provided military and technical assistance to Operation Storm in order to block then-Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's goal of forging an ethnically pure "Greater Serbia."

The Clinton administration viewed Croatia's military campaign as pivotal to tilting the strategic balance of power in the region against Serbian forces, paving the way for the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that ended the war in neighboring Bosnia.

However, Mr. Misetic said U.S. support and approval for the military offensive means the indictment against Gen. Gotovina could lead to the prosecution by The Hague tribunal of Mr. Clinton and other high-ranking U.S. officials on charges of having command responsibility for war crimes that were committed during the operation.

"The theory against Gotovina can now be brought against Clinton, [Assistant Secretary of State Richard] Holbrooke and all the way down the U.S. chain of command. On the prosecution's logic, they should be indicted as well. They knew the attack was coming and gave it the green light," Mr. Misetic said.

"The prosecutor's office is punting on an issue that is clearly

there. They are claiming that ethnic cleansing took place during this operation. They are claiming that by virtue of his position, Gotovina had knowledge of war crimes. His knowledge was shared and given to him by the Pentagon," he said.

Florence Hartmann, spokeswoman for chief prosecutor Carla del Ponte, said the tribunal is not challenging the legitimacy of Croatia's military offensive but individual atrocities carried out by Croatian soldiers whose actions fell under the responsibility of Gen. Gotovina.

"It is not Operation Storm that is being indicted, but the crimes that were committed during and afterward," Mrs. Hartmann said. U.S. support for the operation "has to be established," she said. "I don't know that the [Clinton] administration was involved."

Asked whether the prosecutor's office was planning to issue indictments against either Mr. Clinton or other administration officials, Mrs. Hartmann said: "We have no comment because there is no evidence to substantiate the charges of Gen. Gotovina's lawyers. They can make their case with evidence to the court."

Mr. Misetic dismissed Mrs. Hartmann's comments as "blatant hypocrisy."

I am an Evangelical Christian, from Central America, and for some reason I have always been attracted to the Serbs and their history and now even more that my husband is of Serbian origin. I believe that the Serbs have been greatly misunderstood, probably due to ignorance and to the media partiality. My heart was greatly grieved by the bombing of Yugoslavia and I wish I could do more. We need to share more to the world stories like this, about your grandfather. Sometimes only what is evil is presented, rarely beautiful heroic accounts like your grandfather's..

That is why I was happy to find your article, by chance, surfing the internet, as I was aware that some Serbs risked their lives to help the Jews. Now, I can share with my friends more specifically. Personally I believe GOD will reward eventually those who helped the Jews, even if in this world they don't get any recognition. But believe me, your grandfather was not the only one, unfortunately. There is a lot of ingratitude around...Anyway, again thanks for publishing that story, I hope you can forgive and forget and just think about the good part, the good example your grandfather left behind. If it is of any comfort to you, JESUSCHRIST too, helped people, fed the crowds, healed them, yet that same crowd readily gave him into the Romans hands to be crucified...sad

Mrs Sandra Shepel

"The story of an unknown hero" - <http://www.serbianunity.net/culture/history/index.html>

Announcement

To reflect the changes in events related to the Serbian nation, the Board of Directors of the Serbian Unity Congress have decided to publish the Bulletin once a month instead of biweekly, starting May 1, 2002. At the same time, the content of the Bulletin will be expanded both in richness and in the volume of the information.



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FROM OUR READERS

AN OPEN LETTER TO SERBIAN
PRESIDENT VOJISLAV KOSTUNICA

Dear President Kostunica:

As you prepare to change Serbia's constitution by passing a special law to authorize handing over Serbia's war crimes suspects to The Hague, you undoubtedly would be making one of the worst blunders since King Alexander signed away Serbia's sovereignty to form The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, an act which ultimately concluded in the destruction of Yugoslavia, the suffering and deaths of tens of thousands of Serbs and the eradication of Serbia's Jerusalem, Kosovo.

As one who has followed the tragic events in the Balkans and especially the injustices hurled at the Serbian people, I have suffered and agonized along with my Serbian Orthodox brothers and sisters throughout these many years. The deliberate one-sided, anti-Serb reporting by the media and the obsession of certain politicians to side with Serbia's historic enemies, continues to be intolerable.

Mr. President. During the election campaign in 2000 that brought you to power your campaign slogan was 'I can look you in the eye' -- and the people of Serbia responded to it. If you go ahead with the act of submission to The Hague that you know to be wrong, if you do it for whatever ostensibly pragmatic reason, will you still be able to look your people in the eye?

Mr. President. I was impressed by your videotaped statement at a conference in Washington D.C. in November 2000, in which you stated: "We accept that the judicial process should be an integral part of eventual reconciliation. But the instrumentalization of judicial retaliation can only postpone effective reconciliation, and make it more difficult. Sooner rather than later the work of the Hague Tribunal - with which we shall find modes of cooperation - should be repatriated to the successor states of the former Yugoslavia. If there is to be a supra-national alternative, it could only be a world tribunal to which all members of the United Nations submit their jurisdiction and their sovereignty. I am not suggesting that the creation of such a body is desirable, let alone inevitable; I am simply stating a fact."

Mr. President. Those words ring even more true today than 18 months ago. Please remember them now, Mr. President, and act not as you are advised or as you think prudent, but as you know to be right.

Mr. President, you cannot believe that by handing over those Serbs whom the War Crimes Tribunal has accused of atrocities will ease the suffering of the Serbian people? To the contrary, it will only increase Serbia's enemies' contempt for you for having betrayed your own people.

Mr. President, by recognizing and collaborating with the War Crimes Tribunal, a tribunal that has blatantly shown its hatred for the Serbian people, you will legitimize that which was not legitimate. You will place into permanency that which is reviled by any free-thinking person. Yet, those who are the real criminals and who rained down devastation on the Serbian people, continue to point the finger of guilt at the Serbs without fear of retribution.

Mr. President, do you actually believe by betraying your people that you will receive a pat on the back from your enemies? To the contrary, by signing this special bill, their victory will only encourage them to demand that every Serb who ever wore a uniform be sent before Carla del Ponte's Stalin Show Trial. Furthermore, every Serb will be looking over his shoulder thinking, "Am I next?" for bearing the Scarlet Letter, "S" for "Serb."

Mr. President, you were duly elected by the Serbian people to lead them into democracy. They placed in you their trust and a new hope to take them into sunshine after decades of darkness. However, from the moment Zoran Djindjic was elected Yugoslavia's prime minister, he has constantly worked to discredit and undermine you in his play for power. When Djindjic, behind your back, handed President Milosevic over to the hated War Crimes Tribunal, he expected to receive his 30 pieces of silver, and then felt betrayed when the money did not materialize. Instead, the majority of the \$125 million pittance that was to help the Serbian people rebuild their nation (after a cruel 78 days of NATO's air campaign) and to feed your hungry people went towards paying Serbia's outstanding debts.

Mr. President, the U.S. administration offered a reward of \$50 million for the capture of Slobodan Milosevic. Milosevic now sits in a jail cell at The Hague. Who collected that \$50 million?

Mr. President, Secretary of State Colin Powell has threatened you with re-imposing sanctions unless you hand over those who fought for the sovereignty of the Serbian people but who are now accused of atrocities that they never committed. You know this to be true. Accusations of guilt for the Markale market place massacre in Bosnia and the Racak massacre in Kosovo, both used as excuses to bomb the Serbs, have been discredited. Earlier in the week, Washington put a freeze on \$40 million, again a pittance, in aid to protest at Belgrade's refusal to hand over war crimes suspects that have been indicted by the UN tribunal in The Hague.

Mr. President, you are known for your integrity and for your adherence to the rule of law and constitutional authority. I don't think that means changing the constitution in order to knuckle under to blackmail.

Mr. President, is it not ironic and hypocritical that the United States does not intend to send America's war criminals, such as Bill Clinton, Madeleine Albright and Gen. Wesley Clark,

before the War Crimes Tribunal but signed the petition to send your alleged war criminals?

Mr. President, the Greek publication, Kathimerini wrote on 4 April 2002, "Money, not morals, drives the Serbian crimes debate, country is extraditing suspects in hope (I reemphasize, "in hope,) of foreign economic and political aid."

Mr. President, you were the first and the strongest to resist sending your people to The Hague. You resisted brilliantly until the pressure became too strong even for you from those who do not care if the Serbian people continue to suffer and by those who are more concerned with lining their pockets.

Mr. President, by signing this special law, you will be setting the stage for calls for reparations, thus committing the Serbian people to further hardships.

Mr. President, by signing this special law, you will lose the trust and the confidence your people once had in you, the very people who elected you and placed their hope in you for a better life. The Serbian people have been humiliated and demoralized beyond human endurance.

Mr. President, one thing the Serbian people cherished during their struggle against Nazi Germany was their honor. Please don't give that honor away for another unseen 30 pieces of silver.

Respectfully submitted,

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