Found an International Committee to Save Croatia!

The following appeal by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, president of the Schiller Institute in Germany, is being circulated for signatures internationally:

It is heart-rending to have to watch the boundless grief imposed on the almost defenseless nation of Croatia by the Serbian aggressors. At least 5,000, but probably many more people, among them many old and sick people and children, have already died; 350,000 people have lost everything and are in flight, as they face a bitter winter; 150,000 people have been blockaded for weeks, without food and medicine, exposed to merciless bombardment. Many priests and nuns have been tortured and killed.

But it is no less heart-rending, to have to witness how corrupt or indifferent western politicians are, and how emotionally dead and uninterested the majority of the people is. If genocide of such proportions can occur in the middle of Europe, without people reacting, then we are morally bankrupt.

Imagine if the German revolution had proceeded a little differently and the peaceful revolution had not led to the opening of the borders, but only to the declaration of independence of Thuringen and Sachsen-Anhalt. Imagine, that the East German Peoples Army had then taken up the most modern weapons in order to reconquer Thuringen militarily! Eisenach and Erfurt were after week-long bombing almost leveled to the ground, classical Weimar was besieged and threatened with immediate destruction, and Mainz continued under air raid. If it were your own parents whose ancestral home was bombed, would you still be so indifferent?

Or imagine, that a fascist movement had seized power

in France and proceeded in a similar manner against the resistance. Or that this happened in the country and the city which is your home. If something is criminal and genocidal here, why is it then suddenly acceptable there? This double standard is the surest measure of moral bankruptcy!

Bush and Gorbachov, without whose quiet support Belgrade should never have dared wage this aggressive war, bear responsibility for the genocide, but also Lord Carrington, who has run the negotiations at the so-called European Community peace conference in supposed British interests, so that the maximum advantage for the Serbs arose out of it. The U.S. Deputy Secretary of State, Lawrence Eagleburger, whose motivation is shaped by strong economic interests in Serbia, is also to blame. The error of those who have not participated themselves in the murderous plot, is to have trusted the policy of the Anglo-Americans for one second.

Since the official policy of the West has failed so thoroughly, we the undersigned are constituting an international coalition to save Croatia. We stand for the immediate recognition of the independence of Croatia and Slovenia in conformity with the right to self-determination stipulated in the Helsinki Accords.

We stand for Croatia being due the same rights as are due any other sovereign state, including the right to defend the life of its citizens and its territory.

We appeal to the international community of peoples, to make reparations for the injustice inflicted on Croatia, and to help it through a comprehensive reconstruction program.

We support the immediate implementation of the all-European infrastructure program of the "Productive Triangle" proposed by the American economist Lyndon LaRouche as the only possibility for restoring peace to the Balkans.

The Croatian people have a right to peace as all other people do.

for five days already. Somebody from our group, a traitor, gave the signal to the soldiers of the so-called Yugoslav Army, who were like vultures placed over us, holding us in a cage without food, water, and medicine. Immediately they started throwing bombs. Nine young persons were killed instantly, and many more were wounded. Because of the cannonade of bombs and artillery, we couldn't remove the dead bodies, nor help the wounded. Rivers of blood flowed, and all I'll ever see in the future will be blood, screaming, wailing, and crying.

Gentlemen, I, an ordinary woman, who spent all my life in hard work, raising two beautiful sons, who could be the pride of the free world, ask you: Why haven't you stopped these horrible actions?! For sure, you were very well informed about the situation in this country, because you have your diplomatic personnel here who know the facts.

Is it really the truth that the material things are more important for you than human beings? Why, for God's sake, do you take such a responsibility for mankind, if you care so little about it? Are you really so heartless? Could you ever stand before your children and grandchildren, look them in the eyes, and tell them that you were unable to do anything?

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