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Bosnian U.N. ambassador blasts British perfidy

Bosnia's U.N. Ambassador Mohammed Sacirbey accused Great Britain of being the primary advocate of the partition and destruction of the nation of Bosnia-Hercegovina

In an interview on National Public Radio in the United States on July 9, the interviewer said that the British seemed to be telling Bosnia that if they don't accept the partition, all aid will be cut off. "Britain has no right to speak on behalf of the international community, and they've done it too often, and promoted their own vision of Bosnia which, I might add, is a vision of partition," Sacirbey replied. He said that if they are worried about their troops, "please feel free to alter the mandate, or even withdraw your troops."

Asked about the statements made by President Alija Izetbegovic the day before, that the only options available to Bosnia were to be forced to accept partition, or "war without end," Sacirbey said that Izetbegovic was simply looking at the options, none of which are very attractive. "We don't really have a military option," Sacirbey said. The best Bosnia can do, he said, is fight to a stand-off and then negotiate a fair and workable settlement; but any negotiations now would just be a cover for the dismemberment and total elimination of the Bosnian state.

"Does the West want to propose the death of a state?" Sacirbey asked. They seem to be saying that if you don't accept that option, "we'll just allow you to suffocate."

European diplomats back Army in Pakistan

The European Community ambassadors in Islamabad reviewed the latest developments in Pakistan at a private meeting on July 5 and came to a consensus that the four-month power struggle between Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and President Ghulam Ishaq Khan has made Pakistan practically "ungovernable," according to a report by the Press

Trust of India. "We will back the Army to put the train of democracy back on the rails," one diplomat is reported to have said. Some western diplomats have also given assurances that western aid would not be cut off if the Army took over, as long as quick elections were held.

The Pakistan Army, however, has shown a great deal of restraint so far in not intervening directly in the power struggle. One reason is that the Army has turned increasingly pro-U.S. and waited for any signal from Washington. Washington's seeming preference, former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, who had supported the Pakistan President in dismissing the government illegally, is expected to cash in on the President's move and get elected in the proposed elections. However, the Supreme Court's decision to snub the President and reinstate Nawaz Sharif threw a monkey wrench into both Washington and Bhutto's plans.

Latvian press cites LaRouche on Balkan war

Under the headline "We Must Find a Way Out of Violence Based on Irrationality," the independent Latvian newspaper *Pavalstnieks* quoted at length from an interview with jailed American economist Lyndon LaRouche, in its June 8-15 issue. LaRouche's analysis of how the world is moving past a "point of no return," where the course toward a new level of violence becomes "effectively irreversible," was translated from his May 13 radio interview, "EIR Talks with LaRouche."

LaRouche called for immediate action to be taken to stop Serbian aggression in the Balkans, "for the sake of this planet," and insisted upon "the sovereignty of nationstates."

The editors of *Pavalstnieks* prefaced the excerpts with a box which identified LaRouche as the author of Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative, and listed the prison time served by him and his fellow political prisoners, Rochelle Ascher and Michael Billington.

In the June 15-22 issue of *Pavalstnieks*, a column headlined "'Free Market' or Neo-

colonialism?" dissected the radical freemarket ideology of Adam Smith and Milton Friedman as a fraud and attacked the International Monetary Fund as a new tyrant, citing Pope John Paul II among other sources. Author J. Kucinskis identified the British East India Company heritage of Smith and John Stuart Mill. There is another way, wrote Kucinskis, which could be found in the works of Alexander Hamilton, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln.

Italy calls for end to combat in Somalia

The Italian government called on July 12 for the suspension of U.N. combat operations in Somalia, and said that the aims of the peacekeeping mission there should be reviewed. In a statement issued hours after U.S. helicopter gunships blasted the command center of warlord Mohamed Farah Aideed, Defense Minister Fabio Fabbri said the mission was in danger of turning into "a long period of conflict."

"A choice of this nature, with its extremely high risk, indeed certainty, that human lives will be lost, is shared neither by public opinion nor by parliament in our country," Fabbri said. "We should say that to the United Nations and to the U.S.A. with loyalty and clarity. We have asked for a reconsideration of the aims of the mission which extends to the relationship between the ends—which are pacification, conciliation, and humanitarian aid—and the means. Combat operations have become prevalent and, taken together, they still have not opened the doors to dialogue and reconciliation. We are suggesting a cooling-off period to reduce tension, the suspension of combat operations, the restoration of dialogue, an invitation to disarm."

Swedish elite alarmed about Estonia crisis

Swedish Foreign Minister Margaretha af Ugglas said in a newspaper interview on July 12 that ruling circles are very worried about the crisis in nearby Estonia, which is coming under increasing pressure from

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Russia. "Moscow must call for a calm approach," she said, adding that the Swedish Foreign Department is following the situation in Estonia very closely, because the situation there could get very unstable at any moment

Meanwhile Andres Kueng, an Estonian exile living in Sweden who is a member of the National Board of the Swedish Liberal Party as well as a member of the Estonian Parliament, demanded that "the planning for a Russian empire must stop." Kueng said that the dagger aimed against his country comes from the Russian elite outside Estonia, which wants to re-establish a Russian empire.

Denmark to set up standing U.N. force

Denmark announced plans on July 8 to set up a new 4,550-man military reaction brigade for deployment in international peacekeeping operations. The Danish Reaction Brigade will be at the disposal of the United Nations, NATO, and the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), Defense Minister Hans Haekkerup told a news conference.

"The formation of the brigade conforms with the new defense situation in the West in the post-Cold War era," Haekkerup said. "The Danish Reaction Brigade will be an efficient and flexible force. Unlike previous U.N. contingency forces, it will be able to operate independently, intervening at short notice in a wide range of global humanitarian, peacekeeping, peacemaking, and defense operations."

Brazilian Air Force maneuvers in the Amazon

Two months after the U.S. Army held military maneuvers in Guyana, very close to the Brazilian border, Brazil's Air Force held the first in a series of maneuvers designed to underline the Armed Forces' commitment to the defense of the region, according to *Jornal do Brasil*. British troops held maneuvers in the same location right after the Americans finished, ac-

cording to press reports.

Over 400 Brazilian Air Force personnel were involved in operations, in which 30 Xavante jets and Esquilo helicopters flew from the Porto Velho air base over the states of Rondonia, Acre, and Amazonas. The maneuvers ended on July 5, and four or five more operations of the same kind will take place over the next months, to continue the training of personnel.

The maneuvers were announced by Lt.-Brigadier Moacir da Frota, whose denunciations of international designs on Brazil's sovereignty two months ago shook up the country's political elites.

Lt. Col. Fernando Taka de Andrade, a member of the Air Force general staff based at Porto Velho, refused to comment on whether the maneuvers constituted the practical implementation of the Calha Norte project, by which the Armed Forces will establish a permanent presence in the Amazon region.

Will Venezuela lift ban on 'Dope, Inc.' book?

The Venezuelan newspaper Diario de Caracas on July 11 published a call from Venezuelan Labor Party leader Alejandro Peña, demanding that the prohibition of EIR's book Narcotráfico, S.A. (Dope, Inc.) be lifted. Commenting on the scandal regarding the illegal financing of political parties, Peña recalled "that since 1985, circulation of the book Narcotráfico, S.A. has been forbidden. It carefully documents who is behind the laundering of dirty money and who are the financiers of political groups. There can't be a serious investigation of illegal campaign financing while this book is banned. It is the only book banned in 35 years of supposed democracy.'

According to Diario de Caracas, Pena added that "in the wake of the departure of [President] Carlos Andrés Pérez, the administration of Ramon J. Velasquez, as well as the Supreme Court and the Attorney General, should allow the free circulation of Narcotráfico, S.A. It is really shameful that at this point in the 20th century, freedom of speech is so blatantly violated."

Briefly

- THE EGYPTIAN Muslim Brotherhood announced that it will oppose President Hosni Mubarak in the October presidential elections, according to a report in the London Daily Telegraph on July 12. Mubarak was otherwise unopposed. The Brotherhood called for release of political prisoners and an end to restrictions preventing groups from forming political parties and publishing newspapers.
- POPE JOHN PAUL II will begin his third visit to Mexico on Aug. 11, as the political situation in that country remains hot over the unresolved assassination of Cardinal Juan Jesús Posadas Ocampo in May. Nobody believes the official government line that he was mistaken for someone else in a battle among drug lords
- NORTH KOREA has offered to scrap its controversial nuclear reprocessing plant in Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang, if the United States will offer it nuclear technology in exchange. The South Korean magazine Sisa Journal said the offer was made during talks between North Korea and Washington in June.
- THE DECONSTRUCTIONIST weirdos Jacques Derrida and Umberto Eco are leading a group of 40 European "intellectuals" who have formed a "special monitoring group" that is warning that the "political far right" is infiltrating the press, publishing houses, and universities, the Financial Times reported on July 13.
- IN BANGLADESH on July 9, nearly 10,000 Muslims demonstrated against the "butchers" who are killing off the nation of Bosnia. The Jamaate-Islami party accused the United States, Britain, and their allies of doing nothing to end the fighting. "This is part of a western blueprint to annihilate Muslims not only in Bosnia but across the world," the party said in a statement.

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