Editorial

Winter comes to the Balkans, Africanization comes to Europe

For those who have preserved even a faint connection to reality, the surprise mass demonstration for jobs and food on Oct. 25, in the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo, was the final proof that a decade of Western policies in the Balkans, have ended in total failure. Unemployment is officially 70% in Bosnia. The only jobs to be found, are in working for foreign peacekeepers, the UN, nongovernmental organizations, and the like. (The same is now true in Kosovo, as well.)

U.S. promises were violated, and the reconstruction aid promised to Bosnia was never delivered.

Since the end of the Bosnia war in 1995, we have gone through another whole turn of the screw in the Balkans. In actions which gave hypocrisy a bad name, the same British who had installed Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic in the first place (through assets including Kissinger and Eagleburger), triggered what they called history's first "humanitarian war," in the spring of this year, supposedly to stop Milosevic's crimes.

Nothing positive was achieved by the war, which had not been offered in negotiations earlier. But the terrorist- and criminal-led Kosovo Liberation Army was permitted to kill or drive out Kosovo's elected leadership. And although 78 days of heavy bombing did nothing to affect Serbia's military power (destroying only 10 tanks, for example), the bombing did succeed in taking out large stationary civilian targets, include the bridges over the Danube, rail lines, oil refineries, power plants, and energy supplies.

These were exactly the things Serbian civilians would need to survive the coming winter. And yet the British, and such British puppets as Madeleine Albright, insisted, and insist, that that infrastructure must not be rebuilt. So great is Albright's hoked-up moral revulsion against Milosevic, that she even insists that emergency supplies of heating oil must not be sent to opposition-controlled Serbian cities, as France and Germany wish to do. The only result can be disease and death, especially among infants and the elderly, this winter. The Iraqis, who have been test-victims of such "humanitarian warfare" for almost a decade, rightly equate it with the "humanitarian warfare" of the Mongols who sacked

and levelled Baghdad in 1258.

Worse, the blockage of the Danube by bombedout bridges, a blockage which Albright and other moral lepers insist must continue, has an effect similar to severing an artery to a human limb—this in an area comprising much of Europe: everything south and east of Vienna. The result is the economic equivalent of gangrene, spreading throughout this area and beyond.

Now, Lyndon LaRouche has been warning of new Balkan wars since a nationwide campaign television broadcast of Oct. 31, 1988, "The Winter of Our Discontent." His ideas have become a power to be reckoned with, there and elsewhere. Through ideas, he has dealt blow for blow against the British effort to provoke new Balkan wars, in order thereby to blow up possibilities for East-West economic cooperation involving especially the U.S., Russia, and Germany. For over a decade, LaRouche and his associates have delineated workable plans for the economic development of the Balkans area, most recently during the NATO bombing war against Yugoslavia last spring, when Helga Zepp-LaRouche and Faris Nanic issued their call for "Peace Through Development for the Balkans."

To give up on Balkan reconstruction, is to give up on your own and your children's future. The same fate to which you abandon the people of the Balkans today, is the fate that is prepared for you tomorrow. The only answer, is that you support the work of Lyndon LaRouche, the leading intellect of our times. In particular, you must support his U.S. Presidential campaign, whether you are an American or not. Do you say his nomination and election are unlikely? Your own survival into the beginning of the next century, and that of your family, are just as unlikely. The survival of this civilization is just as unlikely.

Will wolves walk the streets of Sarajevo, Pristina, and Belgrade this winter? They may, unless LaRouche gets the international support which can prevent it. If wolves do walk in the Balkans, then wolves will also walk the streets of London, New York, and Washington, within a few winters thereafter, as, in the wake of the barbarian invasions, wolves walked the streets of Rome in the 5th century A.D.

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