

FULL RECOGNITION NOW

of Yugoslavia's Republics

"Why should not the six republics [of Yugoslavia], if they do not want to stay together, simply split up amicably on the lines of their present frontiers? The trouble is that Mr Milosevic's ethnic and territorial demands are by no means limited to his own republic of Serbia."

Sir Fitzroy Maclean, The Times 10th July 1991

Not everyone would agree with Sir Fitzroy Maclean, but some facts are beyond dispute - **over 100** Albanians killed in the province of Kosovo last year, **over 300** deaths in Croatia over the last eight months, **over 60** deaths in the recent war in Slovenia, **over 15,000** Serbian refugees fleeing their homes in Croatia, **21** Croatian policemen and civilians killed in one single day in the Croatian town of Vinkovci only last week, **300,000** Serbian reservists mobilized in preparation for all-out war...

So what next ? Multiplying the above figures by 5, 10, 100 ?

The otherwise inevitable escalation would be either impossible or at least a far more daunting task if Yugoslavia's republics were granted full recognition of their sovereignty and borders, so their peoples and minorities could solve their disputes [including those over their borders] under CSCE and UN legislation.

The present legal vacuum and the violence it breeds is the most convincing testimony that Yugoslavia's break-up has already taken place while the universal failure to acknowledge this fact and to recognize republics' sovereignty is the most powerful incentive for all the feuding parties to pursue their aims with fire power.

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