

Kashmir: Don't fall for the British trap

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Mr. LaRouche, the American statesman and economist, delivered these remarks to a conference of the Schiller Institute, held Feb. 19-20 in Washington, D.C., in response to a question on the subject of the Kashmir conflict.

There is an ongoing effort by certain powers to manipulate Pakistan and India into a war over Kashmir. If it succeeds, it will lead in part to the destruction of the region of the subcontinent, will lead to no benefit for the people of Kashmir, will lead to no benefit to the people Pakistan, and no benefit to the people of India. On the contrary, it will lead to their destruction.

The Kashmir dispute is an example of the kind of problem which people have to think about before they permit their passions to be aroused on some issue.

In South Asia, British intelligence and its offshoots have a card index on every family, every region, every village. To run an operation in that part of the world, British intelligence will send its agents out, give them an index from the card index of certain villages, individual families, individual personalities, their tastes, their prejudices, their habits. They will send in an agent in the tradition of Wilfred Blunt, to manipulate the people. The first thing you know, there is a lively war on, and people are blaming each other and killing each other.

Precisely this is happening in the former Yugoslavia, which, unfortunately, was an artificial state to begin with, created by British intelligence, for the purposes of future manipulation. In the late 1980s, British intelligence, with the help of the International Monetary Fund, destroyed the Yugoslav people. The British roped in certain parts of the Serbian faction around Slobodan Milosevic to take over the dominant position in politics, with the help of people such as former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger and former U.S. National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, who were working for the British along with Henry Kissinger and company.

Today, in former Yugoslavia, people who have lived at peace with one another for 40 years are killing each other. Why? Because they had some reason to hate each other? No. Because the British did not want a reunified Germany nor a reunified Germany having influence on Europe, and therefore they started a war in the Balkans.

These traps must be avoided. When someone wants to

manipulate you, they manipulate you about something over which you feel strongly, or can be induced to feel strongly; and you get a bloody war.

The same people trying to manipulate India and Pakistan into war over Kashmir, are planning for a general North-South war. The plan is centered around the so-called Turkish project, the Turkish-Islamic project, or Islam as greater Turkey. This is a very active commitment of some people in the capital in Turkey.

The British aim

The Central Asian portion of the former Soviet Union, particularly the part that is referred to as "the roof of the world" that cuts through those Turkic-speaking parts of the former Soviet Union, down into Kashmir, through Tibet, and so forth, is the cockpit for a plan of general destruction of all the people in Eurasia. The British aim is to get them to *kill one another* over issues over which they happen to be locally, temporarily impassioned.

People must rise up above these issues, and must define what the just solution is to problems in the region, and not play the games of war.

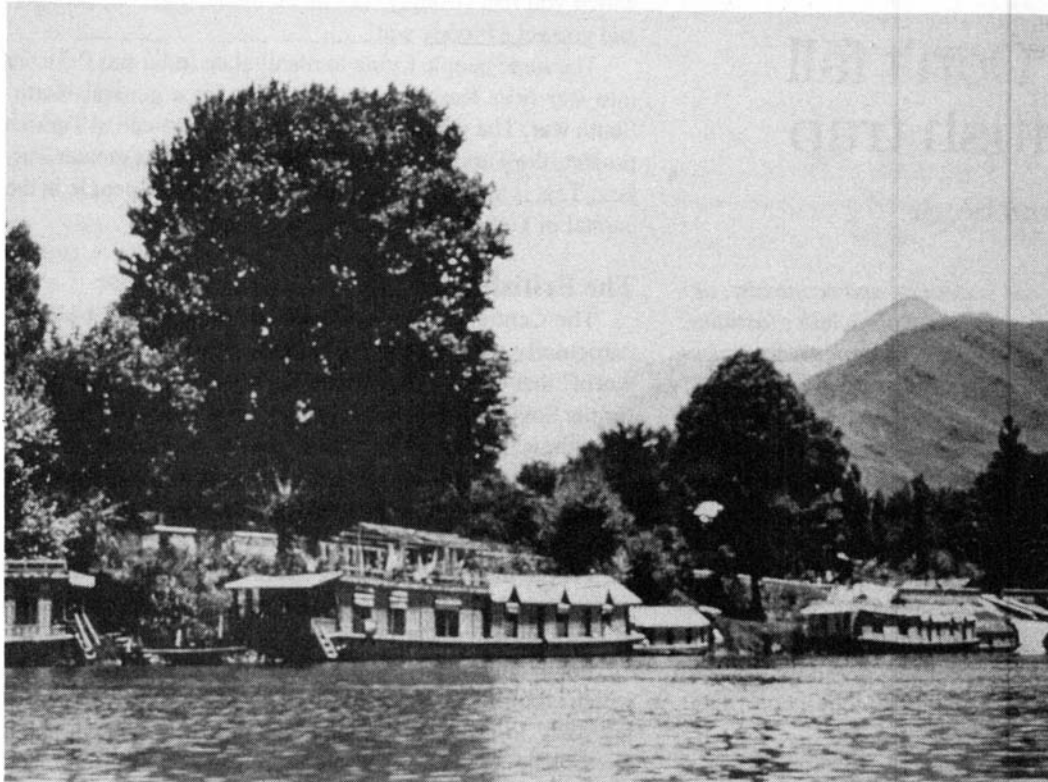
For example, there is the case of a certain political party which is controlled by British intelligence, which was a leading party in India. Somebody came up with a myth about reestablishing a Hindu temple on the site of a mosque, and they tried to blow up central India. In the recent state election in India, that party went down to crushing defeat. One would hope that all over the world, people who are manipulated will understand this, will not play the games.

If people play into the issues, of which there are many, involving China, Southeast Asia, South Asia, the Middle East, then *this world will surely go into a bloody hell from which no one in these regions would survive.*

There is a plan to try to split Kazakhstan on the basis of ethnically pro-Russian and pro-anti-Russian factions and to use that split in Kazakhstan, the destabilization of Russia over Kazakhstan, as a way of destabilizing the entire Islamic portion of Central Asia. If Russia, which is still a military superpower, is the target of this, there will definitely be a reaction.

There is a plan to involve China in this destabilization. There is a plan to ignite the Tashkent area down into Kashmir, northern Pakistan, and so forth, into a conflict. One included intent of such a war is to split up Pakistan into at least three parts (Baluchistan, the Northern part, and so forth), and to dismember and possibly destroy the nation altogether.

South Asia must recognize that the issue that is hot in the clubs, in the family letters, in the Pakistani, Indian, and Kashmiri press and circles, *may not be the real issue.* The British are looking to set off reactions of Turk against Iranian, of Arab against Iranian and Turk. They are looking to split off various parts of Pakistan. They are looking to dismember India.



A lake in beautiful mountainous Kashmir, where British intelligence is attempting to ignite a war between India and Pakistan.

This is the problem to be faced.

It must also be understood that British intelligence is not something from the British Isles; it's Satan himself, who's taken over a part of the real estate of the world and said, "That's the capital of my empire." It's not the British people. It is something *evil* which also exists in part in the United States, as the cases of Eagleburger, Scowcroft, and Kissinger illustrate the problem.

Stop being manipulated

We must stop being credulous, we must stop being manipulated. We must see what is going on in the world and not merely be concerned about our immediate emotional reaction to an issue, where the reaction itself may be something that is being stirred up.

The people of South Asia must have peace.

I have been acquainted with South Asia since 1946, when I was there in the service at the end of World War II. In the Spring of 1946, I had some friends who were students in India. They were both Islamic and Hindu. Like students of that time, they were shouting "*Jai Hind.*" And some of them were shouting: "*Pakistan zinda bad.*" They were both seeking independence.

One day, a group of these students who were friends of mine went up to the British Governor General's Palace—and the British soldiers called them "wogs" and kicked them

viciously—as if they were dogs. In response, these fellows set off on a routine demonstration at the Governor General's Palace in Calcutta. The usual protest, a lot of noise. But they didn't come back; some of them never came back. The British soldiers killed many of them. There was a protest in the same region. The British set up machine guns in the streets and mowed the people coming toward the protests. Within two days, all of Bengal exploded. There were 3 to 5 million people (nobody knew how many) marching continuously in the streets of Calcutta, shouting "*Jai Hind! Pakistan zinda bad!*" arm in arm. Islamic, Hindu, arm in arm. Side by side.

Because of the Communist Party of India and the British and Churchill and Stalin, who had cut a deal, that moment of great unity and peace and brotherhood, which was expressed in the streets of Calcutta for those three or four days, was gone. In another year, the same people were butchering each other through a British manipulation.

That's the way the history of South Asia has been played ever since the British got their paws in the area.

People should not fall for these traps. Look for another solution. Yes, there must be peace, it must be fought for. But we do not promote a war between Pakistan and India over Kashmir or over any label. Once South Asia plays that game, it will be another Balkan war. But this time it will be for keeps, and it will be all of Central Asia and Asia, not the Balkans.