

and otherwise incomprehensible massive shift of conservatism to the arms of a Democrat liberalism that they once abhorred.

It used to be said that knowing economics won't keep you out of the breadline, but at least you'll know why you're there. Knowing the real story of the conservative mugging of President Bush may not stop the Clinton juggernaut, but at least our readers will know why it's happening.

And we can see, too, that Pat Buchanan's political instincts have been right as rain throughout this entire turbulent and "weird" political season. Pat was magnificently right to be the only person to step out and challenge George Bush, the only conservative to have the insight and the courage to move against Bush's rule; he was right to be one of the very few conservatives to be friendly to the abortive Perot-Revolution; and he is right, once again, to be virtually the only conservative leader to finish the primary process by endorsing George Bush for President. In each one of these changing stands in a wildly changing year, Pat was right, and in each one he has been courageous and alone. Pat Buchanan is a political leader who uniquely combines keen political insight with the courage to stand up and act on his beliefs. For throughout the muck and the evil around him, through all the dregs of the "conservative movement," Pat stands out as a monument to principle. In a movement of odious and venal opportunists, Pat Buchanan emerges as the only authentic Hero in politics today. ■

Ex-Czechoslovakia

by M.N.R

We at RRR were among the first to hail the breakup of that misbegotten whelp of Versailles: the "country" called Yugoslavia. The inherent lie of such a country is now exposed to all the world, and the phony "nation" of Yugoslavia is gone forevermore. Now we must add another hosannah: the impending collapse of the other grotesque product of Versailles tyranny: the "nation" called Czechoslovakia.

How beloved that "nation" always was, in respectable circles, in the *New York Times*, the Council of Foreign Relations, among all the right-thinkers and uplifters, all the certified experts that float back and forth from the CFR to the State Department to various foreign policy think-tanks! At Versailles, the English, the French, and the Wilson Administration set up the phony "nation" of Czechoslovakia, carved out of the beaten Germany and Austria-Hungary in World War I. And just as Yugoslavia was a mask for Serb tyranny over other ethnic nationalities, so Czechoslovakia was a cover for despotism of the Czechs over other nationalities in the area: specifically, over the Sudeten Germans, Poles in the Teschen area, Hungarians in Southern Slovakia, the "Carpatho-Ruthenians" in the eastern tail (actually western Ukrainians), and in particular, the Slovaks in the eastern part of the country,

west of the Carpatho-Ruthenian tail.

The difference is that the Serbs were never as incredibly beloved in the *New York Times*, CFR et al, as were the Czechs, and their virtually canonized leader, Dr. Tomas Mazaryk. And just as the Croat desire for independence and freedom from Serb oppression was (and still is) denounced in the Western Establishment press as "Nazi," so too the Slovak desire for independence and getting out from under the Czechs was attacked similarly.

There were other similarities. Whereas the Czechs are part Protestant, part Catholic, and secularist in their old ruling elite, the Slovaks were solidly Catholic—as are the Croats. And when Germany occupied these countries during World War II, it granted independence to Slovakia, under Monsignor Tito, as they did to the Croat Ustashi government. Both small countries were quasi-puppets of the Germans, although Tiso was far more independent of the Nazis. In both cases, the Germans trusted neither the Serbs nor the Czechs, and hence kept them under protectorates or under direct occupation.

After World War II, Soviet occupation drove out the Sudeten Germans, in quasi-genocidal fashion; Poland kept Teschen; and Carpatho-Ruthenia was, sensibly, incorporated into Ukraine. This left the Czechs, Slovaks, and some Hungarians, with the Czechs continuing to dominate under Communism.

But now, with the collapse of

Communism and the advent of national freedom, the Slovaks, at long last, are demanding their freedom from Czech rule; such trivia as changing the name to include a hyphen; "Czecho-Slovakia," proved scarcely enough to satisfy Slovak demands.

The difference is that the Czechs are not Serbs, and also that the Czechs now have probably the most genuinely free-market government in all of Eastern Europe; hence, the Czechs are setting an example for all such ethnic struggles by having the sense of justice, and the simple magnanimity, to take national self-determination seriously, and to agree, ruefully but respecting the Slovaks' wishes, to let the Slovaks go. Let secessionists depart: would that all attempts at secession, including that of the South in 1861, been treated the same way!

So, farewell Czechoslovakia, what took you so long? and welcome to the family of nations, Slovakia and Czechia! ■

U.S., Keep Out of Bosnia!

by M.N.R.

*When Johnny comes marching home again, Hurrah! Hurrah!
They'll give him a hearty welcome then, Hurrah! Hurrah!
There'll be bankers and writers and Englishmen
To send him off to war again,
They'll all be there when Johnny comes marching home.*

—Isolationist ditty, 1941

And so, are we off to war again? Add Social Democrats, and, considering the malignant role of the warmonger, Lady Thatcher, keep the "Englishmen," in the ditty, and guard your son (and daughter now) Mom and Dad, because they're beating the war drums again.

It's a heavy irony. RRR has been in the forefront, for the last two years, in denouncing the Serbs. Not long ago, the entire New World Order crowd, from the *New York Times* to the *New Republic* to every "foreign policy expert" on TV, that is our entire Social Democratic elite, were defending the Serbs, who spoke for the "territorial integrity of Yugoslavia," the rest of their time was spent desperately trying to help Gorbachev keep the old rotting Soviet Union together.

The Bush Administration was obedient to their call. Every Establishment article on Yugoslavia was not considered complete unless the beleaguered Croats were attacked for being "Nazis," with the Ustashi regime of World War II lovingly dredged up. The Serbs, on the other hand, were supposedly "anti-Nazi" and "pro-West," this grossly over-simplified version of World War II in the Balkans presumably defining their positions for all time.

But now, suddenly, it's a different story. Suddenly, the Social Democrats, the same old suspects, now including the Clinton-Gore ticket, are denouncing the Bush Administration for not making war upon the Serbs, instantly, and for not pressuring and squeezing our "European allies" in the UN, i.e., forcing them to go along to give a war policy an internationalist veneer.

Is there to be no conflict, no war, no problem anywhere in the world that the poor United States, already declining in pro-

ductivity and living standards, mired in depression and groaning under a \$400 billion annual deficit, must send its troops and its treasure to set everything right? How long is it going to take to learn the lesson: that just as government throwing money at social and economic problems only makes those problems worse, so the United States govern-

ment is not able to cure all the ills of mankind?

The problem is that increasingly we have government by TV clip. All the media have to do is to send some newsmen to a war-torn area, show pictures of torture or detention camps or starvation, and the sentimental fools who constitute Western public opinion, especially in the

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