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Subject: [Postojbina] Historic Revisionism At Globe & Mail by Bill Dorich

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Letter to the Editor

Globe & Mail

Dear Editor:

The remark made in your paper that ***“Jasenovac never happened”*** is both irresponsible and outrageously inaccurate. It smacks of the worse kind of yellow journalism.

I have written 7 books on Balkan history and culture including ***Jasenovac Then & Now: A Conspiracy of Silence (1997)*** in which I documented a great number of authorities including major German sources. This letter will obviously not be published, even if I managed to give you 150 words as your anti-Serb bias is well known. However, this writer can provide hundreds of testimonies. Pretending that Genocide of the Serbs twice in my family within my lifetime is a figment of my imagination is truly insulting.

In 1941 Croat Nazis and the Nazi priests locked 97 Serbs inside the Serbian church in Vojnic and burned it to the ground. Seventeen of those victims were my relatives. Fast forward to 1995 during *Operation Storm*, the last 5 relatives of my name were too old and too sick to flee. I was notified by the Red Cross a month later they were found with their throats slit. My first book, ***Serbian Genocide 1941-45*** was co written with the late Michael Lees, author of ***The Rape of Serbia*** (1989) and the Late David Martin, author of ***The Web of Disinformation*** (1989) and it was based on this double genocide of my family and hundreds of thousands of Krajina Serbs during WWII. Now some jerk at Globe & Mail tells the world this did not happen? What moronic journalism!

Apparently your newspaper has amnesia? When the war ended in 1945... 460 Roman Catholic priests (I can name them) fled for Argentina through the *“Vatican Ratline,”* including such creatures as Clause Barbe and Croat President Ante Pavelich who became the security advisor to Juan Peron who issued 34,000 visas to Croatian war criminals, all of whom escaped justice. I suppose none of this provable history is real today with the Catholic influence over your pages? ***Jasenovac*** not only happened, but for a newspaper of your stature to attempt to rewrite history shows a hideous lack of integrity and honesty. ***Jasenovac*** was a Croatian Concentration Camp where Croat Nazis put to death 700,000 Serbs, 40,000 Jews and 60,000 Roma, including 100,000 Serbian children under the age of ten years who were poisoned to death by Roman Catholic nuns using toxic soda. You staff needs to read the books of the late Michael Lees and David Martin. Your writer is either unskilled, poor at research, bias, intolerant, a racist or is totally ignorant. I challenge this ugly policy of historical revisionism by your newspaper. and I demand an apology and a retraction.

Below my signature are a few quotes from my book *Jasenovac Then & Now: A Conspiracy of Silence*. Perhaps if your editorial staff took the time to stop demonizing the Serbs long enough to read some important books on Balkan history they would not come off looking like editorial morons? Or is this about a Croatian and Muslim agenda for which you work so diligently? It certainly is not about honesty, integrity or historical accuracy. Little wonder why our children are illiterate when it comes to world history. It is jerks like those on your staff that get away with spoon feeding them pure crap supported by an equally dishonest editor! Knowing this letter will reach the round file faster than your editorial staff can read it I will post this on numerous Serbian websites so that the rest of the world will get a hard look at the depth to which a newspaper will stoop. After reading the following quotes do I expect your apology or a retraction ... **no, I am not that naïve.**

Shame on the Globe & Mail

William Dorich, Author

Serbian Genocide 1941-45 (1991)

Kosovo (1992)

The Suppressed Serbian Voice and the Free Press in America (1994)

A Brief History of Serbian Music (1996)

Jasenovac Then & Now: A Conspiracy of Silence (1997)

Hilandar Octocentury (1998)

SERBIA: Faces & Places (2011)

The writer is the recipient of *The Order of St. Sava*, the highest recognition given to a layperson by the Holy Synod of Serbian Orthodox Bishops and *An Award of Merit* from the Serbian Bar Association of America. Mr. Dorich was the first Plaintiff in a class action lawsuit against the Vatican Bank that is still in the courts.

“There is not a pen capable of describing the horror and terror of the atmosphere at Jasenovac. It surpasses any human fantasy. Imagine Hell, the Inquisition, a terror more dreadful than any that ever before existed anywhere, run by bloodthirsty wild animals whose most hidden and disgusting instincts had come to the surface in a way never before seen in human beings—and still you have not said enough.”

— Antun Miletich

**(Croatian survivor of Jasenovac Concentration Camp),
Belgrade, 1986, p. 7.**

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“... The exact number of victims swallowed by the camp of Jasenovac will never be established, because of the stated reasons, but that on the basis of investigation led by the Commission, it can be concluded that the number of around 500,000 to 600,000 conforms to reality.”

“Crimes in the Jasenovac Camp,”
The Croatian Commission,
November 15, 1945.

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“For centuries the Serbian people have stood in the Balkans as the bulwark of Christian civilization against invaders and oppressors. As a consequences of their stand, great losses have been inflicted on them in the course of centuries... Genocide in its worst and most destructive form, however, was inflicted upon the Serbs in 1941-45 by the members of the Croatian Fascist movement, the Ustasha... The massacres carried out in the Serbian Orthodox Church in Glina between May and August, 1941, belong undoubtedly, to the darkest chapters of human depravity in modern times.”

Senator Herbert H. Lehman, New York
U.S. Senate, October 20, 1951.

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“As soon as they had come to power, the Ustashi began a racial campaign for the sake of the Croatian race—as they put it—for the sake of the Catholic religion, in order to create a perfectly homogeneous community for the new state ... They began destroying on a wide scale the Serbian Orthodox population ... and Jews for reasons well known. That campaign was characterized by the killing of tens of thousands of people, including old people, women, and children, while thousands more were locked up in so-called internment camps established on the devastated land without any form of shelter, left there to die of hunger and hardships.

In many respects, the Independent State of Croatia tried to copy and follow the example of Nazi Germany, but on the level of genocide, the Independent State of Croatia has surpassed her.”

Mario Roatta,
Army General Commander of the
Italian occupation troops in Yugoslavia,
Verona, 1946.

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*“The Serbs have become slaughterhouse material. In accordance with this doctrine, the Ustashi took actions against the Serbs, **people of the highest cultural level in the Balkans** but not of the Catholic faith. Catholics were urged from the church pulpits to persecute Orthodox Serbs. Especially arduous in this were the Franciscans, whose monasteries have for a long time served as a meeting grounds for the Ustashi. Furthermore, it is understood that from a population total of three million Orthodox...more than 600,000 people were killed.”*

Karlheinz Deschner,

**German writer of
With God and the Fascists,
Stuttgart, 1965.**

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“What the Serbian children came to experience in the Croatian concentration camps represents in the history of mankind an isolated example of human suffering. Bartholomew’s night in comparison with the Croatian hell was a picnic. The Croats showed the darkest side toward the Serbian children. They impaled them on bayonets, burned them alive in the crematoriums, boiled them in cauldrons for making soap, threw them alive into deep wells and pits, poisoned them with caustic soda, starved them to death.

**Dr. Nikola Nikolich, Croatian Doctor of Medicine
Jasenovac inmate and survivor**

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“When the civilized world finds out about it, revulsion and indignation will be such that I do not know what will happen to us Croats. Just one detail: In the streets of Croatian cities the gouged-out eyes of Serbs are collected and offered for sale—30-40 eyes at a time.”

**Nikola Pavelic,
Croatian Diplomat,
on his arrival from Croatia
to Rio de Janeiro,
May 15, 1942.**

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“Indiscriminate national and ecclesiastical-Catholic egocentrism, which blended into each other in the popular Croat national ideology, projected a picture of a newly resurrected ‘Holy Croatia,’ which was charged with spreading the glory of God and the Catholic Croat nation by sword and conversion. The slogan ‘God and Croats,’ which originated with Ante Starcevic, was resurrected and altered: ‘Christ and the Ustashi,’ ... ‘Ustashi Croatia will belong only to Christ and to us and to no one else...’”

**Published in German:
The Croatian Ustashi State, 1941-45,
by Laszlo Hory (a Hungarian) and
Martin Borszat (a German).**

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“These are the means by which The Independent State of Croatia was established. The Byzantine-Orthodox pressure on Croatia has been suppressed so that now Croatia may take upon itself the role of the bastion of Europe. The Independent State of Croatia is the only state on the Balkan peninsula with a Catholic majority. The only bastion of Catholicism in the Balkans. But not only that, The Independent State of Croatia today is the strongest pillar in Central Europe . The Croatian people were never and never will be for Pan-Slavism....The Independent State of Croatia was created by those state-building elements of the Croatian body, which found in the Ustasha movement their organizational form. Croatian Catholicism is greatly indebted and must express its gratitude to the Ustasha movement. It is a fact that this authority, through its work and principles, never sinned against Catholic principles. Its revolutionary work is in harmony with Catholic ethics.”

**Dr. Ivo Guberina,
An Ustasha Priest,
Published in the journal
Croatian Review, #7-10, 1943.**