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ANYTHING ABOUT THE WAR IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA.... THE
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HELPLESSNESS EVEN WORSE. IT DOES NOT MATTER WHO WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE OF THE VANCE-OWEN PLAN....
IF 'PRESSURE IS TO BE APPLIED,' WHO IS IT TO BE APPLIED
TO? SINCE THE EARLY SUMMER, ATTEMPTS TO DEPRIVE THE
SERBIAN GOVERNMENT OF THE MEANS TO WAGE WAR HAVE FAILED.
INSISTING THAT BULGARIA AND RUMANIA ENFORCE THE EMBARGO
AGAINST SERBIA ON THE DANUBE IS PUSHING THE RISK AWAY
FROM THE EC. BULGARIA AND RUMANIA ARE STILL SUFFERING
THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR EMBARGO ON IRAQ. NOW THEY ARE
BECOMING HOSTAGES TO THE NEW EMBARGO SINCE THEIR TRADE ON
THE DANUBE IS BEING HALTED AND THEIR CITIZENS ARE BEING
HELD CAPTIVE IN SERBIAN PORTS. IN NEITHER CASE HAS ANY
MEMBER OF THE WESTERN COMMUNITY DONE ANYTHING TO COMPENSATE THESE COUNTRIES MATERIALLY.

"THE CONSEQUENCES OF MILITARY INTERVENTION...WOULD INEVITABLY AFFECT THESE NEIGHBORS OF FORMER YUGOSLAVIA FIRST.... THERE IS NO PLAUSIBLE, RECOGNIZABLE AIM FOR MILITARY ACTION. THERE COULD BE NO JUSTIFICATION FOR TAKING SIDES EXCLUSIVELY AGAINST THE SERBIAN STATE OR THE SMALLER NEW YUGOSLAVIA. EVEN IF THE FORMER WERE PUSHED BACK INTO ITS FORMER BORDERS, THE QUESTION WOULD STILL REMAIN OF HOW THE SERBIAN MINORITIES IN THE NEIGHBORING STATES WERE SUPPOSED TO SURVIVE. NEITHER COULD ANYONE HONESTLY JUSTIFY TREATING CROATIA (FOR EXAMPLE) AS IF IT WERE A COUNTRY OF SAINTS....

"SO SHOULD WE KEEP OUT OF IT AND LITERALLY LET THE CONFLICT DIE OUT GRADUALLY? NO, THE ONLY WAY IS TO DELIBERATELY SUPPORT THE FORCES WHICH ARE STILL IN EXISTENCE AND ORGANIZED BUT HAVE BEEN CRIMINALLY NEGLECTED - THE FORCES WHICH WANT PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ETHNIC GROUPS. THEY ARE NOT CURRENTLY IN POWER. SUPPORTING THEM, EVEN TAKING THEM SERIOUSLY, WOULD ALSO MEAN INTERFERING AND THERE WOULD BE NO GUARANTEE OF SUCCESS. BUT THIS IS THE ONLY JUSTIFIABLE WAY. TO REGARD NATIONALISM, ETHNICITY AND THE STATES RESULTING FROM THEM AS THE SOLE BASIS OF POLITICS IS WRONG. THESE THINGS CAN ONLY LEAD TO MORE FANATICISM, 'ETHNIC CLEANSING' AND VIOLENCE. THE RESULTS WOULD BE INEVITABLE. THE OTHER APPROACH IS WORTH A SERIOUS TRY, IF IT IS NOT ALREADY TOO LATE. NOT GIVING THIS APPROACH A TRY NOW WOULD MEAN TO BEAR EVEN GREATER BLAME FOR WHAT IS HAPPENING."

2. CARL GUSTAF STROEHM WRITES IN RIGHT-OF-CENTER DIE WELT OF BONN AND REFERS TO CLAIMS MADE BY DAVID BINDER, BONN CORRESPONDENT OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, DURING A DISCUSSION BROADCAST ON GERMAN TELEVISION. BINDER ACCUSED CHANCELLOR KOHL AND FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER...
"ONLY THE MOST INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMISTS CAN HAVE BEEN SURPRISED AT THE FAILURE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON BOSNIA. NOW THE SECURITY COUNCIL IS TO REACH A DECISION - AND THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IS LIKELY TO GET MORE HEAVILY INVOLVED. AS FAR AS THE UN TROOPS IN BOSNIA AND CROATIA ARE CONCERNED, THEY HAVE NOT (AND UNDER THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES THEY COULD NOT HAVE) FULFILLED THE EXPECTATIONS PLACED IN THEM.... THE UN MISSION SO FAR HAS COME TO A DEAD END.... SO FAR, GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS EXERTED PRESSURE MAINLY ON THE CROATS. IT IS NOW TIME TO HAVE A SERIOUS WORD WITH THE MOSLEMS AS WELL.

"WHEN AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT SAYS ON TELEVISION THAT IN ADDITION TO MILOSEVIC, KOHL AND GENSCHER SHOULD ALSO BE TRIED FOR WAR CRIMES BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZED CROATIA AND BOSNIA, THIS DEMONSTRATES NOT ONLY A LACK OF STYLE AND TASTE BUT ALSO A LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. UNFORTUNATELY, THE OLD PRO-YUGOSLAV, PRO-TITO ALLIANCE IS STILL ACTIVE IN THE UNITED STATES - AND ELSEWHERE. IS IT STRONG ENOUGH TO CONTINUE BLOCKING EFFORTS TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM?"

3. BUSINESS NEWSPAPER HANDELSBLATT OF DUESSELDORF CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY CHRISTOPH RABE UNDER THE HEADLINE: "FINAL DESTINATION UN."

"SO WHAT CAN STILL BE DONE? IN VIEW OF THE HAIR-RAISING LOOHOLES IN THE EMBARGO AGAINST SERBIA, IT IS TIME TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE THAT THE BLOCKADE IS EFFECTIVE.... IF WE CUT OFF SERBIA'S OIL SUPPLY, THIS WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY MEAN THE END OF THE WAR BUT THIS MEASURE SHOULD HAVE AN EFFECT AT LEAST IN THE MEDIUM TERM. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS NOT LIKELY TO REFUSE TO LIFT THE ARMS EMBARGO ON BOSNIA FOR MUCH LONGER. THIS STEP IS NOT LOGICALLY IMPERATIVE, BUT WHO WANTS TO KEEP ON BEING ACCUSED OF REFUSING THE VICTIMS OF THIS WAR THE MEANS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES?

"AND WHAT ELSE? IN THE BALKANS, NO INTERNATIONALLY VITAL COMMODITY IS UNDER SUCH THREAT THAT ACTION LIKE THAT IN THE GULF WAR SEEMS JUSTIFIED. INTERVENTION ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS LIKE IN SOMALIA CANNOT BE REPEATED EITHER. MILITARY ENFORCEMENT OF THE NO-FLY ZONE OVER BOSNIA....WOULD MERELY BE A MEANS OF DISTRACTING PUBLIC ATTENTION. IT WOULD NOT SILENCE THE ARTILLERY."

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"THE UN MUST FIRST SEEK A WAY OF BREAKING DOWN THE
PERFIDIOUS TACTICS OF THE WARRING FACTIONS. IT CAN NO
LONGER ALLOW COMPROMISES TO BE WORKED OUT AT THE
CONFERENCE TABLE WHILE THE KILLING CONTINUES ON THE
BATTLEFIELD. BUT IT LACKS THE MEANS TO ENFORCE A
CEASEFIRE AND END THE ETHNIC CLEANSING SINCE SENDING ANY
TROOPS INTO THE BOSNIAN WAR ZONE COULD END IN DISASTER.
U.S. PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON IS NOT LIKELY TO TAKE THIS
RISK AT THE BEGINNING OF HIS TERM AND IN THE FACE OF
STRONG WARNINGS FROM MOSCOW. AND WITHOUT THE U.S., THE
EUROPEANS WILL REMAIN INACTIVE. AS USUAL."

4. CENTRIST MAGDEBURGER VOLKSSTIMME CARRIES AN
EDITORIAL BY RUDOLF MARQUARD UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"ONLY LOSERS."

"WHY ISN'T THE WORLD LISTENING TO SUCH A LEVEL-HEADED
MAN AS FORMER POLISH PRIME MINISTER MAZOWIECKI. THE UN
HAS APPOINTED HIM TO INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
IN THE BALKANS. HE HAS SAID THAT ALL THE GROUPS INVOLVED
IN THE WAR ARE GUILTY. BUT HE REPORTS ONE THING AS A
CAST-IRON CERTAINTY: ONLY THE SERBS ARE SYSTEMATICALLY
DESTROYING THE MOSLEMS' CULTURE.

"WHY IS WESTERN POLICY ON THE BALKANS NOT PURSUING
THIS LINE? IT MAKES IT OBVIOUS WHO IS CONDUCTING A
DIABOLICAL POLICY OF EXPANSION. NOT ONLY THE LEADER OF
THE BOSNIAN SERBS KARADZIC AND HIS CRONIES ARE TO BLAME.
THEY ARE BEING BACKED BY SERBIAN PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC.
AND BEHIND MILOSEVIC STAND THE RUSSIANS, WHO ARE
PROTECTING THEIR SLAV BROTHERS IN SERBIA. THE WORLD MUST
MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR TO THEM THAT CREDIBLE POLICY CAN
ONLY BE BASED ON JUSTICE."

C. U.S.: EARLY DAYS OF CLINTON ADMINISTRATION
BUSINESS NEWSPAPER HANDELSBLATT OF DUESSELDORF
CARRIES AN EDITORIAL BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT VIOLA
HERMS DRATH UNDER THE HEADLINE:
"CLINTON CAN NO LONGER CHOSE THE ISSUES."

"THE NOBLE RENEWAL THESES OF THE 42ND PRESIDENT AT
THE INAUGURATION ARE STILL RINGING IN OUR EARS. BUT A
LOOK AT THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION
WHICH BROUGHT SOME HARSH CONFRONTATIONS WITH CONGRESS,
THE MILITARY AND THE VOTERS, CAUSED EVEN THE WALL STREET
JOURNAL, WHICH HAD WELcomed THE ANNOUNCED CHANGE, TO
SPEAK IN A COMMENTARY OF A STRANGE, 'BUMPy START.'
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"INSTEAD OF TAKING CARE OF CREATING NEW JOBS FOR THE NINE MILLION UNEMPLOYED, REDUCING TAXES FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS AND TACKLING THE DEFICIT AND THE HEALTH CARE REFORM, WHICH IS TO GET A NEW BOOST WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF HILLARY CLINTON TO A KEY POST, BILL CLINTON COMMITTED FIRST OF ALL A BLUNDER WHEN HE NOMINATED AN ATTORNEY GENERAL WHO PROVED TO HAVE DONE SOMETHING ILLEGAL.


"IN VIEW OF THIS POLITICAL DEBACLE, THE PRESIDENT STANDING WITH HIS BACK TO THE WALL SOUNDED A RETREAT THAT WAS STYLISTED AS A COMPROMISE WHICH WILL ALLOW HIS OPPONENTS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THIS EXPLOSIVE CONFLICT MATTER BY SCHEDULING HEARINGS IN THE U.S. SENATE UNTIL THE DEADLINE IN MID-JULY....

"IN THE DOMESTIC POLICY CRISIS MAKING THE HEADLINES, THE FOREIGN POLICY ADVANCES REGARDING AN ACCESSION OF THE FRG AND JAPAN TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE ANALYSIS OF THE OPTIONS IN THE BALKANS WENT ALMOST UNNOTICED. AFTER ALL, SECRETARY OF STATE WARREN CHRISTOPHER MADE IT KNOWN THAT BOSNIA IS A COUNTRY 'WHERE THE U.S. SHOULD DEMONSTRATE AN ACTIVIST INTERNATIONAL POSITION.' IN TERMS OF ISRAEL'S SITUATION..., IT WAS MADE CLEAR THAT A CONTINUATION OF THE PEACE PROCESS INITIATED BY WASHINGTON WILL HINGE ON AN IMMEDIATE DEFUSING OF THE CRISIS CAUSED BY THE DEPORTATION OF 415 PALESTINIANS.

"AGGRAVATED ABOUT THE DELAYING TACTICS OF UN SECRETARY GENERAL BOUTROS GHALI REGARDING THE SENDING OF BLUE HELMETS TO SOMALIA, THE CLINTON ADMINISTRATION IS FURTHERMORE IN A CLINCH WITH THE STUBBORN SECRETARY GENERAL ABOUT THE STAFFING OF THE UN MANAGEMENT. WHILE WASHINGTON INSISTS ON NOMINATING AN AMERICAN FOR THE OPEN POSITION OF A DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL AND IN CASE OF A REJECTION RAISES THE PROSPECT OF A HARSH REACTION FROM CONGRESS, WHICH WOULD TRANSLATE INTO SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL CUTBACKS, THE EGYPTIAN DIPLOMAT IS FAVORING A FEMALE CANDIDATE FROM NORWAY. WASHINGTON HAS POINTED OUT THAT THE NECESSARY REFORMS OF THE UN AIMED AT ELIMINATING WASTE AND CORRUPTION CALL FOR A COMPETENT PERSON.

"THE PRESIDENT, WHO ADVOCATED SO IMPRESSIVELY A SPIRITUAL RENEWAL, SACRIFICES, INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY, UNCLAS SECTION 06 OF 06 BONN GM 02671 USIA
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A HEALING OF SOCIAL WOUNDS AND RECONCILIATION, COULD NOT
CHOOSE THE TIMING OF THIS FIRST TEST. IT THUS REMAINS TO
BE SEEN HOW HIGH A POLITICAL PRICE BILL CLINTON WILL HAVE
TO PAY FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE (ON HOMOSEXUALS
IN THE MILITARY), SOMETHING THAT LEVELS THE PATH FOR
OTHER LOBBY GROUPS EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE PRESIDENT."
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ON BBC TV'S BREAKFAST NEWS, REPORTER GEORGE EAKIN
INTERVIEWED PEACE CONFERENCE CO-CHAIRMAN LORD OWEN ON HIS
ARRIVAL AT HEATHROW LAST NIGHT. LORD OWEN SAID:
"MY OWN VIEW IS THAT OVER DISCUSSIONS IN NEW YORK, WE
WILL GET AGREEMENT, EVEN ON THE MAP, PRIOR TO ANY
SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION. AT LEAST, I HOPE SO. I
COULD DRAW YOU A MAP NOW WHICH WOULD PLEASE BOTH THE
BOSNIANS, SERBS AND BOSNIAN MUSLIMS. BUT AT THE MOMENT,
THEY ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO TRADE OFF AGAINST EACH
OTHER, BUT I THINK THAT THEY WILL."
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EAKIN COMMENTED: "LORD OWEN SAYS ONE REASON WHY THE
MUSLIMS ARE HOLDING OUT IS THAT THEY THINK THE AMERICANS
ARE ABOUT TO SEND THEM MILITARY AID. INSTEAD, OWEN SAYS,
PRESIDENT CLINTON SHOULD BACK THE PEACE PLAN."
LORD OWEN WENT ON: "I WOULD LIKE HIM (CLINTON) TO GO
ONE STEP FURTHER, WHICH WOULD BE REALLY SIGNIFICANT,
WHICH WOULD BE TO SAY HE WOULD ACCEPT U.S. FORCES IN BLUE
BERETS CONTRIBUTING TO THE PEACE EFFORT IN BOSNIA-
HERCEGOVINA, PERHAPS CO-ORDINATED BY NATO."
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PAPERS' ATTENTION BACK TO THE TWIN SUBJECTS OF THE
MAASTRICHT TREATY AND ERM. OF THE FIVE EDITORIALS THIS
MORNING, FOUR CATEGORICALLY STATED THAT THE ERM IN ITS PRESENT FORM WOULD SOON COLLAPSE, AND THAT THIS WOULD BE A SUBJECT OF CELEBRATION, NOT MOURNING. ONLY THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN WAS MORE CAUTIOUS, STATEING IN NON-SPECIFIC TERMS THAT: "EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE ERM SHOWS THAT MORE UNCLASSIFIED CO-OPERATION, NOT LESS, IS THE ONLY LONG-TERM ANSWER. WITHOUT IT, EUROPE WILL CONTINUE TO SPLINTER UNDER THE WEIGHT OF RECESSION INTO A SERIES OF COMPETITIVE DEFLATIONARY NATIONAL ECONOMIES." THE CENTRIST INDEPENDENT LIKENED THE PRESIDENT OF THE BUNDESBANK TO GODOT. "WAITING FOR HIM AND HIS COUNCIL TO MAKE SOME MINIMAL REDUCTION IN GERMAN INTEREST RATES IS NO LONGER AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR SUBSTANTIVE REFORM."

2. U.S. POLITICS

3. BRITISH ARMY
ONE EDITORIAL IN THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH, CALLING FOR A DELAY IN THE PROPOSED CUTS IN THE BRITISH ARMY, IN THE LIGHT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BOSNIA AND ELSEWHERE.

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"AFTER THE PUNT DEVALUATION" (FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIAL)
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D. TEXT
1. ERM
THE CONSERVATIVE TIMES EDITORIALIZED:
"SATURDAY'S DEVALUATION OF THE IRISH PUNT WAS GOOD NEWS FOR IRISH INDUSTRY AND FOR THE 17 PER CENT OF THE UNCLASSIFIED COUNTRY'S WORKFORCE WHO ARE NOW JOBLESS LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S VAIN EFFORT TO CLING TO A NEEDLESSLY HIGH EXCHANGE RATE. DEVALUATION WAS ALSO WELCOME TO THE MANY SENSIBLE PEOPLE IN IRELAND WHO SWITCHED THEIR UNCLAS SECTION 04 OF 13 LONDON 01841 USIA PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE " USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PFE; P/EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL UNCLASSIFIED (LSECREST); B/TV/WP;
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SAVINGS INTO FOREIGN CURRENCIES BEFORE THE WEEKEND.
HOWEVER, THE FULL BENEFITS OF THE WEEKEND'S WORK BY EUROPEAN FINANCE MINISTERS WILL GRADUALLY SPREAD ACROSS ALL EUROPE IF THE IRISH DEVALUATION TURNS OUT TO BE THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR THE ENTIRE EXCHANGE-RATE MECHANISM. FORTUNATELY, THIS IS QUITE LIKELY. ...
"MONETARY STRAINS IN EUROPE ARE NOT CAUSED BY SPECULATION OR BY SMALL MISALIGNMENTS IN EXCHANGE RATES. THEY ARE CAUSED BY A FUNDAMENTAL DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE ECONOMIC REQUIREMENTS OF GERMANY AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ERM.
...
"THE ERM, AT LEAST IN THE RIGID FORM THAT EVOLVED AFTER Q1989 WHE/ JACQUES DELORS LAUNCHED HIS DRIVE FOR MONETARY UNION, HAS DONE GREAT HARM TO EUROPE. NOT ONLY HAVE HIGH INTEREST RATES AND OVERVALUED EXCHANGE RATES CONTRIBUTED TO THE SHOCKING LEVELS OF UNEMPLOYMENT THAT HAVE TURNED LARGE PARTS OF FRANCE, ITALY AND SPAIN, AS WELL AS...

"AT THE START OF THIS DECADE THESE WERE THE TASKS UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AS THE HISTORIC CHALLENGES OF THE 1990S FOR EUROPE. YET THEY HAVE BEEN SHAMEFULLY NEGLECTED BY MANY GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE INSTEAD PUT THEIR ENERGIES INTO FIGHTING SPECULATORS AND TRYING TO MANIPULATE EXCHANGE RATES. THE ERM, FAR FROM TURNING EUROPE INTO A 'ZONE OF MONETARY STABILITY' AS ITS FOUNDING FATHERS INTENDED, HAS PRODUCED DESTABILIZING FINANCIAL CRISES. THE BEST HOPE FOR EUROPE IS THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED SECTION 05 OF 13 LONDON 01841 USIA "PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE "

THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES EDITORIALIZED: "YET ANOTHER PUNCH-DRUNK EUROPEAN CURRENCY, THE IRISH PUNT, HAS THROWN IN THE TOWEL. ...EVERY COUNTRY IN EUROPE, EXCEPT GERMANY (THOUGH MANY WOULD DISAGREE THERE TOO), NEEDS FAR LOWER INTEREST RATES. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THEY WILL GET THEM IN TIME. EVEN PARIS, THE MOST RESOLUTE UPHOLDER OF THE 'HARD ERM', MUST RECOGNIZE THAT PERSISTENCE WITH 'RIGUEUR' MAY LEAD NOT TO THE SUNLIT UPLANDS, BUT TO A BREAKDOWN WITH DAMAGING POLITICAL, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC, CONSEQUENCES. TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY MAY NOW BE A MORE SATISFACTORY ROUTE TO THE STRATEGIC GOAL OF EMU THAN PERSISTENCE ALONG THE EC'S PRESENT COURSE. THE ONLY ESCAPE WOULD BE A LARGE REDUCTION IN GERMAN INTEREST RATES. ...IF THE BUNDESBANK IS NOT TO PROVIDE RELIEF,
WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES?
"GREATER CO-OPERATION OVER EXCHANGE RATE INTERVENTION IS OF MODEST HELP WHEN THE FORM OF CO-OPERATION MOST UNCLASSIFIED NEEDED -- LOOSER GERMAN MONETARY POLICY AND TIGHTER GERMAN FISCAL POLICY -- IS UNAVAILABLE. REALIGNMENTS, THOUGH INESCAPABLE UNDER SEVERE PRESSURE, ARE OF LIMITED BENEFIT TOO, UNLESS LARGE. THE PROBLEM OF PERSISTENTLY HIGH INTEREST RATES REMAINS, SINCE REALIGNMENT CAN HELP HERE ONLY IF SUBSEQUENT UPWARD REALIGNMENTS AGAINST THE D-MARK BECOME CREDIBLE.
"IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BEST TO HAVE AGREED A TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE D-MARK UPON GERMAN REUNIFICATION. IT REMAINS THE BEST OPTION. LET THE BUNDESBANK FIGHT ITS BATTLE FOR STABILITY UNHAMPERED BY THE MONETARY CONSEQUENCES OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE INTERVENTION AND RELINK EXCHANGE RATES WHEN GERMAN INFLATION IS ONCE MORE WHERE THE BUNDESBANK WANTS IT. YET AN AGREED SUSPENSION OF OTHER CURRENCIES NEED NOT DO THEM MUCH HARM. GIVEN THE STRONG FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FRENCH ECONOMY, IN PARTICULAR, THE FRANC MIGHT LOSE LITTLE VALUE, EVEN WITH LOWER INTEREST RATES. ...
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"'C'EST MAGNIFIQUE, MAIS CE N'EST PAS LA GUERRE; AND IT IS NOT SENSIBLE MONETARY POLICY EITHER. EUROPEAN LEADERS SHOULD ASK THEMSELVES WHETHER THEIR STRATEGIC GOAL OF EUROPEAN UNION MIGHT NOT BE BETTER SERVED BY A TEMPORARY RETREAT THAN BY GALLOPING ON TO GLORIOUS DEFEATS OR PYRRHIC VICTORIES. 
('IT'S MAGNIFICENT, BUT IT'S NOT WAR')
The Centrist Independent Editorialized:
"THANKS TO THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALERS' CONTINUING SUCCESS IN EXPLOITING THE GAP BETWEEN PRETENSIONS AND UNCLASSIFIED KNOWN WEAKNESSES, THE ERM IS CLOSE TO LOSING ITS LAST SHREDS OF CREDIBILITY.
"THERE WAS NEVER ANYTHING FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG WITH ITS CENTRAL CONCEPT : THAT PEGGING WEAKER CURRENCIES
INCREASINGLY CLOSELY TO A CENTRAL OR ANCHOR CURRENCY Would create a zone of stability that would benefit all those within it. This came to be seen as a precursor of monetary union, for which a target date of 1999 was set. What was never foreseen was that the anchor currency, the mark, would itself come under severe threat from inflationary pressures springing from the huge costs of German reunification.

"In one member state after another, the deflation forced on the ERM's members by policies designed for purely German consumption have proved politically unacceptable and economically traumatic. First the Italian lira and sterling left. Then the Spanish peseta and Portuguese escudo were devalued. Now only the French franc, Danish krona and Benelux currencies (the latter effectively form part of a mark zone) are clinging on, despite heavy and frequent assaults on their fingertips. "Countries still in the ERM now have the worst of all possible worlds, with an appalling deflationary squeeze accepted by their governments for largely political reasons. ...

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"Which currency will be this week's target will soon become evident. If the ERM is not to be utterly discredited, action to reform it cannot be delayed much longer. The most obvious alternatives are for it to revert to its more flexible form in which exchange rate adjustments, generally quite small, were relatively frequent; or forwards, by accelerating the timetable for monetary union laid down in the Maastricht treaty. That is probably what the French and Benelux countries would prefer, although last week Helmut Schlesinger, President of the Bundesbank, advised against such a move. In this context, Mr Schlesinger is Gudot. Waiting for him and his council to make some minimal reduction in German interest rates is no longer an adequate substitute for
SUBSTANTIVE REFORM."

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"MORE THAN EVER, THE FATE OF THE PUNT UNDERLINES THE DISASTROUS MISTAKE WHICH EUROPEAN FINANCE MINISTERS MADE LAST SUMMER WHEN THEY FAILED TO PROMOTE A MANAGED GENERAL REALIGNMENT OF ERM CURRENCIES. THAT FAILURE BY POLITICIANS HAS LEFT THE FIELD OPEN TO BANKERS AND SPECULATORS TO DO THE JOB THEIR WAY. THE WEAK HAVE BEEN PICKED OFF ONE BY ONE, WITHOUT THE PROTECTION OF A MUTUAL SUPPORT SYSTEM. FRANCE AS WELL AS DENMARK WILL BE NEXT, AS SPECULATORS BET AGAINST THE RESULT OF THE FRENCH ELECTION IN MARCH. SOME WILL DRAW THE CONCLUSION THAT IT QALL PROV/S THAT CO-OPERATION CANNOT WORK. IN FACT IT PROVES THE OPPOSITE. EVERYTHING THAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE ERM SHOWS THAT MORE CO-OPERATION, NOT LESS, IS THE ONLY LONG-TERM ANSWER. WITHOUT IT, EUROPE WILL CONTINUE TO SPLINTER UNDER THE WEIGHT OF RECESSION INTO A SERIES OF COMPETITIVE DEFlationARY NATILZIBZAFD..."

"THE QUESTION IS NO LONGER WHETHER THE EUROPEAN ERM WILL UNCLASS SECTIO..."
ECONOMY, IN AN UNWORKABLE EUROPEAN SYSTEM AGAIN. AND THAT MAKES IT MADNESS TO CARRY ON WITH THE MAASTRICHT RATIFICATION.

"IF OUR MPS ARE GOING TO SPEND THEIR NIGHTS ARGUING THEY SHOULD DO IT ABOUT THE GREAT ISSUES FACING THE COUNTRY -- THE STATE OF THE HEALTH SERVICE, SCHOOLS AND UNEMPLOYMENT. THEY SHOULD NOT BE WASTING THEIR TIME PUSHING THROUGH AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS AT BEST UNWORKABLE AND AT WORST WOULD DRAG THE ECONOMY DOWN AGAIN."

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2. U.S. POLITICS

THE LIBERAL GUARDIAN EDITORIALIZED:

"IT IS BAD NEWS THAT ARMED FORCES WHICH WERE NOBLY IN THE FOREFRONT OF BREAKING DOWN RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN AMERICA ARE NOW RESISTING MOVES TO ABOLISH DISCRIMINATION AGAINST GAYS. THAT THE MAN LEADING THIS FIGHT TO MAINTAIN THE PREJUDICE IS AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, GENERAL COLIN POWELL, IS UNCLASSIFIED SECTION 09 OF 13 LONDON 01841

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ESPECIALLY IRONIC. TODAY, EVERY ARGUMENT ONCE USED TO SUPPORT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST BLACK, AND THEN FEMALE RECRUITS, IS BEING USED AGAINST HOMOSEXUALS. ... "OF COURSE WOMEN AND BLACK PEOPLE STILL FACE HARASSMENT AND DISCRIMINATION WITHIN THE ARMED SERVICES, BUT THE IMPORTANT DISTINCTION IS THAT THESE PREJUDICES ARE NOW UNLAWFUL.

"THE REAL ISSUE IS CLEAR ENOUGH: THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS ARE BEING UNREASONABLY DENIED THEIR CIVIL RIGHT TO FIGHT FOR THEIR COUNTRY. ...THE PRESIDENT WAS UNEQUIVOCAL IN HIS CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT. HE SHOULD BE AS RESOLUTE IN OFFICE. TO BACK DOWN NOW WILL DESTROY HIS CREDIBILITY ACROSS A WIDER AGENDA. HE IS BEING CLOSELY WATCHED TO SEE IF HE IS READY TO KEEP HIS WORD, AND STAND UP FOR UNPOPULAR CAUSES. EQUAL RIGHTS FOR GAY SOLDIERS HAS BECOME THE TEST OF WHETHER HE INTENDS TO STICK TO HIS GUNS. "

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IN THE SAME PAPER, WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SIMON TISDALL REPORTED:

"FORGET THE FIRST 100 DAYS. BILL CLINTON IS ALREADY SCREWING UP AFTER ONLY 10 DAYS IN OFFICE -- OR SO THE POLITICIANS, PUNDITS AND POSTURERS WHO FORMULATE WASHINGTON'S 'CONVENTIONAL WISDOM' WOULD HAVE YOU BELIEVE. ..."

"IT'S ALL NONSENSE, OF COURSE. CLINTON'S YOUNG PRESIDENCY IS CERTAINLY BESIEGED. BUT THOSE COMMANDING THE CANNON AND CATAPULTS ARE NOT CONGRESSIONAL PRIMA DONNAS LIKE SAM NUNN, NOR THE SNEERING SABOTEURS OF THE REPUBLICAN RIGHT, NOR EVEN THE GANG-BANGERS OF THE WHITE HOUSE PRESS CORPS. CLINTON IS UNDER SIEGE FROM THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HAVING PROMISED A POPULIST PRESIDENCY WHERE THE ORDINARY VOTER'S VOICE WOULD BE HEARD, HE IS BEING HELD TO HIS WORD. HIS IS BECOMING THE PHONE-IN PRESIDENCY. FOR CLINTON IS REAPING THE WHIRLWIND OF THE POLITICS OF INCLUSION, DIVERSITY AND RENEWED HOPE WHICH PUT HIM WHERE HE IS NOW. WHERE HE IS NOW HAS BECOME VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO REACH, ALTHOUGH THAT HASN'T PUT UNCLASSIFIED SECTION 10 OF 13 LONDON 01841 USIA "PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE " USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL UNCLASSIFIED (LSECRET); B/TV/WP;
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ANYONE OFF. JUST TRY CALLING THE MAIN WHITE HOUSE NUMBER. THE SWITCHBOARD IS CONSTANTLY ENGAGED. ...
"YET SO FAR, AT LEAST, DESPITE THE PREMATURE PROGNOSTICATIONS OF THE CAPITAL'S CASSANDRAS, CLINTON SEEMS TO BE ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE OF IT. IN FACT, THE BOY'S DOING ALL RIGHT. AS THE NEW KID ON THE BLOCK GOES THROUGH HIS PACES, IT'S THE WASHINGTON ESTABLISHMENT WHICH IS CONFUSED. HONEYMOON IS THE WRONG WORD : THIS IS A NEW ENGAGEMENT, IN THE BROADEST SENSE. ...
"MORE THAN ANY U.S. LEADER BEFORE HIM, CLINTON HAS THE MEANS AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO CUT OUT THE MIDDLE MAN AND CONNECT DIRECT. AND IT IS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT THE UNCLASSIFIED REJECTION OF ZOE BAIRD'S NOMINATION CAN BE SEEN NOT AS A
DEFEAT, BUT AS A DEFT RESPONSE TO PUBLIC OPINION.

WHEN THE PUBLIC GOT TO HEAR ABOUT IT, THE WHITE HOUSE SWITCHBOARD LIT UP AND THE TALK-SHOWS WENT WILD. CALLERS SOUGHT TO REMIND CLINTON THAT HE HAD PROMISED THAT THE RICH AND PRIVILEGED WOULD NO LONGER GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY BROKE THE LAW. LISTENING CLOSELY, CLINTON THOUGHT AGAIN, AGREED, AND WITHIN A REMARKABLY SHORT TIME SPAN, BAIRD'S NOMINATION WAS HISTORY.

"DESPITE SENATOR NUNN'S SELF-SERVING CLAIMS TO HAVE SAVED CLINTON FROM HIMSELF, LAST FRIDAY'S COMPROMISE OVER ENDING THE BAN ON HOMOSEXUALS IN THE MILITARY WAS A PRODUCT OF THE SAME PROCESS. ...


"WHAT ALL OF THEM HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT CLINTON ISN'T LISTENING TO THEM. AS BEST HE CAN UNCLASS SECTION 11 OF 13 LONDON 01841 USIA

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AMID THE CLAMOR, HE IS LISTENING TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN A WAY HIS PREDECESSORS HAD NEITHER THE MEANS NOR THE INCLINATION TO DO. FOR THE 90S AMERICAN AUDIENCE, IT'S NOT CONSISTENCY THAT MATTERS -- IT'S RESULTS, BASED ON A QFAIR HEA/ING. AND BY THE WAY, EVERYONE 'OUT THERE' KNEW HE'D HAVE TO RAISE TAXES, WHATEVER HE SAID IN THE CAMPAIGN : ASK ANY VOTER. NEXT QUESTION. "
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IN THE INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL TIMES, MICHAEL PROWSE COMMENTED:

"THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE HONEST. FOR MOST OF THE CAMPAIGN MRS HILLARY CLINTON WENT INTO 'COOKIE-BAKING' MODE, GAZING ADORINGLY AT HER HUSBAND AND PROMISING TO BE A TRADITIONAL FIRST LADY. BUT WITHIN HOURS OF THE
INAUGURATION, THE OLD ASSERTIVE HILLARY HAD REAPPEARED, COMPLETE WITH MAIDEN NAME AND HEADBAND. ...
"HILLARY IS AS WELL-QUALIFIED ACADEMICALLY AS BILL AND, AS A TOP ARKANSAS LAWYER, EARNED FIVE OR SIX TIMES BILL'S MEAGER SALARY AS GOVERNOR. SHE ADVISED HIM THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, TO THE POINT OF CHAIRING THE COMMITTEE THAT DEVISED THE EDUCATIONAL REFORMS NOW REGARDED AS HIS MAIN ACHIEVEMENT IN ARKANSAS. AS AN EQUAL PARTNER FOR SO MANY YEARS, HER DESIRE FOR HANDS-ON RESPONSIBILITY IS UNDERSTANDABLE. "EVEN SO, HER NEW POSITION RAISES QUESTIONS. AFTER JOHN F KENNEDY MADE HIS BROTHER ROBERT ATTORNEY GENERAL, ANTI-NEPOTISM LAWS WERE PASSED TO PREVENT THE APPOINTMENT OF CLOSE RELATIVES TO POWERFUL POSITIONS. BY NOT PAYING HIS WIFE, MR CLINTON HAS DODGED THESE CONSTRAINTS. YET PEOPLE SEEM ODDLY RELUCTANT TO CRITICIZE HILLARY'S ROLE, PERHAPS BECAUSE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR WOMEN IS SEEN AS SO OBVIOUSLY A GOOD THING. YET IF MR CLINTON HAD PUT A BROTHER OR FAVORITE UNCLE IN CHARGE OF HEALTH-CARE REFORM, ALL HELL WOULD HAVE BROKEN LOOSE. ...
"THE U.S. HAS HAD ALMOST AS MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF PRESIDENCIES AS THERE HAVE BEEN PRESIDENTS. IN AN AGE WHEN POWER IS INCREASINGLY DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY BETWEEN UNCLASSIFIED UNCLAS SECTION 12 OF 13 LONDON 01841 USIA "PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE " USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PFE; P/PFF; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL UNCLASSIFIED (LSECREST); B/TV/WP;
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THE SEXES, A HUSBAND AND WIFE WORKING IN HARNES CAN ARGUABLY LEAD THE COUNTRY MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN EITHER Spouse Alone. THE PITY IS THAT THE ELECTORATE WAS NOT ASKED MORE EXPLICITLY TO SUPPORT SUCH AN INTRIGUING INNOVATION. " 3. BRITISH ARMY THE CONSERVATIVE DAILY TELEGRAPH EDITORIALIZED: "THE HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE IS DUE TO REPORT SHORTLY, AND IS WIDELY RUMORED TO BE URGING A HALT TO THE OPTIONS FOR CHANGE SHRINKAGE (OF THE BRITISH ARMY) WHILE THE GOVERNMENT GIVES FURTHER THOUGHT TO BRITAIN'S MILITARY NEEDS. SUCH A CALL SHOULD BE HEEDED.
THOSE PARTS OF BRITAIN'S ARMED FORCES WHICH WERE DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR A NATO-WARSAW PACT CONFLAGRATION CONTINUE TO LOOK OUT OF BALANCE WITH THE REST, NOW THAT SUCH A SCENARIO IS HARDLY CONCEIVABLE. "BUT BRITAIN IS TODAY ONE OF ONLY TWO OR THREE WORLD POWERS WHICH MAINTAIN THE ABILITY TO PLACE EFFICIENT MILITARY FORCE AT THE DISPOSAL OF UN PEACEKEEPING OR PEACEMAKING EFFORTS. BRITAIN'S STATUS AS ONE OF THE FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IMPLIES ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITIES MOST OTHER GOVERNMENTS DO NOT NEED TO CATER FOR. ... "FOR A RELATIVELY SMALL POWER WITH AILING ECONOMIC STRENGTH, BRITAIN CAN TAKE PRIDE IN POSSESSING MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF EXPERTISE IN THE MILITARY ARTS. THIS IS VALUABLE NOT MERELY WHERE FULL SCALE WAR IS AT STAKE BUT UNCLASSIFIED ALSO IN LOWER INTENSITY OPERATIONS DEMANDING THE CAREFUL APPLICATION OF LIMITED FORCE. NORTHERN IRELAND, BELIZE AND NOW BOSNIA HAVE ALL HELPED TO SHARPEN THOSE SKILLS, WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY INFANTRY SKILLS. "FOR ONCE, THE ARMY'S COMPLAINT THAT IT IS FULLY COMMITTED TO THE POINT OF OVERSTRETCH SHOULD NOT BE UNCLAS SECTION 13 OF 13 LONDON 01841 USIA "PERISHABLE INFORMATION - DO NOT SERVICE " USIA FOR P/M; R/C; R/M; P/P; P/G; (RMCLELLAN); P/F; P/FW; P/FN; P/PFN; P/PFE; P/PFE; P; EU; NEA; VOA NEWS/CA; PL UNCLASSIFIED (LSECRET); B/TW/WP; STATE FOR EUR/P AND PLS PASS ACDA/PA; EUR/PA; EUR/P/SP; EUR/WE; EUR/NE; IO/CU; NEA/P; EB/TT; INR/P; PM; CSO ISA FOR ILN; FOR NEA; OASD/PA; USDOC PASS USTR/PA (PAT NORMAN) WHITEHOUSE FOR NSC-WEUROPE; USMISSION USNATO FOR USIS; PARIS FOR USIS; UNESCO; OECD; VIENNA PASS USDEL-CSCE; GENEVA PASS USDEL-NST; USIS; ACDA; RAF MILDENHALL FOR PA; BRITISH ARMY STAFF COLLEGE FOR USLO E.0.12356:N/A SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT, LONDON, MONDAY FEBRUARY 1 1993 TREATED AS SPECIAL PLEADING TO PROTECT THE VESTED INTERESTS OF FAMOUS INFANTRY REGIMENTS, BUT AS A REALITY TO WHICH THE GOVERNMENT MUST RESPOND." COURTNEY BT #1841 NNNN
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