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MESSAGES TO <NETTIME> CONCERNING THE KOSOVO WAR¹

Quelle I: <nettime> Report from Belgrad:²

- *To:* nettime-l@Desk.nl
- *Subject:* <nettime> Report from Belgrade
- *From:* [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
- *Date:* Fri, 30 Apr 1999 07:16:26 +0200
- *Sender:* owner-nettime-l@basis.desk.nl

Well, good morning, people! It's 06:13 am here in Belgrade and few minutes earlier sirens announced the end of tonight's air-raid. I don't know how will charming anchors on CNN and BBC present what happened here, but here's what I experienced...

I was sleeping until around 02:20 am, when ROARING sound of airplane flying over woke me up! It was just like in the film:

ssssshhhhhiiiiioooooosssshhhhh... [small silence] BOOOOOOOOOOM!
That moment I jumped from my bed and felt that whole building was shaking (like it's at least 5 Richter scale earthquake).
After that explosion I could see only a dense cloud of white smoke growing some 3 kms from my house. I found out later that I was wrong - it was only about 1 km far from my building and guess what was hit?

One whole civilian block of houses on a crossing between Maksima Gorkog and Maruliceva street was TOTALLY DEVASTATED!
I live in this part of Belgrade more than 12 years and trust me: THERE ARE NO MILITARY OBJECTS IN A CIRCLE OF AT LEAST 4 kms FROM THAT PLACE!

There are no reports on casualties yet, but it's hard to believe that there were no people at the time of strike in the buildings.

Couple minutes later I heard another plane flying over. Again that shwoosh-boom sound and again and again. This time the Army HQ in Kneza Milosa street (which is situated in Belgrade's very center) was hit. So far, three people were killed on the spot in that attack: one policeman working as a night guard of the building of Serbian Government (across the street) and two young guys in a car waiting on a semaphore in front Army HQ building.

¹ Quelle zu dem Essay: Elisa Satjukow, Towards a History of Deep Europe: Revisiting Internet Culture in Times of War, in: Themenportal Europäische Geschichte, 2022, URL: <<https://www.europa.clio-online.de/essay/id-fdae-114816>>.

² <nettime> Report from Belgrade, URL: <<https://nettime.org/Lists-Archives/nettime-l-9904/msg00452.html>> (15.07.2022).

>of the suffering it has inflicted on neighboring peoples.

I wonder when will those smart-asses, like Susan Sontag, finally understand that:

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EVER!

This NATO's aggression on Yugoslavia is NOT a just war, it is not a humanitarian war, but a dirty war in which civilian targets are legitimate targets, not collateral damage! This is not "a war against Milosevic", but organized terror over 10 MILLION citizens of Yugoslavia! TEN MILLION!

Just in the past 3 (THREE) days more than 200 (TWO HUNDRED) people (I'm speaking only about civilians) were brutally killed in NATO attacks! Is it not a mass murder?! AND NATO REGRETS?! REGRETS?!

Main power plants were targeted yesterday and 5 MILLION people in Serbia didn't have electric power for more than 24 hrs! That is HALF of all population! Hospitals didn't have power, there was no running water, there was no bread this morning (bakeries also didn't have electric power). Some areas still don't have!

Dense civilian area in Valjevo, some 80 kms western of Belgrade was attacked last night. Two 10 floor civilian buildings were cut in two. One missile TOTALLY DEMOLISHED two surgical rooms of one hospital. Totally destroyed oil refinery in Novi Sad was attacked again. For the fifth or sixth time, I cannot recall anymore... No matter if it cannot work anymore - it must be flattened! Around 200.000 (TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND) citizens of Novi Sad could not breathe without hand-made anti-toxic smoke protection on their faces...

And YES - I AM angry and personally endangered... and not just physically... I have dedicated all my life to computer sciences. Without that what is left for me to do? And yesterday some idiot decided to bomb all the main electric plants in Serbia. When I woke up early this morning (around 4 am) I could only sit silent in the darkness of my room, the darkness of my city, watching darkness on my computer screen! What the hell - the army is using electric power, so let's cut it out COMPLETELY, right?!

THIS IS NO JOKE! Tomorrow will be - the army is breathing air and drinking water, so let's poison all of it! Let's kill'em all!

Alive until next power failure,

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Date: Mon, 3 May 1999 19:48:16 +0200

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: How far?

In the past three years I've been collecting stupid quotes of Serbian politicians on my personal home page (<http://solair.eunet.yu/~twiddle>). I thought that "we (people in Serbia) must 'clean our yard' first". Unfortunately, today, stupid politicians of the West are endangering our lives, so their statements cannot be ignored.

Here's a short list of things I will put on my personal site soon. Right next to Milosevic, Seselj and Arkan...

The arsenals of democracy are deep. We are not anywhere near running out. We can fight this for months and months, if not years.

-- Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Harry Shelton

Historically (?!), the weather is better in May than in April, better in June than in May, better in July than in June.

-- U.S. President Bill Clinton on Thursday signaled that the airstrikes on Yugoslavia could extend well into the summer.

NATO had destroyed the last remaining bridge over the Danube in the city of Novi Sad (more than 500km/300miles from Kosovo): Kosovo is becoming even more isolated from Serbia.

-- Jamie Shea, NATO spokesman

Bombardment of Yugoslavia is an attempt to defend moral values 21st century Europe would cherish.

-- Xavier Solana

We do know that we must do more to reach out to our children and teach them to express their anger and to resolve their conflicts with words, not weapons.

-- Bill Clinton

He dropped his bomb in good faith, as you would expect of a trained pilot from a democratic country.

-- NATO official, explaining bombing of a refugee convoy.

The train was on or near the bridge, but it was not the target!

-- NATO official, explaining bombing of a passenger train.

Quelle III: <nettime> Dear friends of B92⁴

- To: nettime-l@Desk.nl
- Subject: <nettime> Dear friends of B92
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- Date: Fri, 28 May 1999 21:17:31 +0200
- Sender: owner-nettime-l@basis.Desk.nl

Dear friends of B92:

The 10-year anniversary of the Radio B92 has been recently marked world-wide by NetAid programme in which you have taken part as well - as participants, organisers and listeners. Despite the ban imposed by the regime, the B92 team has carried on with its work on various projects recognisable by their characteristic spirit which has been shaped for the last ten years. Not only some 200 associates of the Radio B92, but a huge number of people around the world as well, who have been taking part in similar actions and B92 projects, embody this spirit. B92 itself has taken in this spirituality typical of a whole range of world-wide programmes and initiatives launched by those people who have been engaged in projects concerning the fight against violence and injustice and who actively take part in creating a better and more humane world. Such a creative and very well attended celebration of the B92 anniversary is an encouraging signal that the station shall be back on the air again and that it would keep offering reliable and professional coverage and information about the sufferings of all the people in the Balkans, the exodus of the refugees, the plight of the civilians and this senseless destruction. B92 shall propose and initiate the projects for putting an end to violence, return of all the refugees to their homes and reconstruction of what has been destroyed. This shall be achieved by joining the European and world-wide integrating processes. B92 shall investigate extensively and analyse in a comprehensive manner the responsibility for the evil that has been done, and thus contribute to the realisation of the denazification programme.

I thank to all of those who have taken part in the project marking the 10-year anniversary of B92, who have helped and participated in offering resistance to this madness. The "shelter" which the Internet can provide for all of those whose communication with others has been hampered and restricted has proved to be an extremely important area for preserving freedom and creating room to fight for freedom. B92 shall continue with its efforts to advance and further such use of the Internet even more than before. This is why the communication and

⁴ <nettime> Dear friends of B92, < <https://nettime.org/Lists-Archives/nettime-l-9905/msg00310.html> > (15.07.2022).

interconnection via Internet with any other part of the world, especially those regions where the wars are being fought and which are being bombed and isolated in other ways, must not be restricted or disrupted in any way. Unobstructed communication is a prerequisite for further development of democracy.

Thanks to you all,

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Quelle IV: <nettime> Natasha's reports⁵

- To: nettime-l <nettime-l@Desk.nl>
- Subject: <nettime> Natasha's reports
- From: ■■■■ <■■■■>
- Date: Wed, 2 Jun 1999 17:58:09 +0200
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I already tried to send this message, but it never appeared on the list. I don't know if that's because of our ISP's mail filters or frequent power failures in Serbia (our civilian electricity system is on the brink of TOTAL destruction).

Anyway, here are some reports about the Kosovo situation, written by Natasha Kanditch (hlc_nk@eunet.yu). She is director of the Humanitarian Law Center NGO in Belgrade (I personally trust her writings the most).

YHRF #8 (3-29-99)

<http://nettime.khm.de/nettime.w3archive/199904/msg00051.html>

YHRF #10 (4-12-99)

<http://nettime.khm.de/nettime.w3archive/199904/msg00217.html>

YHRF #11 (4-29-99)

<http://www.greekhelsinki.gr/english/reports/hlc29-4-1999.html>

A letter from Natasa Kandic (in Montenegro) (5-12-99)

<http://www.greekhelsinki.gr/english/reports/hlc12-5-1999.html>

Letter from Natasa (5-23-99)

<http://www.freespeech.org/ari/kosovo/letter523.html>

Greetings,

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⁵ <nettime> Natasha's reports, <<https://nettime.org/Lists-Archives/nettime-l-9906/msg00020.html>> (15.07.2022).

Messages to <nettime> Concerning the Kosovo War, in: Themenportal Europäische Geschichte, 2022, URL: <<https://www.europa.clio-online.de/quelle/id/q63-76639>>.

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