"CROATIAN PRESIDENT FRANJO TUDJMAN HAS PRESENTED A CHALLENGE TO THE SERBS OF KRAJINA," SAID L'UNITA. "EITHER YOU COME BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE, OR THERE WILL BE WAR.... KRAJINA CONSTITUTES 25 PERCENT OF CROATIAN TERRITORY, AND ALTHOUGH IT IS A DEPRESSED AREA, IT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE: THE ROADS AND RAILWAY LINES WHICH CONNECT THE CAPITAL ZAGREB WITH THE DALMATIAN COAST PASS THROUGH THERE."

"THE CROATS TAKE POSITIONS, AND THE SERBS ARE FORCED TO WITHDRAW.... TUDJMAN DEMANDS NEGOTIATIONS, TO GET THE PROCESS OF REINTEGRATING KRAJINA OFF THE GROUND.... THE THREAT OF A SPREAD OF THE CONFLICT IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA IS VERY REAL," SAID IL MESSAGGERO.

LA STAMPA PUT A DIFFERENT SLANT ON ITS ARTICLE, SAYING THAT A SERB OFFER TO WITHDRAW FROM BIRAC, A MOSLEM ENCLAVE IN WESTERN BOSNIA, IF BIRAC'S BOSNIAN PROTECTORS DID THE SAME, WAS REJECTED BY TUDJMAN WHO SAID "IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE UN REPRESENTATIVE THAT HE REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE CHIEF OF CROATIA'S SERBS MILAN MATIC OR WITH "ANY OTHER WAR CRIMINAL"."

LA REPUBBLICA CARRIED AN EYEWITNESS REPORT FROM GLAMOC, ONE OF THE DANCES.
THE SERB-HELD TOWNS IN WESTERN BOSNIA CONQUERED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS BY CROATIAN FORCES, SAYING "GLAMOC, ON THE FRONT LINE, IS A GHOST TOWN. TWELVE THOUSAND RESIDENTS HAVE DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR, PERHAPS FLEETING TOWARDS DRVAR, A DESPERATE FLIGHT OF REFUGEES TOWARDS THE UNKNOWN AND, PERHAPS, THE IGNoble."

CORRIERE DELLA SERA INJECTED A SINISTER NOTE INTO ITS REPORT ON THE CROAT ADVANCE, WRITING "NOW, IN THE CONQUERED SERB TOWNS, THE ONLY PEOPLE ABOUT ARE SOLDIERS FROM SPECIAL UNITS OF THE BVO, THE BOSNIAN-CROAT MILITIA, IN THEIR BMWS AND MERCEDES. THEY ARE HARD, UNSMILING. THEY HAVE ATTACK DOGS ON LEASHES AND ON THEIR LAPELS THEY WEAR STRANGE BLACK EAGLES WHICH RECALL FAR-OFF TIMES: THESE ARE THE MEN OF THE VOJNA POLICIJA, THE MILITARY POLICE."

MAKING MANY FRONT PAGES WERE REPORTS ON BRITISH PRESS ARTICLES CONTAINING COMMENTS FROM EXPERTS WHO DISMISSED AS A HOAX THE FILM FOOTAGE OF AN AUTOPSY ALLEGEDLY CARRIED OUT ON TWO ALIENS IN 1947.

"ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT FOR UFO FANS," WROTE CORRIERE DELLA SERA. "PERHAPS THEIR LATEST STARTLING EVIDENCE IS FALSE... THERE ARE TOO MANY DUBIOUS THINGS ABOUT THAT VIDEO, SAYS THE SUNDAY TIMES. ACCORDING TO SPECIAL EFFECTS EXPERTS, 'IT'S A GOOD FAKE'."

"IN ONE SEQUENCE OF THE FILM, THEN-PRESIDENT HARRY TRUMAN IS SHOWS AT THE AUTOPSY BUT AT THAT TIME, SAID THE BRITISH PAPER, TRUMAN NEVER WENT TO NEVADA" WHERE THE AUTOPSY WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT, REPORTED IL MESSAGGERO.

ECONOMIC PAGES WERE, AS USUAL ON MONDAY, MISSING ALTOGETHER OR HAD VERY LITTLE NEWS.

SOME REPORTS FOCUSED ON THE PROBABLE CONTENTS OF THE 1996 FINANCE BILL, CURRENTLY BEING WORKED ON BY THE GOVERNMENT AND TECHNICIANS.

L'UNITA TOLD READERS THAT IF THEY WANTED TO FIND FALLING INFLATION, ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS SHOP IN HARD DISCOUNT HYPERMARKETS, WHILE LA STAMPA CARRIED AN ACCOUNT OF A EUROPEAN UNION REPORT DESCRIBING ITALY'S POSTAL SYSTEM AS OVER-EXPENSIVE AND UNDER-STANDARD AS FAR AS QUALITY IS CONCERNED.

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