

BOSNIA

TALKING POINTS FOR CNN NEWSMAKER SUNDAY

- * BOSNIAN SERB REJECTION OF PEACE PLAN IS DISAPPOINTING.
- * THE PROPOSED BOSNIAN SERB REFERENDUM IS DELAYING TACTIC.
- * MOREOVER SUCH A REFERENDUM WOULD NOT HAVE ANY LEGITIMACY -- IT WOULD ALLOW A MINORITY IN BOSNIA TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE FOR THE MAJORITY OF BOSNIAN CITIZENS.
- * WHAT THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD NEEDS TO SEE IS REAL RESULTS ON THE GROUND.
- * WE HEAR TALK OF PEACE BY SERB LEADERS AS THEIR MILITARY FORCES CONTINUE THEIR FIERCE ATTACKS ON THE BOSNIAN TOWN OF ZEPA (ZHE-pa) -- 40,000 PEOPLE ARE TRAPPED THERE, 8,000 CHILDREN.
- * THESE CONTINUED OFFENSIVES ARE PROOF THAT THE BOSNIAN SERB LEADERSHIP IS NOT COMMITTED TO PEACE -- BUT TO A FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF BOSNIAN TERRITORY.
- * SO, WE NEED TO KEEP UP THE PRESSURE -- THAT MEANS KEEPING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY OPTIONS -- UNTIL WE SEE SERBIAN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AGREEMENTS THEY HAVE SIGNED: A GENUINE CEASEFIRE; WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES; TURNING OVER HEAVY WEAPONRY.
- * I SUPPORT THE PRESIDENT'S COURSE OF ACTION. HE IS MOVING FORWARD IN THE EFFORT TO UNIFY OUR ALLIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO TAKE TOUGHER MEASURES TO STOP THE AGGRESSION AGAINST BOSNIA AND THE GENOCIDE OF "ETHNIC CLEANSING."
- * THE PRESIDENT, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE TO CLEARLY EXPLAIN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THE STAKE THE UNITED STATES AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS IN BOSNIA. HE WILL THEN NEED TO EXPLAIN HOW ANY PROPOSED COURSE OF MILITARY ACTION WILL ADDRESS OUR INTERESTS. NO DOUBT THE CONGRESS WILL DEBATE THESE ISSUES THOROUGHLY.
- * IN MY VIEW, THE UNITED STATES HAS AN INTEREST IN PREVENTING THIS WAR FROM SPREADING INTO KOSOVA WHICH WILL SPARK A WIDER REGIONAL WAR INVOLVING OUR NATO ALLIES GREECE AND TURKEY.
- * IN LIGHT OF SERB INTRANSIGIENCE, I WOULD SUPPORT LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO AND NATO AIR STRIKES AGAINST SERB MILITARY TARGETS.
- * WITH RESPECT TO MILOSEVIC'S ANNOUNCED EMBARGO, WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE. BUT THIS IS HIS FIRST ADMISSION THAT SERBIA HAS BEEN SUPPLYING THE BOSNIAN SERBS.