

nam raziskovanje etnosov ni pomenilo politično, ampak izključno znanstveno opravilo. Take premočrtnosti pa kljub vsej deklarativnosti v vaši Zvezi ni. Še več. Našo strokovno doslednost celo degradirate s svojim molkom in tiho podporo agresiji. S tem dokončno razgaljate vaš "znanstveni" nazor, ki ga postavljate v službo dnevne in kratkovidne politike. Naša odločitev za razhod z vami pomeni torej zvestobo znanstveni misli in človeški pokončnosti.

Slovensko Etnološko Društvo
V Ljubljani, 26.9.1991

PROTEST AGAINST AGGRESSION IN CROATIA

Slovenes experts, who are in charge of care and preservation of our cultural and natural heritage horrified and speechless witness the irrational raging of the Yugoslav army, which has been together with Serbian terroristic groups brutally destroying cultural monuments on the whole territory of Croatia. The Yugoslav army deliberately aims its deadly weapon to the cultural monuments; the jewels of the renaissance art such as the cathedral in Šibenik, baroque castles and churches, rural and urban centers like Osijek with its secession town center. Thus neglecting the Hague Convention also signed by our government. Even the folk works are not secured from the army attacks. The villages of Kijevo, Čelije, Polača, Sarvaš and many others were completely destroyed and thus their population forced to leave their homes.

We protest with indignation against violence which is in no doubt beyond all comparison in the latest history of civilized Europe. The demolishing of the century-old heritage is barbaric and we feel strongly ashamed of it.

We must not allow insane generals to destroy Dubrovnik.

You may be assured that we will help Croatia with the best of our professional ability to restore the ruined cultural monuments.

The Slovene Conservators Society
The Slovene Ethnological Society
The Slovene Art History Society
The Slovene Society of Art Critics

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