Evidence 9.51

Saddam Is Our "Moral Duty," Stopping Mulroney Declares

By Tom Harpur

Mulroney has committed nearly 2000 Canadians to war, Prime Minister Brian With the world braced for stand with the US-led coalition and forcibly drive Mulroney stood before a

anti-war protests ringing on yesterday—with the cries of divided House of Commons country that Canada had a Parliament Hill—to tell the President Saddam Hussein. moral duty to fight Iraqi

stop him now," Mulroney told international community to "It is the moral duty of the

revolved around a number of effectiveness of economic central questions: the peacekeeper to today's role traditional role from change in Canada's and, most fundamentally, the domination of the coalition United Nations, the US sanctions, the integrity of the as aggressive war combatant. The historic debate ...

January 16, 1991. Source: Toronto Star,



What concerns are expressed about Canada's role? How do these concerns represent the changing definitions of Canada's peacekeeping role?

Gulf has limited its capacity to take part in peacekeeping operations in the region. also divided on whether Canada's military involvement in the tarnished by its participation in the UN coalition. Opinion was largely unscathed. Others said that the country's image could be the country's reputation and interests in the region would emerge postwar image and role in the Arab world. Some of them said that ... a number of analysts last week raised concerns about Canada's



Allen, Maclean's, March 4, 1991. Source: Glen

Flashpoint 2: The Balkans (Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia), 1992–1995

Use an organizer like the one below to answer the following questions:

Combat/ ions peacekeeping role	UN decisions	UN challenges	Bosnian crisis
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1. What challenges did the UN face during the crisis in Bosnia?

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- What decisions were made in terms of resolving the situation?
- What direction did the UN and peacekeeping take in this conflict?

location of Medak Pocket (right). The Balkan region, 1992-1995 (below); What other conflict started in this region?



airport in Sarajevo (Evidence 9.43). areas, UN peacekeeping troops, under much-needed supplies to the affected used military force to contest the two ethnic, religious, and linguistic groups, lewis MacKenzie, were sent to secure the Croats. In a desperate attempt to bring cleansing" against Bosnian Muslims and ther embarked on a campaign of "ethnic spread into the neighbouring territory of territories' independence. This civil war Serbia, the dominant state in the region, declared themselves independent states and Croatia, which subsequently were held in the territories of Slovenia was created after the First World War. In posed of territories made up of different the command of then Brigadier General 80snia–Herzegovina. Serbian troops furindependence. In 1990, free elections within Yugoslavia began to work for the aftermath of the Cold War, territories Yugoslavia, a communist country com-

as ethnic violence continued. One of the Dutch UN troops were unable to stop the Muslims who sought protection there. to ensure the safety of the thousands of "safe area," between July 12 and 17, worst cases occurred in Srebrenica, a UN failed to protect the civilian population 1995. Insufficient forces were committed When Serb forces overran the enclave, The presence of UN peacekeepers

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Evidence 9.52

What did Gen. MacKenzie identify as the key dilemma for the UN troops?

eace in Bosnia View Gloomy of

By Alan Ferguson

against Iraq, says a senior UN peacekeeping official require a military force equal to that used in the Persian Gulf war BELGRADE Serbia—To "impose" peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina would

staff of the UN force in Yugoslavia, said in an interview. military problems," Brig. Gen. Lew MacKenzie, the Canadian chief of which some politicians have advocated—would present "staggering Even to secure the republic's chief airport in the capital, Sarajevo-

international community becoming involved in Europe's most brutal The blunt assessment underscores the virtual impossibility of the

Star, May 21, 1992. Source: Toronto