

Morally, we must respond in Kosovo

To the Editor:

The genocide that is happening in Kosovo unfortunately is nothing new in the history of mankind.

We just have to search our history books to identify some of the numerous times that attempts at ethnic cleansing have taken place: the Spanish Inquisition between 1480-1510, during which individuals had a choice between death and conversion or expulsion; the Turkish massacre of the Armenians between 1915-1920; the slaughtering of Sikhs in India in 1984; in Rwanda, one of the most populated countries in the world, a blood bath of a half million Tutsis by the Hutus in the early 1980s.

The above and many other genocide events, though unbearable, are dwarfed by the Holocaust when six million Jews were murdered in the death camps of Europe.

Many people across the world are viewing and listening in horror to what's happening in the former Yugoslavia Republic. Television is a medium which tends to make the world smaller and allows everyone to become aware of the tragedies that are taking place. It's a grim reminder and high price being paid by those persecuted because of a particular ethnic culture or a particular nationalism.

Morally and for humanitarian reasons our government has no choice, as it is doing, but to take immediate and retaliatory action. This should have been

done in Europe 65 years ago, but Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was well informed of the atrocities in Europe, did nothing. Unfortunately, history did not and does not have enough Oskar Schindlers. Ignorance permits hate and violence to continue.

There are two ways to do evil. One way is actually committing an evil act such as killing, robbing or unlawfully destroying. Another way is to see evil being done and do nothing about it.

Bill Clinton, though I am not always an advocate of his, should keep on doing what he's doing.

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Training rebels may be better

To the Editor:

American public opinion seems to be swinging toward the idea of introducing American and other NATO ground forces into Kosovo. That would be the ethical thing to do, but would it be the wise thing to do?

Looking at recent history might bring us up short. Does the present day American public have the will, the resolution, in short the guts, to engage in such a campaign? Think back.

Remember Lebanon: "They blew up our barracks. Run away."

Remember Somalia: "They dragged an American soldier's

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