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## **KU-KLUX-CLAN LOGIC IN THE HAGUE**

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"Unbelievably clever, how this suicide victim shot himself three times in the back and also managed to hang himself." That's how racist sheriffs in the U.S. South not too long ago used to explain murders the Ku Klux Klan committed. The statement of the so-called independent Dutch toxicologist Donald Uges recalls this line of thinking, as he was "surprised" at the skill with which former Yugoslavia President Slobodan Milosevic could have smuggled forbidden medicines into his cell in a maximum-security prison so he could destroy his health and commit suicide in order to obtain "a ticket to Moscow." In saying this, Uges was obeying the marching orders given by Chief Prosecutor Carla del Ponte, who said Milosevic "committed suicide as his last act of defiance." The only inconvenience is that traces of a non-prescribed medicine had also been discovered in old blood tests of Milosevic. Why hadn't anyone reacted to this earlier? It was also inconvenient that a week before his death, in a letter to the Russian Embassy, Milosevic recorded in writing his own suspicion that someone was trying to poison him and requested an investigation.

"It would be better if Milosevic died in the dock, because if the trial ran its course he might be sentenced for only relatively minor charges," said James Gow in 2004 in a television interview in the British Channel 4. Gow had been introduced there as a "war-crimes expert" and supporter of the court in The Hague. Indeed the possibility of the International Criminal Tribunal proving its case looked very bad, otherwise there would have been a lot more to read about it in the pro-government media. It was becoming clearer each day that the charges against Milosevic weren't worth the paper they were printed on. An acquittal for Milosevic would have been at the same time "a guilty verdict for NATO aggression against Yugoslavia," as the Russian General Ivashov said. The general is certain that Milosevic was murdered because of this.

Most Serbs believe what Ivashov does. A correspondent estimated that between 200,000 and 2 million people would gather for Milosevic's funeral if it were held in Belgrade. For the Western puppets who rule there now, that's reason enough to prevent this funeral. The financial and other assistance promised Serbia's new rulers by the European Union could be put at risk. These rulers, who constantly impose new sacrifices on the Serbian population, have a quite justified concern that the funeral could turn into a powerful demonstration by the betrayed masses against the West and that this would endanger their sought-after integration of Serbia into the new world order of the EU and NATO.