

# Then & Now

*In 1939 President Roosevelt and a majority of our political leaders focused on economic problems and took an isolationist approach to world problems.*

**In 1994 President Clinton and a majority of our political leaders are focusing on economic problems and are taking an isolationist approach to world problems.**

*In 1939 Senator Wagner and Congressman Rogers introduced a bipartisan Bill to permit the entry into this country of 20,000 German Jewish children over a two year period. The Bill was opposed by President Roosevelt. The Bill died in Committee.*

**In 1992 Congressman Owens introduced a bipartisan Bill (H.R. 5117) authorizing the use of air power to prevent the Serbs from attacking the civilians in Bosnia and Croatia. The Bill was opposed by President Bush and Congressman Lee Hamilton (D-In.), the current Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The Bill died in Committee.**

*In 1942-1943 President Roosevelt refused to take any specific action to save the millions of Jews who were trying to escape the genocide in Europe. President Roosevelt formed the War Refugee Board whose purpose was to rescue Jews from Europe only when forced to by Jewish organizations lobbying Congress, and when Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau confronted him with what his Administration had failed to do.*

**In 1993-1994 President Clinton refused to take action to stop the ethnic cleansing, rape and murder of the people of Bosnia and Croatia. President Clinton, when specifically confronted by the press, stated, "They're going to have to make up their own minds to quit killing each other."**

**History teaches us that the U.S. failed to act in the 1930's and 1940's because of anti-Semitism, indifference, ignorance, political expediency and fear. What reasons will history give 50 years from now for our failure to act in the 1990's?**

**What Reasons Will You Give?**

**History Is Repeating Itself in Europe.**

**Once Again, the Time to Act Is Long Past Due.**

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