

Clinton is urged to adopt LaRouche reconstruction plan

by EIR's Editors

More than 75 high-level guests, including representatives from 11 embassies, a Congressional office, and several foreign media, attended a Washington, D.C. seminar on June 23, sponsored by *EIR*, to consult on prospects for adopting Lyndon LaRouche's proposal for a Marshall Plan for Balkans reconstruction, as the only pathway to peace for southeastern Europe and the world.

Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche was represented at the seminar by his official spokeswoman, Debra Freeman. The message of the seminar, and of the press conference immediately preceding it, was simple and blunt: Regardless of the decisions made by the Group of Seven summit over the previous weekend, a *total* reconstruction program, on the scale of scores of billions of dollars, must begin immediately, and must be done through institutions not connected with the bankrupt international financial institutions; there must be no participation or control by either the International Monetary Fund or World Bank. Further, the program must include the reconstruction of devastated Serbia.

Mrs. Freeman said that LaRouche, who is in Europe, had just told her that a fight must be waged to create the necessary institutions to carry out the reconstruction, and that there can be no compromises with the International Monetary Fund. While President Clinton agrees with the concept of the program, he has so far refused to stand by his own convictions. Nothing else but the program as specified by Mr. LaRouche, without the International Monetary Fund or kindred institutions involved to sabotage it, can stop the slide toward World War III and economic catastrophe; there is no "more acceptable way" to achieve the same result, LaRouche reportedly said.

These points were amplified by other speakers at the semi-

nar and press conference, and sparked much discussion afterwards.

Failure of the G-7

"The failure of the G-7 is definitely a very serious problem; it's a problem that we cannot ignore, even for one second," said *EIR*'s southeastern Europe affairs specialist Paolo Raimondi in his opening remarks at the press conference. The criminal negligence of the June 19-20 meeting of the Group of Seven (United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, Italy, France, and Japan) in Cologne, Germany, in refusing to address the issue of the reconstruction of the entire Balkan region, has left the area vulnerable to a wider war, with the potential for global conflagration.

Raimondi warned that not only is Balkan reconstruction "not optional, but that the time remaining is not indefinite: It cannot be tomorrow, the day after, or in a year. It is a very *immediate urgency*."

Raimondi was joined at the podium by Panamanian Congressman Miguel Bush; Pennsylvania State Rep. Harold James; and Michigan State Rep. Ed Vaughn.

Faris Nanic, Secretary General of Bosnia's Democratic Action Party in Croatia, and former Chief of Staff for President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, had been scheduled to speak, but was unable to attend. He did, however, send a message to the conference (see box), and also delivered brief comments via telephone.

'The LaRouche Doctrine'

Mrs. Freeman referred back to an April 7 policy statement, "The LaRouche Doctrine," in which Mr. LaRouche asserted that, although President Clinton undoubtedly believed the war to be necessary to stop the atrocities, the principal cause of

the war was the ongoing collapse of the global financial system (see *EIR*, April 16, 1999).

In fact, Mrs. Freeman pointed out, the bombing succeeded in driving a wedge between the governments of the United States, Russia, and China—the necessary pillars of any new financial order—especially in the aftermath of the NATO bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade, which plunged U.S.-China relations to an all-time low. Mr. LaRouche, however, insisted that it were still possible to make the Balkans the birthplace of a new era of peace and development, and he called for a Marshall Plan for the region.

Seven days later, President Clinton delivered a speech on the West Coast, in which he called for a postwar Europe based on a program of massive reconstruction, and, echoing Mr. LaRouche's idea, said that the Balkans presented the world with a golden opportunity.

The following week, President Clinton openly broke with British Prime Minister Tony Blair's warmongering, by refusing to send ground troops into Kosovo, as the British had been noisily demanding.

Our hope, said Freeman, is that the President will find the

courage to adopt the LaRouche Doctrine, failing which, we will surely see a broader conflict, and even global war.

Paolo Raimondi exposed the fraud of the discussion which has erupted over "who will pay" for Balkan reconstruction. "There need be no money involved," he said. What is required, is *credit creation*, and recognition of the existing emergency, as LaRouche addressed it in the following three requirements:

1. An engineering corps to build bridges, roads, railroads, hospitals, and housing, before winter.

2. A special financial facility within the structure of a new Marshall Plan, *to create credit*. Forget about a "donor conference," he said. Successful experiences with this method of sovereign national credit-creation include President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's anti-Depression measures, and post-World War II Germany—a totally destroyed nation, much more than Kosovo today—which was completely rebuilt in less than 10 years.

3. Creation of a private contractors' authority, where vendors are organized to supply raw materials, technology, and so forth.

Bosnian leader: 'Support LaRouche plan'

Faris Nanic, Secretary General of Bosnia's Democratic Action Party in Croatia, and former Chief of Staff for President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, sent the following message to the June 23 seminar.

Dear Mrs. LaRouche, Dear Mr. LaRouche, Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen:

Al-rejulu newmu, Allahu qadir. "Man dreams, God decides," is a saying of the Prophet of Islam. Despite my strong wish to come to this conference, the Lord decided not to let me. Due to unexpected health problems of my daughter, I was forced to cancel my flight.

Development is the expression of man's creation to fulfill his divinely inspired role in the universe as being the *khalifa* of his Creator. I strongly believe there is no other way to serve but to be creative. This conference is dedicated to reconstruction, especially in the war-torn Balkans and southeastern Europe. In the period of reconstruction, all the best existing qualities of human creativeness are demonstrated. Therefore, reconstruction per se is development, and it creates conditions for a long-lasting, durable, and just peace.

Together with Mme. LaRouche, I signed an Appeal for Peace through Development in the Balkans. The Ap-

peal calls for immediate and robust investments into the productive sector of all countries in the region, using the model of the Marshall Plan and Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau applied after World War II in devastated Europe, especially Germany. We worked out the appeal on the basis of ideas and concrete mechanisms laid out by Mr. LaRouche. We were guided by our permanent dedication to peace and justice in the particular region and throughout the world. We called upon every thinking human being in the world to join the appeal, which gives a chance for a phase-shift that the nations of the region need. A phase-shift from the hopeless scheme of "Waiting for Godot" in ever-deteriorating conditions of growing poverty, animosities, killing fields, endless wars, and ethnic and territorial quarrels. A phase-shift for mobilizing all remarkable potentials that each and every nation in the region has, for the general benefit and overall welfare.

Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to conclude with an invitation to join our Appeal and the noble efforts of *EIR* and the Schiller Institute in the direction of reaching the *punctum saliens* for the suffering nations of southeastern Europe, in the direction of the new era of peace, development, and further achievements of humankind in general. Let us begin to change the course of history.

I wish you full success of the conference. As Mr. LaRouche put it recently in Bonn, I know that by convening here and taking on all these important matters, we have already done something major, even though we still cannot evaluate how major.

This approach, Raimondi said, will create a huge export boom, and an enormous increase in productive jobs, just as we saw at the end of the World War II.

State legislators speak out

Both Rep. Harold James from Pennsylvania, and Rep. Ed Vaughn, who chairs the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, endorsed the LaRouche plan. Representative James cited Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address—"With malice toward none, with charity for all"—as a touchstone for the approach required today to heal the terrible wounds in the Balkan region. Representative Vaughn added his hope that Balkan reconstruction will be unlike the aborted Reconstruction of the South at the end of the Civil War, in which President Lincoln's policy was thoroughly sabotaged.

Congressman Bush, who heads the Judiciary Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Panama, reported that he has been studying the writings of Lincoln and Franklin Roosevelt, but that "Your government has been doing everything opposed to that!" Bush said that while reading Mr. LaRouche's writings, he observed that if you look around the world, from Africa, to India and Pakistan, to the Balkans, there is always the same "perturbing element"—"the Anglo-Saxon empire of the British." This same empire, he said, encourages and profits from the drug traffic which has ravaged Panama and other nations of Ibero-America.

Dialogue on Croatia

The seminar included a discussion of the fate of Croatia, an early victim of the Balkans crisis.

The economics counsellor of the Embassy of Croatia,

Aleksandr Heina, reported that Ambassador Miomir Zuzul had wanted to come, but that he had had to stay over in Dubrovnik for the signing of an agreement with Enron for the construction of a thermal plant in Croatia—a project coming out of the 1996 trade mission led by the late U.S. Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown. Heina painted a rosy picture of the economic progress made by Croatia, and of how well the country is said to be doing. But although he did not assail the International Monetary Fund, he did point to the importance of the Ron Brown approach, using the U.S. Export-Import Bank to provide credits for direct investment, making the point several times, that what is needed is not grants or aid, but investment. (*EIR's* interview with Ambassador Zuzul appeared on June 25.)

Faris Nanic, addressing the gathering via telephone from Zagreb, disputed Heina's description of Croatia's current condition. He said that much of the Croatian economy has now been sold off to foreigners and speculators, and that the country has been deindustrialized. Croatia is now dependent on imports for its food supply, he reported, describing this as a result of the liberal free-trade economic approach which has been adopted by both the Croatian government and the political opposition.

Nanic affirmed the importance of what LaRouche and *EIR* are proposing on Balkans reconstruction, and emphasized the lack of transportation infrastructure in both Bosnia and Croatia—a lack which makes anything else almost impossible. Nanic said that a "phase-shift" is required, as Mr. LaRouche has proposed: a real Marshall Plan, which will define the priorities and rebuild the industrial and agricultural potential of both countries.

The Ehrlichs: two genocidal maniacs whom Al Gore loves

by Scott Thompson

In an article in the June 18 *Washington Post* entitled "AIDS Activists Dog Gore a 2nd Day," the *Post's* authors reported that AIDS protesters from a group called AIDS Drugs for Africa showed up at Vice President Al Gore, Jr.'s campaign events on Wall Street, to demonstrate against him. According to the group, in recent talks with South Africa's new President, Thabo Mbeki, Gore threatened to cut off all U.S. economic aid unless South Africa abandoned plans to both manufacture and import cheaper generic drugs to fight AIDS. While the activists charge that Gore "is doing drug companies' dirty work," by insisting that the drug companies' patent rights take

precedence over saving African lives, the real story, as *EIR* uniquely has reported it, is far uglier.

Al Gore is a leading peddler of Henry Kissinger's genocidal National Security Study Memorandum 200 (NSSM 200, see box), which targets the darker-skinned populations of this planet for early extinction. Gore wrote the introduction to Paul and Anne Ehrlich's book *The Population Explosion: From Global Warming to Rain Forest Destruction, Famine and Air and Water Pollution—Why Overpopulation Is Our #1 Environmental Problem* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1990), Gore thoroughly endorsed their demand for