

LaRouche Balkans Plan Aired

Paolo Raimondi, Executive Intelligence Review Southeast European affairs specialist, was the featured speaker at a seminar on Balkan Reconstruction in Washington, D.C. June 23. The event was chaired by Debra Hanania Freeman, national spokesman for Lyndon LaRouche's Committee for a New Bretton Woods, who introduced the panel of speakers. Raimondi was joined by Panamanian Congressman Miguel Bush; Pennsylvania State Rep. Harold James; and Michigan State Rep. Ed Vaughn.

In her introductory remarks, Freeman referred to an April 7 policy statement, "The LaRouche Doctrine," in which LaRouche asserted that the principal cause of the Balkans war was the ongoing

collapse of the global financial system.

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

Economic Development Plan

Raimondi exposed the fraud of the debate that has erupted over "who will pay" for Balkan reconstruction. "There

EIR correspondent Paolo Raimondi (podium), joined by (left to right) LaRouche spokesman Debra Hanania Freeman, State Representatives Harold James (Pa.) and Ed Vaughn (Mich.), and Panamanian Congressman Miguel Bush.

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

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

Both Rep. Harold James and Rep. Ed Vaughn, who chairs the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus, endorsed the LaRouche plan. 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. Vaughn added his hope that Balkan reconstruction will be unlike so-called "Reconstruction" in the South at the end of the Civil War, in which Lincoln's

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Ukrainian Candidate Vitrenko Target of Assassination Attempt

Vitrenko, co-initiator with Helga Zepp LaRouche of the 1997 Appeal to President Clinton to Convene a New Bretton Woods Conference, is currently campaigning for the office of President of Ukraine, using Lyndon LaRouche's famous "Triple Curve" heuristic of the typical economic collapse function—as seen

here in her campaign poster.

The Presidential election is Oct. 31. With only the scantiest of media coverage, Vitrenko has placed second, after President Leonid Kuchma, in most polls. On Oct. 2, Vitrenko was the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt, while campaigning in the eastern Ukraine town of Ingulets.



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three sections of Ludwig van Beethoven's Mass in C; later, at the conclusion, Sheila Jones and Mindy Pechenuk of Chicago gave a demonstration of how musical instruments must be governed by the principles of the human singing voice.

Rose spoke on the theme, "Beauty Is Truth, Truth Beauty." After rigorously defining the criteria for beautiful ideas in terms of their effectiveness in promoting human civilization, Rose used examples from Greek Classical sculpture, and from the poetry of Keats, to demonstrate the Classical principle. Wertz then took up the same question from the standpoint of Prometheus versus Hamlet, emphasizing the crucial role of agapē in determining the ability to think. He interspersed his presentation with a number of recitations, and concluded with a discussion of Classical paintings which demonstrated how supersensuous ideas are conveyed on canvas-much as



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Rose had shown they can be conveyed in stone.

The Eurasian Land-Bridge

Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp LaRouche opened the second day of the conference with a keynote on "The Eurasian

Land-Bridge as a Global Strategy for Today." Her presentation flowed from a polemic on the ignorance of the American people about the role of the United States in the world, and about strategic realities internationally, an ignorance she referred to by the polemical phrase, "the continent of the clueless."

Zepp LaRouche presented a detailed analysis of the development of the strategic dangers facing the world today, from the period of 1986, when her husband, the intellectual author of the S.D.I., came under deadly assault, to the current time. As a result of the dominance of the Brzezinski-style geopolitical crowd during this period, the world now faces multiple crisis spots which could lead into World War III, especially in the context of the collapse of the world financial system. She then reviewed the way in which the Eurasian Land-Bridge development perspective provides the unique alternative to war.

Zepp LaRouche was followed by *EIR* editors Dennis Small, who spoke on

Left: William Warfield performs Schumann's "Die Beiden Grenadiere." Below: Institute chorus and soloists present sections of Beethoven Mass in C.







Comments from the floor (clockwise from top left): Hon. Godfrey Binaisa, former President of Uganda; Adam Clayton, Scottish National Party; New York State Assemblyman Felix Ortiz.

"The Case of Ibero-America: Justice vs. Jacobinism," and Linda de Hoyos, speaking on "The Case of Africa: A Dark Age or a Renaissance?"

The last two panels of the two-day conference dealt with organizing questions, and with a polemical presentation on economic reality versus the psychosis of the current phase of the financial system.

Important to setting the level of discussion throughout, was the contribution of Schiller Institute Board member William Warfield, a world-renowned bass-baritone. Warfield, accompanied by pianist Sylvia Olden Lee, opened both keynote sessions, combining performances of Classical German *lieder* and of profoundly moving Negro Spirituals.

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policy was sabotaged.

Congressman Bush, who heads the Judiciary Committee of the Legislative Assembly of Panama, noted that he had been studying the writings of Lincoln and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and that, "Your government has been doing everything opposed to that!" Bush said, that if you look around the world, 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.