

development is the fight for LaRouche's full program, and the necessary funding mechanisms, which ultimately would not cost the United States anything, but would generate wealth. It is the LaRouche campaign's mobilization that will be decisive in the short weeks ahead.

Opposition grows to Cox Committee hoax

by Jeffrey Steinberg

The Cato Institute, a Washington, D.C. flagship of the most rabid "free market" wing of the conservative revolution in America, was the unlikely host to a group of national security scholars, who violently trashed the Cox Committee report on alleged Chinese espionage at American weapons labs as a vicious hoax, and called for a shift in U.S. policy toward a deeper political, economic, and military collaboration with Beijing.

On June 7, Cato sponsored a forum with the provocative title, "People's Republic of China: Red Tiger or Pink Pussycat?" The featured speakers were notorious China-basher Ross H. Munro of the Foreign Policy Research Institute, the author of a book-length diatribe, *The Coming Conflict With China* (1997); Joseph Cirincione of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; and Alfred Wilhelm, the vice president of the Atlantic Council. Dr. Wilhelm served for several years as the U.S. Army attaché in Beijing.

Cox Report trashed

The Cox Report has been so thoroughly attacked—by former U.S. national weapons lab directors, by Rep. John Spratt (D-S.C.), a dissenting member of the Cox Committee, and others—that even the Cato Institute's defense policy studies director, Ivan Eland, who chaired the conference, admitted that the report bordered on McCarthyite "Red Scare" propaganda.

But it was Cirincione who launched into a no-holds-barred assault on the report, as unworthy of having been published by the U.S. Congress. "This has never been done before," Cirincione said, pointing to the report's glossy cover and its large-character, screaming headlines. "The report was full of dramatic statements—all untrue." Cirincione presented a systematic review of China's strategic nuclear weapons program, demonstrating that China poses no threat whatsoever to the United States or any U.S. ally.

He contrasted the Cox Report to the official Central Intelligence Agency damage assessment, conducted by a task force chaired by Adm. David Jeremiah (ret.), and including

Johnny Foster, the former director of Los Alamos National Laboratory, and former Bush administration National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft. That assessment concluded that there was no compelling proof of Chinese espionage. Cirincione also cited testimony to the Senate Intelligence Committee by Gen. Patrick Hughes, the head of the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), in which Hughes stated that he had "high confidence" in the "unanimous" DIA assessment that China has no intention of increasing spending on its strategic nuclear weapons force.

Indeed, one of the high points of Cirincione's presentation was his observation that China's number-one strategic priority "for the next 20-30 years," is to achieve peace and security in the Asia-Pacific region, so that it can pursue the development of its internal economy, its infrastructure, and the eleva-

Chinese press covers LaRouche on Cox Report

China's official news agency, Xinhua, covered the LaRouche Presidential campaign's June 2 Washington news conference, in a June 3 wire, as follows (unofficial translation): "American economist and *EIR* founder Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., refuted the Cox Report with a statement on June 2.

"LaRouche said in his statement that the Cox Report is a fraud. The accusation of nuclear espionage against China is made up, and not based on facts. The content of the report proves that its authors are ignorant in scientific matters.

"LaRouche's spokesman, Debra Freeman, said to the National Press Club that the accusations are ridiculous, and are not accepted by intelligent people.

"Nuclear secrets can be found on the Internet, but the Cox Committee spent a lot of money to investigate this. The Cox Committee is trying to damage Sino-U.S. relations. Freeman said the latest developments damage Sino-U.S. relations. She hopes Clinton succeeds in repairing them. She appealed to the U.S. administration to respond to the demands that Clinton punish those responsible for bombing the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade."

China's leading radio station, the Central People's Broadcasting Company, twice cited LaRouche on its most popular program, *Xin Wen Lian Bo*. On the evening news on June 3, and again on the morning news on June 4, the station reported LaRouche's analysis of the Cox Committee Report.