
State Rep. Ed Vaughn

Support LaRouche to rebuild the Balkans

Mr. Vaughn is a Democratic state representative from Detroit, and the head of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus.

It is a pleasure for me to be here today on behalf of the constituents of the Fourth Legislative District in the City of Detroit. I represent 85,000 people there, and last week in Lansing, Michigan, our state capital, we had a press conference. We invited Mr. John Ascher of the Schiller Institute to come, and it was a very successful press conference. We had several meetings in Detroit that were well attended. And every day on the radio in Detroit, we have the "EIR Report" and the Schiller Institute reports on what is happening, especially in the Balkans.



I give my firm support to Mr. Lyndon LaRouche's plan for a Marshall Plan for the Balkans. It is my hope that this kind of plan can be a positive reconstruction of that particular region of the world, and we then can see movement in other parts of the world, especially in Africa, where wars need to cease and reconstruction needs to take place.

It is my hope that this reconstruction will be positive, will be very much like the old Marshall Plan, and very much unlike the American Reconstruction which took place from 1865 to 1875, in which political operatives, mainly the mercantile interests of the North, the landed aristocracy of the South, got together here in Washington, D.C., and sold out the people who had been murdered, lynched, raped, for almost 300 years. It is my hope that that kind of sell-out does not take place in the Balkans. But we know that it could, if vigilant people don't stand up and fight. And that's why we have to support Mr. LaRouche, because this is of utmost importance.

If the crooks who rob us daily are allowed to continue their activity, then all of us will be harmed, and all of us will see ourselves in a terrible condition, not to mention what will happen in the rest of the world. So I'm here to support Mr. LaRouche and the plan to reconstruct Kosovo and to reconstruct the Balkans, and really to change this world so that this will be a world where we can live in peace and harmony, and with love and respect for each other.

Le Yuchen

China, Russia enjoy strategic partnership

Le Yuchen, Counsellor to the Chinese Mission to the United Nations, spoke to EIR's seminar on Balkan reconstruction in New York City on June 23. Mr. Yu is also an expert on Sino-Russian relations. Here are excerpts of his remarks.

"Although today's topic is Balkans reconstruction, the Eurasian Land-Bridge has also been mentioned," Le began. "The Land-Bridge goes from China, through Russia, to Europe. I think it's important for you to know the relationship between China, Russia, and other powers. And since Mr. Speed also mentioned the bombing of the Chinese Embassy, I will say a few words about this tragedy.

"As you know, over a month ago, the Chinese Embassy was damaged by American bombs. It came as a big surprise to us, the Chinese people. Before the bombing, the Chinese people had always enjoyed a good feeling toward the American people, and we pursued a strategic partnership, with all the powers, including the U.S.A. We tried to build this strategic partnership with Russian friends, and during the state visit of our President Jiang Zemin to the U.S.A., we also put the task to build a strategic partnership between China and the U.S. Unfortunately, the bombing has not only bombed the embassy, but also hit the partnership. Now it's difficult for us to go on with this. But still, we hope that if the American administration is serious about addressing the problems and [willing] to try to solve the consequences of the bombing, I think we can still try to improve our relationship.

"A few days ago, the high-ranking official envoy of the Clinton administration, Mr. [Thomas] Pickering, headed a delegation to China, and gave us an explanation of the incident . . . involving an old map. But it *couldn't*. . . It's childish! How can a military action use an outdated map? If you are a tourist, you are going to visit Belgrade, you would try to get an updated map, not one from seven years ago. So it's not convincing. Certainly, we are not satisfied with the results of the investigation. We are expecting a new explanation. I hope we are not disappointed.

"I think the partnership should be based on mutual respect for national sovereignty, and of friendship. If you bomb a country's embassy, how can you view that as partnership? So, let me say a few words about our relationship with Russia. . . . As you know we are building a strategic partnership of collaboration, facing the twenty-first century, with our great