

Yes, we have cast our lot with the KLA and its affiliates, an organization dedicated to its own version of ethnic cleansing. Removal of all non-Albanians from a region that not only includes Kosovo, but also southern Serbia and Macedonia, with its Albanian minority.

We were told we went into Kosovo to "stabilize the Balkans." Initially, the ambiguity of our policy gave the green light to separatist movements around the region. Today, in both Bosnia and Kosovo, we are committed into the future as far as the eye can see. When I was able to cause a vote on the floor of the House on the incursion into Bosnia, a vote the administration did not want to take place, I stated on this floor, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Clinton would not keep his promise to us.

What was his promise? That he would send our American troops home from Bosnia by December 20, 1996. I ask, Mr. Speaker, what stability have we achieved in the Balkans? And at what price to this Nation? Can anyone share with this Congress a realistic exit strategy from this quagmire?

In the Kosovo region, yesterday's Washington Post tells us that Kosovar militias still refuse to disarm and are now destabilizing southern Serbia. A new confrontation with Milosevic and a new refugee crisis is feared. And what will we do with a violent KLA we empowered when it turns its sights on Macedonia, which also has an Albanian population?

I agree with Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON's assessment of our Balkan interventions recently published in the Financial Times. She said, "NATO has got to get off of this merry-go-round. It must acknowledge that imposing multicultural democracy at the point of a gun is not working."

Mr. Speaker, we were told we went into Kosovo to thwart the Serbian ruler there, Milosevic. What have we accomplished here? Milosevic is more firmly in place than ever; hard-liners in Serbia in a better place than ever before due entirely to our intervention; the bombing of civilians; the vilification of the Serbian people; and, the destruction of the Serbian culture under our occupation.

We were told we went into Kosovo to ensure the credibility of NATO. But did we do this by violating the first section of the NATO charter by launching a war against a sovereign Nation that has committed no aggression against any of its neighbors? NATO's strength was that it was a shield, not a sword. Some skeptics say that NATO actions were one of justification, considering their original mission was to protect Europe from a Soviet Union that no longer exists.

The costs of Kosovo? Displacement of hundreds of thousands of Kosovars. Displacement of hundreds of thousands of Serbs and expansion of conflict into

Serbia proper. The potential instability of Macedonia and a new and probably undying hatred for the United States on the part of Serbians, and from what we have recently seen, Albanian Kosovars as well, as a result of this foolhardy intervention.

Mr. Speaker, we need to bring America home. We can be a light to the world. We cannot be agents of violence as enforcers of one dubious cause after another without accumulating some frightful costs and terrible consequences.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BECERRA (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business.

Mr. MCNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 2 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. RUSH (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of official business in the district.

Mr. BURR of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending a funeral.

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of official business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, April 5.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On March 29, 2000:

H.R. 5. To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 3, 2000, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6863. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Revisions to Handling Requirements [Docket No. FV99-932-3 FR] received February 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6864. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300963; FRL-6485-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6865. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Emamectin Benzoate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300958; FRL-6398-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 13, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6866. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—HUD Acquisition Regulation; Miscellaneous Revisions [Docket No. FR-4291-F-02] (RIN: 2535-AA25) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6867. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—HUD Acquisition Regulation; Miscellaneous Revisions [Docket No. FR-4115-F-03] (RIN: 2435-AA24) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6868. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Non-Discretionary Funding Provisions of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (RIN: 0584-AC77) received December 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.