

Again, if peace means anything to the people of the Balkans or to the countries that are represented in Dayton, OH, this evening, and for the foreseeable future during this peace process, we want an immediate accounting of David Rohde. We want to know that he is in good condition, and that his safety and health are being respected. We want him released at the earliest possible moment.

#### KID-GLOVE TREATMENT OF FIDEL CASTRO; AND SHOCKING STATISTICS ON OUR NATION'S INCIDENCE OF KIDNAPINGS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I want to briefly touch upon two subjects this evening.

One, there was a visit to the United States last week by the Cuban dictator, Castro. Unfortunately, he was received by many in New York as though he were something else than what he is. He was, unfortunately, received by some as though he were a democratically elected leader, or someone who was not a horrendous violator of human rights. That is more than unfortunate, because it is really degrading to those who receive someone like that, someone who is a murderer, someone who is responsible for the killing of tens of thousands of human beings, and for maintaining an oppressive system, denying all human rights and democratic possibilities for an entire Nation.

He was received, for example, by Dan Rather on CBS News, given a gift by Dan Rather. Mr. Bernard Shaw of the CNN network interviewed him in an hour, and asked absolutely no followup questions. When Castro was asked by Mr. Shaw, for example, why he did not permit political parties, and Castro said they were divisive, there was no followup question. When he was asked by Mr. Shaw with regard to why Castro's daughter calls the tyrant a murderer and a drug trafficker, the Cuban dictator simply says, "That is personal," and there was no followup question.

I would assume that an appropriate follow-up question would be, "I'm not asking you a personal question, I'm not asking you if you are a good father, I am asking you to react to the fact that your daughter says you are a drug trafficker and a murderer." Of course, there was no follow-up question. I was really sad to see a journalist of that reputation engage in an interview like that.

I guess the key is that there are names, there are hundreds and really thousands of names that we could list, I have no time to list them, but I simply want to name a few, because they are right now in dungeons in Cuba because of the Cuban tyrant, and they were in those dungeons last week while some of our colleagues in this House

were receiving the Cuban tyrant, and some of them giving him gifts: Francis Chaviano. Omar del Pozo, a former colonel in Castro's own security force, is receiving electroshocks in a mental institution for demonstrating democracy. Enrique Labrada. There is a 30-year old young woman, Carmen Arias, in a dungeon right now because she wrote a letter supporting democracy. Jose Miranda, a political prisoner with 72 days on a hunger strike, and for more than 6 months has been refused visits by his family.

That is at this very moment that is going on, and it was going on last week when Castro was being received in New York.

Orson Vila, a Baptist preacher, is in a dungeon now for preaching the word of Christ in Cuba. These are things I wanted to mention. I will continue mentioning them in the following weeks, Mr. Speaker.

I wanted to, very briefly, comment also on another subject, but very important as well, and commend my dear friend, the gentleman from Florida, PETER DEUTSCH, who in a few weeks will be holding a special order on the issue of kidnappings, and the fact that so many children in our country are abducted each year, and specifically remembering a constituent of his and child from our community who we do not forget, young Jimmy Ryce, who was kidnapped on September 11 of this year.

He remembers, and we remember others in our community who were also kidnapped, like Shannon Melendi, a college student at Emory, who we will not forget. We will continue not only to recall, but ask for all, all due efforts to be engaged in by the authorities.

I just want to bring out the fact, I have the figures from 1988, the last year I have: 3,200 to 4,600 children were abducted in our country, ages 4 through 11, and most of these attempts involved a car. What is happening in our society, Mr. Speaker? There can be no crime, obviously, that is more inhumane and simply unjustifiable than kidnapping children.

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I commend the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] for bringing this subject out. We will continue talking about it. There can be no more important subject.

#### THREE GOALS OF THIS REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. AL-LARD). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, would the gentleman from Connecticut [Mr. SHAYS] yield for 10 seconds?

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I will yield very briefly.

Mr. DORNAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to add, at the end of the remarks of the gentleman

from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART], this column on Fidel Castro from this week's Time magazine. The party at Mort Zuckerman's house with Mike Wallace, Dianne Sawyer, Peter Jennings, Barbara Walters, all sorts of other millionaires, and the guest in uncharacteristic civilian clothes is Fidel Castro. Unbelievable.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] for the work he has done in trying to awaken us to the need to be very aggressive as we deal with Mr. Castro.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to address the House for the 4 minutes I have remaining to respond very strongly to the fact that we have three basic goals in this Republican majority. One, we want to get our financial house in order and balance our budget. The second issue is that we want to save our trust funds, particularly Medicare, and in the process preserve and strengthen it. Also, just as importantly, we want to change this social and corporate welfare state into an opportunity society.

Now, in the process of doing this, I have heard tremendous reference to the fact that we are cutting certain programs that we are not cutting. Admittedly, discretionary spending is going down. There are real cuts in discretionary spending. Foreign aid is being cut. Defense is a hard freeze, but we are oversubscribed in defense programs, so there will be cuts in defense.

But when we come to the earned income tax credit, it is going up, it is not going down. It is going from \$19.8 billion this year to \$27.4 billion in 7 years. Only in this city, and where the virus has spread, when you go from \$19.8 billion to \$27.4 billion do people call it a cut.

The School Lunch Program, calling it a cut when it goes in 5 years from \$6.3 billion to \$7.8 billion. How can that be a cut? It is an increase any way you look at it.

Student loans, over a 5-year program it is going to go from \$24 to \$33 billion. I say again, only in this city when you go from \$24 to \$33 billion in student loans is it a cut. Now, what we are doing is saying students are going to pay the interest rate from the moment they graduate until that grace period ends. That will accrue to them. It will cost them, over the life of the program, \$9 more a month if they borrowed \$17,000.

Then, Medicaid. Medicaid is not being cut, it is going up. It is going up from \$89 to \$124 billion. We are going to spend over \$329 billion more on Medicaid than we did in the last 7 years, we are going to spend in the next 7. That is a 73-percent increase.

Medicare is going to go from \$178 to \$278 billion, \$178 to \$278 billion over 7 years. That is a 54-percent increase. Or, in terms of what we spent in the last