Mr. Speaker, I have believed from the outset that our

involvement in this European conflict is wrong. It has become painfully

apparent that the Clinton administration committed American air power

without a clearly-defined mission and without a credible exit strategy.

Make no mistake about it. Slobodan Milosevic is a war criminal. His

treatment of the ethnic Albanians in Kosovo has been deplorable, and

his prosecution as a international war criminal could not come fast

enough. But I do not believe that the commitment of American military

forces to a potentially long, expensive and perhaps tragic effort can

be the proper means to achieve that end.

Mr. Speaker, our military involvement in the Balkans is unwise. This

administration's miscues have led to a disjointed strategy of gradual

escalation that puts the lives of American men and women at risk.

Let us work for peace. Let us help the Kosovar refugees with

humanitarian aid. But let us take our service men and women out of

harm's way.