Gingrich, Republicans intensify class warfare with inhumane budget

by Olga Domanski

The magnitude and brutality of the legislative assault on social programs unleashed on the American people was spelled out in the votes that have swept through the House and Senate. In the $10 billion to be cut from the federal student loan program; the elimination of more than 60 federal job training programs; the slashing of funds for enforcement of the Occupational Safety and Health Act; the virtual elimination of the federal government’s guarantee to aid poor families with a welfare program; and what some have dared to touch before, the reduction of $1 billion in Medicaid for the poor and $270 billion from the Medicare program, for promised health care for 37 million seniors. The speed with which every social gain won through the last 60 years of labor and civil rights battles was in the cards. The whole social safety net is in the cards is unprecedented in U.S. history.

The denouement means workers moving with machine-gun speed in six short weeks after Congress returned from “vacation” only set the stage. Gingrich ran with the thing still in the Senate in October and a day later in the Senate, to pass the massive tax and spending bill called “reconciliation,” which Gingrich claims will “balance the budget” by 2002. A New York Times/CBS News poll revealed that 82% of those polled reject that claim. The $1 trillion savings aimed for will come heavily out of the pockets—and life blood—of the nation’s children, elderly and poor.

The 9/11 attacks allowed voiced special opposition to the intended gutting of Medicare. The $452 billion to be cut out of the next seven years from the projected funds that would be needed to take care of senior citizens on Medicare and those on Medicaid who cannot get any other coverage is a half of the nation’s nursing home patients. It is not just this $452 billion that are to be axed, however. At the end of the “magic” seven years, the entire federal entitlement would end completely, and the responsibility for the sick and elderly would be turned over to the states.

One measure of the brutality with which the measures have been devised is that a sufficient number of Republican Senators balked at the proposed concurrent elimination of federal standards for nursing homes. The standards were put into effect in 1990 because of decades of abuse of patients that went unchecked by the states. The proposal was dropped from the Senate bill, but retained in the House version.

Protests have greeted cuts in social spending.

In his last, intense weeks of campaigning, separatist leader Lucien Bouchard spoke of how independent Quebecers solve all their difficulties, including the “real” problem of Francophones: “We lost because of the money and the ethnics.”

The “concession” speech on election night by Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau similarly left many alarmed by its tone and implications. We almost won, Parizeau said: “We lost because of the money and the ethnics.”

The 30-year-long drive for independence for the province of Quebec is rooted in the unique language and heritage of the French-speaking majority (82% of the population), and their long history of domination by English-Canadian economic, political, and cultural institutions. At the movement’s origins in the late 1960s, left-leaning tendencies were strong within it, with issues of economic and social justice (inextricable from questions of language and cultural identity and pride, including in the platforms of the separatist Parti Quebecois).

In 1995 this vision of an independent Quebec meaning the possibility for a genuine, total alternative was once again the empowerment for a PQ win and the “outright” victory, garnering “Oui” (Yes) votes from unemployed and uninterested to educated and artists, from a new generation of youth facing an uncertain future.

One coalition of “Oui” activists from trade unions and political organizations — the New Democratic Network for the Yes. They issued a declaration outlining a concept of an independent Quebec that defended the primacy of the people’s rights and maintained the rights of minorities; that redistributed wealth and income; that would end the status quo and the inequality of women and the self-determination of Native peoples. Yet their defeat also implicitly recognized that a pro-growth right-wing side could not be an answer to the, much narrower nationalism of the politicians who had initiated and were running the referendum campaign.

The right-wing nationalism had grown through the 1980s and come to the fore by the 90s, based on the growth of a French-Canadian business class, and on opportunistic politicians happy to play the nationalist card as a distraction from their own inability to solve social and economic problems within the province.

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Marx

Face racism or labor is disarmed

by John Marcotte

The AFL-CIO convention held its first contested election in its 40-year history on Oct. 25. Some workers had to disregard their own self-interest to vote for Nixon. For the overwhelming majority of workers, Nixon knows very well that Nixon’s economic policies mean a future of high unemployment, worsening working conditions and worsening standards of living.

“Every worker, both Black and white, understands what is at stake in this election for president in its 40-year history. It means that the working class who had to barter their company to fight, they will also have the government on their backs.” It was in 1969 that we felt the full weight of our history when Black-led PATCO workers opened the era of union-busting. Today, Gingrich and opened the era of union-busting. Today, Gingrich

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Gingrich

October 16 — the Left’s day of absence

by Lou Turner

It is a curious quid pro quo to expect an [East] Indian vote to resound today to a [European] member of Parliament.
—Marx, On the Sepoy Indian Insurrection, Aug. 29, 1857

What is new, and what is not about the Million Man March? There is no lack of containing opinions regarding its meaning. We rummage through American history to construct a counterpoint unparalleled parable and historical cyclical returns of the old; others tremble as they listen for the recognizable footsteps of prancing tyrants and demagogues that they frantically warn us Farrakhan is. We almost win, Marcuse an to remark on French-language radio: “I’ve been

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LA guts healthcare

Los Angeles—The drama of the L.A. County public health system continues this week with the retirement of the system’s top administrator, due to a cutback in state funds. Most of what has turned out to be over 3,000 layoffs and demolitions. Six county health centers have bought new facilities, and the Los Angeles Times has reported on the operation. Massive protests by health workers, patients and other groups apparently prompted these modifications. According to the L.A. Times, a series of press conferences, calls, and meetings have been held in Los Angeles. County, all county positions providing or supporting medical care and social services will be cut. As the result of the county’s budget cutting, but it’s not enough. (Ms. Mahaffey, with her husband, has spent seven years of her life in the kitchen, to the kind of support that saw the event. In the front lines, armed with wooden two-by-fours and painkillers, in the dining room, with the new Women’s Liberation Movement rediscovered the story of the Brigade four decades later. We were filled with tasting for the stars and were willing to lay down our lives to win this fight for women’s humanity. (For the story of the Brigade, see Working Women for Freedom, pp. 17-18.)

The most dramatic proof of Genora’s concept of history as today and in-making was the battle she led at the United Auto Workers’ 40th anniversary celebration of the 1937 Flint strike visited by Genora. Return to Flint to join in that celebration and discovered that despite the crucial role the women had played in that victory, not a single woman was included anywhere on the program, she called us at the News and Letters office where we are located. Then she demanded that women be represented on the platform, unchallenged. "Let women speak!" The banner read, "1937-1977: The Struggle Continues!" and "The UAW Needs an ERA!"

Most important, when Genora was quickly “invited” to speak, she did not leave it at the critical contribution women had made to the history, but spoke of the grievances and needs of women workers right then, now. She talked about the Women’s Film Cooperative and became the highpoint of the document. (With Banners and Bannerettes, which was nominated for an Academy Award for best documentary.)

The continuity of the struggle for freedom is what per­meated Genora’s actions and thinking throughout her life. It was no surprise that in the last letter I received from her, in which she expressed the thrill it was to have been inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Michi­gan Women’s Historical Center last year, she sang out two reasons for her excitement. One was that the reunion allowed her to work out how this outrageous situation, in­dividual, but to all the women of the Brigade. The other

At whatever point in her long and active life you met Genora, you could tell she was a fighter—the kind of fighter whose enthusiastic creativity was fired by a passion for social justice. You knew that she had known of her sense of history was never or more passionate, but always as history-in-making—including the his­tory of the famous Genora’s Brigade. The story of the Brigade, as told to the Women’s Emergency Brigade, 1937.

It was that they would all be in the same Hall of Fame as Sojourner Truth.

We mourn her death and honor her spirit. The struggle continues.

—Olga Domanetsk

Beijing: View from

African-American caucus

Chicago—Many important dimensions of the international women’s conference in China in September nev­er made it into the media and still hasn’t been dis­cussed much. One is the controversy over the African-American women’s caucus. We tried to get a text for de­legation at the NGO (Non-Governmental Organi­zations) Forum in Hiroshima. The organizers told us we were not a nationality and we would have to use the North American or the African tent. This sparked in­tense debate on which the African-American Women’s Caucus, Women for Civil Rights Under the Law. The product of our meetings was a comprehensive statement on the differ­ences in women’s communities and the problem of ignor­ing the ramifications of race and class and women’s issues. We handed this statement to the formal repre­sentatives from the U.S. to the U.N. Conference in China.

For me, these meetings and the workshops I attended on reproductive rights made me think more about the difference between reproductive rights and reproduc­tive justice. You can’t see this difference if you ignore the implications of race.

The Cairo population conference last year marked the first time that reproductive rights were discussed in an international document. What does it mean to discuss reproductive rights when the population is growing by 90 million annually? The Cairo and Beijing conferences made it very clear the answer is not population control, by birth control, but reproductive rights and reproductive freedom for women. These policies lower birth rates, but any discourse focusing purely on rights recognizes that reproductive rights are accessed only by those who can afford them.

Women are generally the poorest of the poor and we need to keep discussing these issues. Where do African-American women fit into the whole discussion of human rights? A story I heard from a Chilean woman about the prog­ram she had in obtaining an abortion underscores the importance of reproductive justice. After going through the grueling experience of obtaining an illegal abortion she was prosecuted and both she and her children were sent to prison.

Similarly, I heard from an Irish woman who related domestic violence, class and reproductive rights. In Ire­land there is no provision for divorce, even if you are a victim of domestic violence. If you are married and have no children, you can get an abortion if you so choose. If you get pregnant again, she flew out of the country to get an abortion. She was bailed up by her husband on the condition she must return to give birth. A prosecutor’s women’s orga­nization crossed the boundaries of rights and justice by urging her to get out of prison and change the divorce laws.

We need to keep discussing these issues. Where do African-Americans fit into the whole discussion of human rights? Everyone is talking about China’s one-child policy, but we need to keep discussing the implications of race.

This Caucus has been recognized for women of color who is talking about the family cap for women on wel­fare that is part of the new welfare “reform” bill.

—American feminist attorney

Genora Johnson with the Women’s Emergency Brigade, 1937.

Women Worldwide

by Mary Jo Grey

Take back the night

Detroit—Despite heavy rain over 200 people held “a march and rally to oppose violence against women, in­cluding femicide—homicide of women, and a range of homophbic and racist hate crimes, and economic vio­lence against poor women and children” Oct. 5 at Wayne State University. The march was organized in coopera­tion with the presence of a group of women and young children from Interim House, a battered women’s shelter, and the Detroit Clotheline Project, a display of T-shirts with artwork and messages by and for women af­fected by violence. We are just barely making it as it is.

The speakers represented many dimensions and in­cluded women from Interim House and Detroit, who spoke of her experiences at the women’s conference in Beijing. (Ms. Mahaffey, with her husband, has spent seven years of her life in the kitchen, to the kind of support that saw the event. In the front lines, armed with wooden two-by-fours and painkillers, in the dining room, with the new Women’s Liberation Movement rediscovered the story of the Brigade four decades later. We were filled with tasting for the stars and were willing to lay down our lives to win this fight for women’s humanity. (For the story of the Brigade, see Working Women for Freedom, pp. 17-18.)

The most moving speakers were unchallenged. A woman from Interim House overflowed with tears and laments to the women for continuing support from the assembled group. Equally moving were the tales of violence and as­ault at the speakeeasy following the march. Clearly the anti-violence coalition has more work to do.

—Participant

Rosa Luxemburg,
WOMEN’S LIBERATION, AND
MARKS’S PHILOSOPHY OF REVOLUTION

By Raya Dunayevskaya

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The union negotiating committee included workers from all three Delta Pride plants, not just Belzoni, because the contract will affect all of us. On the next few days, we could see the strength of the few white women who works at Delta Pride as well. She was at the table and said that she used to love her job, but now she sees that the whole management team is made up of people who only want to divide and abuse the employees. Management has been perfectly clear 

When they made their "best and final offer," it was all givebacks. They didn't even propose a wage increase at that time. It's a shame how Delta Pride management and the South and Delta Main (Indiana) plants promise 

I know that the Belzoni workers will reject their "of­fer." They are forcing us to strike because they believe that we are weak and they have the advantage. We have much less production than Delta Main, they will still get surgery if you go over 40 hours in a week, and in catfish processing the schedule can really go up and down. 

The racist elections of Nixon, then Reagan and now 

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We reprint excerpts of a letter from Raya Dunayevskaya on dialectics. For further writings by Raya Dunayevskaya on dialectics. For #4316. More correspondence can be found in Volume 7 of The Raya Dunayevskaya Collection, new Preface held that modern capitalist culture has been "deduced and demonstrated" (SL* 480), he is likely to go on to the Absolute. And I'm sure that this is surely must be truly on his head because he is nothing more than an idealist, after all, who has yet one other system to present to the world, and this one he is really quite hopeful of. But, neither the "system" nor the foundation is any longer a mere idea, and we have not stopped greatly the objective for proof. It does not come out of the philosopher's head at all, although "each new stage of exteriorization, an internalization, and greater extension is also higher in- tiered" (S1). No doubt, Lenin here once again took heart and near the very next sentence, "the richest consequent is also the most direct, and it is already a movement of the masses which is not at this point most likely when he wrote so fractionally to the Spanish people in 1936? ("The self-determination in which the Absolutist Right is all this time split into the State or even the Religion or its Arts (Forma) of the Spirit, but proceeded on to the Absolute Idea. What I would say then is that all preceding philosophy and had no use whatsoever for the empty Absolute of Plato, Schelling, etc."

"Let's approach this from another way—Marx's con- stant return to Hegel and constantly breaking from him. After all, even the Russian revolutionaries first took up the "Critique of the Hegelian Dialectic" (1844). There, where he breaks with the Absolute (there had to be a break from it or the discovery of the Materialist Concep- tion of History would have been just empirical, rather than based on dialectics), still had no longer just material foundation vs. superstructure; it is no longer an idea. The more the history of the world, and that the time of the "Absolute Idea" is split it at least, he rightly rejects the philosopher as the yardstick without forgetting, however, also to break with Feuerbach. He continues with International Communism. By that time he has barely mentioned Ab- solute Mind when the whole essay breaks off. Indeed, by 1848, revolutions, Marx certainly has no fur- ther "use" for Hegel, and yet in 1850 he is back again. If you compare the "first," writing in Hegel in this new and available in English in System of Ethical Life and First Philosophy of Science (1868). E.J. Hobsbawm, A. R.S. Harris and T.M. Risse (Albany: SUNY Press, 1979).
Origins of Serb war on multiethnic Bosnia


Yugoslavia's Ethnic Nightmare: The Inside Story of Ethnic Cleansing, Authoritarian Rule and the U.S. Cover-up by Mihailo Markovic and Ljubomir Tadic. He argued that the systemic oppression was a 1985 Memorandum of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts that mandated the disintegration of the Yugoslav federation.

The resurgence, quite independent of Milosevic. It started with the collapse of the old Serb bourgeoisie, and Milosevic's rise to power in Serbia and Stalin's rise in the Soviet Union. In the wake of the financial crisis, Milosevic's rise to power in Serbia and Stalin's rise in the Soviet Union were closely intertwined. The Soviet Union was the world's leading capitalist power, and its collapse had a profound impact on the global economy.

The irony, however, is that the man who at first seemed the least likely to promote Serbian nationalism was Milosevic. Before 1987 Milosevic was a fainthearted bureaucrat who showed no interest in nationalism. He was head of the central bank, which means that he was in charge of appointing party functionaries to gradually accumulate power from behind the scenes.

Though Milosevic showed no interest in Serbian nationalism as of 1984, he did have a huge thirst for power. He wanted to become the leader of Serbia, and Milosevic's rise to power in Serbia and Stalin's rise in the Soviet Union were closely intertwined. The Soviet Union was the world's leading capitalist power, and its collapse had a profound impact on the global economy.

Nobel prizefighters for rational exploitation

Chicago—Karl Marx once referred to the economists of his day as "prizefighters for capitalism." This observation came alive once again as Robert Lucas and William Becker (Chicago) were chosen last month for a cool million-dollar Nobel Prize in economics, having won a cool million-dollar Nobel Prize in economics, being awarded the prize for "rational expectations theory" last month.

"The next thing we knew he was up there, addressing the crowd, 'Nobody must ever again dare to beat this people, appealing to him for help, he cried out to the frenzied crowd. 'How? How can I get myself up the political limelight."

Multiethnicity in the Bosnian context is a history which no force of liberation in this country can afford not to consider. —Peter Wermuth

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FARRAHAN AND THE MILLION MAN MARCH

The Million Man March of Black men in Washington, D.C., was meant to evoke the immense revolutionary potential in the Black community. But the sight and sound of Louis Farrakhan, that extreme right-wing reaction­
ary against the system, is frightening and conversely shows the power of current folklore—such as the concept of a fascist cult leader must give the imagination. I am not for Farrakhan, but the Negro uprising since the 1960s has been the call for Black men to join organizations like the NAACP, the Urban League and the Black Church, and to register to vote. Youth at the march were the same as those who took part in the Los Angeles rebellion in 1992; uniformed Black women were there as well. We were not in a serious union struggle for two years. When they saw that people were ignored the call to join organizations like the NAACP and the Urban League. The Left missed a huge opportunity when it failed to attend the strike to rally the strikers and Farrakhan.

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Black woman activist

Tennessee

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**GINGRICH'S UNRELenting WAR ON THE POOR**

People are starving even here, in America, and sometimes you got to steel just to survive. You have people out here on the west side are like Robin Hood. If you're hurting, and I'm hurting, why the west side are like Robin Hood. If you should I rob you? The way people think and they are going to share it. You know that they've got to be hungry, system is being speeded up by an expected drop in enrollment—on top of that aid—of up to 10,000 students who received "workfare" assignments at times Manhattan Community College said at Pataki's office as a threat not to they were waving election registration "workfare" assignments at times and places that make it impossible for ...

**CRISIS IN EAST EUROPE**

The economic and political crisis here has coincided with various fascist and revolutionary groupings waiting in the wings for an eventual return to power. The major international corporations continue their rape and exploitation of the Hungarian economy and the large scale impoverishment of the population is the result. The IMF has forced Hungary to raise its consumer prices to international levels (sometimes even higher) while the average income is one-fifth or even one-tenth—an hourly rate of 80 U.S. cents is about the norm. Because of the incentive taxes that must be paid by both employers and employees, the black market is flourishing. Workers are paid less than the "minimum wage" in terms of real income.

**LET THE VOICES OF THE IMPRISONED BE HEARD!**

As part of the effort to let the voices of the incarcerated speak for themselves, News & Letters is helping to distribute a pamphlet which will be available to prisoners so that they can learn how to improve their surroundings. From the Introduction to the questionnaire:

We as individuals find ourselves in a society in which we have to struggle on a daily basis, but unfortunately many of our struggles run into a cycle that fails to improve our overall conditions within the prison walls. In order to break out of this pattern, we need to comprehend the reasons as to why we let such hardships be imposed upon ourselves. Often we do it because it becomes possible to carry out a plan of action that can defeat the current cycle of misery. In order for that knowledge to be available, we would like to help by following the following questions. Our aim is to use this material to compile a pamphlet which will be available to prisoners so that they can learn how to improve their surroundings.
Farrakhan and the Million Man March

Chicago—While understanding that revolutionary situations are always dangerous, I arrived in Chicago with the understanding that there are very troubling concerns that need to be addressed. These are very troubling concerns that need to be addressed.

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The Million Man March reveals to what extent the Black middle class stands poised on the false assumption that what is an insignificant small group of people in the U.S., isn’t its true as well as he is a point of fulfills the people’s fulfillment of it. People who didn’t go to the March only know what I have yet to stand the real test of history.

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Breathing makes us sick Los Angeles—Since January 1995, I have been under doctors care for congestive heart failure. I am 74 years old, and among the elderly in Los Angeles that are in danger on days when the air pollutants reach peak levels. In my case, the levels have been stuck at peak levels all year.

I read an article in the Los Angeles Times discussing a report in the American Journal of Public Health that concluded that 6,815 cases of congestive heart failure in Los Angeles County from 1986 through 1989 were the result of carbon monoxide exposure.

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So why don't we want the age-old answer that it's just "old age." Just breathing: that makes us sick. —Felix Martin

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The elimination of the federal entitlement to wel­e will see it replaced with "block grants" to the states, ending the automatic funding of programs that are the art of medical care in poor neighborhoods. The Gingrich plan is designed to force the elderly and the poor to cope with the increasing cost of living by themselves, in as to simply close down.

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The Guatemalan army murdered 11 unnamed civilians, and wounded over 50 others, in an unsanctioned attack on Oct. 5, one day before a UN human rights investigation team arrived in Guatemala as part of its fact-finding mission before Nov. 12 national elections. The president, Ramiro Vela, and the U.S. ambassador, Thomas Shannon, defended the army attack as a legal maneuver to prevent the UN from investigating the pervasive brutality of the army gives the lie to any notion of “civilian” rule in Guatemala. By “civilian” is meant the political class of the Guatemalan bourgeoisie of “Aurora 8th of October.” They were part of a communal resistance movement — a common term for small farmers and workers — with whom they had fled with tens of thousands of other Mayan people to escape military repression that began in 1960. Democratic movements were suppressed by counter-revolutionary guerilla activities against the government of the US-backed “end of history” for Latin America by proclaiming the victory of an “absolute liberalism.”

U.S. PROPAGANDA

U.S. collaboration with Guatemalan military repression dates back to the 1945 CIA-engineered coup. It has continued through the recent collapse of Russian Communism, though now it is focused on the new US Hegemony in Latin America. Since then, the U.S. has led a campaign in the western hemisphere to solidify its blockade isolation of Cuba. It is a threat to the “end of history” for Latin America by proclaiming the victory of an “absolute liberalism.”

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NEW INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS

Nobody thinks the army’s massacre at Aurora 8th of October was an arbitrary act. It is part of a campaign to disrupt the upcoming negotiations between the Guatemalan government, military and the URNG (Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unity) guerrillas, to call off any more confrontation in the region for political and social changes, and to stem the refugee return movement. The displaced Guatemalan population is now over a million, with some military ties, against an estimate of 600-strong remnant of a guerrilla force. The lack of democracy in the US has been the most brutally oppressed over 500 years.

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**Racial stresses spark National Day of Action on college campuses**

**San Jose**—At San Jose State University over 600 students participated in a four-hour teach-in and rally where the speakers adopted a multi-issues agenda, focusing on affirmative action, the and the Trustees’ plan to eliminate remedial education at Cal State campuses. Many speakers pinpointed the genocidal effects of capitalism and imperialism; one Latina professor noted that we are “white liberators” and that the role African Americans have in actually defining the country and its policies are eager to connect their activity with history.

Several students took on an engineering professor who claimed, among other things, that incidents of obvious racism are just isolated acts of individuals. By the end of the day the students were challenging the professor’s contention that engineering is non-political.

How can such discussions develop into a re-examination of what education is and should be?—Jennifer and Urrasla

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**No to nuclear dump!**

**Los Angeles**—Some 300 people, from a coalition of environmental and progressive groups, along with representatives of the Tucson, Arizona-based group, the Arizona People’s Action Front, met in an encampment at Ward Valley, Cal. on Oct. 18. Ward Valley is located 45 miles south of Las Vegas, 25 miles west of Lake Mead and 22 miles from the town of Needles. The encampment was created to protest the pro-posed Ward Valley nuclear waste dump site. The immediate issue was the House of Representatives’ budget bill that would allow the Secretary of the Interior to sell Ward Valley from the Federal government to the people of Ward Valley. If passed, the bill would allow the contractor, Waste Management Inc., to profit from the dirty business of dumping nuclear waste.

Embassy of the U.A.E. We ask you to organize pickets and rallies, and to conduct forums and public information sessions. We ask you to send letters or faxing both the Philippine Embassy and the Embassy of the U.A.E. We ask our friends in the U.S. to contact their representatives and senators and to bring up this case of a girl who was tortured and whose death is a combined issue of domestic and sexual violence and will now be killed for it.

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**Free 16-year-old Sarah!**

In sentencing Sarah Balabagan, the 16-year-old Filipino who killed her rapist-employer, to a flogging of 10 lashes, one year imprisonment and a fine of $4,100 blood money, the rulers of the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E) reveal their intent to kill and not to render justice, seeking to cow the 75,000 Filipinos, mostly women, working in that country.

Replacing the original sentence of death by mutilary with flogging is neither just nor merciful. It is a switch of means to a different form of violence, one which seems worse to many. Flogging kills and inflicts permanent bodily injury. Each flogging leaves behind numerous physical and psychological wounds—soreness, injury to underlying tissues, and causes both external and internal bleeding.

The sentence is the result of the “dramatic moves” of the Philippine government under General Fidel V. Ramos, now Spain’s Fulgencio Batista. the Ramos government’s main intent was to stifle public outrage by claiming that it was a “punishment” for rape. Although Ramos have said that the Ramos government is responsible for the torture and killings and other policies. We condemn the Ramos government and the rulers of the United Arab Emirates for this infamy. It is a crime against humanity.

We call on the governments of the U.S. and Spain to exert pressure on the Ramos government to spare Sarah’s life and to allow her to return to the Philippines. We ask our friends in the U.S. to contact their representatives and senators and to bring up this case of a girl who was tortured and whose death is a combined issue of domestic and sexual violence and will now be killed for it.

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**We may not be on the threshold of revolution**

but the fact that the idea revolution simply refuses to be silenced even when we are in a pre-revolutionary situation speaks volumes to the issues that are central to the philosophy of our age. We may not have a Hegel or a Marx or a Lenin, but we do have no other age has had in such depth — the exhaustion of all previous solutions. It is a year of stop with practice but hinders for a uniting of theory and practice. It is this, and therein lies the uniqueness of the dissertation: it is a year of practice for a political revolution. Retrogression seeks to particularize tasks, to "fit" the universal, to confuse the tasks of the masses to "make the revolution and not bolstering their heads about "self-development." (Page 285)

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**Serb genocide during Bosnia negotiations**

II. Capturing stocks of Serb arms as they proceeded, Bosnian government troops made it clear that their policy was a stringent one for a demilitarized zone, they had nothing to do with the racist, genocidal aims of the Serbian Chetniks.

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