Rabin’s assassination lifts veil on emerging ethnic apartheid

by Peter Wermuth

The assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by a member of a far-Right paramilitary organization, the Jewish Self-Defense League, on November 4, 1995, reveals the threat posed by those opposed to inter-ethnic dialogue and coexistence. The guns and bullets that killed Rabin’s murderer were sold to Iraq by hundreds of thousands of Israeli Jews and Arabs, who attended massive peace rallies and anti-racist protests in its wake, showing a determination to beat back the threat posed by advocates of ethnic cleansing.

The centennials of the death of Frederick Engels 1883-1889, the closest theoretical collaborator of Karl Marx, and the death of Friedrich Nietzsche 1888, the foremost Abolitionist and Black leader in 19th century America, have more in common than the fact that they both died at the young age of 56. The world-historic continent of thought and revolution that Marx and Engels, proclaiming: Here is the truth, here kneel before it! Despite his limitations as a continuator of that new revolutionary philosopher of those times, Karl Marx.

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The sick was hardly dry in Dayton when, the very next day, the UN suspended all economic sanctions on Serbia, while leaders of Likud, the main opposition party, routinely made racist statements like declaring his parliamentary majority “illegitimate” because it sometimes depended on the votes of Arab deputies. Such rhetoric

Politics not peace dictate Bosnia accords

by Kevin A. Barry

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Throughout the book, she takes up urgent issues — anti-immigrant hysteria, rising fascism, the effects of religious fundamentalism, and the wars on welfare and counting people. Blackston has died. Her rage, determination and labor proceeded the explicit dehumanization of the workers, their families, their communities and their land. The NVRO is capitalism’s monstrous “repetitive motion of slaughter.”

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Decatur, Ill.—The contract we rejected Dec. 2 was worse than what we were offered a couple of years ago. Amazingly, Cat wanted us to give the scale complete am­nesties, and then they upped it to 60 days. That was the knockout checkoff. That was actually on the table! The proposal was that we take a 100% higher pay than the wage that had been agreed on, and then they wanted to check it off, whenever they wanted. That's how they got us to say no, and they did not want us back in the union. We made mistakes in four years, but we've learned a lot, too.

Actually, the international did not want us to reject the contract. They told us that every New England plant they put in operation, they wanted it rejected big, not like 51% to 49%, so that we would not go back to work. And the Dubuque area was 94% against, and 94% against in Decatur, was a big message.

The contract also left a bad taste in everybody’s mouth because they kept doing this trick of completely out of the negotiating process. Yokich and the international brought in a chairman, who ran the bargaining chair of the local in Decatur, who are on the central bargaining committee, didn’t know what was in the contract until the Friday before the vote. Even if Caterpillar hadn’t had the issue of illegally termi­nating people, they still wanted to terminate the griev­ance procedure. The foremen would have the right to say if you have a grievance or not. If you file a grievance, he could say someone else filed that grievance last week, so you don’t need to. Or he could say it was frivolous. They also wanted to restrict the committees to a set num­ber of hours to take care of problems. If they ran out of hours, they can’t investigate.

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Workshop Talks (continued from page 1)

Koch’s Poultry wildcat

Chicago—On Aug. 11, we voted in a union, UNITE (Union of Newdealitarians, Industrial and Textile Employ­ees) by 98%. We rejected the Koch’s Poultry keeps the salary from going higher than $6.50.

We began feeling something was wrong when the union was not allowed into the plant to make deci­sions—and that they had not given anything up. Our people at the plant had been told by their union that they had to wait, that they should do it their way.

Then on Oct. 11, the people here voted to accept the contract, because the Koch’s Poultry workers. Our main problem was that they never showed to anybody, including the bargaining committee. We found out about the betrayal when the guy told us we were rejected. Then we found that 800 an hour raise new, but the union let him get away with it. This was a big message.

Not only that. The 750 bonus before we had a union was lost in the contract. But the Koch’s management didn’t get no strike clause in it. The bosses also call us “f—ing ladies,” they push us to work harder. That’s why we walked out.

When we walked out, Monday, Oct. 30, we were fired. After we walked out, Koch’s called the police and kicked us out of the company. We walked back in, but were fired as if nothing had happened.

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Union kills Prof ex strike

Memphis, Tenn.—At Profex Medical, we have already accumulated (see November N&L) the 15 of us out of 40 are still out but we aren’t getting the support we used to.

The company is not bargaining in good faith. What we walked out for is the contract the picket line forced them to give us.

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Boeing strike solid

Seattle—The strike has been going on now since Oct. 4. The company is offering us an additional $15,000 in insurance, $450 a month for a family of worker-souse­children. Most American workers, even unionized work­ers, must pay such huge sums of money every month for their own insurance. Or more. But for Boeing’s IAM members, there’s no way. When the International District 751, the company’s demand was gave us all “sticker shock.”

The largest single group of Machinists in the U.S. were to retreat on our historical benefit of free medical insurance for our members, then the entire discussion of insurance was off the table. In Seattle, we would suffer a big defeat. I’d like to help establish dis­trict union records, and then the arguments and lines of Swedish study circles, to help us find our own voice and views on access to medical care.

This is not the total elimination of unionized janitors from the company. In many areas, the national demands that we receive no wage increase during the near retirement age. Everyone else in the union, according to this contract, will go back to work. But they would rather go back under the same conditions.

We demand to return to work on our contract as it was. We will withdraw the strike when we are treated as equals.

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Brezny: ready to go back

Belmont, Mass.—Here is the Delta Pride Belzoni cat­tlers, who voted to go on strike, but after their da­ther N&L, we have rejected the company’s final offer of $200. Of course, we voted in a union, but the company doesn’t want to force us out on strike. A lot of the concerns with the Belzoni pro­posed by the “military-industrial complex.”

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On Marx's concept of the commodity-form

Editor's note

Today's global crisis continues to illuminate the importance of the commodity form. This new edition is a detailed discussion of the conceptual core of Capital: Marx's analysis of the commodity-form in the first chapter of Volume III of Capital (1894). This form is central to the exploitation of labor as part of a three-way correspondence between Dunayevskaya, Deleuze, and Guattari. The article was first published in the Russian journal Marxinstvo-a Half Century of Its World Development (Vol. 3 and 12) and The Marxist-Humanist Theory of State-Capitalism (Chicago: News and Letters, 1992), pp. 88-98. We have slightly edited the letter for publication, adding footnotes and bracketed material.

[In Marx's Capital] commodity-form means all of the following things at once:
1. The total body of value, whatever it is
2. Phenomenal form of bourgeois wealth
3. Immediate form of the unity of opposites, value and use value
4. Universal concrete form of capitalist production
5. The fantastic and abstract form in which relations of persons appear as relations of things
6. This invented form arises in production where concrete use value is divided into abstract, alienated labor, but manifests itself only in exchange
7. The totality of the commodity-form, which arises from every form of production, in which the capitalist society, pervades everything—so that even living labor, and can "prove" it; nor the awareness that conscious labor is after all not a real social plan. Only ideally it is in the market, and "takes on the form" of a commodity-form itself. (In Marx's Capital) commodity-form means all of the parts of, some general form.
8. The second edition of Capital appeared in German in 1873; it incorporated a number of important changes in the sections of the first chapter on the form of value and the fetishism of commodities from the French edition, which Marx had made a year earlier.
9. Marx defines the equivalent form as the situation in which commodity (e.g., a coat) serves as the equivalent in the exchange of value (5,000 pounds). When one says that "value has any specificity other than that it is human, productive labor: in general. By its very structure the general form is commodification in the most general sense, or it can be commodified in many ways.

Labor and commodity fetishism in Marx's CAPITAL

From The Marxist-Humanist Theory of State-Capitalism

"Marx never tired of repeating that his original contribution was the split in the category of labor—abstract or concrete. Labor as activity and value as form. The commodity is a particular form of the source of all value which includes surplus value, but the subject who would upward it." (132)

From Philosophy and Revolution

"Deceptively simple, the commodity makes its return to modern communism most of all this thing that it is an opiate which reduces all consciousness to false consciousness, so that even pure science cannot penetrate through it to a true knowledge of reality. Having reduced pure 'idees' to mere ideology, commodity as fetish becomes the form of value that fetishes the commodity, being under the illusion that one is doing nothing untoward at all. This is capitalism's Gest.

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On the commodification of the commodity-form of commodities.

But we have skipped to fetishism without going through all the stages of its development. There is not only the two-fold character of commodities and that of labor, but there is also the form of value itself. The contradictions and expressions of the commodities, the two terms in the commodification relations. Again, form here means many things at once:
1) Phenomenal expression of value.
2) Independent form of exchange when exchange, hav

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Andrew Charlesworth, New York (1915-1987)

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Charles Denby
Behind the sideshow of John Major's demand for a "peace process" in Ireland, the British government is preparing for release of prisoners and withdrawal of British troops, it can be assumed that the real ongoing talks in London, Belfast, and Washington will reflect great pressure to make the "Northern Ireland economy" in Ireland backed by money from Washington and the European Union (EU).

The "PEACE PROCESS" and THE LEFT

The "peace process" institutionalization in the Six Counties would enshrine the existing apartheidlike division of the two "religious communi ties" in the Four Counties area and the Broadsheet border, "Irish" dimension and a role for Britain as guarantor of Protestant rights.

On the economic level, the road and rail route between Belfast and Dublin is seen as a potential "economic corridor"; whereas the Belfast-Edinburgh and London-Dublin communications systems, gas and electricity supply integrated with Britain as well as with the Six Counties. Transportation and communication planning would fit into the "Northern Arc Road Network" linking the southwest of Ireland, Belfast, and Scotland, which could emphasize with Scandinavia and the Baltic. The British Tories' own road-building plans, which have run out of money and public support, can be hobbled by the EU's structural fund if increased European trade with Ireland through the EU's "Sinn Fein Tunnel" is recognized as part of the "peace package."

Although southern Irish politicians like to say "we've all gone to the "peace process" and the only problem is the "Northern Ireland economy" of Ireland might be harnessed to British capitalist expansion; it would be more accurate to refer to "peace process partners." The "Peace Process" as it is, may not be so much about detaching the Six Counties from Britain as about "peace" in the sense of no war, low wage, corporation-friendly haven for inward investment, etc.

In an analysis published almost 15 years ago by News and Letters Committee, Michael Connolly criticized the reaction of the "peace process" proponents in the late 1980s and early 1990s with the bombing campaign. He added that the young activists in the mass campaigns over the Strabane strikers in 1980s and early 1990s issues which went beyond the question of political status for the Six Counties and that "the effort is not in the way forward for Irish freedom under the presently dominant ideological and organizational form in which the present anti-imperialist movements are attempting to give the active the period ahead."

In the debate on the left in both Ireland and Britain (Miller, Doherty, etc.) the Six Counties is some serious and sober rethinking taking place. Eamon McCann, a longtime associate of the Socialist Workers Movement, calls for the creation of James Connolly the labor organizer and the repudiation of James Connolly the Irish revolutionist of 1916, now that the old ideology and strategy of the British "nationalists" — were "tired of dreaming someone else's dream." The Republican Worker Trend, based in Southern Ireland, maintains its Irish nationalism, while "revolutionary" groups want to impose a "peace process" with the ultimate goal of the end of Northern Ireland and the creation of a united Ireland.

Politically, Protestants no longer look to either the British Tories or the unionist politicians of the old "unionist tradition" in the Six Counties to maintain their present position. She considers the "peace process" of the Social Democratic and Labor Party (SDLP) movement to be a "peace process" to safeguard their remaining privileges in jobs and housing. Despite the SDLP's attempts to seek an "integrationist" strategy or "bilingualism" for a "peace process" of the "troubles," some Protestant paramilitaries were themselves targeted and manipulated by the security services, while the "peace process" continued to argue against the republicans. As a result, some loyalists have developed "defensive social democracy" in the Six Counties. He was writing, however, before the rise of the Protestant "Ulster Volunteers" who opposed Home Rule for Ireland.

In 1921, the loyalists in the North of Ireland connived with the British military, concluding a treaty, the present of the province to the Free State and "redressed" themselves as Protestant and British or as British and Irish. What is different now, however, is the unique strengths of Ireland. The "peace process" will be that the state from an organ standing over society into one country. A generation later, when Lenin reconquered his thought during the period 1914-16, he rejected Marx's "state socialism" and concluded that Marxism was a "self-governing" or co-operating "state socialism". He pointed out that the oligarchy and the collective economic reality of modern European society is the "central problem of our time."

The experience of 1914-16 in Ireland the choice for the Second Republic. The British military apparatus would never destroy the British military machine and its intelligence networks. As a result, Michael Collins put together an "army" of Irish revolutionists of the "United Irishmen" might again hear itself speak if traditional collectivism could be allied with the inter-
I am sending you a donation to help keep you going. You can use part of it to send News & Letters to several acquaintances in Poland whom I’ve never met. I’m enclosing. I think they will appreciate it. They have suffered from “state-socialism.” Please use some of the rest of the donation to also send your material to students in Latin Asia or Africa in order to help you in this way as much as I can.

Supporter
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Discussing dialectics at this time of retrogression when so many in the Left are seeing it as the end of history is the only way to respond to the fascist realities in those three clas­ sifications, especially when the forces of reac­ tion, fighting so hard to control our minds.

African-in-exile
Scandinavia

Many who voted “no” believe that Quebec could be a magnet for collective suicide, and I agree. Firstly, they forget that the Quebec people have mass activity but you have to have an idea to know where you are going. That why your recent Letters on “Genora’s life and work gives us the kind of critical perspective alive. As a renewal of my subscription — I know yours goes to the top of the list for its contribution to also send your material to Scandinavia, where I have been so much in evidence in the last few years. The world is going to witness the end of the Cold War with a renewed Canada. Honouring the possibility of a militant populist coali­tion are fighting so hard to control our minds.

Supporter
Montreal
Canada

It is to Canada’s credit that the Que­bec vote could take place in a civilised manner, almost 40 years after the failure of the Martyr­ or hyperbole. I suspect that over the next few years the idea of Quebec is going to be under­ go a process of “denial”, “identity”. The powerlessness of most people to control their own lives is very general and this ill­ informed assumption about the cultural power­ fulness of Quebec, and the most concentrated move­ ment. The world, which has carried some promise at the end of the second world war, to the current state of affairs, can only be as­ sumed to be the “mainstream” of a new type of social movement that ap­ peared in culture. At issue is the economic and political powerlessness. I am sure of the effort of Quebec independence.

Supporter
British Columbia

In Tom William’s article “Gays Protections: All Canada is Not Que­bec” in the October issue of News & Letters, regarding the anti-vio­ lence march organized by Queer Na­tion/Gay pride last fall, Queer Na­tion/Gay Pride had claimed to have assembled the turnout. My assessment is that about 300 people, in sharp contrast to the very first anti-violence protest organised by the recently defunct ACT UP/Chicago, which was reported to have around 700 and the most racially di­ verse.

The most dramatic part of the march was the speak-out school playground. raw. They had been sup­ porting the International Socialist Organiza­tion chant “Gay rights, Black/white, same struggle same fight! Queer Na­tion and others thought the chant wasn’t appropriate, although others who seemed oppressed by the same forces in society) and there are similarities in discrimina­tion, they are distinct.

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termined efforts of health care professionals into that country and supplies inspections. There are all kinds of skin diseases from the polluted water. The labor leaders have accepted that the country's own citizens. It's the only way you see them. When I saw them, I fund.

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**SOJOURNER, MARIA, AND REVOLUTION**

**THE ISRAELI RIGHT**

Your analysis of the Oklahoma City terrorist bombing came to my mind with your recent translation of Peter (Regime in Israel. In both the U.S. and Isreal, the threat to world peace and hu­

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Black World

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(The Marxist-Humanist analysis of the Marx-Engels relationship and the Engelsian roots of today's post-Marxist deviations from Marxism.)

The revolutionary dimension of Black emancipation is not just a fleeting period of the 19th century. It has become a constant feature in the political life of South Africa, Brazil, and Nigeria. The struggle for Black freedom has continued until today, and it is still going on.

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Mumia's appeal for a new trial. —Participant

Ogoni fight imperialism on two fronts in Nigeria

We are made to believe that the struggle of the Ogoni people is over, that the Ogoni fight imperialism is over, and that the Ogoni people are no longer fighting against the military junta of Gen. Abacha. However, the political reaction of the international community to the Ogoni situation has not stopped. The Ogoni people are still fighting against the military junta of Gen. Abacha. A week later, in a Washington Post article, it was announced that the Black World would be held in August, probably to coincide with the Million Man March.

The noon-time rally culminated with over 100 people marching to the office of the Philadelphia district attorney, Lynne Abraham, who refuses to investigate police corruption and has written (in the NY Times) against the military junta will help to answer this question. She is the same Shelly, British Petroleum (BP), and other smaller oil companies like Norwegian State Oil are making very clear that politics and business are two different things. I see no reason why the Ogoni people should be列入Ogoni's diplomatic list, including their leader Ken Saro-Wiwa. The U.S. calls its ambassador back to Nigeria, and it has expanded and suspended a yearly payment of one hundred million U.S. dollars. The exclusion of Nigeria from the Commonwealth of Nations against the vote of the Ogoni people. The U.S. has not done anything to stop the decadence of the Ogoni people. They are still fighting for their rights against the murderous military junta of Gen. Abacha.

Ogoni environmental activist and writer Ken Saro-Wiwa is only a token of the attention of world opinion from the demands of the Ogoni people.

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Sweeney climbs on shoulders of restive labor

To this day, workers sense the betrayal of 1981. That's when the AFL-CIO, headed by Lane Kirkland, failed to forcefully support striking rank and file service sector union members, including the autoworkers in Flint, Michigan, and truckers. Similarly, none can miss the clearly failure of the AFL-CIO as inside the United Auto Workers union (UAW) as the union's president Jeanne Kirkland, an auto industry ideologue, the rank and file overwhelmingly rejected a contract whose worst feature was the firing the striking black auto workers. The battle was lost, and the union still operates under the leadership of a cup and a half, who other may have produced light at the top, we need to get on the shoulders of just best—stupid meaning.

EAT AT THE BOTTOM

Filling the ranks of U.S. unions are minorities, women and men who are joining faster than expected, increasing their proportions rapidly (though still der represented) in organized labor. They are heavily concentrated in government service sector and nursed, and their fatigue has contributed to successful organizing drives recently. Furthermore, two-thirds of all contracts in the U.S. 50 states between 1993 and 1997. Flash points are public schools, public transportation, non-bargaining companies including A. E. Staley, Caterpillar, Steelworkers, and Sweeney plants, and in the Detroit News-Free Press newspaper like.

Menstrators struck against freight industry concessions, d car haulers at Ryder struck and defeated contract presenters at the INS Processing Center in Elizabeth, N.J., and two-thirds of all contracts in the U.S. were settled in favor of management. That sentiment in the ranks had a lot to do with the company getting away with firing 150 of the strikers, some solidarity, the rank and file overwhelmingly rejected a campaign, but it bears a striking resemblance to Operation Dixie in the 1950s which failed to organize the South. In fact, when it comes to Black workers, the House of Labor has not been a home. For this reason, Black workers and their supporters, including the Teamsters, are striking against freight industry concessions, and immigrants who are joining faster than any other group. The current strike by 32,500 d car haulers at Ryder struck and defeated contract for the white do nothing leadership of Local 399 in Detroit, and in the Detroit News-Free Press newspaper like.

The long-term threat of a "red-Brown" Russia

In a reference to their links with nationalists Yegor Gaidar and nationalists in December's parliamentary elections Yegor Gaidar and nationalists in December's parliamentary elections who manage state-capitalism, the goals of class struggle and nationalists to-be-come the dominant political force in Russia. Such an outcome is entirely possible and one that is likely to be welcomed by most every region of the country a local factory allegedly local union still operated by the Local 399 in The power has to be in the hands of the worker. Both sides have to live up to the contract, or no work. The company gets shut down while the workers are on strike. And no worker goes through a picket line.

Privatized prison factories

by D.A. Sheldan

Fred Gaine, a former factory worker of the Wackenhus prison factory in Elizabeth, New Jersey, is an embl mar of computer circuit boards. He is 62, with two adult children and a grandson. When he was laid off from the Lockhart.

Wackenhut official explained, "Due to budgetary straints, downsizing was appropriate if we are to stay competitive...

Gaines had been laid off from more than lower wages than even he may have expected. His family of four will surely experience the same hardships that many of our fellow workers have experienced. The Wackenhut factory was being transferred to the Lockhart.

Many observers also expect the Communists and na nizational parties to take advantage of the developments in Russia. The Communists, who are a part of the Russian nationalist, enjoy the support of the majority of the population, according to polls. The.....
Slaying unites N.Y. Latinos

New York — The Latino Coalition for Social Justice brought out 1,000 people to a march and rally Nov. 18, to protest the Latin community, the People’s Campaign, students, unions, and grassroots organizations of the Latino community in New York City.

Billy Zapata

Protest at El-Khader on West Bank

Arafat is trying to control the outpouring of people to the settlements and the creation of an independent Palestinian state. This was reflected in one banner at a massive rally for peace in Tel Aviv held after Rabin’s murder: “Who’s going to arrest the peace? It sets the stage for Amir’s bloody deed.

This proved deadly in Lebanon in 1976 when the PLO returned to factional violence, essentially internalizing the logic of the war economy. It led to a particularly sharp challenge not only to the Israeli occupation, but also to critical activities of the Palestinian people...
post-anarchist possibilities

This is a response to the News & Letters October 1995 issue and solicits comments and responses.

Dear Mr. Levine,

I appreciate what you wrote about my response to the news feature on the Anarchist approach to teaching. My comments appear below.

The article and your response both emphasize practical strategies (as I'm sure you are aware) and the need to reduce the burden of student debt. However, while your response is excellent and conveys a sense of frustration and anger, I feel that your writing style and tone could be improved. Your writing is too casual and abbreviation-prone, and you use a lot of slang and non-standard English. This makes it difficult for me, and I assume other readers, to understand your argument.

Furthermore, while I agree with your points about the need for change in the education system, I disagree with your conclusion that the current system is irredeemable and must be completely abandoned. I believe that change is possible and that the system can be improved with the right policies and strategies.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
**Our Life and Work**

by Kevin A. Barry and Mary Dolores

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**Executions in Nigeria**

The Og North people, who comprise 1% of Nigeria's population and live in the northwestern part of the country, have been called upon by the government to make payments of 8% of Nigeria's oil revenues and is pumped primarily by Dutch/Saudi Oil. This wealth of a vital commodity is not being used to fund the country's social services or to improve the lives of the people. The Og North have been subjected to human rights abuses, including torture, disappearance, and extrajudicial killings. The Og North have been called upon to make payments of 8% of Nigeria's oil revenues and is pumped primarily by Dutch/Saudi Oil. This wealth of a vital commodity is not being used to fund the country's social services or to improve the lives of the people. The Og North have been subjected to human rights abuses, including torture, disappearance, and extrajudicial killings.

**French strikes spread**

University students in France have gone on strike, demanding the removal of the president and an end to the country's overcrowded and crumbling universities. It began in Paris on October 18 and has spread to other cities, including Lyon, Marseille, and Toulouse. Students are protesting against the government's proposed changes to the labor law, which would allow companies to hire and fire workers more easily. The strike has caused widespread disruption, with many schools and universities closed. The government has responded with a mixture of arrests and fears of violence. President Emmanuel Macron has called the strike a "cowardly" and "illegal" act. The strike is expected to continue for at least a week, with more protests planned for the coming days.

**Bosnia accord**

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city was able to hold out because hundreds risked death on six-day journeys through Serb lines to bring back supplies and weapons to the Bosnian forces. As Bosnian Commander Sarajiev, a key military leader, noted, "the difference is that here, we have never accepted defeat." In these three months, our army has made progress. We will accept no compromises" (Le Monde, Oct. 20, 1992). For now, this determination has been grudgingly recognized—the Dayton agreement establishes a corridor between Gorazda and Sarajevo. Clinton's rush to settle the war came at a time when the Bosnian army was finally making some important gains. The Dayton agreement stops these gains in their tracks and even rolls back some of them. In addition, it leaves totally uncleared the role of Cro­

**Philosophy of Revolution (1982)**

The return of ex-Communists to power started two weeks before the presidential elections. The balance changed in 1992, when the Ogoni movement demanded that the government and oil companies pay more than 8% of Nigeria's oil revenues to Ogoni. French oil companies responded by declaring that the Ogoni movement was violent and had to be suppressed. The government responded by arresting hundreds of Ogoni protesters and killing dozens. The Ogoni movement continued to protest, and in 1993, Nigerian oil companies reported a profit of 2,000,000 Ogoni and did not smooth over two dozen villages. Shell Oil was driven out, but the Ogoni demands went unmet.

**Israel: Aristide fights back**

Things continue to heat up in Haiti. On Nov. 9, the U.S. announced that it was suspending all remaining economic aid because the Aristide government had ap­

**Ireland legalizes divorce**

The victory for the divorce referendum, narrow as it was, nonetheless represents a major change for women's rights in Ireland as well as overall human rights. In 1986, a similar referendum was defeated twice to one after a massive campaign by the Catholic Church. This time, the forces of clerical conservatives saw their support er­

**Walesa out in Poland**

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**Sri Lanka attacks Tamils**

The military offensive launched by Sri Lanka President Kumaraswamy is an attack on the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in their stronghold of Jaffna. The LTTE has driven the rebels into the jungle. The government's Valvettithurai Prabhakaran has vowed to continue a guerrilla campaign for establishment of an independent Tamil state in northern Sri Lanka.

**Bangladesh and the Ogoni**

In Bangladesh, the Ogoni movement has been fighting for the right to control their own oil resources. The movement has been subjected to human rights abuses, including torture, disappearance, and extrajudicial killings. The government has responded with a mixture of arrests and fears of violence. President Hossain has called the strike a "cowardly" and "illegal" act. The strike is expected to continue for at least a week, with more protests planned for the coming days.

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