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* TODAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF *

teachers in detroit went on strike, and school officials canceled the first day of fall classes. Negotiators had agreed early Monday on a new, 10-day extension while talks continued, but teachers rejected the plan. The

contract talks are the first since an elective school board was replaced earlier this year with one appointed by Mayor Dennis Archer. Teachers said merit pay was among the most contentious issues because many teachers prefer existing standards of experience, seniority, and education. Above, teachers rally at the School Center Building after their strike vote.

Hurricane Dennis edged away from the East Coast, but could still turn and hit land, weather experts said. Although the eye of the storm never came closer than 60 miles to the North Carolina shore, it still pummeled the coast with high winds and up to 8 inches of rain. Forecasters said Dennis could stall east of Cape Hatteras for three or four days.

Consumer confidence fell for the second straight month in August as higher interest rates started to weigh on more Americans, the Conference Board reported. The private business group's index of confidence, which measures consumers' likeliness to spend, edged down 0.4 of a point to 135.8 from a revised 136.2 in July. The decline was less than analysts had expected. The July drop from a 30-year high of 139.0 marked the first decline after eight consecutive monthly gains.

A task force of the US Olympic Committee recommended revamping the organization to make it operate more like a corporation. The panel, which began its work before the Salt Lake City Olympic votes-for-cash scandal, suggested creating a new position of president and chief executive officer. Dick Schultz, USOC executive director, said he would not seek the new post. The Boston Globe said Schultz is likely to concentrate on fund-raising when the reorganization is complete sometime next year.

The nation's leading cigarette manufacturers raised wholesale prices 18 cents a pack, anticipating an excise-tax increase and higher costs associated with their \$206 billion, 46-state settlement over health-care costs. After markups, retail prices are likely to increase about 22 cents a pack, analysts said. Cigarettes now cost about \$2.50 to \$3.25 a pack, depending on the region of the country. This increase is the second-largest in industry history; there was a 45-cent price hike last November after the settlement with the states.

Most US medical schools fail to teach new doctors how to help people stop smoking, a national survey indicated. The study, published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, recommends that model curricula be developed and implemented in all medical schools.

Erratic winds fed wildfires in southern California, forcing evacuation of residents in the San Bernardino National Forest between the resort town of Lake Arrowhead and the high desert of Apple Valley, 80 miles northeast of Los Angeles. Fifty miles to the west, in Angeles National Forest, 785 firefighters battled a 2,500-acre wildfire that forced more than 4,000 campers and cabin owners out of San Gabriel Canyon.

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"they seem not to be able to handle this very well," a senior UN official in East Timor complained after Indonesian security forces failed to stop

new acts of harassment by anti-independence militiamen. The day after the crucial referendum on autonomy, the opponents were blamed for preventing people from leaving the province, blocking a UN convoy from using a public highway, and threatening independence supporters on the streets of the capital, Dili. One Timorese UN employee was killed, although reports that three others also had died couldn't be confirmed. Above, a UN guard keeps watch over ballot boxes shipped to Dili from outlying areas.

Two more strong tremors struck the region of Turkey devastated by last month's earthquake, sending thousands of frightened people back into the streets to escape collapsing buildings. One death and at least 70 injuries were reported. Scientists said the first of the late-morning aftershocks had a magnitude of 5.2 and the second 4.6. The Aug. 17 quake is blamed for at least 14,202 deaths, and hundreds of thousands of other people are considered homeless.

Hopes for peace grew after 51 founders of Congo's largest rebel movement became the last to sign a cease-fire agreement aimed at ending the year-long struggle to topple President Laurent Kabila. The ceremony, in Lusaka, Zambia, was witnessed by international mediators as well as representatives of the African nations that had backed the Congolese Rally for Democracy (RCD). It paves the way for deployment of UN military liaison officers and international peacekeeping troops. A six-week internal dispute over whose names should appear on the document kept the RCD from signing July 10 when Kabila and the other parties to the civil war did.

Indications grew that the main Protestant political group in Northern Ireland would pressure the British government to delay next week's "review" of the province's shaky peace accord. A source in the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) confirmed published reports that it would discuss urging British Prime Minister Tony Blair to hold off the review, which is to be chaired beginning Monday by former US Sen. George Mitchell. UUP leaders say the review, aimed at breaking the logjam on a power-sharing Protestant-Catholic self-rule government, has little hope of succeeding.

Saying, "We want to coexist with the Congress, but they're behaving like spoiled children," supporters of President Hugo Chávez on Venezuela's Constitutional Assembly stripped elected lawmakers of their final powers. The assembly - whose task is to rewrite the Constitution but which has declared itself the nation's supreme authority - had taken away most of Congress's duties and powers last week. A senior lawmaker sought a ruling from the Supreme Court that the assembly's move was illegal, but since the court also is essentially disbanded it was unlikely the suit would succeed, analysts said.

Mireya Moscoso, the first woman to win the presidency of Panama, is to take her oath of office today. The widow of ex-President Anulfo Arias, a successful business executive in her own right, was elected to the post in May.

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UH-OH; TROUBLE COMING

Looking for work as an executive appointments secretary? There may be just such an opening soon ... in Uganda. News reports say President Yoweri Museveni and some Cabinet ministers kept a date to appear at a fund-raiser last weekend that featured a livestock auction. But as they relaxed nearby, a bull broke loose and charged at them. Museveni knocked over two pieces of furniture in his haste to retreat. Except for bruised dignity, he wasn't hurt - although a guard was, in trying to restrain the animal.

FIND SOMEONE ELSE; I'M BUSY

The booming US economy is good for everyone, right? You'd get an argument about that from Derry, N.H. It seems local contractors are so fully booked that only one of them bothered to bid on part of a downtown improvement project. And the bid was for \$250,000 more than Town Council OK'd for the job - meaning the work may have to be put off until later.

'Sixth Sense,' No. 1 again, joins the box-office elite

The ghostly thriller "The Sixth Sense" is the first movie in more than a year to rule at the North American box office for four consecutive weekends. It grossed \$20.1 million last Friday through Sunday, giving it a cumulative total of \$138.9 million. "Saving Private Ryan" was the last to top the box office four times in a row, ending the weekend of Aug. 14-16, 1998, when it earned \$13.2 million. "The Sixth Sense" joins 1997's "Titanic" and this year's "Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace" as the only films to earn more than \$20 million four straight weekends. Estimated grosses Aug. 27-29 (in millions):

1. "The Sixth Sense" \$20.1
2. "13th Warrior" 10.3
3. "Runaway Bride" 6.8
4. "Bowfinger" 6.6
5. "Mickey Blue Eyes" 5.4
6. "The Thomas Crown Affair" 4.6
7. "In Too Deep" 4.2
- (tie) "The Blair Witch Project" 4.2
9. "The Astronaut's Wife" 4.0
10. "The Muse" 3.9

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the international monetary fund has seen no evidence that its loans to Russia have been diverted illegally through US banks, a senior official said. US Rep. Jim Leach (R) of Iowa, chairman of the House Banking Committee, had suggested that IMF loans to Russia be halted until controls were in place to prevent diversions of the sort that allegedly occurred through the Bank of New York. But Tom Dawson, IMF director of external affairs, said tight controls had been implemented after an accounting firm found the Russian central bank in 1996 funneled \$1.2 billion in IMF money to a company it controlled in the Channel Islands off Britain.

American Airlines, the nation's second-largest, was to merge Reno Air Inc. into its system - about eight months after buying the low-cost carrier. American's parent company, AMR Corp., met with its pilots Monday in a last-minute attempt to work out a deal over how Reno pilots will be integrated into the company, but no agreement was reached. The dispute evolved into a pilot sickout in February that stranded hundreds of thousands of passengers around the world. The parties were expected to continue their talks.

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Good Morning All,

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2. FBI, Marshall Center Host Conference on Organized Crime (31 August 1999)

3. World Bank To Take Second Look At Tibetan Relocation Project (Inside China Today, 31 August 1999)

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4. Canada Authorities Seize Human Smuggling Ship (Reuters, 31 August 1999)

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28. UN fears for Timor staff (South China Morning Post, 1 Sept 1999)

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29. Nuclear Weapon Nations and Arsenals (Carey Sublette, Feb 1999)

30. The Role and Theory of Nuclear Weapon-free Zones (Jan Prawitz, Visiting scholar at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs)

31. Toward a nuclear-weapon-free world: a Chinese perspective (by Dingli Shen)

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33. Teaming Opportunity For REVCON NRA 2 - NASA

Take care and have a good one,

Zhi

1. Top U.S. laser expert resigns after admitting no Ph.D (Reuters, 31 August 1999)

LIVERMORE, Calif - The head of one of the nation's top laser programmes resigned his post after officials at the California laboratory where he worked learned he lacked a Ph.D, a laboratory spokeswoman said on Tuesday. Mike Campbell, the associate director for laser programmes at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, left his position on Friday after a series of anonymous faxes sent to officials at the laboratory and at the Department of Energy in Washington said he did not have a doctorate degree.

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2. FBI, Marshall Center Host Conference on Organized Crime (31 August 1999)

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies are co-hosting an international conference on organized crime August 31 through September 2 in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. According to an August 25 press release from the FBI, the focus of the conference is to determine which aspects of organized crime pose the greatest threats to national security and to allow crime-fighting experts to explore and develop proposals for both unilateral and cooperative measures. The FBI said

representatives from the United States and more than 21 European and Eurasian countries were expected to attend, and that officials from Hungary, Poland, the United Kingdom, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, and the United States were scheduled to address the conference.

3. World Bank To Take Second Look At Tibetan Relocation Project (Inside China Today, 31 August 1999)

WASHINGTON -- The World Bank said on Monday it expected to launch a full investigation within weeks into a loan to China for a resettlement project, amid calls from Tibetan activists to halt the controversial plan.

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</color></u>4. Canada Authorities Seize Human Smuggling Ship (Reuters, 31 August 1999)

VICTORIA, British Columbia - Canadian authorities seized a decrepit boat loaded with 190 illegal migrants off the country's west coast Tuesday, uncovering the third attempt to smuggle human cargo into the country by sea in just five weeks.

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5. Panama's president-elect widow of towering figure (Reuters, 31 August 1999)

PANAMA CITY - Panama's president-elect Mireya Moscoso, widow of one of the country's towering political figures, has shown her populist bent by scrapping the usual inauguration ceremony and inviting thousands to a national baseball park. Much of Moscoso's appeal lies in the fact that she is so different from her predecessor. Outgoing President Ernesto Perez Balladares, known as The Bull for his powerful frame, has pushed through unpopular economic reforms that have won him respect but little affection.

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6. Colombia rebels storm power plant as strike rages (Reuters, 31 August 1999)

BOGOTA - Marxist rebels stormed a hydro-electric power plant in western Colombia Tuesday and were reportedly holding up to 100 people in an operation to back the first day of a general strike by the country's main unions.

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7. Chile's military, rights activists discuss missing dissidents (AP, 31 August 1999)

SANTIAGO, Chile - Focusing on a painful legacy of Chile's former dictatorship, military officers and human rights activists on Tuesday tried to determine the fate of hundreds of dissidents who disappeared under the rule of Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

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8. Germany hoping for upturn in trade with Iran (IRNA, 31 August 1999)

London - Germany is hoping for an early turnaround in its deteriorating trade performance with Iran following the resumption of short and medium term cover earlier this year.

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9. US said angry that Polish tanks went to Sudan (Reuters, 31 August 1999)

WARSAW - Poland admitted on Tuesday that 20 tanks it sold to Yemen earlier this year were illegally diverted, and a Polish newspaper reported the United States was angry because it had warned the weapons would go astray. The daily Gazeta Wyborcza reported on Tuesday that the second-hand tanks had ended up in Sudan, and said Washington was threatening to impose hefty penalties on Warsaw for ignoring its advice to halt their delivery.

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10. Czechs Halt Construction Of Wall Isolating Roma (Central Europe Online, 31 August 1999)

PRAGUE -- Czech authorities have halted the construction of a six foot (two-meter) wall which would have separated Gypsy families from other residents in the northern town of Usti nad Labem, Czech Television reported on Monday.

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11. Communists Aim For Broad Electoral Bloc (RFE/RL, 31 August 1999)

Communist Party leader Gennadii Zyuganov told journalists in Moscow on 30 August that the KPRF will participate in the upcoming parliamentary elections as part of a "broad people's patriotic bloc, 'For Victory,'" Interfax reported. He said that this union will be an "association of the country's citizens rather than a group of two or three public and political organizations." And he added that "respected leaders and people famous in this country" will join it. Zyuganov criticized Agrarian Party leader Mikhail Lapshin for joining the Fatherland-All Russia bloc and suggested that "Lapshin is not the whole Agrarian Party."

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12. Video machine explodes in mall by Kremlin in apparent bomb attack (AP, 31 August 1999)

MOSCOW - An explosion ripped through a video game parlor in a shopping mall near the Kremlin on Tuesday, spraying glass and metal and injuring at least 30 people. Police said it could have been an attack by terrorists or by organized crime.

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13. Russian Scandal Charges Denied (RFE/RL, 31 August 1999)

Boris Berezovskii, an oligarch close to President Boris Yeltsin, told Ekho Moskvyy on 30 August that unless Moscow responds promptly to "false Western charges" about money-laundering, "all business in Russia will be represented as criminal," Interfax reported. He said that the scandal charges are being made by individuals both inside the country and beyond "who do not want Russia to be represented by its best components." Berezovskii concluded that those spreading such charges in the West include people "who are trying to obstruct" the construction of a democratic society in Russia. At the same time, he added that "there is no law that bans a Russian citizen, including the president, from holding accounts in foreign banks."

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14. Russian Scandal Charges Confirmed (RFE/RL, 31 August 1999)

Georgii Chuglazov, the federal prosecutor who was removed from the Mabetex case last week, told Interfax on 30 August that "at least 90 percent of published material [about the case] is true, and investigators have the documents to support this." Various media

outlets have reported that Mabetex paid \$1 million into an account held in Yeltsin's name and paid off his daughters' credit card balances. Meanwhile, Aleksandr Lebedev, the president of Russia's National Reserve Bank and deputy head of the Our Home Is Russia movement, told Interfax that reports about money-laundering through the Bank of New York are probably true, although he said claims that IMF money was laundered through that bank are "absolutely false."

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15. Federal Forces Battle Militants In Central Daghestan (RFE/RL, 31 August 1999)

Backed by helicopters and armored vehicles, Russian federal forces and Daghestani Interior Ministry troops launched ground and artillery attacks on 30 August against some 300-500 guerrillas entrenched in the villages of Karamakhi, Chabanmahki, Kadar, and Durangi in Daghestan's Buinaksk Raion. Four Russian troops were killed in the fighting and 15 wounded. Four Karamakhi villagers were also killed. It is unclear how many of the "guerrillas" are members of the Chechen-led force that invaded Daghestan earlier this month and how many are devout Muslim residents of the villages in question, whom the Daghestani authorities have branded as "Wahhabis." Also on 30 August, Daghestan's Prosecutor-General Imam Yarialiev wrote to his Chechen counterpart to request the extradition of four residents of Daghestan who helped organize the attack on the republic, Interfax reported.

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16. Cherkess Appeal To Yeltsin To Restore Their Autonomy (RFE/RL, 31 August 1999)

Supporters of defeated Karachaevo-Cherkessia presidential candidate Stanislav Derev have called on President Yeltsin to issue a decree on re-establishing the Cherkess Autonomous Oblast (abolished in 1957) and on prolonging the temporary appointment of Valentin Vlasov as head of executive power in the Republic of Karachaevo-Cherkessia until the new government of the Cherkess Autonomous Oblast is appointed, Caucasus Press reported on 31 August. Derev's supporters launched a protest demonstration on 27 August against the republican Supreme Court's ruling that the results of the 16 May presidential runoff are valid. According to official figures, ethnic Karachai Vladimir Semenov won more than 70 percent of the vote, while Derev, who is Cherkess, received only 20 percent. ITAR-TASS reported on 30 August that both Derev and Semenov proposed to Yeltsin a month ago that he defuse tensions in the North Caucasus by appointing Boris Berezovskii as presidential envoy to the region.

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17. Chechen President Moves Against Udugov, Fires Security Chief
(RFE/RL, 31 August 1999)

Aslan Maskhadov issued a decree on 29 August removing Movladi Udugov from Chechnya's National Security Council, Interfax reported. Presidential spokesman Selim Abdumuslimov said that Udugov "became a member of a large-scale ideological sabotage operation against the Chechen state" and "pushed the traditional friendship between the Daghestani and Chechen peoples to breaking point." Udugov is believed to be allied with Chechen field commander Shamil Basaev, who coordinated the incursion into neighboring Daghestan earlier this month. ITAR-TASS reported on 31 August that Russian specialists have inactivated Udugov's Web site, which Daghestan Defense Ministry sources claim he used to spread false information about the Russian military operations against Chechen-led militants in Daghestan. On 30 August, Maskhadov also fired Ibragim Khultygov as National Security chief for concentrating on the oil sector rather than ensuring his agency performed its proper function.

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18. U.S. House staffers meet with Iraqi deputy prime minister

BAGHDAD, Iraq - A group of U.S. congressional staff members visiting Iraq in defiance of a U.S. travel ban further angered the State Department by meeting Tuesday with Iraq's deputy prime minister.

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19. U.N. ready to OK Iraq's donation of oil to Turkey (Reuters, 31 August 1999)

UNITED NATIONS - The U.N. Security Council's sanctions committee approved informally on Tuesday Iraq's proposed donation of \$10 million in oil to Turkey's earthquake victims, diplomats said. Turkey is expected to sell the oil and donate the revenues to the Turkish Red Crescent to aid those made homeless in the devastating August 17 earthquake.

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20. Kidnapped tourists released (BBC, 31 August 1999)

Kidnappers in Iran have released four European tourists and an Iranian national. The official Islamic Republic News Agency reported that the group was released at 2030 local time (1600GMT), but gave no further details. The five men were abducted at gunpoint on 14 August from a

hotel in Kerman, 880km (550 miles) southeast of the capital, Tehran. They are understood to have been held in a mountainous region in southeastern Iran, between Kerman and Sistan Baluchistan provinces.

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21. Pak. claim on Indian attack (The Hindu, 31 August 1999)

ISLAMABAD - Three Pakistani troops were killed when Indian soldiers tried to "capture" a Pakistani post in the Shyok-Turtok sector yesterday, the Inter-Services Public Relation (ISPR) claimed in a press release today. The attack was foiled, the release maintained. The news of the clash in the Shyok-Turtok sector is significant because the first clashes in the run-up to the Kargil conflict, according to Pakistan, had taken place in the same area.

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22. Zhu fights generals on military budget (South China Morning Post, 1 Sept 1999)

PLA generals, lobbying for a bigger budget to purchase more advanced weaponry, are clashing with Premier Zhu Rongji who has reservations about excessively expanding the military budget. The generals are pushing the case for more weapons, in particular Su-35 jet fighters from Russia. Beijing has just concluded a deal with Moscow to procure 60 Su-30 jets, of which the Su-35 is a more advanced version. The generals also want a bigger say in the mainland's policy towards Taiwan.

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23. PLA conducts naval drills north of island (South China Morning Post, 1 Sept 1999)

The PLA recently conducted submarine exercises and missile tests, the military's newspaper reported yesterday. Although the mainland media have toned down their campaign against Taiwan, they continue to report on military exercises and to run commentaries attacking President Lee Teng-hui for his remark on "state-to state" ties. People's Liberation Army Daily reported that an unnamed naval division carried out submarine-aircraft combat drills on the East China Sea, to the north of Taiwan.

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24. 'Ice' gang suspects arrested (South China Morning Post, 1 Sept 1999)

Police in Fujian province have confiscated 66kg of the drug "ice" and arrested five suspected drug traffickers, including two from Taiwan, Xinhua reported yesterday.

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25. China - Hacker jailed for 18 months (AP, 1 Sept 1999)

A man convicted of destroying computer information systems has been sentenced to 18 months in prison in Guangzhou, China Daily reported yesterday. The Guangzhou Intermediate Court found Lu Xuewen, 25, guilty of stealing computer account numbers and breaking into the Guangzhou-based mainframe of China Net, a major Internet services provider, the report said. Lu's manipulation of the system on several occasions in January and February of 1998 caused it to run "out of control" for a total of about 15 hours, it added. The press report said that Lu was the principal offender in the country's first case involving the tampering with a computerised information system by a hacker.

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26. Jiang Insists On Right To Use Force To Reunite China With Taiwan (Inside China Today, 31 August 1999)

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA -- Chinese president Jiang Zemin has insisted on China's right to use force to reunite with Taiwan in an interview with editors of The Australian newspaper published Tuesday.

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</color></u>27. North scorns attempts to stop missile test (South China Morning Post, 1 Sept 1999)

North Korea defiantly marked the first anniversary yesterday of a

medium-range missile test that stunned North Asia, scorning attempts to head off a feared new launch.

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<<http://www.scmp.com/News/Asia/Article/FullText_asp_ArticleID-19990901025813424.asp>

28. UN fears for Timor staff (South China Morning Post, 1 Sept 1999)

Pro-Indonesian militias yesterday dampened the euphoria of the massive turnout in East Timor's independence vote, laying siege to dozens of United Nations workers and reportedly killing three.

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<<http://www.scmp.com/News/Front/Article/FullText_asp_ArticleID-19990901012544926.asp>

29. Nuclear Weapon Nations and Arsenals (Carey Sublette, Feb 1999)

There are currently five nations considered to be "nuclear weapons nations", an internationally recognized status conferred by the Non-Proliferation Treaty. In order of acquisition of nuclear weapons these are: the United States of America, Soviet Union/Russia, United Kingdom, France, and China. In actual fact, several more nations have developed nuclear weapons but do not publicly admit to having deployed them (in particular India, Israel, and Pakistan). Oddly enough, despite the decision of India and Pakistan to openly conduct weapons tests and declare themselves nuclear weapon states, they still have not acknowledged the possession of an actual deployed arsenal. Because of this, and the incidental fact that no other nation yet recognizes India or Pakistan as a nuclear power, I am retaining them as "suspect states" for the time being. The three smaller Soviet successor states that inherited nuclear arsenals (Ukraine, Kazakhstan, and Belarus) have now relinquished all nuclear warheads which have been removed to Russia.

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30. The Role and Theory of Nuclear Weapon-free Zones (Jan Prawitz, Visiting scholar at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs)

The concept of nuclear-weapon-free zone (NWFZ), as it has developed from the political deliberation since the mid-1950s, does today cover a spectrum of arrangements, geographically ranging from whole continents like Latin America to a corridor in CentraEurope, and functionally serving purposes of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons as well as avoiding nuclear war. The expansion of the NWFZ concept to include all weapons of mass destruction has been proposed. The zone issues should, therefore, be studied both in historical and conceptual terms.

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<<<http://mercurio.sm.dsi.unimi.it/~uspid/proceed/cast97/prawitz.html>>

31. Toward a nuclear-weapon-free world: a Chinese perspective (by Dingli Shen)

Westerners often say they are puzzled by China's nuclear policies. They need not be. China has not said a lot over the years regarding nuclear issues, but what it has said has been consistent. As a Chinese observer, I believe that banning nuclear weapons testing is of considerable significance to the success of insuring the nonproliferation of nuclear weapons. However, banning nuclear weapons testing itself will neither result in a ban of nuclear weapons directly, nor will it prohibit further research and development of nuclear weapons technology by non-nuclear testing methods. Although a comprehensive nuclear test ban (CTB) treaty would help support the goal of nuclear nonproliferation, success in stopping the proliferation of nuclear weapons will, in the long run, depend upon delegitimizing nuclear weapons-banning the possession of nuclear weapons by all nations.

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