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**Yitzhak Rabin**  
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## Quotes of the Week on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin

"Rabin was looking to the future. He was looking out for us, the younger generation. They killed him. They killed my hope." — **Amir Shavir, 18-year-old Israeli, on the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin**

"Jewish fanaticism and terrorism is not less dangerous than Palestinian." — **Ziad Abu Ziad, a Palestinian peace negotiator**

"The biggest danger is ideology taken to extreme." — **Rabbi Stanley Rosenbaum, Lincoln**

"The man who murdered you will not be able to murder the idea that you carried." — **Shimon Peres, Rabin's successor**

"A great man has died." — **Paula Lavigne, DN columnist**

"Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is assassinated over the weekend, and your Monday morning 6x8 front page photo is of a FOOTBALL PLAYER?" — **Charlotte McAvoy Kryiss, in a letter to the editor**

"Remember the Shamir years? Stones. Molotov cocktails. Bombs exploding regularly on busy street corners. This is precisely what Rabin worked so hard to eliminate." — **Neil Feldman, DN columnist**

"We must not hesitate to use all the means at our disposal against people indulging in incitement, the instigators and those who pull the trigger." — **Peres, on Jewish extremists**

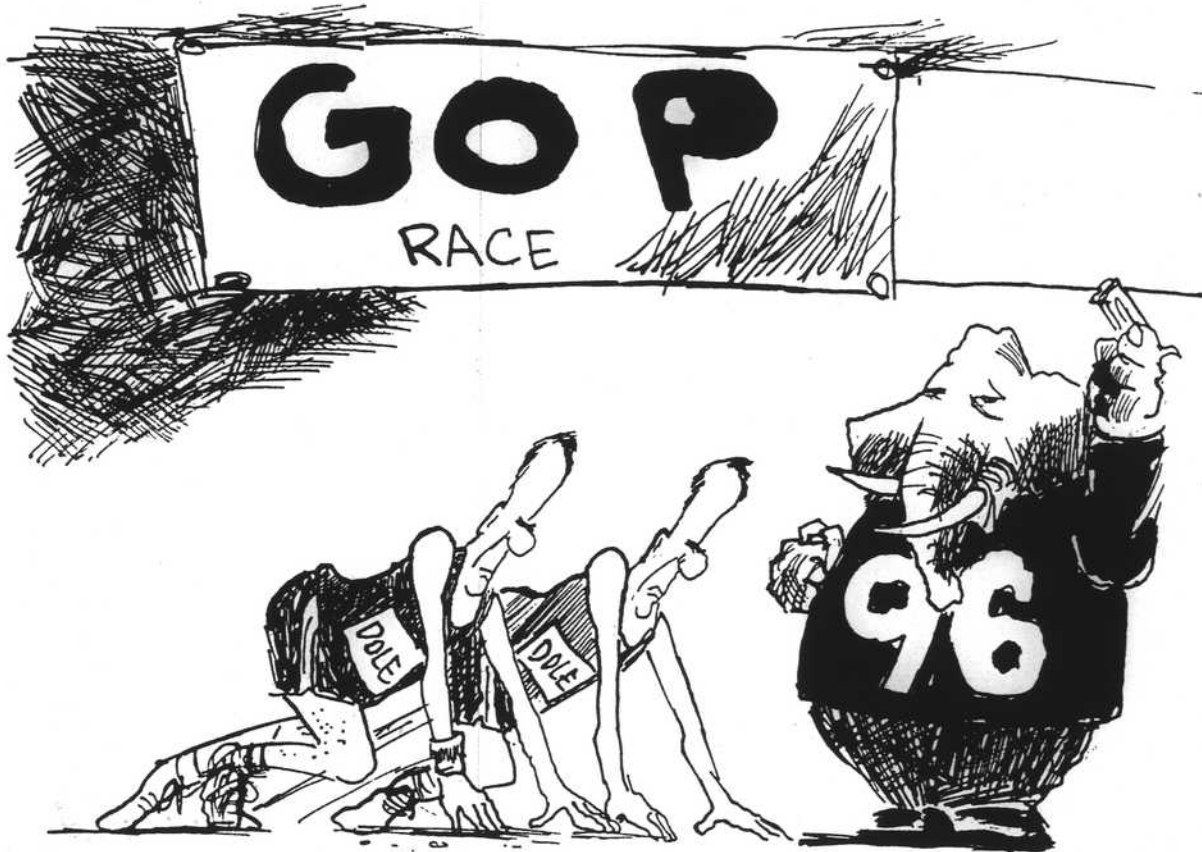
"Yitzhak Rabin was a fool fighting for a lost cause. Peace will never come to a region where Jews and Muslims are living side by side." — **Scott Knutson, in a letter to the editor**

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### Knutson

Scott Knutson wrote (Letters, Nov. 9) that if America became isolationist:

1. America would be just fine.
2. The rest of the world would experience complete economic ruin.
3. Little countries like Kuwait and Israel that rely on our protection would be destroyed, bringing peace to regions through elimination of opposition.

In response to the first two points, America is in no way safe from the economic disasters of other countries. Just last March, American investors lost billions of dollars in a matter of days when the Mexican peso crashed. Had it not been for American aid to Mexico, the American economy would have lost much more.

Through foreign investment, America is vitally linked to other economies.

Also, while the United States does hold a large trade deficit,

the value of our exports is still tremendously high, and without foreign trade partners, many of our products would be unsold and production would have to be cut, contributing to more layoffs, greater unemployment, and economic recession in America.

America does hold an economic edge in communications and similar technologies, and were we to isolate ourselves from the world economy, it would be devastating to these and other high-tech markets for the United States. We would lose the economic advantages of being so far ahead in these markets.

Perhaps you don't understand, but the world economy, America included, is much more connected than anyone could possibly imagine.

In response to your last point, if America is to retain any moral edge whatsoever, then it must continue to help other countries which are less fortunate.

As the richest country in the world, it is our moral and ethical duty to help other countries which are in need.

You wrote that Rabin's fight for peace was a lost cause; the fight for

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peace is never a lost cause, but is a moral obligation.

Even in strictly economic terms the interests of the Middle East are our own — because if we were cut off from its oil resources, America would be thrust into economic shambles.

We are linked to the world and nothing could change that, even if we wanted to. It's the price of a world economy.

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Knutson

Scott Knutson's derisive letter in Thursday's paper made me wince.

1. America can't afford to live in isolation.

In a world where international trade is becoming increasingly beneficial and efficient, the United States is reaping rewards for its involvement overseas that affect every one of us. Try buying an American car, VCR, or TV. Conversely, would we be able to buy such cheap foreign products if countries like Japan, Korea, and Taiwan didn't have secure access to oil?

2. America tried isolation and the results were disastrous.

Hitler's rise to power and eventual Lebensraum invasions were aided by the perception that the United States was content to remain in its own "Splendid Isolation". How many millions of people died in that war?

Imagine living in a world where Nazi Germany still existed dominating all of Europe and Northern Asia.

Next imagine the Nazis with atomic weaponry. Not Good. Mr. Knutson, read the history books, read the economics books. A simplistic view of the world is a flawed view of the world! Genocide is what you are supporting!

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### Knutson (sort of)

I was not surprised when I saw lengthy information about the return of a football player on top of the death of Yitzhak Rabin. If you follow the DN closely enough, you know it is nothing more than a daily football paper. And unfortunately, it might be the only "news" paper read by most of the students in this university. So after all, what else can be expected from most students?

Degradation of UNL students' quality could be a result of low-quality DN.

Degradation of American people as a whole, in my opinion, is a consequence of media influences, and the arrogance and ignorance of citizens such as Scott Knutson (Letters, Nov. 9).

The United States is going downhill, while her citizens are in their sweet dreams.

**Kwee Tew**  
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### Knutson

Thank-you Scott Knutson for your feeble attempt to degrade Paula Lavigne and her "Kelly Bundy" approach to foreign policy. It was — what's the word — cute?

As an Israeli citizen, I mourn the death of Rabin and applaud his efforts toward obtaining peace. It takes a strong person, such as Rabin, to halt chaos between two countries in an attempt for peace.

It takes a weak man, such as yourself, to sit back and criticize another for being a "fool fighting for a lost cause."

Enough said.

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