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- x Nt so mch to mourn death
as celebrate life - extraordinary
as it was long
- x Nt given to many of us to live 93
& even fewer who die at that age
with cause undimmed thru out
whole lifetime
 - o to die with beliefs intact
 - o ideals undestroyed by wld's disasters
 - o enthusiasm as strong & fresh as if
recent convert
- x refer, of c, to belief in Marxism & CP
core of his life, central to his
existence from time as
14 yr old boy Lithuania -
joined BUND - fore runner CP
- x ~~time~~ ~~who~~ today Marxist thought
influences wld - like Darwin, Freud,
become central to our understandg
of our wld, but not there...

- x BERLIN U. expelled being leader of demo thru streets
- x BERNE, Switzerland - LENIN
- x 1913 left Europe for SA where lived until 1965, when, like others, went into exile from what had become his country.
- x BERGER - emigration across borders - home was heart of real, leaving home means undoing meaning of world. And so does for millions of SA's. But ~~SB~~ SB tk his reality with him from Europe to Africa to Britain, bc' his home was his pol conviction, & it was central meaning of his life.
- x GREAT TEACHER. Taught Marxism. Middle-European accent never modified, bt mastery of language never less than absolute. Cld explain complicated concepts clearly, simply, in unstoppable flow of wds, of logic.

x Went on teachg - hospital bed
seekg converts among nurses,
staff & patients at Royal F

x 3 or 4 yrs ago, Ad Branch
held pty to comemorate 75
continuous yrs - celebration
- stoppd going 6 mths ago

x He also had blessing o someone
to care fr hm in latter part o
life, & it is o Sadie etc
we think now

Philosophical polemic
Dialectics o death

Indestructable core o hs
life remains

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