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U.N. troops awarded Nobel Prize

From Associated Press reports

OSLOW, Norway — Soldiers on the front lines of the United Nations' 40-year quest for peace won the 1988 Nobel Peace Prize on Thursday for steadfast duty in the crossfire of world conflicts.

The Nobel committee said the U.N. peacekeeping troops built greater faith in the United Nations, which "has come to play a more central part in world affairs."

The award could bolster new U.N. peacemaking efforts to oversee shaky truce agreements in the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan.

In Jerusalem, peacemakers broke open bottles of champagne to celebrate the prestigious award as the word was passed by radio from outpost to outpost. Five of the seven peacekeeping forces are in the Middle

East.

Nearly 10,000 peacekeepers from more than 30 countries serve under the U.N. flag.

The citation from the Nobel Committee, made up of five Norwegians, said the troops showed the world's determination to settle disputes peacefully. It said they "made a decisive contribution towards the initiation of actual peace negotiations."

Lt. Col. William Higgins, who headed the 76-member U.N. supervision group in south Lebanon, is among nine American hostages in Lebanon. Higgins, 43, was seized Feb. 17.

The prize was an indirect tribute to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who was not eligible because he was nominated after the Feb. 1

deadline.

Perez de Cuellar, speaking to applause at the U.N. General Assembly in New York, said the Nobel committee showed "that the quest for peace is a universal undertaking involving all the nations and peoples of the world."

The U.N. chief said he would accept the prize in Oslo on Dec. 10, the anniversary of benefactor Alfred Nobel's death in 1896. It carries a cash award of 2.5 million Swedish kronor, worth \$390,000 dollars today.

U.N. officials did not say how the money would be used. The peacekeeping operations cost about \$230 million a year, and officials say that likely additional operations in southern Africa, western Sahara and Cambodia will raise the total to \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion annually.

Committee chairman Egil Aarvik confirmed that President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev were among the 97 candidates and were "seriously considered" for the prize.

He did not explain the committee's decision. But when asked if the presidential election was a factor, he said: "Yes, we take everything into consideration, also that."

Reagan congratulated the peacekeeping forces.

"No, I didn't deserve it as much (as they did)," Reagan told reporters at the White House. "It was an admirable decision."

Reagan and Gorbachev were nominated for signing a treaty to dismantle land-based intermediate-range missiles, the first accord to reduce the superpowers' nuclear arsenals.

Official says Soviet shakeup imminent

From Associated Press reports

MOSCOW — The legislature and the Communist Party's policy-making body will shake up the Kremlin hierarchy in extraordinary meetings this week, a high-level source said Thursday.

The policy-setting Central Committee meets Friday and the Supreme Soviet on Saturday. The meetings brought officials rushing back to Moscow and sparked speculation that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and his opponents would face off over his ambitious economic and social reforms.

Soviet sources said there was "no crisis" in the leadership, but the abrupt change in plans of several top

Kremlin figures clearly indicated urgent or unexpected business.

Tass reported Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze landed in Moscow Thursday afternoon after cutting short a United Nations visit. Defense Minister Dmitri Yazov ended a visit to India a day ahead of schedule.

The 1,500-member Supreme Soviet, the nation's parliament, usually convenes twice a year after meetings of the 300-member Central Committee. It last met May 24-26.

Soviet media reported Sunday that a regular session of the Supreme Soviet would begin Oct. 27, and the announcement Thursday of a special sitting at such short notice was highly

unusual.

The Central Committee had been expected to meet by the end of October, but one Soviet source said plans for implementing Gorbachev's political reforms were proceeding "faster than was expected."

The source, a member of the Central Committee staff, said the committee will approve changes in the party and the structure of government outlined at a party conference in June.

The reforms are intended to enhance the status of the party as the leading force in Soviet society.

The source called it "logical" that personnel changes would follow any change in the organizations' format.

He spoke on condition of anonymity.

At its last meeting July 29, the Central Committee adopted a timetable for overhauling the Soviet political system, which also was discussed at the party conference.

That blueprint calls for a new, full-time legislature and a more powerful president — a post Gorbachev could take on.

The first deadline set was October, by which time the Central Committee said a draft law on amendments to the Soviet Constitution and on multicandidate elections of legislators was to be complete. In a Sept. 23 speech, Gorbachev said the party's 13-member Politburo would convene soon to review the draft law.

Candidates discuss space, environment

From Associated Press reports

George Bush and Michael Dukakis chroused praise for America's triumphant return to space on Thursday, then swapped charges over the environment as they resumed daily combat in a hardfought race for the White House.

Dukakis stood with actor and environmentalist Robert Redford at his side as he attacked Bush as a man whom polluters should love.

"Calling George Bush an environmentalist is like calling Dan Quayle a statesman," the Democrat said in a two-sided attack against both members of the Republican ticket.

Bush got off a double-edged attack of his own when he scoffed at Dukakis' claims of being tough on crime. "If you believe that, he's got some bottled water from Boston Harbor he'd like to sell you," the vice president said in a crack about

Boston's own pollution problems.

Bentsen campaigned in Tennessee, where he had hoped to watch the launch of the space shuttle with a group of schoolchildren. The Texas senator left before the delayed blast-off, but said later, "It was a spectacular takeoff. Oh, Russians, we're back."

Bush had concluded his speech to a campaign crowd in St. Charles, Mo., when he learned from aides the

shuttle had been launched. He returned to the platform to tell cheering supporters, "We're going to keep the edge in space. We're back. America's back."

Dukakis offered similarly upbeat sentiments in New Jersey, opening his speech on the environment by saying it was a "very successful morning. As all of you know, the space launch was successful. We're very proud of the astronauts."

House party leaders spar over Wright, CIA situation

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — House Speaker Jim Wright accused Republicans on Thursday of carrying out a political vendetta against him, but the minority countered that Wright was simply trying to duck charges that he improperly disclosed classified information.

The comments came as angry personal charges flew back and forth between leadership figures of both sides of the political aisle.

"I've never seen this thing get out of control like it is now," said Rep. Tony Coelho, the Democrats' No. 3 leadership official in the chamber.

"The relationship between the parties is very strained," agreed Rep. Dick Cheney of Wyoming, the chamber's third-ranking Republican. He said exchanges were far more acerbic than normal.

Wright, D-Texas, told reporters that GOP efforts to have the ethics committee investigate whether he violated House rules by talking publicly last week about a CIA covert action in Nicaragua are groundless and motivated by politics.

But Republicans called Democratic counteroffensive a dodge, and said Wright simply was seeking to escape the consequences of his mistake by stirring up a partisan smokescreen.

Soviets unveil space shuttle

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union released the first photos of its secret space shuttle Thursday in a move that appeared to steal some of the thunder from the

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launch of Discovery.

Photos of the Soviet craft, which looks just like the American shuttle, moved on the wires of the official Tass news agency at about the time the Discovery was scheduled to blast off from Cape Canaveral.

The Tass photos showed the Soviet spacecraft against a twilight sky, with its black-tipped white wings and fuselage. The letters "CCCP" — Russian for U.S.S.R. — were written in red on one wing.

Martin warns Jordan to "duck"

RALEIGH — Gov. Jim Martin warned his re-election opponent to "duck" Thursday, saying he was taking to the airwaves to respond to Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan's attacks on Martin's administration.

Jordan's campaign fired another memorandum that accused Martin consultant Jimmy Green of dragging his feet on a key assignment. Jordan has accused Martin of making a political "payoff" by hiring Green.

At a news conference, Martin repeated his contention that Jordan's nearly two-week barrage of criticism was sparked by newspaper polls showing the Republican governor widening his lead over the Democratic challenger.

"The louder he screams and wimpers and does his thing, the wider the margin is getting," Martin said. "And so my advice to him is, keep doing what you're doing."

Reaction

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Freedom of speech was not on trial, Paschall said. Instead, "their methods of protest are on trial, not their freedom to speak," he said. But the way UCPCS Associate Director Sharon Wiatt filed a grievance against the CIAAC members was questionable, he added.

The verdict will set a precedent as to the methods of protest and activism on campus, Paschall said. The guilty verdict will define the boundaries of protest and activism, and students will be forced to look at

protest methods from another point of view, he said.

Freshman Christina Kendrot said she was expecting a verdict of not guilty because the claims made against the CIAAC members by the UCPCS were unfounded.

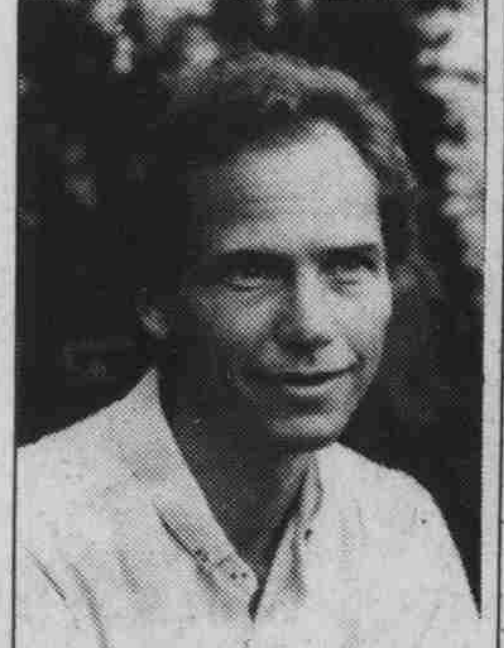
"I think the charges are a very weak attempt by the University to put a lid on the group and student activism as a right," Kendrot said. The trial is an infringement on students' rights because it makes student activism a crime rather than a right, she said.

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