

# Spaniard Vicente Aleixandre cops Nobel Literature award

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (UPI) — Vicente Aleixandre, a Spanish surrealist poet little known in the English-speaking world, won the 1977 Nobel Prize for Literature Thursday, honored for "the strength to survive" in his writing.

Aleixandre, 79, said he felt the award was meant not only for him but also for his colleagues in Spain's famous left-leaning "generation of 1927" poets group, including the late Federico Garcia Lorca.

A victim of tuberculosis, he remained in Spain during the Fascist movement of the 1930s, when many of his friends became exiles, and was unable to publish from 1939-44.

The Swedish Academy said the \$145,000 prize was awarded "for a creative poet writing which, with roots in the traditions of Spanish lyric verse and in modern currents, illuminates man's condition in the cosmos and in present-day society."

At his home in Madrid, Aleixandre said poetry, to him, was "communication between men, the deepest and most precise means of expression."

His last volume of poems, *Dialogue of Reason*, was published three years ago.

Aleixandre's works are well known in Spanish, but the Stockholm public library has only one of his dozen books, *Swords as Lips*, published in 1932. The first full volume of his works published in English in the

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A hit-and-run accident Tuesday on Gravelly Drive resulted in \$200 damage to a late-model car, University Police reported.

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United States, *Twenty Poems*, was issued only earlier this year.

Juan Marichal, professor of Spanish literature at Harvard University, said Aleixandre was "a father figure for most of the young poets in Spain" and compared the evolution of his writing during the past half-century to the artistic development of Picasso.

"He represents the whole history of Spanish poetry in the 20th century, going from a very individual poet... to someone more concerned with problems affecting everyone — the very large issues of life," Marichal said.

Julio Duarte of Georgia State University said Aleixandre's main themes are love, anguish and mystery.

"This is not a realistic type of poetry. He's tried to transcend reality; that's what his poetry is about. He has a famous phrase: poetry is not a question of words."

The Swedish Academy did not summarize Aleixandre's poetry, but said, "If we seek a recurrent impression, a theme which manifests itself in Aleixandre's work at different stages and in various ways, we can call it: the strength to survive."

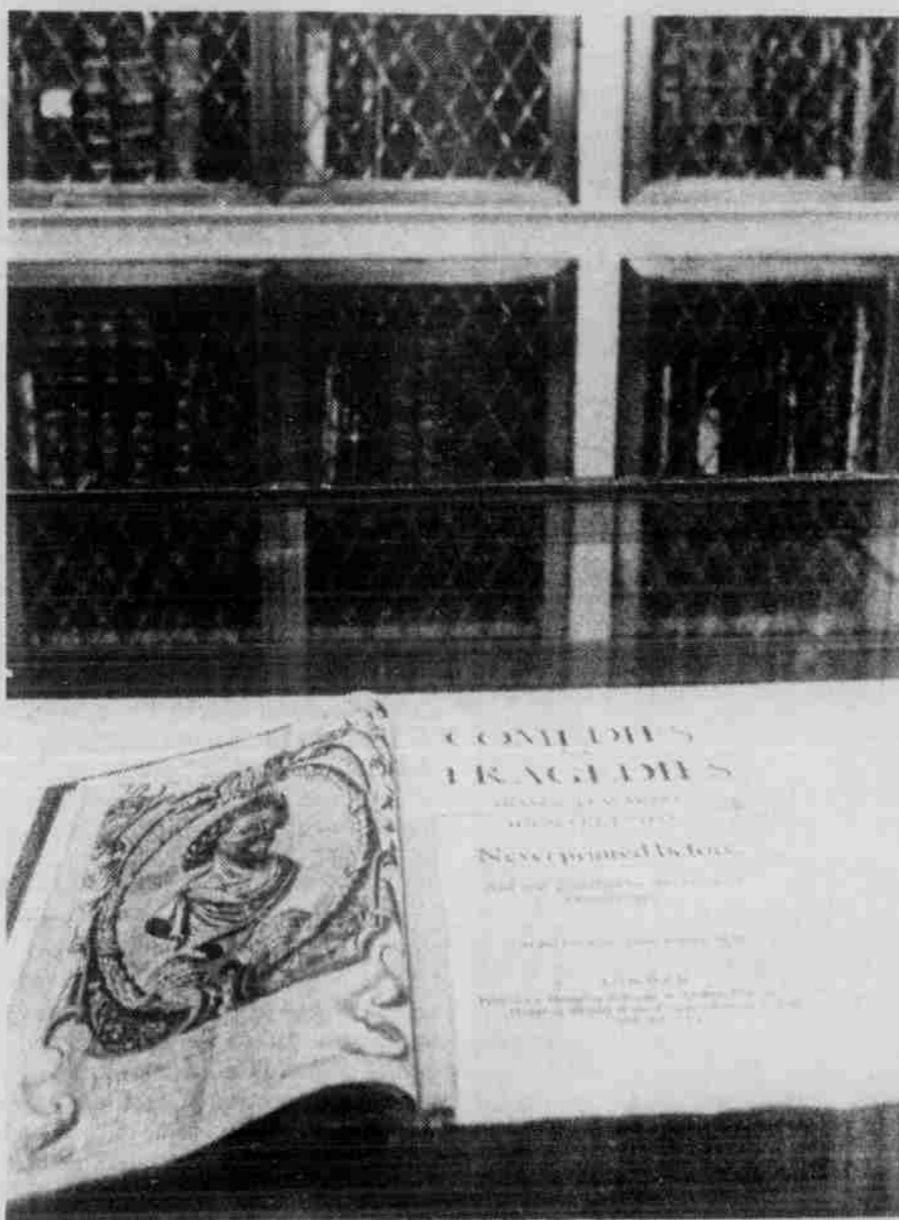
The poet, who lives with his sister in a modest home at Salamanca, outside Madrid, said he is now working on a volume of memoirs.

Although he suffers from a heart condition, he said he hopes to travel to Sweden to accept the prize on Dec. 10, the anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, who endowed the Nobel prizes in his will.

To those Americans who know him and his work, Aleixandre is "a human bridge in Spanish poetry" through the fury of civil war to the poets of today.

Although there are few translations of Aleixandre in the United States, the announcement he had won the Nobel Prize was greeted with praise for both the poet and his difficult dream verse.

American poets Robert Bly and Lewis Hyde translated 20 of Aleixandre's poems and put them in one of the two books in English dedicated entirely to the Spaniard's poetry.



The Rare Book Room is sponsoring a Charles Dickens display in the main library of Wilson library. The Rare Book Room was started in the 1920s and since has served scholars all over the world. Staff photo by Allen Jernigan.

## Rare Book Room is still there

A wealth of research materials awaits the UNC community in the Rare Book Room of Wilson Library.

The Rare Book Room houses more than 50,000 titles, including Babylonian clay tablets, Egyptian papyri and original editions of famous books from over the centuries.

To draw attention to the resources of the Rare Book Room, Paul S. Koda, curator of rare books, says the department will have weekly displays of some of the books. The displays will be in the glass case outside the Rare Book Room in the basement of Wilson.

The displays will emphasize major English writers, Koda says. The current display features English drama with original editions of important English plays.

The Rare Book Room has major collections in Napoleonic literature, Civil War novels, Southern pamphlets and British

literature, including works by Dickens, Samuel Johnson and George Bernard Shaw.

The Rare Book Room also has one of the largest collections in the United States of "incunabula" books. These are books that were printed between 1455 and 1500 when printing first developed.

In addition to the 700 incunabula titles, the Rare Book Room houses more than 300 original manuscripts that date before 1600. The collection includes a copy of Gower's *Confessio Amantis*, which was printed by William Caxton, the first printer in England.

Money for the purchase of the books comes mainly from gifts and endowments, Koda says. But, he adds, it is impossible to place any monetary value on the collection.

— EDDIE MARKS

## Alderman White campaigns at local bus stop

By EDDIE MARKS  
 Staff Writer

Nancy White, candidate for re-election to the Carrboro Board of Aldermen, greeted students at the bus stop in front of Old Well Apartments Thursday afternoon to explain her views and urge them to register to vote.

White said one of her platforms, is the expansion of the Carrboro bus route. She said she wants to expand the hours of operation for the route and to increase peak-hour service. In addition, White said she wants to hold a public referendum on additional routes for Carrboro.

Concerning the water shortage, White said she is pleased with the Orange Water and Sewer Authority's handling of the crisis.

White said she favors the Cane Creek

Reservoir as a long-term solution to the problem. She favors the drilling of wells and the construction of a water line to Hillsborough as interim solutions to the water shortage.

White favors the expansion of Carrboro recreation programs and the construction of bikeways with state funds. A community park also should be included in future planning as Carrboro expands to the west, she said.

On other issues, White said there should be a centralized emergency dispatcher for Orange County.

White also said she plans to work for improvements of Carrboro streets and the construction of sidewalks.

The incumbent said she supports greater

student involvement in the Carrboro government. "Students have a right and a duty to vote," she said. Students supply a major part of the town budget through property taxes on apartments, on utilities and on beer and wine.

White is a member of the Carrboro Community Coalition which was formed three years ago in response to Carrboro's transportation and recreation needs.

## Foushee campaigning for re-election

By EDDIE MARKS  
 Staff Writer

Carrboro Alderman Braxton Foushee took his re-election campaign to the streets Thursday, urging students to register to vote in the election Nov. 8.

Foushee outlined his views on the water shortage, the bus system and Carrboro's future.

Foushee, who is one of Carrboro's two Orange Water and Sewer Authority's representatives, said he favors construction of the Cane Creek Reservoir as a solution to the area's water problems.

## Senate com mittee votes to end oil tariff power

By United Press International

WASHINGTON — The Senate Finance Committee voted Thursday to eliminate President Carter's power to impose fees on imported oil, a step he has threatened to take if Congress fails to hike taxes on domestic oil.

Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., proposed the limitation on Carter's options, and the committee approved it on a 10-6 vote, despite opposition from panel chairperson Russell Long, D-La.

Energy Secretary James Schlesinger indicated on Sunday the administration considers its power to impose fees on imported oil something of an ace in the hole.

If Congress does not approve Carter's proposal for higher taxes on domestic crude oil, Schlesinger said, the White House might slap a \$5-a-barrel fee on imported oil to discourage its use.

### Court rules for SST

NEW YORK — A federal appeals court ruled Thursday that the Concorde Supersonic jetliner, bitterly opposed by residents of New York City and its suburbs as an unbearable noisemaker, may begin operations at Kennedy Airport immediately.

The decision is expected to be appealed before the Supreme Court in Washington for a final ruling.

### House okays labor bill

WASHINGTON — The House approved a controversial labor-law revision Thursday, giving organized labor its first major congressional victory over big business this year.

The 257-163 vote ended three days of debate in which Republican supporters of business tried unsuccessfully to weaken the bill with anti-union amendments. No amendments were adopted without labor approval.

Endorsed by President Carter, the bill would severely penalize employers who violate labor laws and help unions reverse their decline in membership. It was directed at J. P. Stevens, a big anti-union textile firm.

## news briefs

### Price increase quickens

WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices in September increased at the fastest pace since spring, the government reported Thursday, but the administration said its anti-inflation goals were still on target.

The Labor Department said the Wholesale Price Index rose 0.5 percent last month, the biggest increase since a 1.1 percent climb in April.

### Powers trade barbs

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — The United States Thursday denounced Communist repression, and the Soviet Union condemned Western attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of other countries.

But in opening statements at the Belgrade Conference reviewing the 1975 Helsinki accords on European security and cooperation, the two superpowers politely refrained from referring to the other country by name.

U.S. Ambassador Arthur J. Goldberg complained that "some nations in the East" had failed to live up to the pact's provisions on human rights, and Soviet delegate Yuly Vorontsov accused "certain circles in the West" of working against detente.

### Egypt celebrating

CAIRO, Egypt — Egypt celebrated the fourth anniversary of the 1973 Middle East war Thursday with a parade of its military might that featured for the first time U.S. military planes.

President Anwar Sadat, wearing his khaki-and-black supreme commander's uniform adorned with a green sash and waving his Marshal's ebony baton to thousands of cheering spectators, arrived in a Soviet-made armored car to review the parade. Among Sadat's guests on the reviewing stand was PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

American-made Jeeps carrying Soviet-built SAM-7 missiles drove slowly through the streets of Nasr (victory) City on the eastern fringes of Cairo to celebrate the anniversary of the Egyptian strike across the Suez Canal to regain a slice of the Sinai captured by Israel in 1967.

The parade also featured Chinese weapons — heavy 130mm field guns — for the first time, along with British and French combat and transport helicopters in an apparent effort to show Egypt was relying less on the Soviet Union for its arms.

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