

# Peace prizes awarded for both 1976 and 1977

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Nobel peace prizes were awarded today to Amnesty International and two Northern Irish women.

The 1977 prize was won by Amnesty International, the London-based organization that works in behalf of political prisoners.

Mrs. Betty Williams and Miss Mairead Corrigan were given the 1976 prize for their movement seeking to bring peace between feuding Roman Catholics and Protestants in their homeland. The prize had not been awarded last year.

There was widespread sentiment last year for giving the Nobel prize to Miss Corrigan, 24, and Mrs. Williams, 33. But the campaign for them was launched late, and their nominations were received after the deadline.

Instead, 22 Norwegian newspapers raised \$325,000 and awarded it to them last year as a "People's Peace Prize." They used the money to set up a trust fund to provide care for orphans, create jobs and begin other community projects

to ease the devastation of the Ulster fighting.

The two Roman Catholic women began their movement after Mrs. Williams saw three children killed by a runaway car whose guerrilla driver had been shot by British soldiers in Belfast. Miss Corrigan was the aunt of the slain children.

Braving threats on their lives by extremists, they organized peaceful marches by thousands of Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic and England.

Today's announcement said they were given the Nobel award for "their initiative to end the violence which has marked the unfortunate disintegration in Northern Ireland, and which has cost so many lives."

The prize to Amnesty International is worth \$145,000 and the 1976 prize to Mrs. Williams and Miss Corrigan about \$141,600.

The women's campaign, which began in August 1976, has not stopped or

noticeably diminished the fighting between Protestant extremists and the Roman Catholic Irish Republican Army. The IRA launched the fighting eight years ago to end British and Protestant control over Northern Ireland and unite it with the Irish Republic in the south.

But the Nobel committee said the initiative Mrs. Williams and Miss Corrigan took in Ulster released strong antipathy against violence.

"Alfred Nobel's wish was that the peace prize should be awarded to those who most actively worked for peace and fraternization," the committee said. "Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams acted out of a deep conviction that individual people can do meaningful efforts for peace through conciliatory work."

Besides their efforts in their own country, the two women traveled to the United States last year and made an appeal to Americans to stop sending money to the two sides to buy guns and bombs.



(AP Laserphoto)

## Awarded Peace Prize

Mrs. Betty Williams, left, and Miss Mairead Corrigan of Northern Ireland, co-founders of the Women's Peace Movement in that strife-torn country,

read an oath of peace at a rally in 1976. The 1976 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded today to the two women who have sought to bring peace between Roman Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland. The 1976 prize was withheld last year.

## Weathermen

### Radicals meet with Communist leaders

NEW YORK (AP) — Cuban and North Vietnamese officials met with members of the radical Weather Underground in the late 1960s to plan opposition to U.S. involvement in Vietnam, according to a classified FBI report obtained by The New York Times.

The report said the meetings were held in Communist countries. In addition, it detailed aid the Weathermen received from Cuba and North Vietnam.

The Times quoted the report on Sunday as saying the Cuban government maintained its contacts with antiwar organizations through its United Nations delegation. The Cubans arranged

temporary havens in Communist countries for radicals who feared arrest and then spirited them back into the United States when things cooled off, the report said.

No links were found between the radical organization and other Communist nations, the report said.

The report said the General Directorate of Intelligence, Cuba's CIA equivalent, wanted to recruit "individuals who are politically oriented and who someday may obtain a position — elective or supportive — somewhere in the U.S. government, which would provide the Cuban government with

access to political, economic and military intelligence."

But, the document said, the Weather Underground did not necessarily share that goal.

According to the Times, the report was written in August 1976. At the time, the FBI was being investigated by the Justice Department for illegal mail openings, burglaries and wiretaps in pursuit of the Weathermen.

The Times said the FBI wrote the report to justify its investigation of the Weathermen, but that only a few links between the organization and foreign powers were discovered.

## Topping the news

### Girl's body found

BURLINGTON (AP) — The body of Lisa Elaine Miller, 15, Burlington, was found in a ditch one mile south of Burlington Sunday.

The Iowa Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Des Moines County Sheriff's officers and the Iowa Highway Patrol are investigating the death.

Authorities said the body was discovered about noon Sunday by a group of young people. They said the group was trying to push their car out of a ditch along old Highway 61 south of Burlington when they spotted the body.

Officers said it appeared the girl had been beaten around the head, but an exact cause of death had not yet been determined.

### Farmers able to get aid

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa livestock farmers who have had a 40% reduction in their feed harvests are eligible for assistance through the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration, Gov. Robert Ray said Monday.

The FDAA program provides a subsidy of two cents per pound or half the cost of feed purchased, whichever is less. Eligibility for the subsidy will run until about May 15, or until pastures can be grazed, Ray said.

He said new federal legislation has deleted the requirement that farmers live in counties which have been declared disaster areas in order to receive assistance.

### Sniping appears planned

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, Mo. (AP) — A sniper who killed one man and wounded another when he opened fire on people leaving a bar mitzvah at a synagogue had apparently planned his attack, authorities said.

"We are working on a lot of angles, beating the bushes trying to come up with something," said Lt. Thomas Boulich, who is leading the police investigation into the Saturday shootings. "At this point, we have nothing concrete, no suspects."

Authorities said the sniper apparently fired from the cover provided by a telephone pole and a stand of six-foot saplings about 300 feet from the victims.

A 30.06-caliber hunting rifle with a telescopic sight and five spent cartridges were found at the site. The serial number had been filed off the gun, and police would not say whether they found fingerprints on it.

Investigators called the shootings "highly premeditated." The gunman had apparently driven two spikes into the post and wrapped a sock around them so they could be used to steady the rifle, they said.

Gerald Gordon, 42, of Chesterfield died in a hospital two hours after he was shot and William Lee Ash, 30, of Akron, Ohio, was hospitalized with several bullet wounds.

A third man narrowly escaped injury when a bullet passed through the shoulder of the jacket he was wearing, police said.

Boulich said there is nothing in the background of any of the people involved to indicate a motive.

### Weather

Cloudy tonight with occasional showers and cooler. Lows will be in the upper 30s. Chance for precipitation is 80%. Cloudy and colder Tuesday with a 40% chance of showers and a high in the upper 40s or lower 50s. The high Sunday at Lock and Dam 16 was 58 and the low was 45. There has been a trace of precipitation in the past 24 hours. The Mississippi River level at the lock's tailwater this morning was 5.55 feet; the Muscatine gauge was 7.44.



'Laid off, on strike, or home early?'

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## Cattle

### South Dakota herds restocked slowly

HURON, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's farmers and ranchers are apparently restocking their cattle herds at a slow rate but their sheep operations could be increasing.

"For the most part, it appears farmers are buying back cattle with cautious optimism," said state Agriculture Secretary Robert Duxbury. "They're in no real hurry to get back to the numbers before the big sell-down."

Cattlemen apparently feel the market won't produce a profit at this time and they are wary of the possibility that a drought could reoccur. But, Duxbury says they are rebuilding the herds.

Hay crops are generally good, and corn has helped produce large amounts of silage. Pastures are also green.

But Duxbury says prices will hold down cattle herd sizes.

"I don't think there's any question about that," Duxbury said. "But there is also no question we were overstocked before the sell-down, too."

While buyers are slower to purchase cattle, the numbers of sheep seem to be in line for some boosting.

"We can see a lot of interest by farmers in getting back into the sheep operation," Duxbury said. "Sheep have for several years been a profitable operation, much better than cattle or hogs."

"People have become more interested in a diversified farm operations," he said. "Rather than having one source of income, they are branching out into other areas, such as combining livestock and grain farming. They are looking for a maximum use of financial, land and labor resources, and sheep may help

them in that effort."

One example of increased sheep operations could be found in a five county area where a group called Central South Dakota Sheep Producers has purchased about 1,500 ewes. Another 2,000 head will soon be purchased by the group which has members in Hyde, Hand, Hughes, Faulk and Sully counties.

Duxbury said the corporation borrowed \$100,000 from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture to get started.

Its advantage over a single producer will be in sheer numbers, the ag secretary said.

The last U.S. Crop and Livestock Reporting Service figures for the number of sheep in South Dakota were released in January, when about 659,000 sheep were in the state.

## Revenues

### Surplus may not be at predicted balance

DES MOINES (AP) — The state treasury surplus may be below the \$40 million balance earlier predicted for June 30, 1979 — the end of the biennium — because of a poor farm economy, State Comptroller Marvin Selden says.

"We'll be below that but we won't be in the deficit position," Selden said.

The balance on June 30, 1976, by contrast, was \$207 million.

"It will be a very difficult year to budget for and it will force us into being

even more conservative than in the past," Selden said.

The comptroller said he can not yet predict how much below \$40 million the final estimates will be because state officials are still compiling figures. He expects to release his latest estimate this week.

A more accurate report will be available next January when more complete information, including final sales tax data, is available.

The revenue projections are used by the governor and legislature to determine how many tax dollars are needed and how they should be spent.

Many legislators have said they fear that lower farm prices and poor crops will mean a severe reduction in the amount of money the state collects in taxes.

Selden said this week's estimates will show sales tax revenues will increase but not nearly as much as in previous years.

## Air quality

### Illegality with stock charged

DES MOINES (AP) — Sen. Bob Rush, D-Cedar Rapids, says he has asked Atty. Gen. Richard Turner for an opinion to determine if it is legal for three members of the Iowa Air Quality Commission to regulate a utility in which they own stock.

Rush said he thinks the three acted

illegally when they approved a pollution equipment permit for a new power station near Ottumwa.

The permit to build \$20 million worth of pollution control equipment was sought by Iowa Southern Utilities Co., Iowa Public Service Co., Iowa-Illinois

Gas and Electric Co. and the Iowa Power and Light Co. which are jointly building the generating station.

Commissioners Helen Gleeson of Skoux City, John Thorson of Council Bluffs and Herbert Campbell of Washington said they own stock in some of the power companies.