

Nobel peace winner may not know of award

OSLO, Norway — Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, who has been under house arrest for two years for her struggle to achieve democracy in her homeland, was awarded the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize on Monday.

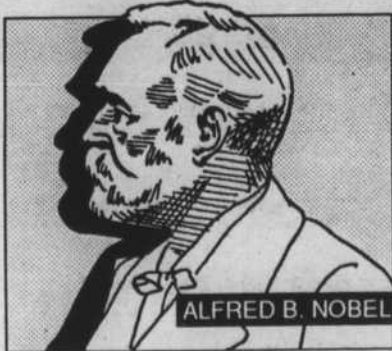
The Nobel Committee acknowledged that Suu Kyi may not know of her \$1 million award. Burma's military junta bars her from receiving visitors or communicating with outsiders.

"It is clear that there will be difficulty" in getting the news through, said Norwegian Nobel Committee Chairman Francis Sejersted.

Mrs. Suu Kyi, 46, the daughter of Burmese independence hero Aung San, won for insisting on non-violent means to bring democracy to her impoverished Southeast Asian homeland of 40 million people.

Her party, the National League for Democracy, overwhelmingly won parliamentary elections in May 1990, but Burma's generals have refused to end their repressive rule and let the opposition party take power.

"Suu Kyi's struggle is one of the most extraordinary examples of civil courage in Asia in recent decades," said the one-page citation by the Nobel Committee.



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1991 Winner
**Aung San Suu Kyi
Burma**

Winners of the Nobel Peace Prize over the past 10 years:

- 1990 Mikhail Gorbachev
- 1989 The Dalai Lama
- 1988 U.N. Peacekeeping Forces
- 1987 Oscar Arias Sanchez
- 1986 Elie Wiesel
- 1985 International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War
- 1984 Bishop Desmond Tutu
- 1983 Lech Walesa
- 1982 Alva Myrdal and Alfonso Garcia Robles
- 1981 Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

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Senators 'perplexed,' some still undecided

Close vote on Thomas nomination expected

WASHINGTON — Supporters of Clarence Thomas worked Monday to preserve Senate support for his Supreme Court nomination as senators "pained and perplexed" by sexual harassment allegations decided how to vote.

A key Southern Democrat, Sen. J. Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, reaffirmed his support for Thomas, saying the allegations by University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill had not changed his mind about the nomination.

"I believe Judge Thomas is qualified. I said so two weeks ago. I know nothing that has transpired in the meantime to take away from that," said Johnston.

Another former aide to Thomas, Sukari Hardnett, told The Associated Press that black women in his office at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission felt they were objects of his sexual interest and physical inspection.

"I am generally undecided," said Sen. J. James Exon, D-Neb., who had been a Thomas supporter before Hill's allegations surfaced.

"I was so disturbed over the events this weekend that I'm literally, entirely in the undecided category," said Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., who had previously been leaning toward Thomas, at a news conference Monday in Hartford, Conn.

"I'm as pained and perplexed as the rest of America," Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said on NBC. He had originally been a Thomas supporter. "It's quite possible... that we're not able to decide that anybody is lying."

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., another Thomas supporter, predicted that the Senate would approve the nomination in a vote that both sides expected to be close.

The vote was scheduled for 6 p.m. today after eight hours of time for debate.

"This is a cliffhanger if there ever was one," said Nan Aron, executive director of the anti-Thomas Alliance For Justice.

Police academy

New York University students form anti-drug patrol

NEW YORK — Twenty years ago, New York University students smoked grass and fought cops in Washington Square Park. Today, they're working with the police to drive pot dealers from the park — and earning academic credit in the process.

Two dozen have enrolled in the Watch Team, an NYU course that dovetails with Police Commissioner Lee Brown's enthusiasm for "community policing."

Armed with two-way radios and flashlights and wearing white wind-

breakers with the words WATCH TEAM, students patrol the park three nights a week.

Although they're looking for wrongdoing in general, "We basically harass drug dealers," says junior Evan McNeeley.

"They've definitely helped make the park safer," says Charles Campisi, Sixth Precinct commander. "Students feel safer walking to the library at night."

The park, a haunt for bohemians from John Sloan to Bob Dylan, cov-

ers about eight square blocks amidst NYU's campus in Greenwich Village. By day, it is a vibrant melange of tourists, students, families, and marijuana dealers; at night, the latter set the tone.

"A lot of the time you feel unsafe, especially if the police aren't around," says Becky Gould, a Watch Team member who is studying psychology.

After some trial patrols last spring, NYU offered a one-credit course this semester.

PLO talks offer hope for peace conference

AMMAN, Jordan — In a move signaling that a Mideast peace conference may be near, top PLO officials discussed with Jordan on Monday proposals for forming a joint delegation in a bid to resolve major sticking points over Palestinian representation at the talks.

U.S. Secretary of State James Baker said after a related meeting with Jordan's King Hussein, "We will know within a reasonably short time if we will have an active peace process for this region."

Hussein agreed, saying "I believe everything will become clear in a

short space of time," and, "We hope to have results soon" from the dialogue with Palestinian leaders.

The off-stage role of Yassar Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization came into sharper focus as three of its executive committee members conferred with Jordanian counterparts on such unsettled issues as the chairmanship and size of the proposed joint delegation.

Baker sought to assure Israel that the United States was not trying to set up a dialogue between Israel and the PLO. At the same time, the fact that top PLO officials had come to Amman

to consult with Jordan, he said, "is not a surprising phenomenon."

"We are not negotiating with the PLO. We are talking about Palestinians from the territories," Baker said Monday.

Hussein affirmed that Jordan would attend the peace conference and participate in all its phases, including talks with Israel about the buildup of weapons in the region as well as Palestinian refugees.

Baker is pushing against a late-October deadline, as set by both the United States and the Soviet Union, for convening the peace conference.

Baker hinted earlier in Cairo that even if the Palestinian issues were not settled soon, the two governments would issue invitations anyhow.

"At some point... we will have to issue invitations," he said after holding more than four hours of talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. Other U.S. officials said the invitations would go out by next Monday.

In order to avoid a direct Palestine Liberation Organization link to the peace conference, Baker has been meeting in Jerusalem with a group of Palestinians who maintain some distance, in public, from the PLO.

Communism flunks

Moscow University revises lesson plans to include capitalist economic theories

MOSCOW — You can't simply stroll into the Moscow State University library and grab the textbook by American economist Paul Samuelson. You have to put a little peer pressure on the student already reading it.

"You ask how long he will read it. If they say 30 minutes, you look at your watch and wait," says Olga Koschuk, 20, a third-year economics student. "When the time comes, you tell them they are finished."

Karl Marx is not through at old MSU, but he does seem to be on academic probation. Lesson plans have been revised. Students form lines in libraries to read free-market primers.

This palatial showcase of Soviet higher education — President Mikhail Gorbachev's alma mater — is lurching into the post-Communist era.

The bulletin boards in Building No. 9, where economics is taught, are sprinkled with items that offer students a sampling of the Western

world. An American professor will lecture for 13 days this month. Register in Room 507. American University in Washington has 60 economics openings. To apply, pay 125 rubles, about one-third the average monthly wage.

Vladimir Kazakov, the department's deputy chairman, didn't write the book on Marxist economics. But he did write three textbooks that explained it. Today he studies Samuelson's free-market theories.

"We do not live in the past. We live in the future," he says, excitedly throwing file after file on his desk. Each is fat with photocopied pages from American textbooks and their translations.

A picture of Lenin in the bookcase behind him peeks over his shoulder as he autographs an obsolete textbook he wrote last year. It is now just another souvenir in a society that peddles the paraphernalia of its Communist past.

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