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Peace prize goes to survivor of Holocaust

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Elie Wiesel, who survived the Nazi Holocaust to become the voice of its victims and a champion of dignity for all people, was chosen Tuesday to receive the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee praised the naturalized American author as a spiritual leader in an age of hatred.

"Wiesel's commitment, which originated in the sufferings of the Jewish people, has been widened to embrace all repressed peoples and races," its citation said.

Wiesel, 58, lost his parents and younger sister in World War II Nazi death camps. He has chronicled the suffering of the Jews under Hitler and elsewhere.

"I have devoted my life to a certain cause, the cause of memory, the cause of remembrance, and now I feel that maybe I will have a better opportunity to say the same words — I'm not going to change now — for more people," Wiesel said.

"I owe something to the dead... That was their obsession, to be remembered," he said. "Anyone who does not remember betrays them again."

The committee's citation said: "Elie Wiesel has emerged as one of the most important spiritual leaders and guides in an age when violence, repression and racism continue to characterize the world."

"Wiesel is a messenger to mankind; his message is one of peace, atonement and human dignity. His belief that the forces fighting evil in the world can be victorious is a hard-won belief."

Wiesel applied for U.S. citizenship in 1956.

Wiesel is the third American to win a Nobel award this year. On Monday the prize in medicine went to Rita Levi-Montalcini, who holds Italian and American citizenship, and to Stanley Cohen of Vanderbilt University.

Negotiators agree on immigration bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House and Senate negotiators, after five hours of private discussion, agreed today to a sweeping immigration bill aimed at reducing the rush of illegal aliens into the United States.

As lobbyists were relegated to corridors outside the Senate Judiciary Committee hearing room, lawmakers agreed on employer sanctions, civil rights protections for Hispanics, amnesty for aliens with long-term residency and free legal services for some agricultural workers.

Negotiators announced that the House had accepted Senate language 43 times and the Senate gave up its provisions 48 times. The conference report must now be presented to both houses.

One of the issues dropped by the House was a plan to temporarily stop deportation of illegal immigrants from El Salvador and Nicaragua until a study could be made of conditions they would face at home.

The Reagan administration threatened to veto the bill if the proposal was retained.

The centerpiece of the bill remains a system of fines against employers who hire illegal aliens and amnesty for those who came illegally but established roots here over a long period of time.

The conference accepted the House proposal that would make those who came here before 1982 eligible for the amnesty program. The Senate plan to delay amnesty for up

to three years was dropped.

House language to prohibit job discrimination against those waiting for legalization was retained despite initial Senate opposition. However, the agreement specified that the civil rights protections could end after three years if they were found to cause undue harm to employers.

Under language accepted in the Senate bill, employer sanctions could end at the same time if they caused widespread discrimination.

The conferees accepted an offer from President Reagan to provide \$4 billion over four years to reimburse state and local governments for the cost of legalization.

Job swap between Israeli leaders delayed by political bargaining

JERUSALEM (AP) — Wrangling over political appointees delayed the long-planned job swap Tuesday between Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

The two leaders failed to resolve their differences at a 45-minute meeting, and it was unclear when they would go through with their agreement to rotate positions.

But Peres, in an apparent last-minute compromise offer, issued a statement Tuesday night saying he would go through with the rotation if Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc agreed to drop demands to add ministers to the new Cabinet.

"The problems that exist now can be solved in negotiations after the (new) government comes into being," said the statement, which was broadcast on Israel Television.

The statement seemed aimed at trying to persuade Likud to forego reinstating former Justice Minister Yitzhak Modai. In return Peres

would drop his demands to appoint an aide as ambassador to Washington.

But the television quoted Likud ministers as saying they would appeal to President Chaim Herzog to designate Shamir as premier Wednesday regardless of Labor's demands.

The delay appeared to be an effort by Peres' left-leaning Labor Party to wrest what concessions it could from Likud before ceding leadership of the government.

Shamir had been scheduled to present his Cabinet to Parliament and be sworn in as Israel's ninth prime minister. He was to hand over the foreign ministry to Peres in keeping with a September 1984 accord which followed an electoral stalemate leaving each party too weak to govern without the other.

Shamir told reporters there had been "no change" in the rival parties'

positions as he emerged from the session at the prime minister's office. He declined further comment.

Uzi Bar-Am, secretary general of Peres' left-leaning Labor Party, told reporters at a news conference his party was "committed to rotation." But he accused Likud of "bad faith" in negotiations about the government appointments.

"The rotation is in a state of crisis," Bar-Am said. "The Likud is certain that on the eve of rotation it can subjugate Labor." He added that Peres had been trying "for weeks" to straighten out differences between the two camps.

Officials in both parties said the central dispute was over Labor's demand that a chief aide to Peres be named ambassador to Washington, in exchange for meeting Likud's demand to reinstate an outspoken former Likud minister whom Peres fired from the Cabinet.

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