

Nobel Prizes distributed

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 11.—This year's Nobel Prize winners received their prizes and celebrated yesterday as a series of glittering gatherings, says Reuter.

Nobel Foundation Board Chairman Sune Bergstroem, quoted Greek poet Odysseus Elytis this year's literature laureate at the Concert House ceremony saying:

"The force of scientific development is so great that one must optimistically believe that the force of good, too, must triumph in our problem-filled world."

Professor Abdus Salam, the first Muslim and the first Pakistani to win a Nobel Prize joined Americans Sheldon Glashow and Steven Weinberg in accepting the prize for Physics.

Professor Salam wore Pakistani national dress at last night's banquet with King Carl Gustaf instead of formal evening dress.

Other winners receiving their medals were Wes, Indian born Sir Arthur Lewis and American Theodore Schultz for Economics Allan Cormack of the US and Godfrey Hounsfield of Britain for medicine and American Herbert Brown and West German Georg Witting for Chemistry.

Mother Teresa was awarded the peace prize in Oslo earlier yesterday for her work in the slums of Calcutta.

Mother Teresa receives Nobel Prize

OSLO, Dec. 11.—Mother Teresa, the 69-year-old Albanian born nun, yesterday received the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize and in her speech of acceptance condemned abortion as the greatest destroyer of man in the world today, reports Reuter.

Mother Teresa, awarded the prize for her work among the world's destitutes, said: "To me the nations who have legalised abortion are the poorest nations. They are afraid of the unborn child and the child must die."

In her speech, made before King Olav and invited guests to the Nobel ceremony, Mother Teresa called on the King and the audience to pray for and to stand by the unborn child.

She said she accepted the Nobel Prize on behalf of the unwanted, poorest of the poor and the unhappy people of the world.

Professor John Sannes handed Mother Teresa the Nobel insignia, the gold medal and diploma, on behalf of the Nobel Committee.

The prize money of 800,000 Swedish crowns (197,000 dollars) was given to Mother Teresa at a private meeting earlier yesterday.

Professor Sannes said there was no better way of explaining why Mother Teresa was chosen for this year's award than the comment of World Bank President Robert McNamara, who said:

"Mother Teresa deserves the Nobel Peace Prize because she promotes peace in the most fundamental manner, by her confirmation of the inviolability of human dignity."

Professor Sannes said that with her message Mother Teresa was able to reach through to something innate in every human mind—to create the seed for good.

"If these were not the case the world would be deprived of hope and work for peace would have little meaning", the Professor said.

She had personally succeeded in bringing the gulf between rich and poor nations and her view of the dignity of man built this bridge, Professor Sannes said.

Mother Teresa's organisation, missionaries of charity, feeds and cares for millions around the world having spread from its base in Calcutta to America, Venezuela, Tanzania, Italy, Australia and Britain.

Her mercy work began in Calcutta nearly 30 years ago.

Mother Teresa won this year's prize over 50 other candidates, among them President Carter of the United States.

Professor Sannes, the Chairman of the Nobel Committee, said the hallmark of Mother Teresa's work had been respect for the individual and the individual's worth and dignity.