

Nobel Prize winners receive awards

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STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12.—Winners of the 1978 Nobel Prizes in literature, physics, chemistry, medicine and economics received their awards from Sweden's King Carl Gustav in Stockholm today, reports AFP.

The Prizes, including 725,000 crowns (around 200,000 dollars) in each field, were presented in the Stockholm Concert Hall before an audience of 1,500 people.

The winners, announced in October, were Prof. Leonidovich Kapitsa of the Soviet Union and Arno Pensias and Robert Wilson of the United States (Physics); Dr. Peter Mitchell of Britain (Chemistry); Prof. Werner Arber of Switzerland and Drs. Daniel Nathans and Hamilton Smith of the US (Medicine); Prof. Herbert Somon of the US (Economics); Isaac Bashevis Singer of the US (Literature).

Nobel Foundation President Sune Bergstroem said the ceremony demonstrated to world leaders "the fragile and irreplaceable value of men of the Nobel Prize calibre."

A Reuter message from Oslo says: Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, in a speech of acceptance for the Nobel Peace Prize, today stressed the importance of the Egyptian-Israeli peace negotiations for the Palestinians.

He said the aim of the peace process "is to bring security to the peoples of the area, and the Palestinians in particular, restoring to them all their right to a life of liberty and dignity."

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who shares the 1978 Peace Prize with Mr. Sadat, came to Oslo to accept the award but the Egyptian leader decided to stay away because, he said, negotiations with Israel are not complete. His speech was delivered by special envoy Sayed Marei.