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Americans, Briton share 2 Nobels

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STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Four Americans were named today among the five scientists announced as winners of the Nobel Prizes in Physics and Chemistry.

In the latest of the \$215,000 awards announced by Sweden's Royal Academy of Sciences, Americans Paul Berg of Stanford University and Walter Gilbert of Harvard split the 1980 Chemistry Prize with Briton Frederick Sanger for separate work involved in DNA research and genetic engineering.

Less than three hours earlier, Americans James W. Cronin of the University of Chicago and Val L. Fitch of Princeton University won the Physics prize for discoveries that help to explain the "Big Bang" theory of creation and how matter was formed.

They were cited by the Swedish academy of Sciences "for the discovery of violations of fundamental symmetry principles in the decay of neutral K-mesons." Mesons are unstable particles first observed in cosmic rays. The big-bang theory is that the universe began with a gigantic explosion and has been expanding ever since.

The new awards brought to seven the number of Americans to win the prestigious Nobel prizes this year, with only one more award — economic — to go.

Berg, 54, who was awarded half the \$215,000 Chemistry prize, was cited for his biochemical studies of nucleic acids, with particular application to DNA, the Royal Academy said.

The academy said Berg was the first investigator to construct a "recombinant-DNA molecule" through the use of genetic engineering, sometimes called gene manipulation.

Gilbert, 68, and Sanger, 62, have independently developed different methods which determine the exact sequence of the nucleotide building blocks in DNA.

Their methods have direct application to the understanding of the way in which genetic messages are communicated within the DNA structure.

Cronin and Fitch made their Nobel winning discovery by studies of a new type of elementary particles using a proton accelerator at Brookhaven National Laboratory at New York's Long Island where they headed a research group. Their studies scrutinized the validity of three related symmetry principles in physics.

The academy described the work of Fitch and Cronin as pure basic research without direct practical applications but with great importance for the understanding of elementary matter and life on earth.

The American dominance of the Nobel prizes has been marked, especially in the physics and medicine categories, and increasing since 1975.



An Atlanta day care center lies in ruins after Monday's blast.

Atlanta parents say bomb caused blast at day care center

By DIANA SMITH
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The day care center blast that killed four toddlers and an adult was an accident, authorities say, but some anguished parents believe a bomb was responsible, and some blame the Ku Klux Klan.

"We're tired of our children being killed," said the Rev. Joseph Lowery, head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

An angry, disbelieving crowd of about 200 people gathered Monday night at a west side church where Public Safety Commissioner Lee P. Brown answered questions about Monday's mid-morning explosion at the Gate City Day Care center, where 82 pre-schoolers were playing.

A cast-iron boiler in the building's furnace blew apart "like a

Both sides press to settle strike

By LEN MANIACE
Staff Writer

Contract talks between striking Clarkstown teachers and school district officials continued well past the start of classes today, with both sides intent on reaching a settlement.

Negotiators for both sides refused to comment this morning on developments in the talks that began at 3:30 p.m. Monday. Neither side would say when the current bargaining session would end.

For a brief moment this morning it appeared progress had been made as there was a flurry of activity evident between the meeting rooms of each side, but it soon subsided.

Although there was no official comment overnight on contract terms under discussion, it was overheard that salary proposals mentioned were in the range of seven to nine percent.

Teachers were back out on the picket lines this morning as the strike, which began Oct. 1, the first day of school, continued into its ninth school day. Joining teachers in the walkout are teaching assistants, secretaries, clerical workers, and part-time teachers.

Throughout the night, little activity was seen on the third floor of the Sheraton Motor Inn in Namont, where the negotiators had rented several rooms for the talks. At 6 a.m., however, two state mediators picked up the pace of their visits between the district and union rooms.

The pace again slackened, with some district negotiators breaking for breakfast at about 8 a.m.

In addition to the district's three member bargaining team and the district superintendent, the president and vice-president of the school board were also present at the talks for the first time since negotiations began last February. The two sides are not meeting face-to-face, but are in separate rooms with the mediators shuttling back and forth.

Six security officers, paid by the district, patrolled the halls during the negotiating session.

Stan Pakula, director of public relations for the New York State United Teachers, which is assisting the union, said this morning that it was a good sign that both sides were still talking.

Another state union official, Anthony Widman, said early this morning that some decision should be made within three to five hours. He did not necessarily mean the decision would be to settle.

In the meantime, there was little going on at Clarkstown North High School in New City this morning, with many students expressing concern that they would not be able to catch up on their work if the strike continued much longer.

Students complained that main courses were not being taught and that only electives, such as art-

polo and art, were available.

Both sides in Rockland's second-largest school district were reportedly to be still far apart late Monday night by a school board member who was in direct contact with district officials involved in the talks.

While he said both sides seemed to be far apart Monday night, Trustee Martin Glasser cautioned that it was still too early to predict the outcome of the talks.

Joining state mediator Martin Scheinman in the latest session was Homer LaRoe, another state Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) mediator. Scheinman has been involved in the talks for several months.

During the last week both sides have pointed to the Monday session as the meeting at which a settlement could be reached.

Prior to the start of Monday's meeting, the teachers' only formal salary proposal was for an 11 to 12 percent raise in the first year of the contract, while the district has offered an increase that would hike the average salary by about 6 percent annually. That payment amounts to a \$4,500 across-the-board increase over three years for all teachers.

Susan Margison, union president, has said teachers will consider accepting a contract similar to those adopted recently in other Rockland school districts, calling for annual pay hikes of about 6 percent for each teacher. She was at the Sheraton throughout the night. There is sharp disagreement over the dis-

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Castro to free 33 Americans in Cuban jails

By BARRY SCHWEID
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WASHINGTON (AP) — In another gesture of friendship, Cuban President Fidel Castro will release the 33 Americans serving jail terms in Cuba, including some accused airplane hijackers who could end up in prison again in the United States.

Monday's move was welcomed at the State Department, where officials said the communist leader seemed to be trying to improve his image in the United States. For years, leaders of the two nations have been bitter enemies.

"Castro is trying to remove Cuba as a contentious issue in the U.S. presidential campaign," said one top official, a close follower of U.S.-Cuban relations, who asked not to be identified.

On Capitol Hill, Rep. Benjamin Gilman, R-Middletown, who represents Rockland in Congress and is head of a congressional group which had been trying to win the release of Americans from Cuban prisons, said he understands that the accused hijackers among the group — believed to number about 10 — would face charges in the United States if they return.

U.S. officials said the prisoners will be told beforehand whether they face charges here, and some might decline to return. Cuban spokesmen said the prisoners will be free to depart for the country of their choice.



Cuban President Fidel Castro...gesture of friendship

Most of the Americans are charged with illegally entering Cuban territory, narcotics violations or distributing leaflets, and none are political prisoners, Cuban spokesmen said. Most were arrested within the last three years, but at least one has been held since March 1960.

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Source: Satanic cult defaced, 'set up' Berkowitz apartment

Third of a series
By MAURY TERRY

During the week after Stacy Moskowitz was gunned down on a shadowy lovers' lane in Brooklyn, police tried in vain to reach David Berkowitz by telephone. Their failure would prove the biggest break in the year-old case.

Hounding every lead, police made a fateful decision to go to Berkowitz' Yonkers apartment and interview him in person. They wanted to know if he had seen anything unusual in the Brooklyn neighborhood where he had received a parking ticket minutes before and two blocks away from the scene of the final "Son of Sam" attack.

As soon as police arrived outside 35 Pine St., pieces began falling into place.

Berkowitz' car, parked in front of his apartment, was reportedly unlocked. Inside, in clear view, police said were several weapons, including a sub-machine gun, clips of ammunition, and a "Son of Sam" note on the floor.

Berkowitz walked out of his apartment packing a .44-caliber revolver, the trademark weapon of the "Son of Sam," and told detectives, "You got me."

Inside 35 Pine Street, police entered Berkowitz' apartment, which had the appearance of a madman's lair.

From all appearances, police had their man.

But after a year of digging for clues and coming up empty in the biggest manhunt in New York City criminal history.

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County exec debate tonight

A public debate on the merits of the proposal to change Rockland County's form of government is to be held tonight at Spring Valley High School at 8 p.m.

The debate is being sponsored by The Journal-News and the League of Women Voters. The forum will focus on the county proposition that goes to voters on Nov. 4, calling for adoption of a county charter and creation of the post of Rockland County executive.

The debate will be one of three being sponsored by this newspaper and the league. Other debates are scheduled to be held Oct. 21 at North Rockland High School in Thiells and Oct. 28 at Nyack High School.

Source: Cult defaced Berkowitz apartment

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 in a history — an investigation that inspired police to characterize their letter-writing tormenter in superlatives such as "cunning" — could it all have come to an end with so clumsy a feat?

There are those who say, in the end, the capture of Berkowitz may have been too easy. The pieces fit together too perfectly.

Among those casting a skeptical eye are investigators from the Queens District Attorney's Office, who have been probing the possible involvement of accomplices in the "Son of Sam" murders for the past year. They reopened the "Son of Sam" probe last October after Gannett Westchester Newspapers demonstrated the probability that Berkowitz did not act alone.

One avenue the investigators from John Santucci's office are exploring is that Berkowitz apartment was deliberately defaced to create the impression that Berkowitz was a lone, demented killer.

Gannett Westchester Newspapers has recently been in contact with source who claims Berkowitz was set up as the "fall guy" in an elaborate scheme to deceive authorities into believing he acted alone.

The source, who has demonstrated intimate knowledge of the "Son of Sam" killings, claims to have been a member of a Satanic cult that was apparently at the center of the "Son of Sam" murders.

The source has told these newspapers that days before his arrest, Berkowitz and other cult members stripped Berkowitz's apartment of all its good furniture, defaced the walls with bizarre ravings and left the Yonkers studio in total disarray in a deliberate plan to portray Berkowitz as a lone, deranged assassin who murdered at the command of barking dogs.

When they arrested Berkowitz police discovered the chaotic scene and immediately labeled Berkowitz as insane.

Berkowitz then recited a rehearsed story about dogs and demons to feign insanity in order to convince authorities that he was alone in the killings, the source said.

Those in the cult fear for their lives and those of their families if they divulge any of the cult's secrets, the source said.

It was this intimidation, combined with the knowledge that he was likely to face life in prison in any case because he had taken part in some of the "Son of Sam" murders, that con-

vinced Berkowitz to take blame for all the murders, the source said.

The source said he fears reprisals and has asked not to be identified. He has been cautious in his revelations, providing previously unknown details about the cult and leads to other aspects of the case. However, his fears of reprisal have caused him to be sparing with his information.

The following account is based largely on information provided by the source, whose purpose in assisting the investigation, he says, is to explain Berkowitz' limited role in the cult and its murders.

After the final "Son of Sam" attack — in Brooklyn on July 21, 1977 — cult members feared that police might seek Berkowitz for questioning and link him to the shootings as a result of his car being ticketed two blocks from the site where Stacy Moskowitz was fatally wounded and Robert Violante blinded.

Cult members and Berkowitz decided to create an elaborate scenario to present Berkowitz in a way that would convince police he was a lone, insane, psychopathic killer with no accomplices.

First, the source says, a

small van was rented from an agency in the Bronx for \$30, plus a \$50 safety deposit. Then, in the dead of night, the "several good pieces" of furniture that Berkowitz owned were loaded into the van and taken away from the Pine Street studio apartment.

It has recently been established, according to persons close to the Queens investigation, that furniture Berkowitz is known to have owned, including a large bureau, was not in his apartment when he was arrested.

The furniture was driven to the Salvation Army warehouse on South Third Avenue in Mount Vernon and left in front of the building where it could be discovered when the facility opened in the morning, the source says.

Berkowitz' apartment, minus the furniture, was then defaced, the source says. A large hole was punched in one wall and

some of the smaller plaster chips inadvertently were not cleaned up. Significantly, blow-ups of undressed police photos of the apartment show some plaster chips still on the rug below the hole.

Bizarre ravings, all written at the same time, in the same style and with the same red magic marker, were scrawled on the apartment walls, the source says.

Undressed police photos, in color, show the writing to be in the same style and all done in red. Official sources close to the Queens probe say the ink was not faded and may have been applied a short time before Berkowitz' arrest.

Books, magazines, incriminating writings, and pornographic literature were left strewn about the

apartment to enhance the illusion of a lone, insane killer, the source says. Berkowitz' personal address book, found in the apartment, contains a number of irrational entries, such as "Sam's Secret Satanic Service," "FALN Secret Meeting Place," and "The Master."

Those entries are haphazardly written in the first nine pages of an otherwise neat, correctly alphabetized book, and are interspersed with previously-written, orderly, routine entries. More-

over, the bizarre writings — and only those — are all done with the same green felt pen.

"There's no question they were all done at the same time and were added to an address book that had been well-organized, neat and normal before," said an official source close to the Queens investigation.

And while Queens investigators have not been able to confirm the veracity of the source's claim that "Son of Sam" accomplices set up Berkowitz to take a "fall,"

neither have they been able to dismiss the account, which includes several details never publicized by authorities.

Hather, investigators have added the information to the growing list of evidence, circumstances and contradictions supporting the theory that Berkowitz was not alone in his homicidal rampage.

Next: Investigators identified the leader of the Satanic cult that apparently played a central role in the "Son of Sam" killings?

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Pavarotti upstages candidates

NEW YORK (UPI) — You can't upstage an Italian tenor on Columbus Day.

The calls of "Pavarotti for President" proved the point as singer Luciano Pavarotti, dressed in a star-spangled vest and riding a big brown horse, led 200 marchers up Fifth Avenue in Monday's Columbus Day parade.

President Carter, independent John Anderson and George Bush, the Republican vice presidential candidate, took their places well behind Pavarotti, the parade's grand marshal.

When the president reached the reviewing stand, Pavarotti gave him a bear hug; then walked the last block with him.

Before the parade, Carter was almost unable to complete a strongly pro-Israel speech as 20 Orthodox Jewish hecklers drowned him out with shouts of "liar, liar, liar" and "Arab lover" at a Jewish community center in Queens.

For the most part, Carter ignored the them, but said at one point: "Even in a nation where freedom of speech is important, it is also important for you to hear the positions of the president of the United States on these issues." But the heckling continued.

Press Secretary Jody Powell said the demonstrators had "irritated him a little bit." The congregation's lay president later apologized to Carter.

Carter strengthened his stand against PLO recognition, saying not only would he not recognize the PLO while it refuses to acknowledge Israel's right to exist, but that the United States "does not deal with organizations which attempt to accomplish their objectives by means of terrorism."

"This president will never turn his back on Israel," Carter said as the hecklers shouted, "You've done it already."

Anderson, wearing an "I Love New York" button, marched about a quarter of a mile behind Carter in the parade. At one point, just before Anderson began his walk, Carter came by and waved in his direction, but it was unclear if the president saw his challenger, who has lately been increasingly harsh in his criticism of Carter.

"I waved to him I blow him a kiss," Anderson said with a smile.

Later, Anderson proposed that the qualifying age for Social Security payments be gradually phased back three years, from 65 to 68, in order to help safeguard the fund's financial security.

He said he favored extending the threshold by three months, every year, beginning in 1992, so that early in the next century, the 65-year-old limit would



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