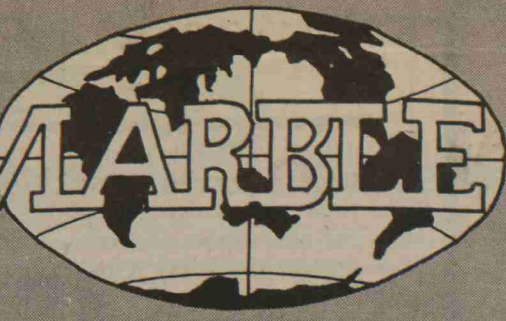


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Internat'l Final Nobel awarded in lit

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Greek poet Odysseus Elytis, who seeks "true reality" through vivid works strongly rooted in the landscape, life and age-old tradition of his native land, was awarded the 1979 Nobel Prize for literature yesterday.

The 68-year-old Elytis, little known outside the Greek language, edged out a half-dozen internationally acclaimed writers who had been highly touted favorites for the prestigious honor.

Reached by telephone in his small bachelor's flat in Athens, he told a reporter he was surprised and thankful "on my own behalf and my country's as a poet and a Greek."

The literature prize, awarded by the Swedish Royal Academy of Letters, was the last of six 1979 Nobels to be awarded. Each is worth \$190,000. Five of the 10 laureates are Americans, including four of seven science prize-winners. The awards ceremony will be conducted Dec. 1 in Stockholm.

Eye doctors help in Soviet surgery

BALTIMORE (AP) — Three Johns Hopkins Hospital eye specialists traveled to Moscow for "possible treatment" of an unidentified Russian patient, hospital officials confirmed yesterday. Sources in Moscow said the patient was a top Soviet leader and he underwent surgery last Sunday.

The development follows fresh reports this week that Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev is ill. He canceled several public appearances in recent days. But there was no firm word in Moscow that Brezhnev might be suffering from an eye ailment.

The three Baltimore physicians, Drs. Ronald Michels, Thomas Rice and Walter Stark, specialize in the treatment of disorders of the cornea, vitreous and retina of the eye at the hospital's Wilmer Eye Institute, said Elaine Freeman, a hospital spokeswoman.

Marxists want eviction of junta

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Marxist guerrillas called

for an uprising to oust El Salvador's new military government as 22 dead were reported in two days of fighting.

The leftists announced a protest march Saturday in defiance of the junta's ban on demonstrations. The Christian Democrats, two other leading political parties and other influential non-communist organizations said they would take part.

Three armed guerrilla commanders, their faces covered with red and black bandanas, said their Revolutionary Army of the People would fight to make El Salvador a Marxist-Leninist state.

National

Gay cops okay in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Sixteen homosexual men and women are expected to enter the San Francisco Police Academy in the next eight months, a gay rights organization says.

The action will apparently make San Francisco the only large city in the world to accept avowed homosexual applicants

for police work, according to the Gay Outreach Program.

The gay applicants represent 8 percent of the 199 candidates. Outreach officials predicted one in five of the gay candidates would be hired, compared with the usual one in 10.

Gassing not to be delayed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist refused yesterday to delay the execution of convicted Nevada murderer Jesse Bishop, scheduled to die in the state's gas chamber Monday.

In a brief opinion, Rehnquist said new arguments submitted by lawyers trying to represent Bishop without his permission "would not persuade the requisite number of justices" to postpone the execution until a formal appeal could be mounted.

"Whether the submission presented to me . . . is treated as a request for a rehearing of our previous denial of a stay of execution or as a new request for a stay of execution, it is in all respects denied," Rehnquist said.

Regional

Lack of report may cost Dixy

SEATTLE (AP) — The attorney for Gov. Dixy Lee Ray says he believes she will be penalized for failing to report the use of a donated plane during her 1976 campaign.

"I assume there is going to be a penalty," H.B. Hanna said Wednesday.

The matter is scheduled to be considered by the state Public Disclosure Commission at its Tuesday meeting, said administrator Graham Johnson.

A source within the commission said any fine in the case is likely to be from \$200 to \$300.

The twin-engine Piper plane, complete with pilot, was donated by Vancouver dentist Dr. Wallace V. Teuscher for Ray's use late in the 1976 campaign. The value of the four campaign trips with the governor on board was estimated at between \$2,700 and \$3,000. The gift was not reported to the disclosure commission, records showed.

"It was not unintentionally reported," Hanna said.

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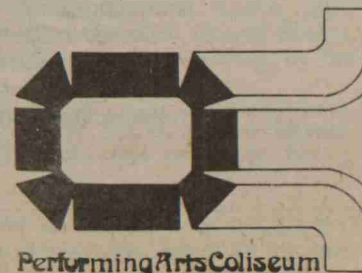
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