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Walsea wins Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway — Lech Walesa, leader of Poland's outlawed Solidarity labor movement, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on Wednesday for his fight on behalf of the "unconquered longing" of all people for peace and freedom.

Walesa quickly said he would give the approximately \$190,000 award to Poland's Roman Catholic Church, which has been outspoken in its support of the labor movement.

Polish authorities did not say whether they would permit Walesa to leave Poland to accept the award, and the labor leader said he was considering sending a relative in his place. Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, the only other Peace Prize laureate from the East bloc, did not accept his award because he feared he would not be allowed to return

home. His wife, Yelena Bonner, attended on his behalf.

In Warsaw, deputy government spokesman Andrzej Konopacki charged that the award was politically motivated and said the Peace Prize "used to be a meaningful award. Now it is devalued."

The Norwegian Nobel Committee said Walesa had made his contribution "with considerable personal sacrifice to ensure the workers' right to establish their own organization."

Watt faces party vote

WASHINGTON — Senate Republican leaders dealt embattled Interior Secretary James Watt another setback Wednesday by suggesting Watt resign or face a "very, very strong" vote of noconfidence from his own party.

The GOP senators held a closeddoor caucus Tuesday and said Wednesday that a consensus had emerged that Watt should resign because Republican support for him was far less than had been previously guaged.

"There's a very, very strong feeling that Secretary Watt should leave," Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan., said.

Assistant Republican Leader Ted Stevens of Alaska, a frequent defender of Watt and his policies, conceded "an increasing number of (Republican) members . . . are of the opinion that a change will ultimately have to be made."

But Pres. Reagan said in an interview Wednesday that Watt "has done a fine job" and a "stupid remark" didn't merit his removal. And Douglas Baldwin, Watt's chief spokesman, said the secretary continues to believe he is an asset to the administration.

Land appeal turned down

SALEM — The Oregon Court of Appeals today turned down a request that it prohibit further

development or other land use decisions by officials of a central Oregon town formed by followers of an Indian guru.

The court said the request by 1000 Friends of Oregon for an injunctions against officials of Rajneeshpuram is premature until a final ruling is made on whether the city was legally incorporated.

In a separate lawsuit, Wasco County Circuit Judge John Jelderks last week issued a temporary order blocking construction of any new structures that couldn't be removed without permanently damaging the land.

The Court of Appeals decision doesn't directly involve that suit, although Jelderks' ruling eventually could be takens to the appeals court. He hasn't decided yet whether to make his order permanent.

The appeals court decision is related to a third suit in which the land use watchdog group is challenging procedures used to form the city inhabited by followers of Bhagwan Shree

Raineesh.

The Court of Appeals said it doesn't yet have authority to decide whether further land use actions should be blocked because the issue of whether the city was formed illegally hasn't been settled.

Greenpeace strikes plant

LINZ, Austria — Greenpeace environ mental activists demonstrated Wednesday at a factory that used to produce dioxin, but angry workers broke up the protest as the demonstrators tried to block the plant's gates with mock drums of the deadly chemical waste.

The demonstrators were protesting the impending return of barrels of dioxin that had been shipped abroad for disposal, but were being sent back to the Chemie Linz plant because the disposal contractor backed out.

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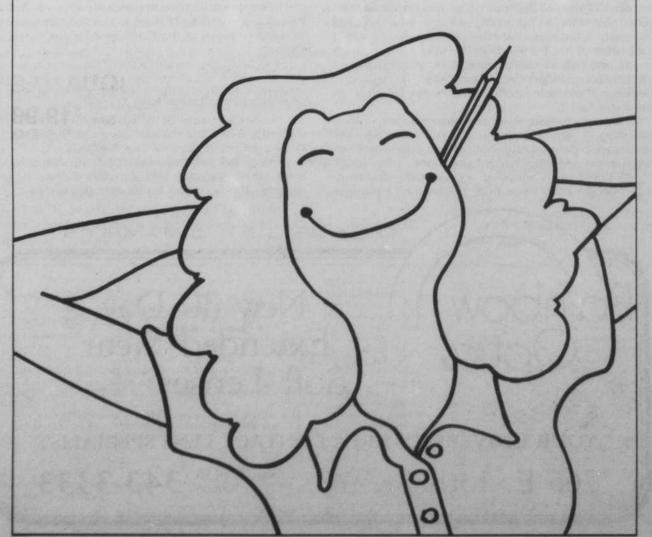
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