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The American Nobel Anniversary Committee is celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Nobel Prize with a dinner in honor of Alfred Nobel and American Nobel Laureates.

For over four decades, American Nobel dinners have been held in our city, bringing to New York leaders from throughout the nation to recognize the contributions to mankind made by the recipients of the Nobel Prize. The theme of the 90th anniversary dinner is "Peace in a Nuclear Age."

Now, therefore, I, Edward I. Koch, Mayor of the City of New York do hereby proclaim December 9, 1986 to be

"American Nobel 90th Anniversary Celebration Day"
in New York City,



In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of New York to be affixed.


EDWARD I. KOCH
MAYOR

Memento of the 90th Nobel Anniversary Dinner

This booklet is sent to you as a memento of the proceedings of the 90th Nobel Anniversary Dinner held on December 9, 1986, at the New York Hilton. The following pages will show some of the activities at the event and include several messages which arrived too late to use in the printed program. President Reagan sent a telegram just prior to the dinner. We also received a proclamation from Mayor Edward Koch of the City of New York in which he declared December 9-10, 1986, as Alfred Nobel Celebration Day. We also have included a message from Pope John Paul sent a few hours before the dinner to Cardinal O'Connor. It was read at the dinner by Father Aloysius Kelly, President of Fairfield University. It was a splendid evening and we wish again to thank all of those who helped to make it so.

Dr. Henry A. Singer
Executive Officer

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, DC

December 9, 1986

Warmest greetings to everyone gathered for the 90th American Nobel Anniversary Dinner. I am delighted to join you in congratulating the many Nobel Laureates you have with you and in commemorating the legacy of Alfred Nobel.

That legacy is one of the pursuit of excellence, and Alfred Nobel perpetuated it for the good of humanity with his endowment of the Nobel Prizes in science, literature, and peace. Nobel, an inventor, businessman, and humanitarian, truly would have appreciated the efforts of the sponsors of your Anniversary Dinner to bring together such a brilliant assembly of benefactors of mankind.

He would have appreciated as well, and seen his own spirit in, the partnership of business with science and with the arts that have brought about so much good. The research of more than one Nobel Laureate, of course, has been assisted by such partnership.

I was pleased to learn that your theme is, "Peace in a Nuclear Age." As I wrote His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, and the international religious leaders who took part in the World Day of Prayer for Peace on October 27, it is my fervent hope that we will some day no longer need to rely on nuclear weapons to deter aggression and assure world peace.

The United States seeks to negotiate major reductions in levels of offensive ballistic missiles, with the ultimate goal of eliminating them altogether. We are also exploring the possibilities presented by new technologies to protect human lives through strategic defenses that threaten no one. Such technologies offer the hope of putting the deterrence of war on a safer and more stable basis. In my meetings with General Secretary Gorbachev in Iceland, we made tremendous strides toward a safer and more stable world, and we will do our full part to build upon the progress achieved at Reykjavik.

We recall also that true peace is more than the absence of war: it is the presence of true justice, tolerance, and universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. This vision and this hope for humankind is surely closer because of the lifework of each of you. You have earned the gratitude of all mankind. Again, congratulations and God bless you.

Ronald Reagan

Grand Ballroom—New York Hilton



Some of the host tables at the Dinner. In front of the dais (being served by the waiter) is Dr. Joshua Lederberg, Nobel Laureate in Medicine, 1958, President of Rockefeller University, and member of the 1986 Dinner Committee. His host is John G. Smale, CEO of Procter & Gamble.

Dr. Val Fitch, Nobel Laureate in Physics, 1980, is at the right at Standard Oil's table, with Robert Horton, the CEO, as his host. Dr. Robert Wilson, Nobel Laureate in Physics, 1978, is at the next table to the right with Allied Signal. Dr. Paul Samuelson, Nobel Laureate in Economics, 1971, (facing the camera in the center table) is seated with Richard Simmons, Vice Chairman of Chemical Bank. To the right is Dr. Herbert Hauptman, Nobel Laureate in Chemistry, 1985, seated with R. D. Kennedy, CEO of Union Carbide. In the center foreground is Dr. Murray Gell-Mann, Nobel Laureate in Physics, 1969, seated with Dun & Bradstreet's Senior Vice President, Robert S. Diamond.

Message from His Holiness Pope John Paul II

His Holiness Pope John Paul II, was pleased to learn of the forthcoming dinner sponsored by the American Nobel Anniversary Committee and he asks you kindly to convey to the participants his personal best wishes. In view of the many threats to peace in our nuclear age, it is important to emphasize those initiatives and institutions capable of increasing the unity and cooperation of the human family on the regional and world level. And capable also of generating anew the captivating appeal of peace.

Accordingly, His Holiness offers his encouragement to all those attending the Nobel Dinner and he invokes upon them God's gifts of light and peace.

Cardinal Casaroli
Secretary of State

Swedish Ambassador Wachtmeister

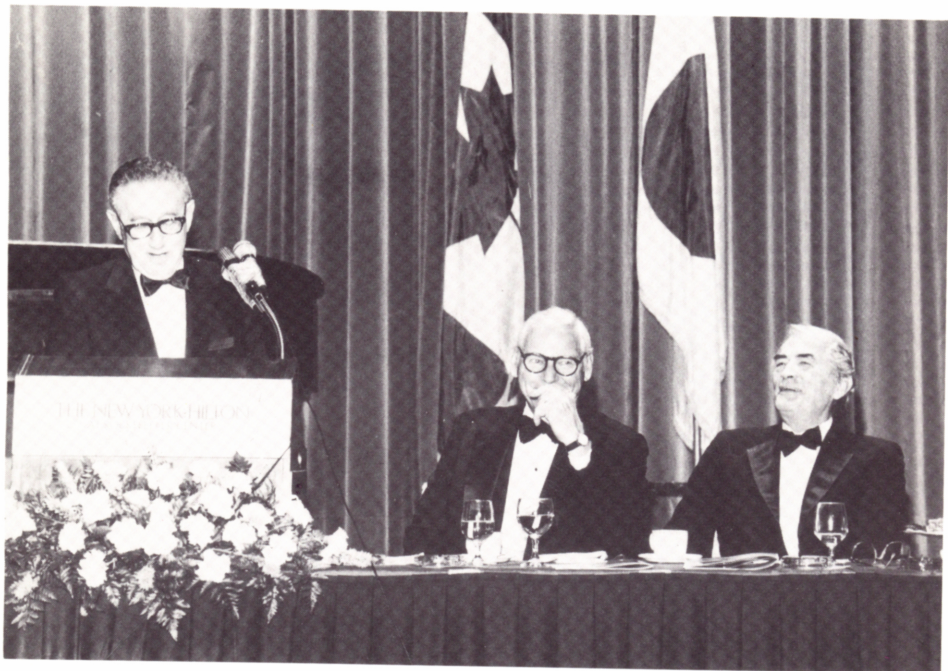


Swedish Ambassador, Wilhelm Wachtmeister, brings greetings from the Swedish Government and the Nobel Foundation. He also traded stories with Dr. Kissinger about his initial appointment to the U.S. during Dr. Kissinger's tenure as Secretary of State. Ambassador Wachtmeister is the Senior Member of the Washington Diplomatic Corps.

American Nobel Laureates attending

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| <p>1944 Dr. Isidor Rabi - <i>Physics</i></p> <p>1947 American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) - <i>Peace</i>
Stephen Thiermann, Chairman
Friends Peace Prize Committee</p> <p>1958 Dr. Joshua Lederberg - <i>Medicine</i></p> <p>1961 Dr. Robert Hofstadter - <i>Physics</i></p> <p>1962 Dr. James Watson - <i>Medicine</i></p> <p>1965 UNICEF - <i>Peace</i>
Liv Ullman
Goodwill Ambassador
for UNICEF</p> <p>1969 Dr. Murray Gell-Man - <i>Physics</i></p> <p>1970 Dr. Paul Samuelson - <i>Economics</i></p> <p>1972 Dr. Leon Cooper - <i>Physics</i>
and
Dr. John Schrieffer - <i>Physics</i>
Dr. Christian Anfinsen — <i>Chemistry</i></p> <p>1973 Dr. Henry Kissinger - <i>Peace</i>
Dr. Ivar Giaever - <i>Physics</i></p> | <p>1974 Dr. Christian de Duve - <i>Medicine</i></p> <p>1976 Dr. Baruch Blumberg - <i>Medicine</i>
and
Dr. Carleton Gajdusek - <i>Medicine</i>
Dr. William Lipscomb, Jr. - <i>Chemistry</i>
Dr. Burton Richter - <i>Physics</i></p> <p>1977 Dr. Philip Anderson - <i>Physics</i>
Dr. Rosalyn Yalow - <i>Medicine</i></p> <p>1978 Dr. Hamilton Smith - <i>Medicine</i>
Dr. Robert Wilson - <i>Physics</i></p> <p>1979 Dr. Herbert Brown - <i>Chemistry</i></p> <p>1980 Dr. Val Fitch - <i>Physics</i></p> <p>1981 Dr. Nicolaas Bloembergen - <i>Physics</i>
Dr. James Tobin - <i>Economics</i></p> <p>1984 Dr. Robert Merrifield - <i>Chemistry</i></p> <p>1985 Dr. Herbert Hauptman - <i>Chemistry</i>
Dr. Jerome Karle - <i>Chemistry</i></p> |
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Dinner Co-Chairman Dr. Henry Kissinger



Just prior to introducing the assembled Nobel Laureates, Dr. Henry Kissinger (far left) delights his audience with anecdotes about the international scene. On his right are Warren Anderson, Co-Chairman of the December 9th dinner and actor Gregory Peck who flew in from California especially to share in the Nobel dinner.



Largest gathering of American Nobel Laureates held at 90th Nobel Anniversary Dinner at N.Y. Hilton, on December 9th, 1986.

Dr. Henry Kissinger, fourth from left, Dinner co-chairman. Standing behind him is Warren Anderson, retiring chairman of Union Carbide, Dinner co-chairman. Extreme right, M. William Grossman, Westport, Dinner Treasurer and CEO, Nutmeg Financial Group. Behind him is Dr. James Tobin, Nobel Laureate in Economics from Yale University, Dr. Nicolaas Bloembergen, Physics, 1981, Harvard, Dr. Philip Anderson, Physics, 1977, Princeton, Dr. Leon Cooper, Physics, 1972, Brown University, Dr. Christian Anfinsen,

Chemistry, 1972, Johns Hopkins, Dr. Murray Gell-Mann, Physics, 1969, Cal Tech, Dr. Herbert Hauptman, Chemistry, 1985, Buffalo Medical Foundation, Dr. Ivar Giaever, Physics, 1973, GE R & D Center, Dr. Rosalyn Yalow, Medicine, 1977, Bronx VA Hospital, Dr. Baruch Blumberg, Medicine, 1976, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Dr. Jerome Karle, Chemistry, 1985, U.S. Naval Lab, Dr. I. I. Rabi, Physics, 1944, Dr. Paul Samuelson, Economics, 1970, MIT. In the center, to the right of Kissinger and to the left of Dr. Yalow is Dr. Burton Richter, of Stanford, Physics, 1976. This group represented half of the Nobel Laureates present at the 1986 American Nobel Dinner.

Nobel Anniversary Dinner

Most Successful in 45 Years

Congratulations! You helped to make the 90th Nobel Anniversary Dinner on December 9, 1986, at the New York Hilton the most successful in our 45-year history. There were close to 800 participants, enough to generate a small surplus that has gone into our American Nobel Laureate Fellowship Fund.

Close to thirty Nobel Laureates took part. Some ten or twelve had to cancel at the last minute for a variety of personal or professional reasons. But octagenarian Dr. I. I. Rabi, one of our oldest supporters, was there in high spirits. He is a founding member along with the late Albert Einstein.

Several television stations and publications have given wide coverage both to the Dinner and to the Nobel Laureate Fellowship Fund. Many Laureates who could not attend have requested follow-up information and future participation. As a result, we have planned a biannual American Nobel convocation on alternate years with the American Nobel Dinner. This year, the convocation will be the weekend of October 17-18 to commemorate Nobel's birthday (October 21st).

1987 Nobel Convocation

The 1st Nobel Convocation will provide an opportunity for the American Nobel Laureates to get together with their colleagues in their own field, as well as those from other disciplines. In addition, they will meet with corporate leaders in informal sessions for discussions on the funding of pure and applied research.

Other issues to be discussed will be the establishment of the American Nobel Laureate Fellowships and the criteria for the selection of the candidates. Committees for the screening in each discipline will also be selected. It is anticipated that biannual American Nobel Laureate Fellowships will be worth approximately \$50,000 each. They will go to candidates who, in the opinion of the American Nobel Laureates, show the best promise in their early or mid-careers of being future Nobel Laureates. The Grants may help some complete their doctoral studies or critical research in progress.

Sakharov Invitation

Evening plenary sessions will include a panel of Nobel Laureates and world leaders discussing the most pressing issues facing our generation. Among plans being explored is an invitation to be sent to Andrei Sakharov, Bishop Tutu, and Lech Walesa to attend as guests of the American Nobel Committee to share in the dialogues. While the Committee is not optimistic about all or any of the invitees attending, many things are possible in a rapidly changing world scene. By October, events may make such an acceptance more feasible.

UNICEF Ambassador Liv Ullman



90th American Nobel Anniversary Dinner addressed by Liv Ullmann representing UNICEF, 1965 Nobel Peace Prize Winner. To her left is the Dinner Co-Chairman Dr. Henry Kissinger, 1972 Nobel Peace Prize winner and former U.S. Secretary of State. On the right is Warren Anderson, Dinner Co-Chairman and retiring chairman of Union Carbide.

American Nobel Laureate Fellowships

The American Nobel Committee has just celebrated the 90th Nobel Anniversary ceremony at the New York Hilton on December 9th, 1986. This year, 1987, also marks the Committee's 45th year of operation. To commemorate these events, the Committee has announced the launching of the American Nobel Laureate Fellowships. With the approval of the Nobel Foundation in Sweden, it will not only keep alive the tradition of Alfred Nobel, but also extend its influence to younger scientists and researchers.

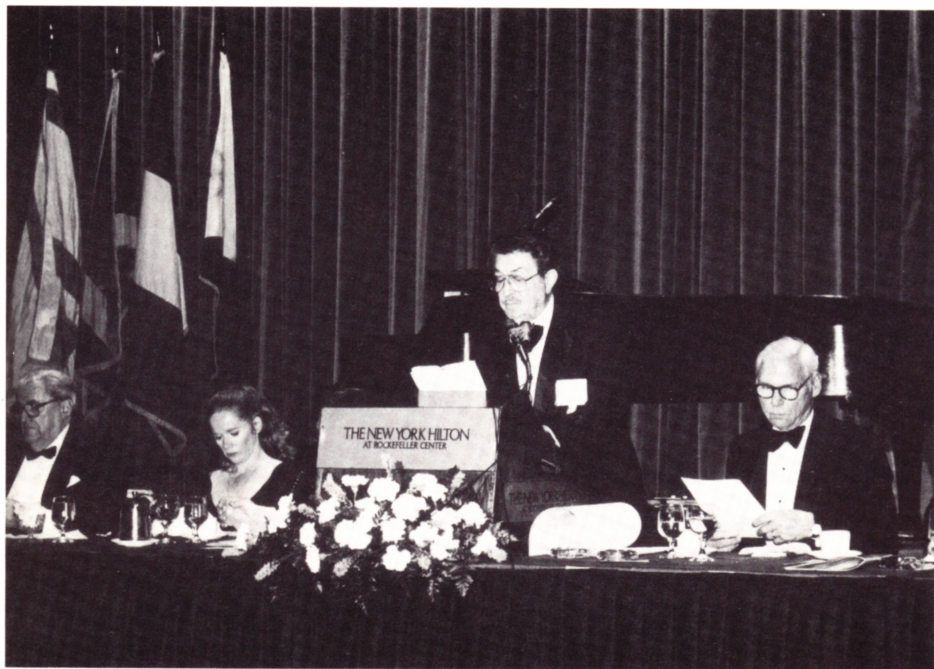
The four fields to be awarded are parallel to the Nobel Prizes in physics, chemistry, medicine, and economic science. As yet, no provision has been made for Peace or Literature. The Fellowships will be presented every two years at the biannual American Nobel Dinner commemorating Nobel's memorial in December. On alternate years, there will be a biannual convocation in October commemorating Nobel's birthday. At this gathering, committees of Nobel Laureates will help determine the candidates for the Fellowships within their own disciplines. It is hoped that the funding for all four Fellowships will make possible grants of \$50,000 each. They will go to the graduate student or researcher in early careers who, in the opinion of the American Nobel Laureates in the subject area, shows the most potential as a future Nobel Prize winner in the field.

The Committee is seeking funding for the Fellowships. At this stage, the Fellowship in Chemistry appears to be in process. The donor corporation wishes to remain anonymous at this stage. At some future date, a public announcement will be made. Several individual donors and Foundations have proposals under consideration and hopefully announcements will be made prior to the October 1987 convocation.

As of January 15th, the Nobel Laureates listed below have agreed to serve on the preliminary committees. They include:

Dr. Joshua Lederberg, Medicine, 1958, President Rockefeller University
Dr. Christian Anfinsen, Chemistry, 1972, Johns Hopkins University
Dr. Kenneth Arrow, Economics, 1972, Stanford University
Dr. Nicolaas Bloembergen, Physics, 1981, Harvard University
Dr. Milton Friedman, Economics, 1976, Hoover Institute
Dr. Jerome Karle, Chemistry, 1985, Naval Research Lab
Dr. Isidor Rabi, Physics, 1944
Dr. Eugene Wigner, Physics, 1963, Princeton University
Dr. Rosalyn Yalow, Medicine, 1977, Bronx VA Hospital
Dr. Gerard Debreu, Economics, 1983, U. of California, Berkeley
Dr. Philip Anderson, Physics, 1977, Princeton University
Dr. George Palade, Medicine, 1974, Yale University

Messages at the Dinner



Dr. Henry A. Singer, Committee Executive Officer, reads a message from President Ronald Reagan which arrived earlier in the day. The text appears elsewhere in the proceedings. On the far left is U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Vernon Walters. He came directly from an emergency meeting at the UN to the Nobel dinner, where he was the principal speaker.



At the conclusion of the festivities, E. Cortright Phillips, Vice President of Citytrust (far right) chats with Diane Benson, President of Manhattan ICE Inc., Gregory Peck, and Father Aloysius Kelly, President of Fairfield University. Below, Ambassador Walters listens intently to former boss, Dr. Kissinger. On his left Swedish Ambassador Wachtmeister, Quaker Peace Chairman Thiermann and Dr. Singer.





Dr. Henry Kissinger and Nancy Kissinger at cocktail reception chat with Liv Ullman and Gregory Peck. They were joined by some of the 27 Nobel Prize winners at the pre-dinner reception. Below, Dr. Kissinger chats with the senior Laureate present, 86 year old Dr. I.I. Rabi before photo session.



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