

## Peace Prize Today Not What Nobel Intended

The Nobel Prizes for Medicine, Physics and Chemistry, given by the Swedish Academy of Science, are universally recognized merit badges of unquestionable accomplishment. Not so the Peace Prize. Alfred Nobel recognized that this category was open to international political influence, and thus put its selection in the hands of a small committee selected by the Norwegian parliament. At the time, Norway was a province of Sweden with no direct involvement in foreign affairs, and thus thought not held captive by external elitist agendas. Unfortunately, history has shown too many times otherwise, as witnessed by Oslo's undeserved award to Barack Obama, which, to our President's credit, he immediately acknowledged as such.