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Obama's Rigged Nobel Peace Prize Award

Well, now it's official. Barack Obama has just won the highest honor that the elitists of the international left can bestow on one of their own. His very own Nobel Peace Prize. Imagine that!

And what has our president done to deserve this lofty honor? Why, in the words of an infamous "Saturday Night Live" sketch, nothing, absolutely nothing. I'll come back to that hilarious skit in a moment. But first, let's look a little closer at the curious timing of Obama's award.



Did you know that the Nobel Committee's own regulations require that all nominations be postmarked by Feb. 1? This means that — if the rules were followed — Barack Obama was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize a mere 12 days after he was sworn into office.

Twelve days in office and he's already being considered for a Nobel Peace Prize? Give me a break! Does anyone anywhere really believe that this is how it actually happened?

Let me suggest something that strikes me as incredibly obvious: The Nobel Committee broke its own rules to give Obama the award. Can't you imagine a committee meeting with someone shouting the Norwegian equivalent of "Rules? Rules? We don't need no stinkin' rules."

And of course it's true. When it comes to honoring one of their own, and advancing the cause of their dubious socialist schemes, the elitists of the international left don't need no stinkin' rules. They can do whatever they want. That's why they hate the very idea of being bound down by the chains of a constitution. These power-hungry sycophants always and everywhere love monopolies and dictatorships, so long as it's one of their own who is in charge. That's why they are so enraptured with the United Nations.

But I digress. The plain and simple fact is that this year's selection was rigged. This is far from the first time that the noble idea of a "peace prize" was prostituted to serve the ignoble ambitions of the left.

Do you remember in 1994, when the Nobel Committee gave the honor to a thief and murderer named Yasser Arafat? It's true that Arafat shared the award with the then-prime minister and foreign minister of Israel. But still, giving a "peace" prize to the father of modern terrorism? Arafat gloated about using the most heinous murder of innocent civilians to advance his aims.

Oh, by the way, he also stole tens of millions of dollars from the very Palestinians he supposedly led to finance a life of luxury on the French Riviera and various world capitals. In a sane world, he would have been tried for murder and executed.

Instead, he was the most frequent visitor to Bill Clinton's White House among all so-called world



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leaders. What a travesty.

If that wasn't enough to make you rush to the nearest vomitorium, how about the winners in 1973? In case you've forgotten, that's when Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and North Vietnam's Lu Duc Tho shared the award for negotiating the Vietnam peace accords. If you remember that Communists describe "peace" as "when all opposition has been eliminated," then you'll have to admit the committee got it right: Kissinger and gang made sure all opposition to a communist takeover of South Vietnam got slaughtered. Way to go, Mr. Secretary.

But you don't have to be a mass murderer, or even open the door to it, to be honored by the Nobel Committee. Slavish devotion to the left's latest cause is often enough. How else would you explain the selection two years ago of former Vice President Al Gore? Even if you bought into all the skewed science and deliberate deceptions in "An Inconvenient Truth," can you really contend with a straight face that he deserved a Nobel Peace Prize?

Well, okay, I'll grant you. He has done more to earn it than our Teleprompter-in-Chief. But that's not saying much.

By an extraordinary coincidence, two days before the award was announced, "Saturday Night Live" opened its Oct. 3 show with a skit skewering Barack Obama for accomplishing "nothing, absolutely nothing" since Inauguration Day.

In case you missed it, the sketch featured actor Fred Armisen portraying the president and delivering a very sober speech to the American public. Here's just part of that delicious put-down:

There are those on the right who are angry. They think that I'm turning this great country into something that resembles the Soviet Union or Nazi Germany. But that's just not the case. When you look at my record, it's very clear what I've done so far — and that is nothing. Nada. Almost one year and nothing to show for it.

As he spoke, a checklist of promises appeared on the screen — global warming, immigration reform, gays in the military, limits on executive power, torture prosecutions, closing Guantanamo Bay, withdrawing from Iraq, healthcare reform, and so on. Armisen, as Obama, admitted very honestly how little his administration had accomplished.

"Remember," he said. "I can do whatever I want. I have a majority in both houses of Congress. I could make it mandatory for all gays to marry, and require all cars to run on marijuana. But do I? NO!"

He then closed with this wonderful admission: "So looking at this list, I'm seeing two big accomplishments: JACK and SQUAT!"

You've got to admit, sometimes the liberals get it right.

Until next time, keep some powder dry.

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