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STANFORD UNIVERSITY, NOVEMBER 15 -- Stanford Professor Willis E. Lamb, Jr. is due to arrive in New York today on the first leg of his journey to Stockholm, where he will receive the Nobel Prize in Physics.

Dr. Lamb and Dr. Polykarp Kusch of Columbia University were selected recently by the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences to share the prize. It will be formally presented December 10, the anniversary of the death of Alfred Nobel, Swedish inventor of dynamite who founded the prize.

The Stanford physicist will be awarded a gold medal, a diploma, and a check for 95,107 Swedish kronor (about \$18,000). A banquet at Stockholm's Town Hall will follow the presentation ceremonies.

On December 9 Dr. Lamb and other prize winners will attend a dinner given by Dr. Arne Westgren, secretary of the academy. Traditionally, on the day following the presentation, a dinner for the Nobel laureates is given also by King Gustav Adolph, at which they speak briefly about their work.

Dr. Lamb is accompanied by his wife, an historian. They plan a short visit with friends in New York before flying to England, where he will confer with scientists at Oxford University. He also plans to attend a theoretical physics conference at the University of St. Andrews.

"Even though we will be in England, we will celebrate Thanksgiving in the traditional way," Dr. Lamb said. Before returning to the Stanford campus early in January, he also plans to do some "scientific sight-seeing" in Europe, he said.

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