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## Russia's Peace Prize Presented To Cyrus Eaton Ceremony Is Staged At Pugwash

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TRURO—Cyrus Eaton, who left his Pugwash home as a youth to become one of America's great industrialists, returned to his native village yesterday to receive Russia's international Lenin Peace Prize. The prize, given to people of different nationalities and convictions in recognition of their outstanding work for peace, was made by Soviet Academician D. V. Skobel'tzyn, a director of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, before an applauding, shirt-sleeved Dominion Day crowd of thousands.

### FEATURE OF GATHERING

The ceremony, held on the platform at Eaton Park, on the banks of the beautiful Pugwash River and within a short distance of the Eaton ancestral home, was the feature of the annual Gathering of the Clans and Fishermen's Regatta.

Mr. Eaton said later, at a press conference, that the prize, valued at approximately \$25,000 in Canadian currency, "would be donated to some cause in the interest of peace."

Academician Skobel'tzyn, in making the presentation, told Mr. Eaton that "he had fully earned the gratitude of mankind for his tireless work for peace and the prosperity of all the peoples."

Mr. Eaton, on his part, accepted the Lenin Peace Prize . . . "not so much as recognition of my personal efforts for better world understanding, but as evidence of the earnest desire of the Soviet people and their government for peace on earth and goodwill to all mankind."

Naming Eaton as "an honest and fervent fighter for peace,"

Mikhail Menshikov, Soviet Ambassador to the United States, stated that some circles in the West "were spoiled by wealth, snobbishness and materialism . . . and continued to create international tension . . . If all capitalists, he said, were as honest and had the qualities of Eaton, there would be no war at all . . . and agreement on disarmament would come quickly . . ."

The Very Rev. C. M. Nicholson, principal of Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, presided at the presentation ceremonies, and was introduced by William Wilson, master of ceremonies for the day's celebrations. Leaders in provincial and civic government, publishers, and business heads were among the many guests on the platform.

Soviet Ambassador to Canada, Amasasp Aroutunian, in speaking of the friendship of Eaton and Russian Premier Khrushchev told the gathering that one great idea joins these two in friendship . . . the idea of international understanding . . . the idea of the strengthening of peace . . . and the idea of peaceful coexistence between nations of different economic and social



Cleveland industrialist Cyrus Eaton, a native of Pugwash, has the Lenin Peace Award medal pinned on by the wife of the Russian Ambassador to Canada, Mrs. Amasasp Aroutunian. (Johnson photo).



One of the proudest onlookers at yesterday's presentation of the International Lenin Peace Prize to Cyrus Eaton was the Cleveland industrialist's wife. She is shown above with Mikhail A. Menshikov, Soviet ambassador to the United States, centre, and Amasasp Aroutunian, Soviet ambassador to Canada. At left, Mr. Eaton is shown receiving the award from D. V. Skobel'tzyn, director of the Institute of Physics of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. (Johnson Photos)

systems, socialist and capitalist. He expressed the belief that the presentation of the Lenin Award to Mr. Eaton will give more courage to all peoples in capitalist countries to strengthen the noble cause of peace, to stop activities of antagonism of the international detents to put an end to the armaments race and the cold war. He gave assurance that his country would continue to do its best to strengthen the cause of just peace throughout the world.

In expressing the wish that Pugwash become a symbol of Soviet-Canadian friendship, as it is now a symbol of peace, Am-

bassador Aroutunian told Eaton that the movement in Pugwash was a movement for international understanding. "You have your utmost to encourage people, especially intellectuals and scientists to think over major international scientific problems on which dependence for peace. Certain people from different countries have to learn how to live together in peace."

### SIGNIFICANT

Guests on the platform included Hon. E. D. Haliburton, who represented the government

of Nova Scotia and Mayor Charles A. Vaughan of Halifax. Both spoke briefly to the gathering. In his acceptance address, Mr. Eaton, founder and sponsor of the Pugwash Thinkers' conferences said that in these troubled times, when bitterness and misunderstanding have broken out anew, that a special significance can be found in the ceremonies. In that the presentation of the Lenin award by the USSR to an acknowledged apostle of capitalism, offers a hopeful omen for brighter days ahead.

Mr. Eaton said that he sincerely believes Premier Khrushchev's United Nations address of September, 1959, with its clearly out-

lined disarmament proposals will go down as one of the historic utterances of modern years.

"I have not the slightest doubt that Premier Khrushchev and the members of his government would like to concentrate the resources of their country, not on the costly modern instruments of annihilation, but on more and better homes and schools; on industrial and agricultural progress and on physical fitness and intellectual excellence," he said.

Mr. Eaton reminded his audience that in this age of missiles and nuclear warheads, that whole nations are now armies, and that the science of destruction has reached such staggering proportions that war must be

branded absolutely absurd by the reason of its own monstrosity.

"I devoutly believe in the possibility of peace with honor to all. I hope the people of the Western world everywhere will elect men of peace to highest office, and will educate these statesmen to the grave responsibility of this dangerous age." "Men who make opinion must seize every opportunity to proclaim the moral dignity of peace, as well as its practical advantages." "For my part, I shall never cease to appeal to my fellow men, of whatever race, creed or color, for peace." "I call on the lofty principles of religion, the kindness of the human heart, the prudence of business