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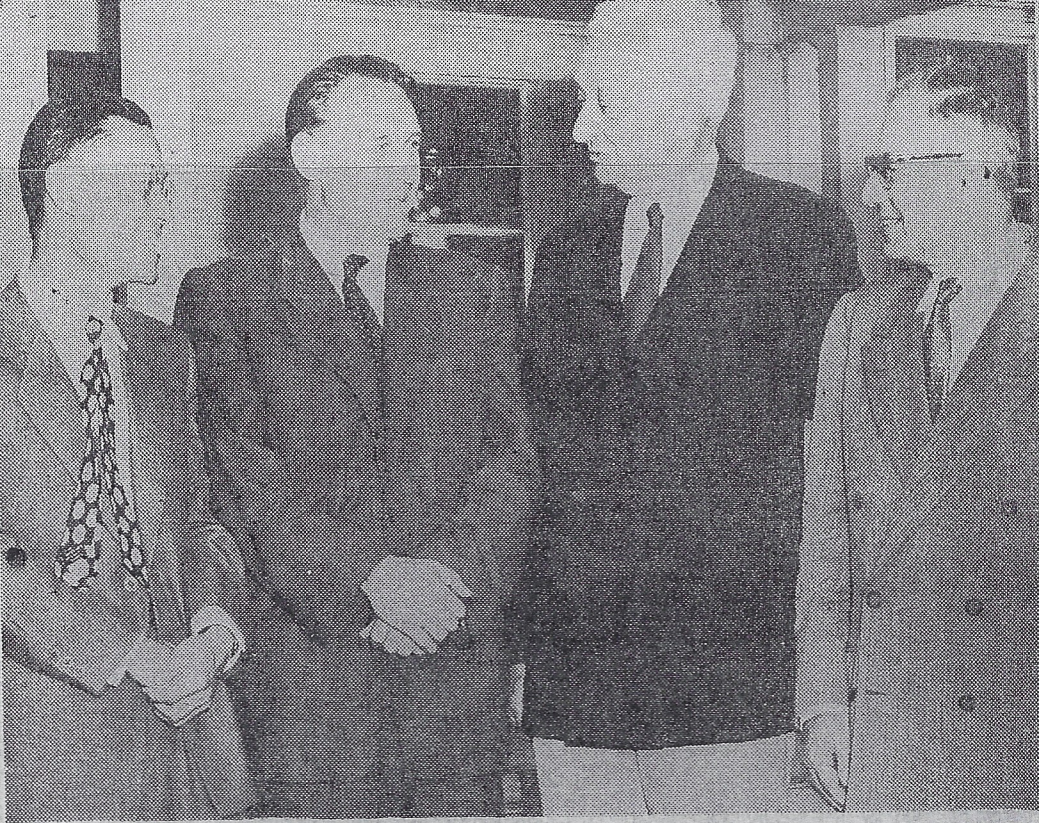
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NO PROBLEMS HERE—In Pugwash as guest of Cyrus S. Eaton are, left to right: Dr. Chien Tuan-sheng, of Red China; Alexander M. Samarin, of Soviet Russia; Mr. Eaton, and Majid Khadduri, of Iraq. (Photo by Slaunwhite).

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Middle East Problems Also Aired At Pugwash

By HAROLD SHEA

PUGWASH—While top leaders of the world powers were yesterday still laying the foundation for a 24-nation conference on the Suez Canal issue, other complex Middle East problems were being thrashed over in this quiet Nova Scotia village.

"LITTLE WORLD TALKS"

Scholars, diplomats and political economic experts attending "little world talks" in the white clapboard seaside house on the shores of Northumberland Strait, won't resolve such problems as Arab dissatisfaction with the West; the internal development and external relations of Israel, national aspirations and social reform of the Arab world, the role of Middle East oil, or particular aspects of the present situation of Jordan, Syria and Egypt.

But as guests of Nova Scotia-born Cleveland industrialist Cyrus Eaton at the "Eaton Experiment," delegates from nine countries on both sides of the Iron Curtain and the Middle East will discuss all of these over the next few days, in an atmosphere which guarantees: "say what you like, you won't be heard outside these walls."

Mr. Eaton offered his guests something different yesterday. Instead of the heavy schedule of debates, he invited members of press and radio to take a look at his ancestral home, to meet the men who have come here from nine nations, and ask them questions.

The questions were parried skillfully by the delegates. Since they are not policy-makers they declined any comment on international relations. To questions on border disputes and canal problems, reporters received "answers" far from the point. In response to one question, this reporter was answered by: "Who is going to make the World Series?" in a manner which implied the original question hadn't been heard.

Dean H. N. Fieldhouse, of McGill University, who is chairman of the conference, explained that problems of the Middle East occupy the agenda.

He declined to say what was said at the conference thus far, except to explain that the delegates plan to discuss "a number of controversial subjects which affect the countries of those represented."

"We have been working together

Plant Blast Fatal To 2

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP)—A huge explosion at the Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation plant Monday killed two persons and injured 16.

Plant superintendent John Holland said that all men had been accounted for and that a third person at first reported dead, was among the injured.

Dead are Herman C. Strablow, 29, of nearby Bergholtz and John Maule, 34, of Niagara Falls.

The blast came shortly after noon, rocking this industrial city of 100,000. One building at the plant was demolished and several others were damaged.

Fire which broke out in the blast area was brought under control about two hours later.

The plant, contained in a group of buildings along the Niagara river, is engaged in some classified work for the navy, but company officials said no classified operations were damaged.

Nevertheless, reporters and even local policemen were barred from the grounds.

In New York City, Olin Mathieson issued a statement saying three men were known dead, one missing and 16 in hospital.

Price Of Steel In Wake Of 34-

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Steel prices were pushed upwards an average of \$8.50 a ton Monday by U.S. Steel Corp., the largest producer in the United States.

Other companies were expected to act quickly to revise prices in the wake of the 34-day country-wide steel strike.

That strike by 650,000 members of the United Steelworkers was settled Friday in new three-year, no-strike contracts signed by the

Edward Island, 2, (2); Nova Scotia, 5, (20); New Brunswick, 4, (6); Quebec, 19, (30).

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on these matters for three days. But it is already clear that none of us can think about them again within the same limitations with which we approached them before we came."

The schedule is this: in the morning one delegate will take up the entire discussion period presenting the views of his nation on a particular subject. Later in the day, every member gets a say.

Taking part in the talks along with Dean Fieldhouse, are Brigadier S. H. Longrigg, of Britain, who has had wide military and government experience in the Middle East; Jean LaPierre, French Consul for the Maritimes, formerly in the Middle East for a long period, and a former director of courses at the Institute of Political Science in Paris, on the Arab and Zionist world; Dr. Heinrich Bruening, who was Chancellor of the German Reich prior to the rise of Hitler and later a lecturer at Harvard University; Majid Khaduri, member of the Iraqi delegation to the San Francisco conference in 1945; Dr. Leo Kohn, counsellor for political affairs for the Ministry of External Affairs, Israel; Alexander M. Samarin, Moscow, corresponding member of the Academy of Sciences of Soviet Russia; John Marshall, New York, associate director of the Humanities Division of the Rockefeller Foundation, and Professor Chien Tuan-sheng, president of the Institute of Politics and Law at Peking, People's Republic of China.

Due within the next 24 hours are James Baster, New York, of the UN Secretariat and formerly UN economic advisor in Beirut, Lebanon; Dr. Paul Geren, Washington, officer-in-charge of Egypt-Sudan affairs for the U.S. State Department.

Yesterday, guests were treated to a healthy helping of Russian caviar, brought here by Mr. Samarin; tea made in a handsome samovar, also presented by the Russian delegate, and boiled lobsters, served up under supervision of Raymond Z. Bourque, MLA for Yarmouth, who is chief caterer. On display in the lounge of Mr. Eaton's home was a beautiful painting on Chinese silk, a