

Russian Scientists Find Meeting Of Minds in Conference Happy

Three Attending Nova Scotia Sessions Say They Are Grateful Others Thinkers Warn World on Nuclear War

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PUGWASH, N. S., July 11 — Three of the Soviet Union's top scientists left here this morning pleased with their experience at the conference at Thinkers Retreat. They were especially gratified that other world scientists thought as they did about the dangers of nuclear warfare.

Most of their shyness and aloofness from their non-Russian colleagues had disappeared.

They had spent four a half days and nights in deliberation with scientists from nine other countries at one of the special sessions for the world's leading men of learning, sponsored annually by the Canadian-born Cleveland industrialist, Cyrus Stephen Eaton. They had had a good chance to look into the minds of the man with whom they met and on the whole they were satisfied with what they saw.

They found the nineteen other scientists from the United States, Britain, France, Japan, China and Poland to be men of good-will, quite as concerned as they, themselves, with the dangers of the nuclear age the scientists have helped to create.

While the Russians did not necessarily see eye to eye with their non-Russian colleagues, they had come to understand what made them reason the way they did.

These thoughts and more emerged from a series of infor-

mal talks with the Russian delegates to the meeting which was topped off this morning in a formal interview with the Soviet Union's No. 2 scientist, A. V. Topchlev, Academician Topchlev, a chemist, is secretary general of the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

The talks and most of the interview were conducted in Russian. Toward the end of the interview, when the language became technical, a Russian interpreter was employed.

Mr. Topchlev, a broad, square bushy-browed dark-haired man of serious mien, unbent considerably after a few days' acquaintance and agreed willingly to the interview.

Seated on a lawn chair on the terrace overlooking Northumberland Strait, Mr. Topchlev discussed the value to him and to his colleagues of this meeting.

"We Russian scientists have always urged greater exchanges of information and views," he said. "At this meeting it was very important to find such agreement on the dangers of atomic war and for us to find that scientists of other countries think a great deal like us on the subject."

"My conclusion from the results of this meeting is that this is a good beginning for future meetings. I believe, first, that scientists must meet and, second, that they must educate the peoples of the world that there must not be war."