

Press Comment on Peace Prize

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(Text) The EVENING NEWS writes on the award of the 1961 Lenin Peace Prize to Osagyefo the President. In an editorial headed "Lenin of Africa," the paper says: What may be regarded as the supreme recognition of very conspicuous service in the interest of humanity and world peace is the splendid gesture of the Government of the Soviet Union in the award of the Lenin Peace Prize to Osagyefo the President, who is himself by historical necessity the Lenin of Africa, destined in the face of storm and tempest to bring unity and freedom to our oppressed and divided continent.

This magnificent token of esteem and good relations, the EVENING NEWS points out, framed in the midst of a world-stirring appeal by Osagyefo to the great powers to get agreement on the resumption of talks on disarmament and the complete discontinuance of nuclear tests, this magnificent effort, which takes inspiration from the Accra conference, a creation of Osagyefo himself, has already hit world headlines and is on the tongue of every peace-loving nation all over the world. It is no impulse of the moment. It has permeated every speech that he has made and carries significant echoes in the All-African People's Conference, the conference of African independent states, before the United Nations, at Belgrade, New Delhi, (word indistinct), and in the National Assembly.

The EVENING NEWS remarks that by his zeal for peace Osagyefo has distinguished himself not only as a brave statesman, patriot, and leader but as one of the greatest living humanitarians that the modern world has produced.

The GHANAIAN TIMES, also writing on the award, says: Kwame Nkrumah, the greatest African revolutionary, has been awarded the greatest socialist honor. His whole life's work is concentrated intensively on the maintenance of peace for mankind. In order to achieve this, Nkrumah has set out to destroy the enemies of peace, and in this exercise a great struggle ensued between himself and imperialists and colonialists who have dominated Africa for hundreds of years, built up ramparts of exploitation, and forged terrible weapons of oppression against the people of Africa.

Nkrumah fought these monsters with the weapons of peace. Nkrumah mobilized the people and showed them that their strength lay in unity, that their unity will usher in freedom, and that freedom will bring in peace.