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"SCULPTOR HONORED"

Dr. Rene Shapshak, world renowned sculptor and artist was recently awarded a Doctorate in Humanities from the Philathea College, London, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Bishop Benjamin Eckhardt of the First Church of Christ(Disciples), President of the College, in making the award said: We are indeed pleased to confer this honor upon Dr. Shapshak for his artistic and cultural contributions in many countries throughout the world where thousands of his fellowmen enjoy the fruits of his great talent."

Among the distinguished audience present to honor the sculptor were: Professor E. B. George, A. C. C. O., Ph. D., Litt. D. Th. D.; Drs. Lester Beacher, Chancellor, Herman F. Mantell; Vice-Chancellor and Dr. Herman Bayern, Administrative Assistant to the present.

Born and educated in Paris, an alumnus of the Ecole de Beaux Arts, Dr. Shapshak is considered one of the "Ecole de Paris" along with Picasso and Chagall.

Dr. Shapshak has lived and worked in many parts of the world. He has sculptures in many museums and one of his major works is in the Post Office at Capetown, South Africa, a Bas Relief of 150 feet in marble.

He did sculptures of Mahatma Ghandi and John Cecil Rhodes in Great Britain. The Rhodes sculpture is in the Rhodes Museum at Bishops Stotford, England. His work of



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Ellen Church Marshall, the American Florence Nightingale, stands in the headquarters of the United Airlines in Chicago, and Bas-Reliefs of her are in the leading air terminals throughout the United States and around the world. The State of Israel has acknowledged with gratitude Dr. Shapshak's sculpture of former President Harry S. Truman, which is in the Israeli Parliament Building.

Dr. Shapshak has the honor of being the only sculptor to exhibit in the United Nations, New York. His art is represented in Buckingham Palace, in the Rothschilde, Schiff and Schonegevel Collections in England, Pinakotheki, Athens-Greece, the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.; the Truman Library, Independence, Missouri; in New York and other cities in the U.S.A.; and in many other exhibits of distinction.

Among the sculptures inNew York City are those of Cardinal Francis Spellman,
Dr. Leo B. Mayer, I. Rogosin, and Playwright Arthur Miller.

Some of the honors and awards bestowed upon Dr. Shapshak are: Honorary Life Membership in the American International Academy, Washington, D.C.; Medal, Officer Order of St. Dennis of Zante (Greece); Commander, Order Konstantinian Nemagnique De St. Etienne; Patron, Syndicate African Artists; Chairman of Art Section of International American Institute, Washington, D.C.; President Eloy Alfaro Medal-Panama; Delegate, International Academy to United Nations, New York and others.

Dr. Shapshak resides with his wife, Eugenie Palca-Shapshak, renowned concert pianiste, and their son Paul, a graduate student at Princeton University, at the Chelsea Hotel, 222 West 23rd Street, New York City. Telephone: 212-243-3700.

Dr. Shapshak's work may be seen at his studio -- 219 Seventh Avenue, Attelier, No. 3, New York, N.Y. Telephone: 212-989-6660.