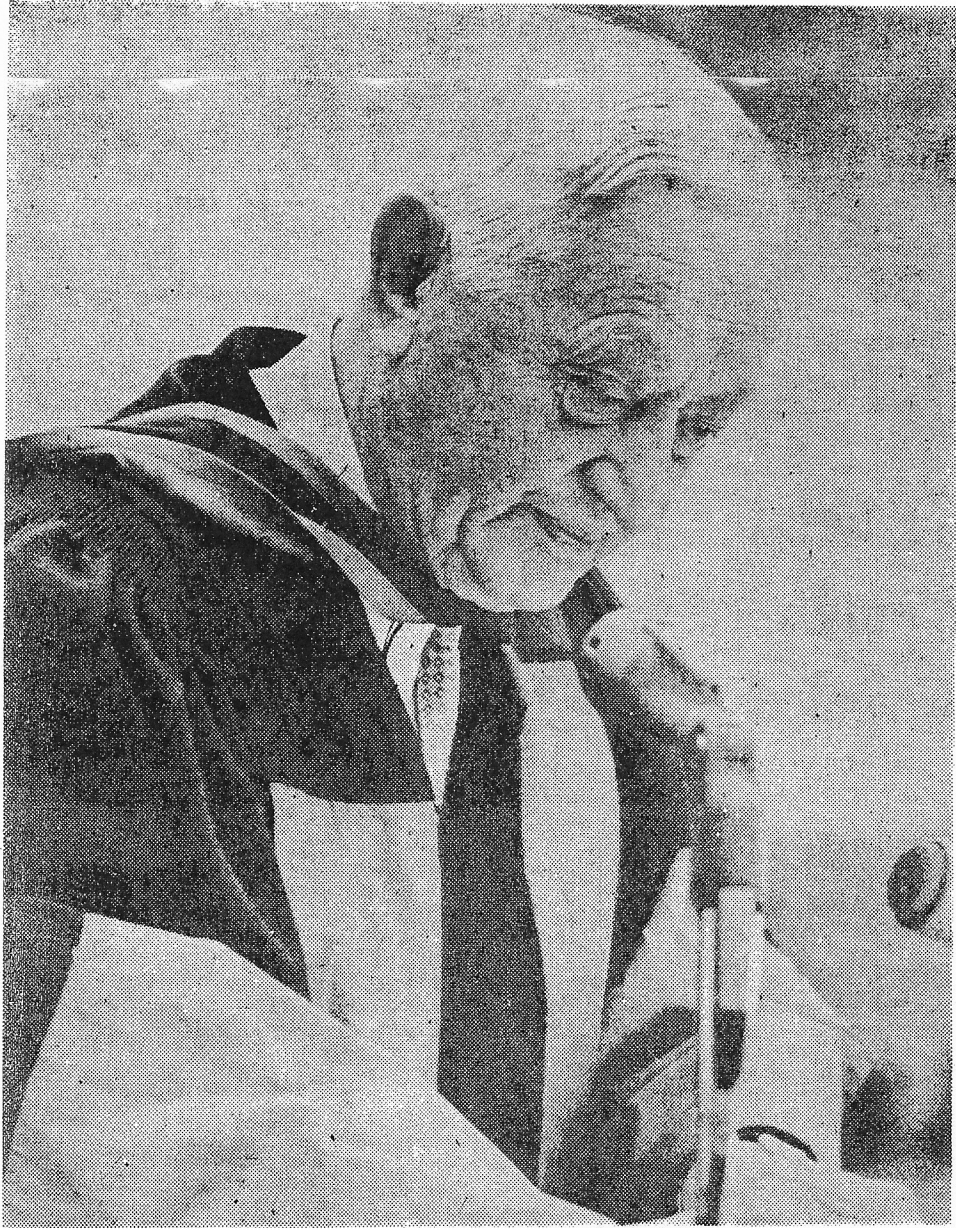


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## Student Power Encouraging In Cyrus Eaton's Opinion

Cyrus Eaton, the multi-millionaire industrialist, who could count the late John D. Rockefeller and former Soviet premier Nikita Krushchev among his friends, has a soft spot for student rebels.

"They have a right to consider some of us as belonging too much in the past," the 84-year-old Canadian-born Cleveland financier said yesterday in an interview.

Still spry and vigorous, Mr Eaton said student power is an encouraging development.

"I think we pay too much attention to antiquity," he said, recalling that in his own lifetime he has seen the advent of the telephone, electric light, television and aviation.

MODERN YOUTH belongs to this kind of new, scientific development, he said.

Mr. Eaton said he has no intentions of retiring.

"I will wait on nature's command in that respect," he grinned.

He gave up playing hockey at 70, tennis at 75, and reluctantly stopped skiing at 80. But he still rides horses, works on his farm, canoes, tramps in the forest and reads the world's great masters with delight.

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"WHEN I GET the call I won't lament. I have been fortunate with good health and as long as I am blessed with that I hope to keep going strong," he said.

He sat back and laughed when asked what his goals and aims were if he had no intentions of retiring.

Then he leaned forward and said seriously: "My ruling ambition is to see peace in the world."

Mr. Eaton, founder of the Pugwash Thinkers' Conferences to promote international understanding, has been a frequent visitor to Moscow in his efforts to ease East-West tensions.

"I'll go anywhere I think I can make any contributions to the understanding and friendship among nations," he said.

He had observed at firsthand all the wars of the last 75 years.

"But while the part played by Canada, the U.S., Britain and France in the Second World War was heroic, I do not believe the returns have been what we hoped for."

IT IS WISER to compromise with those who differ with us, letting them make their own mistakes and reach their own conclusions, he said.

"We should try to help, rather than harassing and opposing them."

A 1905 graduate of McMaster when it was in Toronto, Mr. Eaton received an honorary degree from the university yesterday.

And he had high praise for McMaster and Hamilton.

McMaster is extremely fortunate in its location, he said, recalling that 45 years ago he urged the university to move to Hamilton "because here is a modern city with great industries in the heart of the finest farming community in the world."

McMaster may not be able to boast about its antiquity, but perhaps this is a good thing.

AND AFTER a tour of McMaster he was even more enthusiastic.

McMaster, he said, is one of the great institutions of the world and is fortunate to be in the centre of a wonderful industrial and rich agricultural area.

The fact that it's new is all in its favor — it's not bound to the mistakes of previous eras, he said.

The university was wise in selecting Hamilton for its second home, and the combination of McMaster and Hamilton represents great strength in the world of culture, politics and industry.

**MCMMASTER PRESIDENT**  
Dr. H. T. Thode is a man of "exceptional imagination and very great force," he said. "I don't know of any educator on the continent with a greater capacity and efficiency."

Mr. Eaton, who flew back to Cleveland last night, said the U.S. decision to halt the bombing of North Vietnam was "fairly encouraging."

He said he was optimistic about the future of the U.S., but even more optimistic about the future of Canada, "my native land."

An erect six-footer with thick white hair and clear blue eyes, he is courteous and pleasant and was once described as a tycoon who looks like a cardinal.

He answers questions frankly, openly and at length. He declined to answer only one question: Who did he think would make the best president of the U.S.

But he did say the thought Hubert Humphrey would be the next president.

**BORN IN PUGWASH, N.S.,** Cyrus Eaton started out to be a Baptist preacher. But after meeting John D. Rockefeller, he changed his mind and became one of the continent's most successful capitalists.

He built a financial-industrial empire in the U.S., then lost it in the early 1930s. Then he built another more prosperous one.

His specialties have been public utilities, coal, iron, steel, rubber and transportation. He recently sold his iron and steel interests and gave up directorships in some companies, but is still a director and chairman of the board of Chesapeake and Ohio Railway.

There is no suggestion of him quitting business. An aide said he still gets to his Cleveland office by 8 a.m.

What's his advice to young men starting out without any capital?

"WORK HARD, save some money and be modest in your attitude to your fellow men and competitors."

Lack of capital shouldn't be any deterrent, he said, noting that most of the greatest successes like Henry Ford and John D. Rockefeller started without any capital.

So did Cyrus Eaton.