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### Eaton fights folly

"I want to persuade America of the folly of war." At 86, Cyrus Eaton, a millionaire many times over, believes it isn't enough to sit back and enjoy what he has accumulated. Instead, he travels to world capitals trying to bring leaders together in an understanding of the need for peace.



*Eaton, 86, never stops working against war*

## The tireless foe of folly

By Karen Hasman

At age 86, Cyrus Eaton is a millionaire many times over, the friend of world statesmen and the head of a network of far-flung business and industrial enterprises.

His role as a financier and chairman of the board of the Chesapeake and Ohio Ry. is enough to make him bulwark of the "establishment" in any young radical's view.

But Eaton is not content to play shuffleboard in St. Petersburg or seclude himself in a Nova Scotia summer home.

"I want to persuade America of the folly of war," he said in an interview here.

"When I get to thinking about the great possibilities of the world . . . the beauties of a city like Chicago . . . surely mankind will want to avoid the destruction of anything as wonderful as this."

AT AN AGE when most men decide to sit back and enjoy the worldly goods they have amassed, Eaton, who has accumulated a considerable amount of goods, decided to make a personal attempt to bring the world's leaders together in an understanding of the need for peace.

He has traveled recently to Cuba, Hanoi, Moscow, and Paris in an effort to aid international understanding.

And he has been harsh critic of American military involvement and the role of the Central Intelligence Agency in Southeast Asia.

"It is completely impossible to achieve military victories in those countries," said this elegant silver-haired blue-eyed man, sitting on a pale blue settee in a Drake Hotel suite

overlooking the Lake Michigan shoreline.

"The French realized this and discouraged us from trying to take over in Vietnam when they pulled out.

"I spoke to leaders in England, and they said, 'You are our allies and we will publicly support you but privately we think it is folly.'"

Eaton endorses an immediate troop withdrawal from Vietnam.

AND HE warns that Laos will be another Vietnam unless America "stops supplying money in huge quantities to equip large armies there."

He pooh-poohs the attitude that America would lose face by pulling out of Southeast Asia, drawing on his business experience for an analogy.

"In the business world, if you have adopted the wrong plans or equipment or policies,

you don't persist just to save face. Your stockholders would rise up and throw you out."

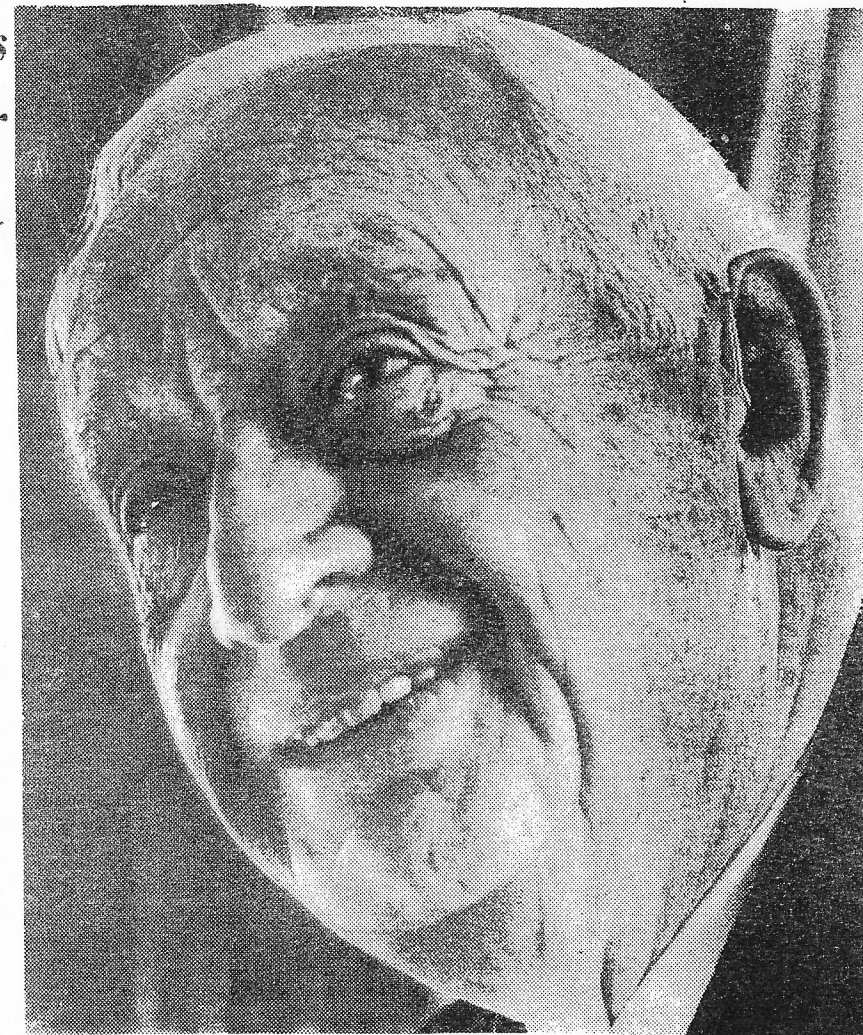
Eaton sees many world problems through businessman's eyes, despite criticism over the years that he is a "crony of the Communists."

"I am a typically American capitalist," he says in his own defense.

OF TODAY'S young war protestors, he says he appreciates the "nobility of their ideas," but he feels that their tactics are misguided.

"The young people have been essentially right," he said. "But they must work at their representatives in Washington. And if they'd keep it up every day, the war would be over in no time.

"It can't go on one day without the dough to carry it on. And the Senate and House control the purse strings."



Cyrus Eaton: "Surely mankind wants to avoid this destruction."