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EATON CALLS PEACE
PROSPECTS BRIGHT

Industrialist Lauds Moderate Direction
Of U.S. Diplomacy

Cyrus Eaton, the capitalist who finds it comfortable to live with Communists, says the prospects for peace are brighter than at any time since World War II.

Just eighteen months ago, the Cleveland tycoon wouldn't bet a caboose on the chances of avoiding nuclear war. "But American diplomacy is turning in a new and more moderate direction," he said.

(Picture of Eaton)

"If we do not permit the small but highly vocal coterie of reactionary die-hards in the United States to deflect us from this hopeful new course, I predict we will ultimately find it desirable to adopt a parallel policy toward the Chinese People's Republic."

Eaton, here to attend the annual University of Chicago Trustees' Meeting, was interviewed in the Presidential Suite of the Blackstone Hotel. For five years the courtly and gentle multi-millionaire has been urging the United States government to take more positive steps toward an accord with Russia. Some of his capitalist friends have flinched at the warm tributes he has paid to Russian leaders.

"The Russians have gone more than half way in their offers," he asserts. "We have not." Particularly distressing to the 76-year-old industrialist is the unwillingness of the US to extend the ban on atomic bomb testing. He blamed the Pentagon and Atomic Energy Commission for "influencing" President Eisenhower in the decision.

"They want to test more bombs," he said. "I have little doubt that the US intends to resume testing." Eaton explained he is working for coexistence "because there is no other choice." "The alternative is total destruction," he said, "and we have much to use. I do not propose to lose what I have."

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"Premier Khrushchev's eloquent plea to the United Nations for universal disarmament points the path that mankind must follow for salvation," said Eaton. "The present arms race imposes an increasingly unbearable burden on the economies of both capitalist and communist countries."

Eaton is convinced Mr. Eisenhower's proposed visit to Russia "will open his eyes as never before" and strengthen the cause of peace. Nixon has "undergone a conversion." since his visit to Russia, Eaton added, and will campaign on a "platform of peace."