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REDS' ENVOY HERE, ASKS U. S. TRADE

Urges Business From City as Move for Peace

By AL OSTROW

Comrade Mikhail Menshikov, the Soviet Union's "new-look" ambassador to Washington, today preached the doctrine of "peaceful co-existence" in plush capitalistic surroundings in Cleveland.

Menshikov urged resumption of American-Russian trade on a major scale to help assure world peace.

He said 40% of American exports were sold to Russia in 1931, but the "cold war" has reduced trade between the two countries to the vanishing point.

"There are still great opportunities for trade," he said. "There are no insoluble contradictions between our two countries. We have ideological differences—but that out. To try to work out the shouldn't prevent us from trading."

Menshikov proposed that Cleveland businessmen establish friendly relations with their counterparts in some industrial city in Russia.

"We must be friendly neighbors," he said. "We must learn to understand and like each other, and to get along together."

The hand-shaking, smiling Russian said a new era in Soviet-American relations can begin only at the top.

President Eisenhower and Premier Nikita Khrushchev, Menshikov said, must "reach



SOVIET AMBASSADOR Mikhail Menshikov gives a warm smile at press conference here today. He is a guest of Cyrus Eaton. (UP Photo)

trust the Russians" to achieve world peace.

Sitting in a red leather chair at the Union Club, which has a high percentage of millionaires in its membership, Menshikov jovially answered questions at a press conference.

He said "some American capitalists, like Mr. Eaton, seem to me like very nice people." He said American statesmen and the people of this country sincerely desire peace, but "mistrust and misunderstanding" have developed.

The Russian people, Menshikov said, think "some groups" in America are warmongers—but hope the majority view will soon result in cessation of testing, producing and stockpiling nuclear weapons.

Menshikov had lunch at the Union Club—the menu included caviar—with 30 Cleveland business leaders and their wives.

Those present included James F. Lincoln, president of the Lincoln Electric Co.; George Gund, president of the Cleveland Trust Co.; Attorney Harold Clark; Alexander Brown and Walter Sterling of the Cleveland-Cliffs Co.; Sam Littlejohn,



RED CARPET TREATMENT was accorded Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov on his weekend visit to Cleveland. Menshikov (center, right) is shaking hands with Cyrus Eaton Jr., wartime Air Force pilot who was shot down on a European raid. With them are Mrs. Eaton Jr. and Cyrus Eaton, board chairman of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, who is Menshikov's host.

vice president of General Electric; Nat Howard, editor of the News; Louis B. Seltzer, editor of The Press, and Phil Porter, Sunday editor of the Plain Dealer.

Also Edward Thomas, president of the Goodyear Rubber Co.; Elmer Lindseth, president of the Illuminating Co.; Walter Tuohy, president of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway; Robert Black, board chairman of the White Motor Co.; Keivin Smith, president of Lubrirol Inc., and Probate Judge Walter Kinder, Eaton's father-in-law.

Menshikov arrived by day coach last night with his wife, Evgenia, and Vladimir Larov, counsellor of the Russian embassy.

He was greeted at the Terminal by Eaton, Mrs. Eaton, and Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Eaton Jr.

The Russians spent the night in the Greenbrier Suite of Hotel Cleveland, one of the world's most luxuriously furnished apartments.

Eaton Urges All of Us to Make Russia Tour

Cyrus Eaton today urged that arrangements be made for all Americans to visit Russia, and all Russians to visit the United States.

Introducing Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov to a group of Cleveland industrialists at a Union Club luncheon, Eaton said:

"If Adolf Hitler had climbed to the 32d floor of Terminal Tower and looked down at the mighty industrial complex of Greater Cleveland, there never would have been a World War II."

One of the causes of the global conflict, Eaton said, was that "Hitler knew so little about America."

If Russians knew more about this country—and if we knew more about the Soviet Union—a war would be considered unthinkable in both countries, Eaton said.



CHIT-CHAT ABOUT STYLES as well as international relations occupy Mrs. Evgenia Menshikov (right), wife of the Soviet ambassador, and Mrs. Cyrus Eaton.