

STOP GOADING RUSS RED CHINA, WE CAN'T WIN—CYRUS EATON

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The time is ripe for the scholar and thinker to step forward and attempt to save the world from destruction, Cyrus S. Eaton, Nova Scotia-born iron and rail tycoon, said last night in an exclusive interview with The Star.

"Too many of our statesmen are swashbucklers," he said. "Our statesmen, instead of grimly arranging the destruction of mankind, should resort to the use of intelligence and patience in international affairs.

"Instead of turning on a torrent of hatred against men who follow a system different from our own, we should try to persuade them to get along with us," Mr. Eaton said.

Communism and democracy are either going to learn to live side by side or they are going to perish side by side, said Mr. Eaton who is visiting the Royal Winter Fair where he is exhibiting shorthorn cattle from his Nova Scotia farm.

Two world wars have demonstrated that warfare solves nothing but creates new problems, Mr. Eaton said. Since the West cannot match the combined manpower of Russia and Red China, "we've got to stop goading, prodding and challenging Red China and Russia.

"Let's Be Realistic"

"If we denounce these nations—even though they may deserve to be denounced—we will only solidify them, and if they have any spunk, they will talk back in kind," Mr. Eaton said. "Let's be realistic, we can't fight them without destroying ourselves. We need another method; one involving enormous patience."

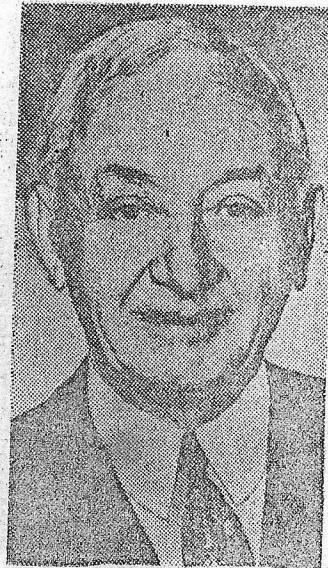
Chairman of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway the world's largest coal carrier, head of Steep Rock iron mines and himself a growing giant in U.S. steel industry in addition to being a director and owner of

numerous other companies, Mr. Eaton has been taking an increasing interest in world affairs.

For the past two years he has been holding "think" sessions at Pugwash, his Nova Scotia birthplace. This summer there was a study group composed of scholars from 17 U.S. universities. A second session was attended by scholars from Russia, Red China, Germany, Israel, United States, France, Iraq and Great Britain.

Time To Reflect

Compared with war he said, "common sense, reason, persua-



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sion and patience are pretty slow and unspectacular but I don't think our statesmen have tried hard enough to use them.

"Let's rely more on speakers, writers, artists and musicians," he said. "Let us depend more on people in departments where they don't feel they are deadly rivals as they do in business.

"Some will say such a method could never succeed but one thing I can guarantee you; World War III won't succeed. We stand a very good chance right now of exterminating the human family.

"It is time for thinking men to sit back and reflect," he said. "Let us get time to work on our side instead of trying to force it. I'd like to see the scholars of the world get together and see what they would suggest."

Recognition of Red China will have to come, he said. "It's just childish to say we won't do it," he stated. "We are just hypnotizing ourselves in the extreme if we try to pretend a nation of 600,000,000 persons does not exist.

Not Endorsing Communism

"China has a great tradition of culture," he said. "It has marvel-

ous literature and great artists but it has been extremely unfortunate in that large sections of the nation have suffered great poverty.

"China is one of the oldest civilizations in the world. We are not dealing with a lot of barbarians and savages," Mr. Eaton said.

Russia has probably the greatest military machine in the world today. Red China which is rapidly building a Western style industrial society, will be coming up with a military machine perhaps second only to Russia, he said.

"Doesn't Make Sense"

"It just doesn't make good sense to provoke them," Mr. Eaton said.

In 10 years, China expects her steel production to exceed that of England which now stands at 20,000,000 tons per year, he said. Canada's yearly production is 5,000,000 tons Russia's is 60,000,000 tons West Germany 22,000,000 tons and the United States 125,000,000 tons.

A third world war could result in the dissolution of the United States into five or six nations. "A disastrous war would lead to the defeat of any government" Mr. Eaton said. "The south would probably revive its animosity toward the north and the west would likely break away from the east for dragging it into wars.

"Such a thing could also possibly happen in Canada as well," Mr. Eaton warned. "If our statesmen really feel a challenge to do something great, then their field lies here in Canada.

"It would be better for them to do a job at home, abolishing ignorance and poverty, developing our immense resources, extending our railways, improving our harbors and developing our great north country which is a vast, unoccupied continent.

Challenge to Canada

"The development and improvement of Canada is the greatest challenge any nation ever faced," Mr. Eaton said. "The more we attend to our great opportunities at home and the less we go meddling into what happens in Asia and Africa, the better off we will be.

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