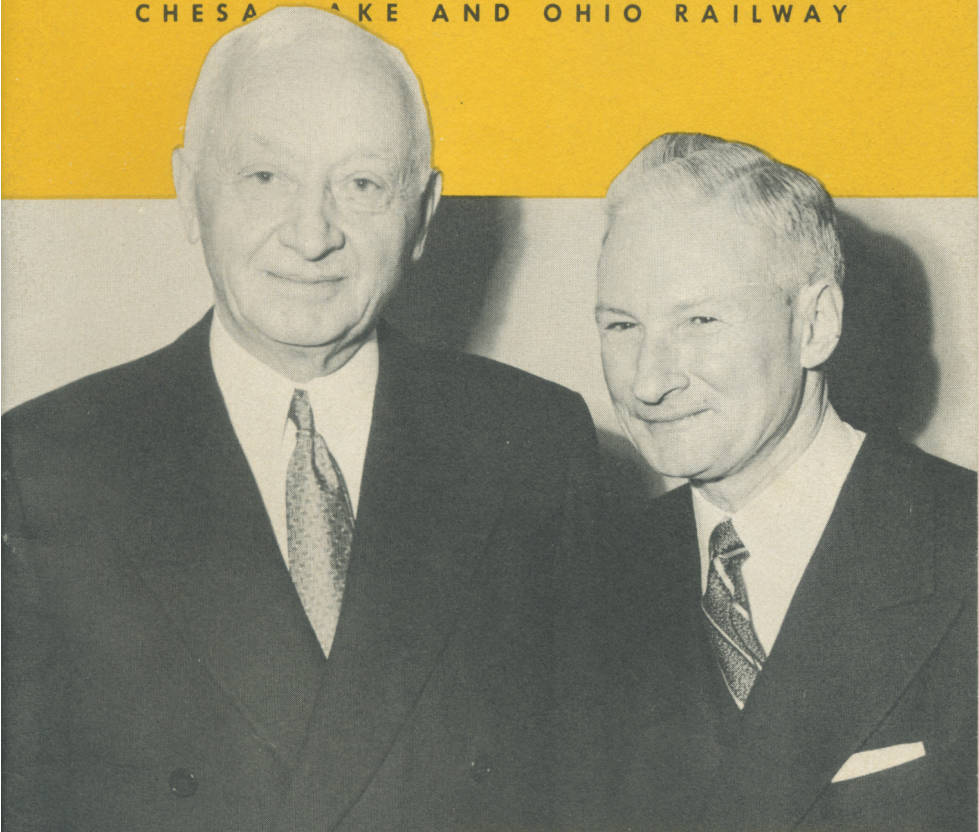


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## Cyrus Eaton Assumes C&O Chairmanship As Robert R. Young Seeks NYC Direction

CYRUS EATON, Cleveland industrialist, whose long career has covered many fields of industry, added a new one—railroading—when he assumed chairmanship of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. Robert R. Young, who had acquired control of C&O in 1937 through acquisition of Alleghany Corporation, resigned as chairman to seek control of New York Central, a move he had publicly declared he would make for several years.

Official announcement of these changes followed a meeting of C&O's board of directors in New York on Jan. 19. The announcement said:

"At a meeting of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company board of directors held today, Robert R. Young, chairman of the board of Alleghany Corporation, and Allan P. Kirby, its president, resigned from the C&O board along with four other members of the present board of thirteen. They are James Blaine, Henry Guild, Harry Thompson and Andrew Van Pelt. All of these men have a direct or indirect connection with Alleghany Corporation or its subsidiaries.

"At the same time, Alleghany Corporation sold all its remaining holdings of 104,854 shares of common stock of the Chesapeake and

Ohio to Cyrus Eaton, Cleveland industrialist, who, since 1951 has held the largest individual stockholder of C&O. It was also announced that Mr. Young, Mr. Kirby, and the other directors and officers of Alleghany are selling all securities of Chesapeake and Ohio owned by them and that the remaining directors of Chesapeake and Ohio are in turn disposing of any Alleghany securities they now hold.

"Suitable and effective steps will be taken to eliminate all contractual, lease, and joint salary arrangements now existing between Alleghany and Chesapeake and Ohio. Common officers and employees will be given the choice of remaining with one company or the other, but will not be permitted to serve both.

"With this action, Alleghany Corporation and Young and Kirby are completely divesting themselves of control of Chesapeake and Ohio and are free to acquire control of another carrier. Young and Kirby and other Alleghany directors and officers are now free to seek or accept directorships on another carrier.

On the day the C&O announcement was made, Alleghany Corporation issued the following statement: "Alleghany Corporation, Allan P. Kirby and Robert R. Young have

become substantial stockholders of New York Central."

"Mr. Eaton, who has been a director of Chesapeake and Ohio continuously since 1943, was elected chairman of the board at today's meeting. The board also elected B. L. Colton, president, National Bank of Washington, Washington, D. C.; Cyrus Eaton, Jr., president, Chertsey Corporation, Cleveland; Roger H. Fenger, president and publisher, Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati; M. S. Fotheringham, president and general manager, Steep Rock Iron Mines, Ltd, Steep Rock and Windsor, Canada; and Dr. F. A. Lefevre, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, to fill five of the vacancies caused by today's resignations.

"The filling of the sixth vacancy has been temporarily delayed pending notice of acceptance from a

prospective appointee.

"In addition to Mr. Eaton, the present board members who will continue to serve are Robert J. Bowman, of Detroit; Robert J. Bulkeley, of Cleveland; Thomas J. Deegan, Jr., of New York; Herbert Fitzpatrick, of Huntington, W. Va.; William H. Lipscomb, of Washington, and Walter J. Tuohy, of Cleveland, who will continue as president of the C&O.

"Today's purchase brings Mr. Eaton's total personal holdings of Chesapeake and Ohio common stock up to 205,854 shares. He also has a beneficial interest in a company owning 45,000 additional shares. The total market value of all of these shares is close to nine million dollars.

"Mr. Eaton is chairman of the board of Steep Rock Iron Mines,

After Jan. 19 meeting, Cyrus Eaton (right), C&O's new chairman, gets congratulations and goodbyes from former Chairman Robert R. Young, who severed connections with the railroad at the meeting. Looking on are Cyrus Eaton, Jr., new member of the board, and W. J. Tuohy, C&O's president and board member.

