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'Dulles Talking Like Kaiser'

Trust Russians, End War Spirit, U.S. Industrialist

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A United States industrialist suggested yesterday that the Western world should trust the Russians and think and talk more about peaceful co-existence and less about war.

Cyrus S. Eaton, head of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, West Kentucky Coal, Steep Rock Iron Mines and Portsmouth Steel, said in an interview in Toronto that "there is more spirit of war in the United States than in any other country in the world — and it's dangerous."

"Our Mr. Dulles is talking just as the Kaiser did in 1914," said Mr. Eaton, "and when one gets swollen with pride one becomes arrogant and truculent and someone will take up the challenge."

Mr. Eaton in a recent letter to the New York Herald Tribune, welcomed a proposal by outstanding Soviet scientists for a world conference of scientists

and others aimed at abolishing the possibility of atomic war.

In his letter, Mr. Eaton said: "There will be no solution, no road to peace, as long as nobody will trust anyone else, as long as one side is trying to bamboozle the other."

Yesterday he said he believed the Russians were genuinely alarmed at construction of U.S. military bases all around them and the bitter anti-Russian attitude displayed by U.S. press and statesmen.

Asked if he believed that if the West stopped trying to win the armament race, the Russians would stop too, he said: "They'd meet us halfway gladly and enthusiastically."

Mr. Eaton said he is convinced Russia has abandoned its idea of making the world Communist because the Russians found communism made so little headway in the United States.

"There are fewer socialists in

proportion to population in the United States than in any other part of the world," he said. "The Russians have no hope of making a large number of people Communist there."

"The only people in the United States who believe seriously that communism is a menace to the United States are the boys on the payroll of the FBI."

Mr. Eaton argued that the Russians' attitude today was more defensive than imperialistic. And he deplored the tremendous bitterness to Russia shown by the press and public figures in the U.S. which, though understandable, simply made the world situation worse.

Asked how he believed talking to Russian scientists would have any effect on Russian politics, Mr. Eaton said he believes scientists are extremely influential in Russia.

The more exchanges between individuals from Russia and the

West the better, Mr. Eaton maintained. "When you sit down with a man from Russia or Red China you find he loves his home . . . and has the same human qualities we all have."

War cannot settle anything, Mr. Eaton declared. Any compromise is better than war.

Do fellow capitalists think as he does about the possibilities of discussion between the scientists?

"I think most of them do," replied Mr. Eaton. But they don't want to take the lead in suggesting such a course. People in big business realize that all they have striven to build up will be wiped out if there is another world war.

Mr. Eaton warned against complacency on the part of the West. He said Russian iron ore production had risen from 6,000,000 tons in 1928 to 80,000,000 tons in 1955, and coal from 40,000,000 to nearly 400,000,000 tons in the same period.



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