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The Soviet Union and other peaceful states are once again holding out their hands in friendship. World public opinion is entitled to hope that they are not doing so in vain and that the Western leaders will show that they have some understanding of their responsibilities.

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Cyrus Eaton Interview

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(Yuriy Fokin telephone interview with Cyrus Eaton)

(Excerpts) Fokin: What, in your opinion, is necessary for a definitive solution of the disarmament problem, and what is your attitude toward the Soviet proposals that heads of government should take part in the discussion of this problem at the forthcoming session of the U.N. General Assembly.

Eaton: I consider that it would be very good if statesmen of the United States realized the importance of those disarmament proposals made last September by Premier Khrushchev at the United Nations. It seems to me that it would be very useful if press and radio workers exerted an influence on public opinion in favor of universal and total disarmament. I am firmly convinced that the heads of state must take part in the U.N. General Assembly. They must address everyone and set out their point of view on the vital problem on which the attention of the entire world is centered.

I am delighted that Mr. Khrushchev is coming to New York for the General Assembly session. I am glad that the outstanding statesmen of various countries will travel to this international forum and will participate in the discussion of the most important questions of the day. I am very glad about Mr. Khrushchev's visit to the United States. In my opinion, he is a man of immense capability and irreproachable integrity. When Premier Khrushchev makes a speech he speaks directly and frankly, expressing his opinion in a forthright way and without bias. His present visit to New York, to my mind, is a very bold step and at the same time extremely wise. It will have a tremendous positive influence on the whole world.

(Editor's Note--L: Moscow Soviet Home Service at 1300 GMT Sept. 12 states that Cyrus Eaton has expressed the wish to meet Nikita Khrushchev in New York at the U.N. General Assembly. Eaton emphasized that the heads of governments of the United States, Britain, and Canada should attend the U.N. session. In my opinion, Eaton said, it would be worthwhile for Eisenhower to listen to the criticisms leveled at him in connection with the unsuccessful foreign policy pursued by him of late.)