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Eaton Declares Russ Eager to Disarm

They'll Let U.S. Write Ticket On Controls, Says Industrialist

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The Soviet Union is prepared to let the United States "write its own ticket" on inspection and controls in any disarmament deal, Cyrus S. Eaton, Cleveland industrialist, said here Thursday.

Eaton, only American ever to win the Lenin peace prize, returned recently from a 10-day trip in the Soviet Union, where he conferred with top Russian political, industrial and scientific leaders.

EATON, 76, here in Chicago with his attractive wife and her daughter on a brief business visit, reported the gist of his latest observations on the Soviet Union to The Daily News in an exclusive interview.

"They'll go any distance on inspection and controls for disarmament," Eaton said.

"Premier Khrushchev repeated to me that we can write our own ticket provided we'll agree to disarm.

"You can't make it too complete to suit us," Khrushchev said, according to Eaton.

THE KINDLY, white-haired industrial leader, who controls corporations worth \$1 billion, said Russians have distrusted the United States "just as we have distrusted them," but noted:

"I think they're at the point where they won't be uneasy about people seeing anything they have anywhere, that they'll say they'll let anyone see anything they've got."

Eaton played on a theme he has expounded time and time again in recent years:

"I am certain . . . the cold war is bound to erupt in an all-out nuclear war, which means the complete termination of life in any form on the earth."

He said his most recent conferences with Soviet scientists convinced him there are "enough nuclear bombs in

storage now in the world to exterminate mankind five times over."

HE SAID he feels the Soviet Union defense budget reduction, announced Tuesday, is significant because "Khrushchev and members of his cabinet are extremely anxious to reduce their military, their armies, their navies, and reduce their expenditures on arms.

"They have very able scientists who are the equal of any in the world," he continued. "Those scientists are well aware of the deadly dangers of nuclear warfare and I'm sure their government shares that feeling."

He said one Soviet scientist told him one hydrogen bomb would annihilate a million people.

At the present time, he added, 25 nations have the scientific and industrial equipment to make nuclear bombs and their number will increase rapidly.

YOU CAN'T GO on without somewhere having the accident that will trigger a nuclear war — a meteor, for example—will be coming our way and our early warning



Eaton, an interpreter, and Khrushchev stroll in Moscow during Eaton's recent trip to Russia.

system will say a bomb is coming."

"Whoever has 15 minutes will have the jump on the other nation," he continued. "Nervous tension will produce the accident that will be misconstrued and put an end to life on earth."

EATON ALSO sided with a group of college professors who urged that the United States recognize Red China, predicting: "If they have no A-bomb now they will have one as soon as they want one.

He noted that the Chinese have increased steel production from 500,000 tons to 20 million tons in 10 years.

"If we keep treating them as outcasts, it will be extremely dangerous," he declared.

HE SAID American public opinion has to be influenced to support statesmen in making a trade with the Communist world.

"We're full of distrust and suspicion concerning the other side, but the politicians will respond very quickly if public opinion is the other way."

S. Eaton, Cleveland industrialist of Soviet Premier Khrushchev with Mrs. Eaton and step-daughter Jones at Blackstone

hotel during their Chicago visit. Eaton is the only American to win the Lenin peace prize.