

Mr. K's friend Cyrus doesn't mind being hated

CYRUS EATON, Krushchev's favourite U.S. millionaire, passed through Paris this week on his fourth visit to Moscow and the boss of all the Russians.

I went to see him in his Ritz Hotel suite with many misgivings. I pictured a rich eccentric, a frustrated politician hungry for headlines.

I found instead a courteous, almost courtly, old man of slow, deliberate speech who with his white thatch of hair and pink and white complexion looks like a less flinty version of the late Cordell Hull.

His wife was there; a vigorous occupant of the wheelchair she cannot leave.

SOFT BEAUTY

SHE has the kind of soft beauty that is partly formed by an exceptionally pleasant disposition. A few minutes' conversation with Eaton and the type becomes clear; he is a self-made, self-reliant man who despises money, retains the outlook and the pride of a skilled industrial worker.

His argument is a simple one: the faults for starting and maintaining the cold war are not all on the Russian side. He said: "The fact that for a time we had a monopoly of the bomb, that we emerged from the war fresh and at the peak of our military strength, gave us a feeling that we need not waste time negotiating with the Russians. "On the other hand we had

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good reason to fear Stalin's ambitions."

He thinks Kennedy will probably get on better with K than Eisenhower, who, he says, "could not escape some of the rigid mental attitudes produced by his military training."

The great thing in negotiating with K, he considers, is to remember that he is not only "a man of the first intelligence" but also that he is a former miner "with the courage of a miner." He added: "You cannot intimidate him—he just brushes off threats."

'LOVES IT'

AT the moment Eaton is probably the best hated man in the United States. Did that worry him? "Attacks don't make me uncomfortable," he said. "I stick to my point. I just don't see much percentage in mutual annihilation."

His wife joined him . . . "He

loves it. As for me I'm right behind. I know this is an issue that separates the men from the boys."