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## Mrs. Eaton Says U.S. Is 'Cynically Immoral'

A protest against what she termed the cynical immorality in American journalism, in the military and in government, especially as it "poisons" our international relations with a faulty impression of our country, was voiced yesterday by Mrs. Cyrus S. Eaton.

The wife of the Cleveland industrialist spoke at the morning worship service of the Cleveland Unitarian Society, E. 82nd Street and Euclid Avenue. Members of the Ethical Society, which ordinarily meets on Sunday mornings in Ludlow School, Shaker Heights, were guests.

Mrs. Eaton said she was protesting that the communist and socialist countries are acquiring a "morality monopoly" because the U.S.A.—the strongest, the wealthiest, the most favored democratic nation—presents to the world an image of chicanery and deceit.

But her greatest protest, she emphasized, is that there is no protest from the American people.

### Condemns Papers for "Slanted Articles"

Mrs. Eaton condemned American newspapers for "obliging editorials and slanted articles," mentioning the New York Herald Tribune and the New York Times. She cited a recent article in the Herald Tribune which, she said, in effect, called India's Prime Minister Nehru a liar.

Of "Jock" Whitney, Herald Tribune owner, who is also the American ambassador to England, she remarked: "Fifty

years ago he would have been recalled for this sort of irresponsibility."

"The newspapers might fare better if they helped their readers distinguish between propaganda and the truth," she suggested.

Mrs. Eaton called the recently published Air Reserve training manual a ridiculous example of government stupidity and charged that the now-withdrawn pamphlet's accusation that communism has infiltrated America's churches was the straight House Un-American Activities Committee line.

She deplored our country's assuming the role in foreign aid of being our brother's keeper only so he won't be kept by the Communists.

### Criticizes Aid to Chiang

Mrs. Eaton mentioned Friedrich Alfred Krupp, who, after seven years in prison for making German munitions, was released and threatened with jail if he did not make munitions for NATO, she said.

She also mentioned our spending billions to keep Chiang Kai-shek and his wife on Formosa in a style "to which they are glad to become accustomed," even though, she asserted, Chiang is no more the people's choice there than he was on the mainland.

The United States is genuinely hated in both places, Mrs. Eaton added.

But the pathetic part of all this is that no one is fooled by our foolish maneuvers except the American people, she said.

"The kindest thing anyone can say for all of this is that it is stupid," she asserted. "But I protest the immorality under the stupidity. Underlying all our 'brother's keeper' moves is the basic assumption that we cannot get along with the communist countries, that sooner or later the showdown will come. We talk of peace, cooperation, the brotherhood of man and all the old valid moral principles, but we don't believe them."

### Scores "Deceit" in Geneva Talks

Mrs. Eaton scored our government's "deceit and duplicity" in talks now being held at Geneva to ban nuclear testing. There, she said, the United States has dragged its feet for 15 months looking for a chance to pin the blame for a breakdown of the talks on the Russians. Everyone well informed, she asserted, knows the United States doesn't want to stop tests.

Protests against America's moral flabbiness cannot be expected from the nation's businessmen, who reap big defense orders, or from universities, which get federal help, Mrs. Eaton said.

While it is the right and duty of churches to protest, the churches are giving America only a "gentle shake, when a bucket of cold water is indicated," she went on.

"What we need is a Savonarola or a Martin Luther or a John Wesley" to uncover "the real America that we love so much for all it has been and all it can be," Mrs. Eaton concluded.

"Even a Carrie Nation would be welcome," she said, adding: "And I have an ax to grind good and sharp all ready for her."