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CYRUS EATON

He wouldn't spy

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## Sen. Church And Eaton's CIA Story

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Cleveland industrialist Cyrus Eaton's willingness to testify that the Central Intelligence Agency wanted him to spy on the Communists in the 1950s and 1960s was greeted coolly yesterday by Senator Frank Church (dem-Idaho), chairman of a Senate committee investigating alleged CIA misdoings.

Eaton, 91, said Monday night he had been invited to testify before the Senate committee.

But Church, through a spokesman, denied that Eaton had been asked to appear, the Cleveland Press reported Tuesday.

"That's his story," was the response to Eaton's statement that Church had communicated with him about his experiences with the CIA. "He's getting up in years."

State Department officials declined comment on Eaton's charges that the CIA tried to recruit him to spy on Communist countries, which were disclosed Monday on the Toronto Star.

"Oh, you mean that story about Eaton being asked to be a spook?" a CIA spokesman responded to a request for comment.

Eaton, who said the CIA told him his "wonderful relationships with Soviet leaders could be of immense value to them," said his refusal to go along with the CIA led to "CIA harassment and denouncement of me in the press."