Council Assures Air Force Tucson Wants Titans, Won’t Question Sites

The City Council convened hastily late yesterday to assure the U.S. Air Force that Tucson wants the Titan missile bases and won’t question their location.

The vote, a motion expressing “complete confidence in the
Japanese GI Surrenders

GUAM — Japanese soldier holdout from World War II surrendered here yesterday nearly 15 years after the war ended.

Masashi Ito, a 40-year-old former imperial army technical sergeant, said he decided to give up when his companion, Bunzo Minagawa, a former private, first class, was captured Saturday by two Guamanians.

Minagawa led U.S. naval investigators to the campsite today and called out to Ito:

“Later Ito told authorities he is happy now that he will return to Japan, but feels shame because of the old ‘honour tradition that heroic soldiers prefer death to surrender.’

Ito and Minagawa were the sole survivors of a band of six who took to the jungle when U.S. forces invaded the island in 1944.

Three men were killed by a mop-up patrol. A fourth, Pvt. Tetsuo Ueno, Tamachio, Shikoku, died of natural causes in 1949.

Air Force and Defense Department... was passed without dissent.

Some of the council members refrained from voting.

Over the weekend Air Force officials issued statements indicating that due to the lack of enthusiastic response in Tucson they might have to put the Titan bases elsewhere.

A week ago at its regular meeting, the council heard a presentation by Dr. James McDonald, University of Arizona physicist, and other members of the Committee Against Rineo Tucson with Titans.

The group explained it does not oppose missiles here, but asks that consideration be given to placing them downwind (east) of the city to lessen the danger from windborne atomic fallout if the missile bases should come under enemy attack.

After the hearing, the council instructed the city attorney to draw up a resolution—after later council consideration—asking the Air Force and Defense Department to look into McDonald’s argument and consider Tucson before locating the bases here.

Returning Sunday from a business trip to Alaska, Mayor Don Hummel took stock of developments and called the council together.

“I’m disturbed,” the mayor told the councilmen.

Hummel said the Air Force and Defense Department are giving consideration to McDonald’s argument and are well informed on the fallout dangers. He added that the council did not have all of the facts and the Air Force could not—presumably for security reasons—reveal all the facts involved.

Hummel said he believes fallout dangers here are not a great concern because Davis-Montana would become a prime bomb target in an attack and would be so heavily bombed the city would be wiped out by the blast.

Pointing out that Sen. Barry Goldwater has issued a statement declaring the Air Force is giving the fallout problem consideration, Hummel urged the council to send immediate assurance to Washington that the city has confidence in the Defense Department.

“11 is our obligation to play a fair share in the defense of this county. We’re helping to make this nation strong. The Air Force and Defense Department will do the right thing here."

Finishing papers on the purchase of an elementary school site are expected to be signed by the Flowing Wells School Board tomorrow night.

A regular meeting of the board, open to the public, is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3725 N. Flowing Wells Rd.

The eight and one-half-acre elementary school site is located in the Navajo and Molave streets area. Board members last month filed a condemnation suit against the owners of the property when both parties failed to reach an agreement on the site.

School Supt. George Smith reported today that the condemnation suit has been settled out of court. The Flowing Wells Realty Co., owner of the property.

In other business, Smith will recommend a revision in vacation schedules for the non-teaching staff.

Smith will ask that the staff be given two weeks’ vacation for the

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