Young GOP Hears, Rejects Titan Protest

By JIM COOPER

Yesterday was a blistering day for Dr. James McDonald, author of the idea to locate Titan missile silos downtown of Tucson to protect citizens from an atomic attack and recalling fallout.

He went to a meeting of the Young Republicans Club to explain his stand. They were waiting for him, fuddled for fear.

McDonald is senior physician at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics at the University of Arizona. In a study of Titan missile sites, McDonald noticed that the Air Force had rejected cities with the underground firing site. In case of an enemy attack there, McDonald reasoned, prevailing winds would scatter atomic-contaminated dust over the populated areas.

He objected when the Air Force announced Titan plans for Tucson, not to the Titans themselves, but to the possibility that Tucson would be hit if the Air Force followed its pattern.

McDonald maintains that 10 months of the year the prevailing winds in the Tucson area are from the west, Tucson citizens would have good gambling odds for fallout protection if the sites were located east of town. McDonald concluded.

A committee was formed to protest locating Titans with the site. A number of university professors have sided with McDonald. They have spoken to civic groups and the results has been an atomic upsurge and hostility towards McDonald.

He accused that McDonald has taken a narrow look at the problem and numbered his objections:

1. That it is "absolutely false" that the Air Force has given little or no consideration to fallout as McDonald has stated.
2. That it is "completely illogical" that Washington officials "are no push-pushing that they will sacrifice any number of lives to save a buck." (Clark said locating the project in a remote area of the state would cost more money. Present cost, if Tucson is rejected, would be about $30 million.)
3. That Clark醺s "the implication by McDonald and his committee that our political and military leaders of the United States are a bunch of dunce- heads." Clark said war is impossible, but one way to deter it is infinitely to maintain retaliatory forces. CLARK SAID his terms would be time for a complete Titan launch years with the Navy in World War II.

State Rep. Thomas C. Webster then took the floor. He presented a resolution tagging McDonald's group a "small minority of misguided citizens." The resolution also asked the Young Republicans to endorse any decision on missile location that would be made by the Air Force.

On a voice vote, the resolution passed.

Attorney Lawrence Howard, who voted against the resolution, told the Citizens that he will challenge the vote to keep it out of the records.

He said club rules specify that a quorum of members must be present in order to vote on a resolution.

"There were only 10 paid-up members present," Howard said. "The Young Republicans list 51 paid members.

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AF Says Titan A-Blast No Risk

Goldwater Told Missile's Warhead Can't Be Detonated Accidentally

Another facet of Tucson's missile debate was added today in an assurance from the Air Force to the community that there was no danger from accidental explosion of the Titans to be based here.


Col. Otto Glasser, special assistant to the commander of the Air Force research defense command, said Goldwater today that the only possible way for fallout to occur at Tucson or any other area of the United States would be under enemy attack.

In this event, the danger would be minimized and the Air Force would have failed in the purpose of its missile program, the colonel said.

Presumably Glasser meant that since the major purpose of the missiles is to present such a deterrent threat of retaliation that an enemy would not dare attack us and the program would have failed if an enemy did attack after an attack warning and that if the missiles are on their way before the enemy's arrival here "then why are missile launching sites such prime targets?" If they were not prime targets, he said, the location would not matter.

Clark charged that delaying tactics "serve to aid the enemy's cause." He said the problem is "a small peice of paper that we must build up our retaliatory forces and that Russia will never get the opportunity to test whether an east or west location is more defensible."

The call for a "relocation of that much needed missile base" was called "a waste of time" and asked that Tucson carry their share of the burden of protecting the nation.

Following Clark's lead, Nicanor Tafurcinok took the floor and asked, pointedly, for McDonald to explain his military experience or war record.

MCDONALD HAD him there. "I don't think it is pertinent," McDonald said, "but I spent four years in the Navy in World War II."