Medical Society To Stay Out Of Titan Site Controversy

The Pima County Medical Society last night decided to stay out of the Titan missile site controversy and take no action “at this time.”

The society voted by an “overwhelming majority” against its participation in the missile problem. About 100 doctors attended the meeting called on petition under the provisions of the society's bylaws.

The society considered three points and on all of them decided to take no action.

The points were: The effect upon the health and welfare of the citizens of Tucson of the proposed location of Titan missile launching sites; formulation of a statement on behalf of the society concerning the advisability of such location; and the advisability of requesting public hearings on the subject.

Robbins said the doctors expressed deep concern for their responsibility to care for the sick and wounded which might result from an enemy action.

The society also concluded that consideration of the strategy of the U. S. Defense Department was “not properly the business of the doctors.”

Immediate thought, however, is to be given by the society to the possibility of developing a more realistic disaster plan for the protection and treatment of the people in the event of an attack on Davis-Monthan or the Titan launching pads.

The meeting was addressed by Col. William C. Bacon, commanding officer of the 303rd Bomb Wing at Davis-Monthan; Lt. Col. George Schafer, commanding officer of the 803rd medical unit at D-M; Dr. James McDonald, chairman of the Committee Against Ringing Tucson with Titans, and Dr. John Robson, associate professor of physics at the University of Arizona.