Fannin Queries CD Aides On Tucson Survival

Comments by a University of Arizona scientist on Tucson’s civil defense needs led Gov. Paul Fannin today to ask questions of the federal government.

Dr. James E. McDonald, UA physicist, yesterday analyzed the attack Tucson might receive in the event of war once the Titan missiles are in place.

He estimated that Tucsonians—as members of a community that is a prime target—would have to stay underground at least three months after a nuclear attack on the Titan sites.

“We should get more information regarding these statements,” said Fannin. “I’m trying to contact the Civil Defense people at Santa Rosa today.”

“There is no doubt classified information that is not available to Dr. McDonald that should be considered before any conclusions are made.”

“Even at the same time, I am very concerned about this problem. It is a serious matter and we want to do everything that is possible.”

Fannin said his advisory committee will meet again on Nov. 22. It then will consider civil defense bills submitted to the last state legislature.

In the meantime, Robert Daru—Tucson real estate man and New York attorney—said he thought that McDonald was drawing conclusions beyond his information.

Daru is chairman of the committee on public affairs of the New York Criminal and Civil Courts Bar Assn., which has been studying “fraud” in bomb shelters. He said this had also led him to study the whole problem of civil defense.

McDonald based his calculations on what would be necessary to knock out the Titan bases and what is known about Russian accuracy.

Daru said that a comment yesterday by Col. Ralph Redburn, Arizona Civil Defense director, that the odds are 2 to 1 that Tucson would be hit before Phoenix is “pure bunkum.”

“The information that I’ve been getting in Washington and elsewhere leads me to believe Phoenix would be hit first,” said Daru. “They would try to knock out the seats of government first.”

“Unless someone has a pipeline to Moscow, this is all guesswork.”

Van Fleet Assails Adlai For Fizzled Cuba Invasion

Van Fleet, former commander of the 8th army in Korea, was to report to Ft. Bragg, N.C., today. He was called out of retirement to supervise the training of army units in guerrilla warfare.

Van Fleet said also that Berlin and Laos are lost and that there is only a 50-50 chance of keeping South Viet Nam out of Communist control. The Tribune said in today’s editions. Committee in nearby Lisle last night.

The newspaper quoted Van Fleet as saying, “I would not like to read tomorrow that which I say tonight.”

He was quoted as saying, “Berlin was lost when they made the agreement at the end of World War II.”

The Tribune account added: The general endorsed Pres...