U.S. Funds For Shelters
In Tucson Demanded

Dr. James E. McDonald, long-time foe of circling Tucson with Titan missile sites, said yesterday the city should demand that the Department of Defense provide approximately $50 million to construct community fallout shelters here.

The University of Arizona physicist's statement followed a request from the Tucson Chamber of Commerce to name a specific result which could come out of a public meeting sponsored by the Chamber.

Last Monday, McDonald wrote the chamber president, John Albright, and asked that local business and civic leaders meet with scientists and engineers to discuss the civil defense problems of Tucson.

Yesterday, the chamber's board of directors voted to support such a public hearing if "truly constructive results could be anticipated... and if Dr. McDonald would state specific constructive results which he anticipates."

McDonald said that the principal point of such a meeting would show the CoFC that "Tucson has an extremely strong argument in now demand that the Department of Defense come in with something like $50 million for construction of community shelters in Tucson."

"A handful of people, Tucsonians and other citizens of missile site cities, have been asked to accept extreme dangers by our government by the placement of missile bases. Tucson, with Davis-Monathan AFB alone, was only a 4- to 5-megaton target. Now with the Titans we have become a 400-megaton target."

In other Chamber business the board approved a resolution of the military affairs committee regarding military leave for city and county employees.

The board, at the request of James E. Durbin, chairman of the convention committee, reaffirmed its support for a convention center in Tucson.

The board also passed an amendment to the by-laws to add a representative of the Pima County Medical Society to the associate directors.

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