McDONALD BLASTS CONDON

UA Physicist Protests
Action To Halt UFO Talk

BOSTON (UPI) — University of Arizona physicist James E. McDonald protested against an attempt to get Vice President Spiro Agnew to intervene in scientific discussions here on unidentified flying objects (UFOS).

McDonald, a member of the Institute of Atmospheric Physics in Tucson, said he would “definitely protest” the attempt by Dr. E. U. Condon of the University of Colorado to convince Agnew to stop the UFO discussion.

A symposium on UFOs took place Saturday as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) annual conference, despite Condon’s appeal to Agnew to help keep “such nonsense” off the program.

Condon, whose 3-man committee produced the massive report advising the Air Force to drop its UFO investigations, said it would signify UFOs to discuss them at the scientific, gathering.

However, Agnew failed to act and the symposium proceeded.

McDonald, in a statement telephoned from Washington, said Condon’s actions were “scientifically shocking and unprecedented.”

“It seems to me a transparent effort to suppress scientific criticism of the content and the conclusions of his own Air Force-sponsored UFO study,” McDonald continued.

“Condon deserves the strongest of scientific censure for this attempt to stop that symposium and I shall definitely protest via AAAS channels.”

Condon, reached in Denver, said he was “totally surprised” by McDonald’s objection to his action, but declined further comment.

Bank In His Tank

JOHNSTON, S.C. (AP) — Mill-worker Parks Whisenant started saving for a new car two years ago by dumping his spare coins in the gas tank of his old car. He emptied the novel bank the other day, and it contained $895.