

Group Plans To Fight Titan Bases West Of City

A plan of action to fight the placing of missile bases west of Tucson was made by a group of citizens over the weekend.

The steering group of the Committee Against Ringing Tucson with Titans met Saturday night at the home of Dr. James E. McDonald, University of Arizona physicist.

With the announcement that two squadrons of Titan missiles would be placed here, McDonald objected on the grounds that the bases would draw enemy nuclear attacks to this city in the event of war.

The objection now has been made more specifically against placing the bases to the west of Tucson.

The argument is that, in the event of war, enemy nuclear bombs would be attracted to these

bases. Then prevailing winds from the west would blow the radioactive material over Tucson.

The steering committee set two campaign objectives:

1--To get petitions and other expressions of public concern.

2--To have a public hearing attended by authorities responsible for the selection of the missile base sites.

A number of special committees has been formed.

The Rev. Walter A. McClenaghan, minister at the First Methodist Church, will head a civic contact committee to give civic leaders explanations of the group's objectives.

Tucson Atty. Frank J. Barry will head a committee to try to arrange the hearing with spokesmen for the Department of Defense.

Dr. Paul S. Martin, UA professor, will coordinate speeches before civic organizations by members of the committee.

Another committee to prepare a fact sheet for the public explaining the reasons for the objection to the Titan bases will be headed by Richard Jones.

And George Papcun will be responsible for the printing and circulation of petitions which will ask that all intercontinental ballistic missile bases be kept well east of Tucson.

Mrs. Cordes Heads Area's Blood Council

Mrs. Jane Q. Cordes of Tucson was elected chairman of the Southern Arizona Regional Blood Program Council at the fourth annual meeting of the organization here.

Active in the blood program for several years, Mrs. Cordes is employed at Infilco Inc. where she is chairman of the employees' blood bank.

Sixty-six representatives from Gila, Graham, Greenlee, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Pinal and Pima counties attended the Friday meeting.