

TUCSON WARNED

Titan Missiles Needed Or D-M Will Be Useless

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Unless Titan missiles are located near Tucson as scheduled by the Air Force, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's defensive ability may be useless within two years, Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz) said today.

In fact, the Strategic Air Command, under whose jurisdiction Davis-Monthan AFB falls, is "concerned about Tucson's lack of constructive response regarding

the location of Titan ICBM launching sites in this area," a spokesman for Gen. Thomas S. Power, SAC commander in chief, told the Citizen today.

Goldwater, in Phoenix, said it is obvious that there will be no need here for Davis-Monthan AFB if its defensive abilities are not kept up to date.

He added that it is now anticipated that B47 bombers, SAC's planes now stationed here, will be obsolete within two years.

In latest developments, Willcox and San Bernardino, Calif., have expressed interest in the Titan site if Tucson doesn't want it—and the Air Force is sending top leaders here next week to confer with Tucsonians.

Col. Charles Van Vliet, information officer for SAC at Offutt AFB, Omaha, said opposition by some Tucsonians to location of the bases near here has prompted Lt. Gen. Curtis LeMay, vice chief of staff for the Air Force, to send a delegation of top Air Force officers here to confer with city and county officials to remind Tucsonians of the need for this area to keep pace with the nation's defense needs.

Van Vliet said the officers will probably arrive here next week, but no definite date has been set. Since the Tucson area was se-

lected as the site for three Titan ICBM launching installations several weeks ago, a committee headed by Dr. James E. McDonald, head physicist at the University of Arizona, has been protesting the location of the sites upwind of Tucson.

The Air Force has not specified where the missile launching sites would be located.

"It is obvious to most thinking people that such matters as prevailing winds and areas of possible nuclear fallout are taken into account when sites are selected," SAC headquarters said this morning.

On Monday, a group of citizens from Willcox are meeting with Col. William Bacon, commander of the 303rd Bomb Wing at Davis-Monthan, to request that Tucson's prospective \$80 million Titan installations be located near Willcox.

"If Tucson doesn't want the Titan," the secretary of the Willcox Industries Corp., said, "then we certainly want to have it." Willcox Industries Inc. is an organization which is promoting industry for that area.

In the meantime, an editorial in the San Bernardino, Calif., newspaper has said, "Tucson is a disgrace to the nation's defense effort," and urged that the Titans be located there.

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