

Weaver Criticizes AF On Titans

The U.S. Air Force has not answered its critics on the placing of missile bases around Tucson, City Councilman Ray Weaver said today.

"I feel we need more information before we can express our complete confidence in the Air Force and Defense Department," Weaver said.

"The issue has not been squarely met by the Air Force . . . They have not sought to answer the questions raised by Dr. (James E.) McDonald but have talked around him."

McDonald is senior physicist of the University of Arizona Institute of Atmospheric Physics and

leader of a group of Tucson citizens called the Committee Against Ringing Tucson With Titans.

This committee has appealed to the Air Force to consider radiation fallout and wind direction in selecting missile sites. It argues that missile bases will draw enemy nuclear fire resulting in radiation to be blown by prevailing winds—generally from the West.

"The Air Force has told us that there is no point in considering the placing of missile bases since we will be destroyed anyway," Weaver said.

"Of course, if we accept this point then there is no need of any more discussion. But I cannot ac-

cept it. It does not make sense to me. It is a specious argument to camouflage whatever their real argument is.

"The Air Force has said the cities will be prime targets. I don't believe it."

One argument is that centers of populations will be hit to destroy the will to resist.

"Inasmuch as any future conflict is anticipated to be over within a few hours, the general attitude of the people and their willingness to resist would not become an element of defense policy," Weaver said.

"If it is all going to be over in a few hours we have every right

to expect that there would be no point in an aggressor's trying to decimate the population."

"Even in our war against Germany our primary targets were not civilian."

Another question is whether an aggressor would have missiles to "waste" on cities. It would be concerned immediately with knocking out our retaliatory power and this would take huge numbers of missiles.

"This is critically important," Weaver said. "If they don't have enough to waste they would not throw missiles at a community that is a relatively minor target."

The Air Force committed a breach of faith in not sending a

team of experts to Tucson to explain its position, Weaver said. "We would have come to grips with the real issue," he added "As it is, the issues are being evaded."

Weaver called McDonald a "highly motivated person."

"I think he is willing to stand up and fight when many who are supposed to be concerned with the welfare of Tucson have not shown much concern," Weaver said.

Investments Rise

EAST LANSING, Mich.—UPI—Average farm investments for a group of 45 western Michigan fruit growers went from about \$15,000 to about \$30,000 during the period 1957-58, according to a Michigan State University farm analysis report.

Council Skips Decision At 'Missile Meeting'

By PETER STARRETT

City Council members listened over the weekend to a renewed plea of the Committee Against Ringing Tucson With Titans (CARTT), but came to no decision.

Pending before the council is a resolution expressing official municipal confidence in the Air Force to give full consideration to fallout dangers in deciding the locations.

The committee, headed by University of Arizona physicist Dr. James McDonald, is urging that Titan missile sites, to be located here, be placed downwind (east) of the city to lessen the dangers from atomic fallout in the event of an enemy attack on the launching sites.

The CARTT members asked the special hearing in an effort to head off passage of the resolution. The matter will come to a head late this afternoon when the council is scheduled to take a final vote on the resolution.

At least one council member, Ray Weaver, has indicated he does not feel the Air Force has answered the arguments of the CARTT group.

The CARTT asked that at least two things be done before the resolution is considered:

1—The mayor make another plea to the Air Force to send a team of missile experts here to discuss the missile locations with local community leaders, and CARTT experts.

2—The city make a formal inquiry of national civilian defense officials to get their stand on missile locations.

Mayor Don Hummel went to Washington two weeks ago and gained agreement from high Air Force officers that a team would be sent here, but the move was later canceled after Washington officials began getting assurances of confidence from local individuals and organizations.

Hummel appeared adamant Saturday in his stand that the Air Force has considered the fallout problem and has good reasons for locating the missile site wherever they may be. He refused personally to make any concessions to the CARTT group, and indicated he would have to be overruled by the council for any of the committee's requests to be carried out.

At one point in the CARTT presentation Saturday, Dr. Paul S. Martin of the university, pointed out there is disagreement among top government scientists on the dangers of fallout and missile location. He said that in locating

missile sites in a ring around several other U. S. cities the Air Force "may have made a vast mistake and will continue to follow and defend this policy until some community makes enough fuss to bring it to light."

Hummel retorted that Martin was making "a harsh charge considering that you don't have all the facts."

"The facts and reasons for these locations are exactly what we have been trying to get," Martin replied. "Give us good reasons for these locations and you will silence us."

The long hearing—about three hours—also developed two other new angles in the missile debate.

One was a charge by Hummel that his frequent antagonist, Councilman James Kirk, had contacted many local groups and urged them to send telegrams of confidence to the Defense Department. Kirk answered that he had asked groups to consider the matter and send messages bearing out their conclusions.

The other was mention by several of the committee members that influential individuals in Tucson had circumvented the mayor by telephoning Washington to assure congressmen that a hearing by the Air Force experts was not wanted or needed here.

"Who are these people who feel they have the right to undermine the effort of the city's chief representative?" asked Atty. W. Edward Morgan during the CARTT presentation. "If they have a viewpoint in this matter

Accused Slayer Writes Doggerel

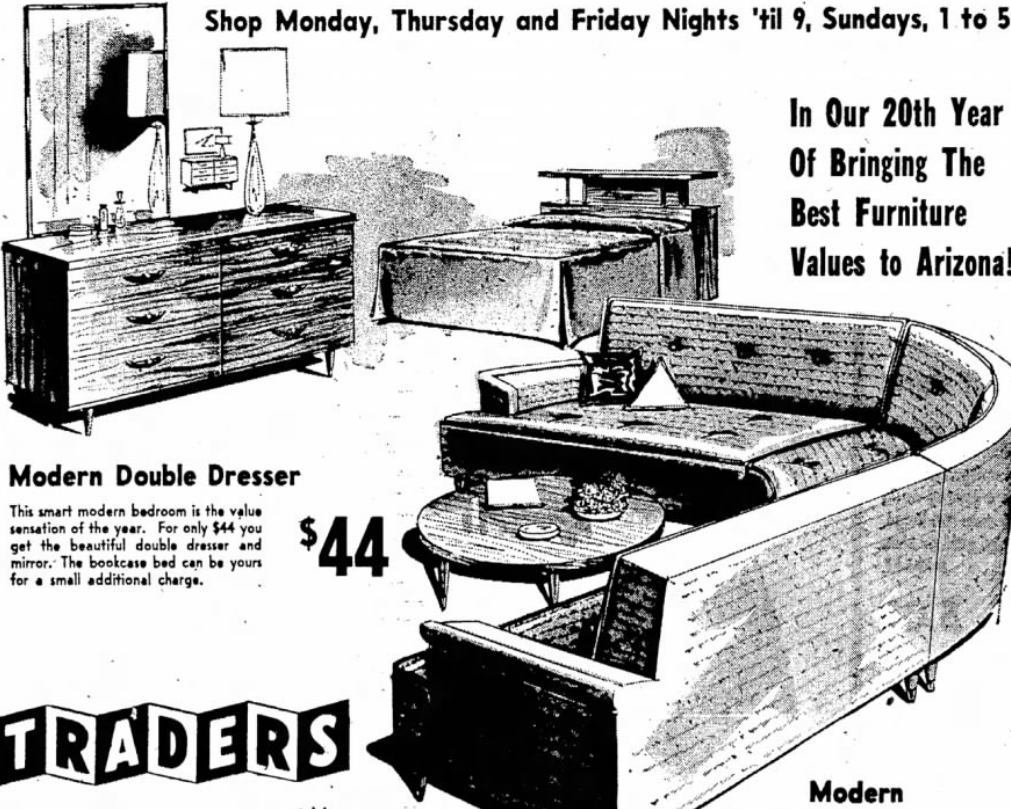
PITTSBURGH — Charles Ross, charged with beating a man to death, writes poetry at his murder trial.

His latest lines were titled "Not Guilty." The poem concludes with these words to the jury:

"I'm certain you'll agree
"I've had enough upsets of late
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"A guy that's 'not guilty'"

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