

Letters To The Editor

NEW SITING POLICY FOR TITAN BASES

To the Editor:

Approximately two years ago, a group of Tucsonians formed the Committee Against Ringing Tucson with Titans (CARTT). CARTT's single plea was that no targets of such high priority as the Titan silos would become in event of nuclear war be located on the upwind, or west, side of the city. At that time, repeated Air Force assurances were given to the effect that every conceivable safety factor with respect to such dangers had been taken into account.

However, as Citizen readers know, many months later, as result of Congressional inquiry, an official Air Force admission revealed that civil defense hazards had been given essentially no consideration in planning many of the ICBM bases now under construction, including Tucson's.

That sequence of events could easily lead to the conclusion that it is futile for groups of informed citizens to attempt to influence, by democratic means, government policy.

BUT THAT some good always grows out of such efforts is shown by the following: As a by-product of CARTT's repeated pleas to the Holifield Committee, revised ICBM siting criteria

have now been written into the Department of Defense "Protection Construction Review Guide." On p. 255 of Part I of the recently released 1962 proceedings of the Holifield Committee, the new siting criteria are disclosed. Any future ICBM bases must, in interests of civilian safety, be so located "that a circle of 60-mile



radius centered on a point 40 miles in a downwind direction from the site, or due east . . . will not contain centers of population of more than 50,000 people."

THE CITIZEN, for fairly publicizing CARTT's efforts when those efforts were so unpopular in many quarters, deserves thanks. And so do Congressman Holifield and his staff, who steadily pounded away at this problem and finally secured the above policy change. Reassuring as is the above end-result, one sees in it the somber picture of the

increasingly rapid pace of technologic change outstripping the slow pace of democratic processes.

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I'M EVEN DREAMING OF CITIZEN CHARLIE

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to your Citizen Charlie Crossword Puzzles. To me they're tops. It's a time I can exercise my noodle, and it's a time of enjoyment for me and Sis.

Why, I get such a bang out of Citizen Charlie, I'm even dreaming about him. No lie! The other night, after mailing mine in, I retired; and Mr. Sandman brought me a dream. . . .

I WAS DOWN on my knees praying that I'd win that \$625 cash. I was moanin' and groanin' before the Lord. About that time my little brother came in and said, "Sue, it's no use; someone else has already won it." And with that, I pulled a real tearjerker. He says, "Sis, don't feel too bad; it was a good friend of yours that won." He then informed me that My Guy Moe, one of the Three Stooges, had won.

Now isn't that a scream. Bet you never knew people took Citizen Charlie so seriously!

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