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TUCSON DAILY CITIZEN

# Council Assures Air Force Tucson Wants Titans, Won't Question Sites

The City Council convened hastily late yesterday to assure the U. S. Air Force that Tucson wants the Titan missile bases and won't question their location.

The vote, on a motion expressing "complete confidence in the

Air Force and Defense Department . . ." was passed without dissent.

Some of the council members refrained from voting.

Over the weekend Air Force officials issued statements indicating that due to the lack of enthusiastic response in Tucson they might have to put the Titan bases elsewhere.

A week ago at its regular meeting, the council heard a presentation by Dr. James McDonald, University of Arizona physicist, and other members of the Committee Against Ringing Tucson with Titans.

The group explained it does not oppose missiles here, but asks that consideration be given to placing them downwind (east) of the city to lessen the danger from wind-borne atomic fallout if the missile bases should come under enemy attack.

After the hearing, the council instructed the city attorney to draw up a resolution—for later council consideration—asking the Air Force and Defense Department to look into McDonald's argument and consider fallout before locating the bases here.

Returning Sunday from a business trip to Alaska, Mayor Don Hummel took stock of developments and called the council together.

"I'm disturbed," the mayor told the councilmen.

Hummel said the Air Force and Defense Department are giving

consideration to McDonald's argument and are well informed on fallout dangers. He added that the council did not have all of the facts and the Air Force could not—presumably for security reasons—reveal all the facts involved.

Hummel said he believes fallout dangers here are not a great concern because Davis-Monthan would become a prime bomb target in an attack and would be so heavily bombed the city would be wiped out by the blast.

Pointing out that Sen. Barry Goldwater had issued a statement declaring the Air Force is giving the fallout problem consideration, Hummel urged the council to send immediate assurance to Washington that the city has confidence the Defense Department will do the right thing here.

"It is our obligation to play a fair share in the defense of this county. We're helping to make this nation strong. The Air Force has the job of defending the entire free world and we must give them our support," Hummel said.

Just before the vote, Councilman Ray Weaver said he had served in the Navy in the last war and had seen evidence that the services are capable of being "inconsiderate of the population" and of making "monumental mistakes."

"Since the Air Force will probably do as it wants to, anyway, the decision we are making is

probably inevitable," Weaver said, "but to say that I have complete confidence in them is stretching a point."

A resolution of confidence was ordered, but still will have to come up for formal approval, probably at another special council meeting sometime this week.

Yesterday a committee from the Willcox industrial development organization met with officers at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and requested consideration of their community as an alternative Titan base site.

## Japanese GI Surrenders

GUAM — Another Japanese soldier holdout from World War II surrendered here yesterday nearly 15 years after the war ended.

Masahi Ito, a 40-year-old former imperial army technical sergeant, said he decided to give up when his companion, Bunzo Minagawa, a former private, first class, was captured Saturday by two Guamanians.

Minagawa led U. S. naval investigators to the campsite today and called out to Ito.

Later Ito told authorities he is happy now that he will return to Japan, but feels shame because of the old Japanese tradition that heroic soldiers prefer death to surrender.

Ito and Minagawa were the sole survivors of a band of six who took to the jungle when U. S. forces invaded the island in 1944.

Three men were killed by a mopup patrol. A fourth, Pfc. Tetsuo Unno, Temacho, Shiguka—died of natural causes in 1950.

## Flowing Wells Expected To Complete Buying Site

Final papers on the purchase of an elementary school site are expected to be signed by the Flowing Wells School Board tomorrow night.

A regular meeting of the board, open to the public, is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Administration Building, 3725 N. Flowing Wells Rd.

The eight and one-half-acre elementary school site to be purchased is located in the Navajo and Mohave streets' area. Board members last month filed a condemnation suit against the owners of the property when both parties failed to reach an agreement on the price.

School Supt. George Smith reported today the condemnation suit has been settled out of court. The Flowing Wells Realty Co. is owner of the property.

In other business, Smith will recommend a revision in vacation schedules for the non-teaching staff.

Smith will ask that the staff be given two weeks' vacation for the

first five years of service. He will also recommend the staff be given an additional day of vacation each year after that with a maximum of three weeks at 10 years of service.

Non-teaching staff members now receive a one-week vacation the first year and two week's vacation after that. They work year-around.

If board members approve, the new schedule will go into effect July 1.

The board will also consider possible retirement plans for the non-teaching staff. This will be in addition to a social security retirement pension.