

McDonald Asks Parley On Tucson CD Problems

Dr. James E. McDonald, University of Arizona physicist, requested today that local business and civic leaders meet with scientists and engineers to discuss the civil defense problems of Tucson.

McDonald, who also is chairman of the Committee Against Ringing Tucson with Titans, directed his request to John Albright, president of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce.

"Events of the past few days . . . have made it clear that many facts and figures bearing on Tucson's coming civil defense problems are not understood by many civic leaders. The complexity of the underlying physics, mathematics and meteorology makes this confusion understandable, but fortunately, the principal deductions from the underlying scientific aspects of this problem can and should be made readily understandable to non-scientists.

(McDONALD apparently was referring to the local furor over a recent Columbia Broadcasting System report in which the special hazards to Tucson in a nuclear attack were discussed prominently.)

"If you can agree on such a meeting . . . I only hope that a number of University of

Arizona scientists, Air Force representatives, the new City Council members, along with continuing members, plus Mayor-elect Lewis Davis and other civic groups concerned with these problems will attend."

ALBRIGHT was not available for comment since he is out of the city this week.

McDonald, long a foe of placing the Titans anywhere but to the east of Tucson, said that CARTT was four times denied an opportunity to present its technical case to the Chamber in the spring of 1960.

McDonald concluded his letter to Albright by saying that "I hope you agree that some such meeting is long overdue, that it could have an extremely salutary effect on local thinking on civil defense problems, and that we owe it to the rather bewildered man on the street to push in such directions."