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GENERAL SCIENCE

Political Reasons Behind Atom Program

➤ **POLITICAL NOT SCIENTIFIC** reasons are behind the failure of the Atoms for Peace program, Sen. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.), chairman of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, said in Washington.

He based this judgment on the reports of a year-long survey made by Robert McKinney, editor and publisher of the Santa Fe New Mexican, at the Congressional Committee's request.

The report is a five-volume study of international relations and policies relating to the atomic programs of the United States.

Among the recommendations made by the McKinney report are that the next international conference on civilian atom power "be specifically directed to broadening East-West technical relationships; that it be organized under the aegis of the International Atomic Energy Agency, rather than the United Nations; and that it be held in the Soviet Union in 1962."

Soviet representatives have visited unclassified portions of American laboratories otherwise devoted to weapons research. American exchange scientists have not had access to any Soviet facility officially designated by the USSR as a nuclear weapons development laboratory, the McKinney report stated.

Of the 2,700 accredited representatives who attended one international conference, 2,400 were from the non-Soviet bloc countries. Under the broad aegis of the IAEA, simultaneous visits to Moscow by several thousand scientists from the West for peaceful reasons "could hardly be refused," Sen. Anderson noted in endorsing the McKinney recommendations.

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