

Kuchel Protest on Sonic Booms Filed

In protest against disturbance and frightening of heavily populated communities, U. S. Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California has urged Defense Secretary McNamara to direct "service-wide consideration" of measures to cut down incidents of "sonic booms" from high-flying military aircraft.

The senior California senator noted that complaints have reached him periodically for many years and from various sections of California where the public has been alarmed and inconvenienced when airplanes penetrate the sound barrier. His letter to the Defense Secretary was prompted by protests that such incidents occur "almost daily" at the

Catalina Island resort community of Avalon.

WHILE NOTING the impossibility of preventing "booms" completely, Kuchel said the continued reports "would appear to warrant renewed efforts" to emphasize the public objections upon all armed forces personnel. He suggested the Defense Department might think about "other steps to insure the fullest cooperation from all pilots having occasion to fly over or in the vicinity of thickly populated areas."

Kuchel remarked that in response to previous complaints he sometimes had been advised by military authorities to ask disturbed or alarmed civilians

for "specific details" which are difficult to provide.

"IN VIEW of the type of operation which produces such phenomena, it obviously is impracticable for persons in their homes or other buildings to observe the identity of the offending aircraft in the hope that reprimand or other punitive action might prevent a particular individual from being responsible for disturbance on a subsequent occasion," he told Secretary McNamara. "I feel that periodic admonitions to flying personnel are necessary to keep such unpleasant happenings to a minimum."

"On behalf of the people of Catalina Island, as well as those in other areas where such disturbances often occur, I solicit service-wide consideration of this problem and hope assurance may be forthcoming that efforts have been made to obtain required cooperation from the personnel involved."

Navy Under Secretary Fay Here on Armed Forces Day

Under Secretary of the Navy Paul B. Fay Jr., a former PT Boat Commander and a member of the squadron in which President Kennedy's boat was a unit, has agreed to be Grand Marshal and keynote speaker for the Third Annual Armed Forces Day Parade and Celebration, Mayor Albert Isen announced yesterday.

The city has gained national attention for its past Armed Forces Day celebrations, established by Presidential Proclamation as the third Saturday in May of each year. This year's observance, highlighted by a big military parade and equipment display, will be held on May 19, an event described by Defense Department authorities as the largest in this part of the country. The theme for this year will be "Power for Peace."

Manager of Fay Improvement Co. before taking the oath of office as Under Secretary of the Navy on Feb. 24, 1961. His appointment to the office was made by President Kennedy on Jan. 22 and confirmed by the senate in February.

An independent Republican, Fay was chairman of the San Francisco Citizens for Kennedy Committee in the fall of 1960. Secretary Fay will be accompanied by Mrs. Fay.



PAUL B. FAY, JR.

AS GRAND Marshal of the Armed Forces Day Parade in Torrance, Secretary Fay will review elements of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, California National Guard, Reserve components, and other state and civic units and will award trophies for the best entries in the parade.

"It is indeed appropriate that the Honorable Paul B. Fay Jr. has been selected to represent the Department of Defense at our celebration," Mayor Isen said, "because not only is Secretary Fay in native-born Californian, but his illustrious military background and present high appointment honor both our state and our country."

BORN IN San Francisco, Secretary Fay is the son of Paul B. and Kate Oliver Fay. He was educated in California, graduating from Stanford University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Economics in January 1942.

He enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve in early 1942 and was discharged in October of that year to accept a commission as ensign, U.S. Naval Reserve. He served with Motor Torpedo Boat Squadron Ten in the South Pacific from January 1943 until the mid-1944 when he returned to the United States.

HE WAS decorated for action against Japanese forces during the occupation of New Georgia, Vella Lavella and Bougainville Islands in the Solomons. His citation reads in part: "... almost continuously in the front line during this period of intense action, Ensign Fay gallantly participated in numerous bold attacks which successfully interrupted and partially destroyed Japanese shipping in the Vella Gulf, Choiseu, and Empress August Bay areas, providing vital support during operations against enemy landing craft, ships and shore batteries..."

He was relieved from active duty in 1946 in the rank of lieutenant. Returning to San Francisco he for some years was vice president and general

Witnesses Make Plans For Meeting

Final plans are being made by the Torrance Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses to be in attendance at the semiannual Assembly of California Circuit 16. They will meet with 19 other congregations at the Longshoremen's Hall at C and

Fries streets in Wilmington Friday through Sunday, as announced by L. E. Olliff, president.

Starting the Friday evening program will be a talk on the theme, "Faithfully increasing our praise to Jehovah," followed by the Theocratic Ministry School and service meeting. The latter will be highlighted by talks, demonstrations, discussions, and interviews to pave the way for increasing "Praise to Jehovah" in the ministry.

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