

Twining Due for New Questioning

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Senate air power investigators said yesterday that Gen. Nathan F. Twining would be recalled next week for additional questioning in light of "new confusion" raised by the Air Force chief's press conference statements in Gettysburg.

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) told newsmen Twining's comments to newsmen yesterday raised new questions regarding the "area of conflict" between him and Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson disclosed in their earlier testimony.

A dispute has arisen within the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee investigating whether Russia is outstripping the United States in air power.

Extension Opposed

Chairman Stuart Symington (D-Mo.) told Wilson Tuesday that his testimony was "inconsistent" with that of Twining. Central Intelligence Director Allen Dulles and others he demanded that the inquiry, which was supposed to end with Wilson's testimony, be extended so that the "contradictory statements" can be explained and the subcommittee can reach a conclusion.

Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) yesterday opposed Symington's plan to hold further hearings, declaring that the "direct conflicts" in testimony the latter cited, largely are matters of opinion, not fact.

Supporting Symington's position yesterday, Jackson said he felt Twining, Gen. Curtis E. LeMay, Strategic Air Commander, Lt. Gen. Donald L. Pratt, Lt. Gen. C. S. Irvine, and "intelligence officials," who testified earlier, should be recalled to help Senators straighten out the "inconsistencies."

The subcommittee staff, Jackson said, is preparing a comparison of the conflicting statements. Some may involve opinion, he said, but others deal with the relative future strength of the United States vis-a-vis Russia in light of known American programs and "agreed upon national intelligence estimates of what the Reds are doing."

"We must have Gen. Twining give us an up-to-date evaluation as to how we stand, qualitatively and quantitatively, with Russia," said Jackson. "No one disputes that we are ahead qualitatively today. The dispute is over what we need to do now to stay head by 1958 to 1960."

Digs to Testify Tuesday

"According to the press reports, Twining said at Gettysburg that we can stay ahead if we follow the programs recommended by the Air Force. I'd like to know what he means. Is it his recommendations for 1957, which were cut \$2.5 billions or his recommendations for 1958, which are nearly half again as much as allowed this year."

Twining is expected to testify before the full Senate Armed Services Committee Tuesday morning behind closed doors. Subcommittee members plan to question him then in regard to the "conflicts." Whether the subcommittee will have the Air Force chief back for additional questioning and whether the others mentioned also will be recalled will be decided at a policy meeting of the group next week.