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SEN. SYMINGTON CALLED FOR PUBLICATION NOW OF THE ESTIMATED RATIO OF MISSILES THE SOVIETS AND U.S. WILL HAVE IN MIDYEAR, 1961 AND 1962.

SYMINGTON SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT NEW ESTIMATES BY MILITARY OFFICIALS INDICATE THE RUSSIANS WILL HAVE FROM 20 TO 25 PER CENT MORE MISSILES READY TO LAUNCH THAN WAS ESTIMATED LAST YEAR.

"BASED ON THIS YEAR'S FIGURES AND THIS YEAR'S METHOD OF ANALYSIS, THE SOVIETS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE A CAPACITY GREATER THAN THE 3-1 LEAD SECRETARY MCELROY FORECAST LAST YEAR," SYMINGTON SAID.

SYMINGTON SAID THAT SECRETARY GATES AND SECRETARY SHARP HAD TESTIFIED THAT THE INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILE GAP WAS BEING NARROWED.

BUT HE SAID 10 DAYS LATER ALLEN DULLES "IN A CLOSED SESSION TOLD THE SENATE (PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE) EXACTLY THE REVERSE."

"THEREFORE," SYMINGTON SAID, "THE RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THIS ADMINISTRATION ON THIS MATTER...WERE WRONG. MY STATEMENT STANDS. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE BEING MISLED."

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