

### B-36 Costs Will Be Investigated By Committee

WASHINGTON, June 6.—(AP)—The House will be asked this week to put up \$50,000 for a "let-the-chips-fly" investigation of the B-36 and Air Force purchasing in general.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee told newsmen he will ask for that amount as soon as the House approves a committee-backed resolution ordering the inquiry.

The resolution is due for House passage Tuesday or Wednesday. Vinson himself will direct the investigation. He said he plans to employ expert special counsel and a staff to get to the bottom of the current controversy centering around the big Air Force bomber.

The investigation, he added, may force to the surface sharp differences existing between the

Navy and the Air Force. The inquiry was touched off by a House speech by Rep. Van Zandt (R-Pa.) of the Armed Services Committee.

Van Zandt, a captain in the Naval Reserve, said he had heard "ugly, disturbing reports" about connections between Secretary of Defense Johnson and Floyd Odlum, who controls Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp., maker of the B-36.

Also, the Pennsylvanian said, he had heard reports that Air Secretary W. Stuart Symington planned to quit his job and take over an aviation combine controlled by Odlum.

Symington retorted sharply. In a letter to Vinson, he said Van Zandt's "basic innuendo is that the B-36 picture is riddled with politics, influence and disregard to the military security of the country."

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### Heavy Drowning Toll Emphasizes Need Of Caution In Sport Bathing

By JANE EADS  
WASHINGTON—Four kids sneaked off to "swim" in a cattle pond. Non-swimmers, they all drowned. . . . A man and his wife, non-swimmers, were wading on the river's edge. He stepped into a deep hole and drowned. . . . A student broke his neck on a fancy dive in too-shallow water. . . . A 10-year-old girl, fishing from a bridge, lost her balance and fell in. . . .

Last year 6,900 persons drowned in this country. Now Carroll L. Bryant, national director of the American Red Cross water safety service, whose long range goal is to make every American a swimmer and every swimmer a life-saver, cautions that the "open season" on drownings is again under way.

He warns especially against such early season hazards as changes in contour and depth of bathing places. He suggests that all natural swimming places be checked. The place that was shallow last year might be very

deep now. The place where you dived last year might now have a rocky bottom and be unsafe for diving.

Another cause of early season drowning is the boat that has been out all winter and might have open seams or be water-logged and unsafe.

Bryant warns too that at the beginning of the season you are frequently not in condition for swimming and that few folks are able to swim as far or as long as they could at the end of the season last year. Also,

the temperature of the water is lower at this time of the year than later in the summer, and he says a failure to adjust to a sudden cold dip may easily cause a drowning.

An average of 30 persons per day are drowned during May, June, July and August. Of the 80,000,000 Americans who go "swimming" each year, only 7 percent can swim well, another 43 percent swim a little, and the remaining 50 percent can't swim at all. Most drownings occur in water from seven to 10 feet deep and within 10 yards of where one can stand safely.

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