

### Lyndon Johnson Supports Weather Research Plan

Washington — (By Science Service) — Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson (D-Tex.) has advocated a fast-moving program for weather research. Weather control as an international goal to be promoted by the U.S. is recommended by the Senate Majority leader who is chairman of the Aeronautical and Space Sciences committee.

Water, or rather the periodic lack of it, in Texas has prompted the Senator's intense interest and concern for scientific progress in weather control.

The contender for his party's presidential nomination told Science Service that "anyone who has gone through drought and through flood realizes that water is a basic question of life and death itself." He said that the mastery of weather could assure for all drought stricken areas of the world controlled water supplies to be used as needed.

The weather satellite Tiros, developed by the Air Force and successfully launched under the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's program, as well as other more sophisticated satellites, have placed us "on the threshold of an age-old dream," he said.

**Some Control Possible**  
He underscored the important meteorological revelations on cloud patterns revealed by Tiros which, with other developments in weather studies, that "some measure of weather control seems ultimately possible."

Sen. Johnson stressed the need for such control to be developed under international auspices. "Any nation that learned to control the weather would have at its disposal an instrument that could be more potent in controlling the earth than even the hydrogen bomb." He proposed, therefore, that out space explorations in meteorology by a joint project for the United Nations.

### Telescope Will Give Exact Star Positions

New York — (Science Service) — A new telescope that will give, for the first time, exact positions of stars in the southern one-third of the sky, will be built in the Southern Hemisphere with a \$750,000 grant announced today by the Ford Foundation here.

The stellar camera will be operated jointly by Yale and Columbia universities. It will be an astrophotograph, for measuring the speed and position of stars with great precision.

The only such existing astrophotograph, located at Lick Observatory, Mt. Hamilton, Calif., covers only two-thirds of the sky. The two instruments will permit accurate measurements of stellar motion throughout the Milky Way galaxy in which the sun and its family of planets are located.

### TO ANNOUNCE SUPPORT

New York — (UPI) — The AFL-CIO, the nation's largest labor federation, will announce next month which presidential candidate it will support, according to AFL-CIO President George Meany. Meany said his organization's board of directors was not supporting anyone "so far," and that he would attend the Democratic and Republican conventions. Meany arrived from Europe where he attended labor meetings in Zurich and Brussels.

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