

Leaders Get Data in Missile Briefing

Some 220 Dallas civic leaders received a studious, factual background on the Space Age's symbol—the missile—here Tuesday in a special meeting.

as much as last year) and about 2 billion dollars for missile electronic equipment.

Brig. Gen. R. E. Galer, who retired from the Marine Corps to become Temco Aircraft Corporation's missile program manager, startled the audience with a graphic description of the vastness of space.

George Craig, top planner for Convair, Fort Worth, and president of the North Texas Section of the American Rocket Society, fired the briefing.

And the missile briefing generated so much enthusiasm that a second, similar session was scheduled—this one for the general public.

Sponsored by the Dallas Squadron of the Air Force Association, the second briefing will be staged at 7 p.m. next Wednesday in Fincher Auditorium at Southern Methodist University.

Tuesday's audience in the Republic National Bank auditorium applauded heartily for each of the six scientists representing Space Age Industries in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Eugene McElvaney, outgoing chairman of the Dallas Airpower Council, received a bronze award from Texas Air National Guard Maj. Gen. Harry Crutcher for his services.

The new chairman, R. L. Thornton Jr., then pointed out that the Air Force's Strategic Air Command still holds America's life in its hands, and introduced Col. Darrell Beard, commander of the 19th Air Division of the Second Air Force, SAC.

Beard said the Dallas-Fort Worth area, as the nation's third largest plane-making community, has a big stake in SAC in which America has invested 15 billion dollars.

The first member of the briefing team to talk was Dr. Walter J. Hesse, chief planner of the weapons of tomorrow for Chance Vought Aircraft Corporation, Inc.

T. E. Gibbs, top planner for Texas Instruments, Inc., explained how a missile finds its target.

Dr. J. B. McBride, solid fuel chemist for Astrodyne, Inc., new subsidiary of Phillips Petroleum Company and North American Aviation, explained how jet engines and rocket engines work alike.

Clem Arnold, research and development director of Collins Radio Company, predicted that in 1960 America will spend over 4 billion dollars for missiles (twice