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Tom Gibbs of Texas Instruments, left, shows R. L. Thornton Jr., president of the Air Power Council, an unclassified transistor radio for missile use.

Missile 'Briefing' Slated For Dallas Businessmen

Invitations have gone into the mails for 250 top Dallas area businessmen to attend a missile briefing by industrial scientists from the area.

Officers of the Air Power Council, which will sponsor the briefing, plan to send out another 750 invitations Monday.

First of its kind to be held anywhere, the 2-hour briefing by leading "brains" of Chance Vought, Convair, Temco, Texas Instruments, Collins Radio and Astrodyne will start at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the Republic National Bank Auditorium.

Co-ordinating plans for the briefing are R. L. Thornton Jr.,

council president, and Carr Collins Jr., council secretary and president of the Dallas unit of the Air Force Association.

"Everyone knows how important missiles have become," Collins said Saturday. "And we think it is vital for the business and civic leaders of this area to know more about missiles—to get firsthand knowledge of all kinds of missiles. And the local scientists and engineers who will do the actual briefing are just as good as well qualified as any in the nation."

The briefing will begin right at the starting point with definitions of missiles. And it will go through all stages right up through space travel.

Scientists on the briefing team, who will illustrate their talks with movies and slides, will answer all the questions the business and civic leaders have wanted to ask as they read about missiles, promised Collins. And there will be a question-and-answer session at the end of the briefing.

Missile models will be displayed, too.

One sidelight of the briefing will be to throw a spotlight on the area's growth from an important aircraft manufacturing area to its just-as-important missile role. It also will call attention to the Air Force Association's national convention here in September.