

# Space Group Studies Rule Of Weather

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The House Space Committee Monday sought to learn how soon—if ever—man may be able to wage war by changing the weather.

Some experts have warned that ability to control the weather would be a more terrible weapon than the H-bomb.

The committee summoned for questioning top U.S. scientists who direct the government's weather modification research programs.

The theory of using weather as a weapon of war is simply this:

—A nation able to control the weather could, without firing a shot, destroy another nation by preventing any rainfall and thereby turning it into

a starving dustbowl.

—Or, one nation might deliberately flood another with great rainstorms.

Or, one nation might devastate another with hurricanes.

Weather modification is still in its infancy. However, some experts have said that progress could be speeded up considerably by financing new and broader research programs.

U.S. scientists also have noted that Russia is putting considerable emphasis on weather research and the training of experts in this field.

American experts stress that the potentialities of weather control for peace are even greater than for war.

Control of the weather—even only limited control—would save billions of dollars and thousands of lives by curbing or preventing natural disasters.

Moreover, it would enable large desert areas to be converted into farmland to feed

the world's rapidly expanding population.

The National Science Foundation's new budget proposes spending \$2 million in fiscal 1960 on the government's weather modification programs.

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