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Sen. Jackson Seeks 10 New Polaris Subs

'We Can Afford to Survive'

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) said today he will seek funds for 10 new Polaris submarines this year — seven more than President Eisenhower's defense budget recommended.

Sen. Jackson, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, disclosed his intentions in a speech prepared for the American Legion's National Security Commission.

SEEKS 'SURVIVAL'

Following similar criticism by Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), the talk kept up the drumfire of Democratic attacks on Administration Defense policies. Like Sen. Symington, Sen. Jackson frequently has criticized Mr. Eisenhower's military programs.

But unlike Sen. Symington and some other Democrats, Sen. Jackson didn't attack the new intelligence estimates of Russian missile strength. Arguing that "we can afford to survive," Sen. Jackson said he would seek to step up the Air Force Minuteman program along with the Polaris project, because they constitute the two attempts to achieve an "invulnerable" retaliatory force which could not be knocked out by a surprise missile attack.

OTHER PROPOSALS

In addition, he wants funds to:

✓ Provide better warning of missile attack and further disperse retaliatory forces of the Strategic Air Command.

✓ Set up a round-the-clock airborne alert of SAC bombers which he estimated would

cost \$1 billion for the first year's operation.

✓ Restore 18, rather than 16 Army divisions and accelerate the Army's weapons modernization program.

✓ Conduct a more vigorous research and development effort in new weapons and space projects.

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