

B-36 Probe Shifting From Capitol Hill to West Coast

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP).—Active investigation of the B-36 bomber and its history switched Tuesday from Capitol Hill to the West Coast.

A House armed services subcommittee headed by Representative Price of Illinois left for California to talk to Gen. Henry H. "Hap" Arnold, who was chief of the Air Force during the war and to several airplane manufacturers. Committee staff members were with the congressmen.

The full committee is investigating informal reports that political favoritism and business relationships may have had more to do with the success of the giant six-engined bomber than did its value as a military plane. There were four days of public hearings last week.

With the probe marking time here, the interest of committee members centered on an anonymous document detailing some of the charges. Representative Bates of Massachusetts said the committee should devote all its energy right now to discovering who wrote it.

As soon as the committee finds out, he added to a reporter, those responsible should be brought in as witnesses "to give the evidence they have."

The full document has not

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