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REPLACEMENT BEING DESIGNED FOR B-36, VANDENBERG SAYS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 1 (AP).—The Air Force already is "designing the first replacement" for its B-36 intercontinental bomber but production is several years away.

This was disclosed Sunday night by Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg in an address to an American Legion meeting.

Vandenberg referred to the new design in explaining the need for continuing change in all types of warplanes, both bombers and fighters.

"Some day," he commented, "all airplanes like the B-36 may be outmoded by long range uninhabited missiles. Long before that time, however, the B-36 will be replaced by a better airplane, perhaps by a series of better airplanes."

The general made no further reference to the replacement for the B-36. Nor were Air Force officials at Washington in a position to discuss details. Whether it would be a further development of some existing model or an entirely new bomber, perhaps of jet or combined jet-conventional engine power, was not known.

"The B-36 is a capable performer," said Vandenberg. "It will do a good job. But it will not do all the jobs that may need to be done. It is by no means the solution to all our security problems. The Air Force has never held that this airplane is a suitable basket for all our eggs."

"If we ever start getting sentimental about any one type of airplane, we had better go back to the sailboat and the horse. Any conveyance or weapon that changes and develops very slowly can gradually become an object of sentiment. As we grow older we become unreasonably attached to the objects we associate with our early years. The familiarity of certain objects and the skill

or knowledge we develop in their use become important to us. The more slowly change occurs, the more we resist it.

"Very fortunately for all of us, the airplane business is not one that changes slowly. No sooner do we feel that we may have a chance to catch our breath than the scientists and engineers come up with something new, such as the jet engine, that sends us all back to school again."

At another point, Vandenberg
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said that strategic air power (the long range bomber attacks on enemy homelands) is a deterrent against any aggressor. But he added:

"Air power alone and unassisted is scarcely capable of winning a complete victory."

Vandenberg said he has seen statements that reliance on strategic bombing is developing a "Maginot Line psychology."

"Such statements are usually accompanied by another statement that is equally confused," he continued. "Someone in the armed services, so these statements read, is now advocating complete dependence upon strategic bombers to guarantee the security of the nation. I am not sure just who this is supposed to be."

The chief of staff thereupon denied such statements, contending:

"More than two-thirds of the regular Air Force groups are trained and equipped primarily for air defense and support of land and sea operations. In addition, the Air National Guard consists entirely of fighter and light bomber groups. This adds up to four-fifths of the Air Force designed for purposes other than strategic bombardment. Does it appear reasonable in any way to argue that strategic bombardment is being over-emphasized?"

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