

# ***Magnetic Station In Virginia Gets Approval of House***

By The Associated Press

The House yesterday passed and sent to the Senate a bill to authorize construction of a \$1,575,000 geomagnetic station, to be built on a 174-acre site on the A. P. Hill Military Reservation near Fredericksburg, Va. It would replace a station now operated at Cheltenham, Md.

The station, to be operated by the Coast and Geodetic Survey, would carry on work described as "of inestimable value and importance to the United States in many essential civilian and military fields." These uses include navigation, communications, weapons design and exploration for mineral resources such as petroleum and uranium.

A committee report said the magnetic observatory at Cheltenham has become obsolete, and "with the encroachment of construction of various kinds in the nearby area, the site has become very undesirable." The buildings at Cheltenham are nearly 50 years old and are without adequate fire protection, the committee added.