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**Nerve-Gas Manufacture Hidden  
From Congress, Ellender Says**

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Sen. Allen J. Ellender (D-La.) said yesterday that the military has kept nerve gas production hidden from Congress.

"During my 20 years service in subcommittees of the Appropriations Committee for defense, I never came across any line item for the production of nerve gas," Ellender said in remarks taped for broadcast in Louisiana.

"Frankly, it seems to me that research in this area is in the national interest. I also think that military decisions have been made that do not reflect a great deal of common sense."

"It seems to me that about the only thing that might mar the President's Asian visit is the recent disclosure that the

U.S. has been storing nerve gas and other weapons of chemical warfare in

the Defense Department has acknowledged that nerve gas was stored in Okinawa but said it would be removed.

Ellender said. "As far as the Continental U.S. is concerned, evidence has recently been brought out that tremendous stockpiles of various deadly compounds are on hand at camps throughout the country. Most of this work has been done without the knowledge of Congress."

"Why should so much of these deadly compounds of all varieties be stockpiled that is now proving difficult to dispose of them without endangering many of our people?"

Why should these materials be stored abroad unless there is a clear and present danger of

Ellender said. "I predict that Congress is going to go more deeply into this entire matter in the coming months."

"I believe that changes should be made and will be made."