

'Unique, Irremediable'—

Radiation Stressed

WASHINGTON—U.S. Senator Mike Gravel (D-Alaska) urged members of the College Editors' Conference here to include radiation pollution in future environmental studies.

In a letter to the 1,000 conferees, Senator Gravel termed radiation pollution "unique and irremediable."

Copies of his letter were delivered to each of the conferees at the Marriott Twin-Bridges Hotel, Saturday, the second day of the four-day meeting.

The theme of the conference is exploring the continuing assaults of the nation's environment, focusing on the environmental crisis in what has been billed as the first nationwide conference on ecological issues.

"If we contaminate this earth radioactively," Senator Gravel said, "no amount of money and effort can clean it up later."

Once we turn radioactivity on, we can't turn it off," he said. "We can only wait until it decays at its own immutable rate."

The Senator urged active and editorial support for legislation

he has introduced calling for an independent commission to study the effects of nuclear activities on the environment.