

Letters from Here and There

Send Telegrams To President

Seattle, Washington
September 28, 1971

Dear Friends:

Please send a telegram or letter to President Richard Nixon asking him to please stop the UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTINGS at Amchitka Island, Alaska.

Amchitka Island is located in the Aleutian Islands which the Atomic Energy Commission selected as a testing site because and I quote from a letter they wrote to me: "...it is an isolated, unpopulated area...the geology of the island provides competent rock for a detonation site..." With all of its technical sophistication and the AEC has shown its incompetence too many times! What does the word 'area' mean to them, for 150 miles away from the Amchitka site are thousands of naval personnel at Adak Island who live there with their wives and children. 200 miles from the site is Atka Island which is also populated. As for the 'competent rock' I know there still are hazards from such tests, because the earth's surface cracks from such powerful explosions and radiation is expelled into the atmosphere. Scientists recognize the hazards of underground testings, but the AEC seems to ignore their warnings. Mr. Marvin Kalkstein's statement which was presented to the Senate Air and Water Pollution Subcommittee, November 18, 1969 states that, "Kenneth Pitzer, President of Stanford University and formerly chairman of an ad hoc committee on the safety of underground nuclear testing of the President's Science Advisory Committee, voiced concern about unresolved seismic hazards from underground nuclear tests and asked that possible test hazards be studied by an impartial judge and jury of experts who have no AEC affiliation. His position has been that this should be done before proceeding with large underground tests such as the recent nuclear test conducted in Amchitka, Alaska." I have read too many articles stating the carelessness of the AEC in conducting nuclear tests. They also leave their garbage to add to the pollution of our Planet Earth!

I sent a petition January 15, 1969 to the President. The following states some of the statements of the petition:

Studies should be made by a team of scientists, seismologists and doctors before such tests are made.

These tests are being conducted at Amchitka Island because they are too powerful for the Nevada area.

Scientists and other prominent groups are wary of these tests because of the Aleutian Fault which has caused tremors through the years in the Aleutian area.

There are too many cases of cancer along the Aleutian Chain and the Pribilof Islands. There is also a skin disease which doctors are having difficulty diagnosing. There is the radiation illnesses of the Eskimos!

Let us not forget Bikini Islands where 90% of the children have glandular problems although they were 500 miles from the testing grounds. (Life Magazine's "Return to Bikini" October 18, 1968.) The Bikini

tests were made above ground, but please keep in mind that underground testings have their hazards, too.

We must be concerned about our waters. The Readers' Digest predicted that in the near future man would be forced to turn to the sea for food because of the human population taking over the space on land which would destroy animal life on land!

The atomic Energy Commission does not know all the answers. The powers of the world must fully realize the hazards of all kinds of nuclear testings or many may find himself wiped off the face of the earth.

I must also mention there are many other populated islands along the Aleutian Chain and the Pribilof Islands famous for their fur seals to the north! This is the land of my people the Aleuts

In closing let me remind you that the Atomic Energy Commission has made too many mistakes in the past. We must not let them continue in their dangerous actions which could lead to the mutilation of our children or of future generations of the world.

Sincerely,
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