

# **Close to Impose Injunction—**

## **No Plan to Drop Injunction: League President**

The Aleut League is reportedly very close to bringing an injunction against the Atomic Energy Commission to prevent that agency from carrying out its planned multi-megaton blast on Amchitka Island.

Iliodor Philemonof, Aleut League president, announced as early as last May that the League, which represents nearly 5,000 Aleutian natives, would

seek a federal court injunction to block the planned Cannikin blast on Amchitka Island. As of last week, no suit had been filed.

Philemonof went to Amchitka last week as part of an AEC junket to the island and though he called himself "favorable impressed" with the AEC's presentation he said that the League has no intention of drop-

ping their plans to ask for an injunction.

According to Philemonof, the Aleutian Islands have been claimed by them under any potential native land claims settlement.

His people, he said, are concerned with the potentially disastrous effects on the environment of a nuclear blast. The AEC's environmental impact

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drafts, he said, admit that Amchitka will probably be damaged.

Also, Philemonof has said his people fear any seepage of radioactive water into the ocean.

At the present time, Alaska Legal Services in Anchorage is representing the Aleut League in the matter.