

# Sen. Bartlett Asks Substantial Research on Fallout Problem

(Editor's Note: The following statement was delivered by Senator E. L. (Bob) Bartlett in the Senate in Washington, D.C. regarding radioactive contamination in the Arctic.)

Mr. President, as Senators know, I have a long and continuing interest in the hazards caused by the radioactive contamination in the Arctic. Levels of radioactivity found in the inland Eskimos living north of the Arctic Circle are high and getting higher.

As the levels climb, the need for an adequate federal program of monitoring and surveillance increases. As it looks now, levels from but one source of radioactivity—cesium 137—will continue to rise at least until 1968, perhaps longer.

This, of course, is not the only source of contamination. Levels of strontium 90 are high but—unbelievably enough—no one knows just how high.

The Chinese have joined the atomic powers and their tests are releasing more fallout into the atmosphere. No doubt the Chinese will be joined in the years ahead by more of these atomic buccaneers.

Obviously, Mr. President, a substantial federal research program into the problems caused by fallout in the Arctic is needed. Now. Today.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that an excellent article discussing this problem may be made a part of the Record at this point. The article, by Dr. L. A. Viereck, appeared in the Alaska Conservation Society bulletin.