

Sen. Warns Against Too Many A-Weapons

WASHINGTON—Senator E.L. Bartlett (D-Alaska), in a statement laid before the U.S. Senate, called for unanimous approval of a resolution supporting the principal of efforts to stem the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

Senator Bartlett is a co-sponsor of the resolution, introduced January 18 by Senator John O. Pastore (D-R.I.).

Senator Bartlett said, "The thought of nations striving to obtain nuclear weapons is frightening and depressing." He said that the spread of nuclear weapons would increase immeasurably chances of nu-

clear conflict, "either by accident or by design."

The Senator deplored diverting governmental energy from "building better societies to building bigger bombs."

He said that the resolution was not only concerned with decreasing chances of nuclear conflict, but also with creating a moral climate and international safeguards against resumption of nuclear testing in the atmosphere.

Senator Bartlett noted that despite predictions to the contrary the level of radioactivity in the Arctic had continued to rise since the test ban treaty.

He said that facts and answers he had received to questions asked of federal officials indicated that the nation lacked the necessary information to arrive at a sound policy as at what levels of radioactivity countermeasures should be taken.

"Until we possess the information needed to make sound policy decisions in this area it is imperative that man not increase the level of radiation in the atmosphere. One way to ensure that man does not increase the amount of radioactive fallout in the atmosphere is to ensure that nuclear testing is not resumed. The best ways to ensure the continuation of the test ban treaty are to remove fears that lead some nations to seek nuclear armaments and to establish international safeguards against nuclear stockpiling."

Senator Bartlett said strong support for the resolution by the Senate would give moral support to governments and agencies seeking those goals.