

Nuclear Blast On Amchitka Worries Egan

A note of alarm about a nuclear test planned at Amchitka Island this year has been sounded by former Governor William A. Egan.

The Democratic leader says the nuclear blast may be related to earthquake dangers. He noted that more than 10,000 earth tremors were recorded around the Nevada nuclear test site within a month following a blast there.

"Opposition to further heavy underground testing in Nevada has mushroomed recently," Egan said. "Scientists, conservationists and others have raised cautions about the safety of further tests."

Egan noted that the Amchitka test planned by the Atomic Energy Commission will be twice as powerful as the Nevada one. Amchitka is in an area embracing earth faults that caused "one of the most tragic earthquakes of all time," the 1964 Alaska Earthquake.

The Democratic called on Alaska's Governor and Congressional delegation to press for a hearing with the Atomic Energy Commission. A similar alarm about atomic tests in earthquake areas was sounded this week by the president of Stanford University.

Aristocracy is always cruel.

—WENDELL PHILLIPS