

Nixon Authorizes Amchitka Nuclear Test

WASHINGTON (CP) — Unless there is a last-minute change by the Nixon administration only a court injunction can prevent the United States from setting off its huge underground H1bomb test at a North Pacific Island early next month.

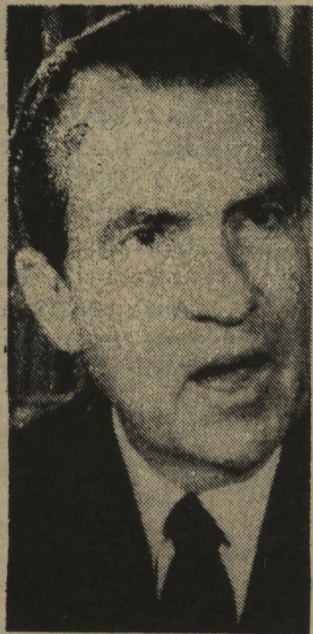
Canadian protests and bitter words from Alaskans did not deter President Nixon from authorizing the massive blast, equal to 5 million tons of TNT.

The Canadian government conceded that Nixon's decision is irrevocable since the test preparations are so advanced the bomb cannot be recovered from more than a mile underground.

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp of Canada said Nixon's go-ahead only added to the already-strained relations between Canada and the U.S.

Sharp warned that the Canadian government would hold the U.S. responsible for any damage done to the environment by the blast.

In the United Nations, Canada asked to speak today in the General Assembly's main political committee, a natural place to raise a protest over nuclear tests since the group now is discussing international security.



NIXON

President Nixon made the announcement in a White House communique the same day a full-page advertisement was published in the Washington Post pleading with him not to approve the test.

The advertisement was purchased by a group of 66 Canadians in the hope of dissuading the U.S. government.

Stuart Keate, publisher of the Vancouver Sun and one of the 66 sponsors of the advertisement, said the U.S. decision was "a great disappointment to all of us."

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp told the Commons he had expressed the "deep sense of disquiet among Canadians" in a personal telephone conversation with U.S. Secretary of State William Rogers on hearing the news.

In Washington Canadian Ambassador Marcel Cadieux reacted with "a sense of dismay" when informed of the decision 90 minutes before the official announcement was made.

NO APPLAUSE

Not a voice was raised publicly in Canada to applaud the U.S. decision to detonate the five megaton test device 6,000 feet under the barren rock of the desolate island.

It is one of the Rat Islands of the Aleutian chain that curves across the entrance to the Bering Sea between Alaska and the Soviet Union.

To Proceed With Amchitka Test

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outrage and dismay was the general Canadian reaction to the United States decision Wednesday to go ahead with its proposed nuclear weapons test on Amchitka Island

Nuclear Blast has proposed that all churches in Canada hold a day of mourning, tolling their bells, in protest over the blast.

Rev. Robert Pearson, coalition president, also said the group had sent a telegram with 55,000 signatures to President Nixon opposing the blast.

Despite his upset at the U.S. decision, Mr. Sharp told the Commons the decision by the U.S. was irrevocable.

"We can only accept it."

Prime Minister Trudeau, also in the Commons, had the same reaction when he replied to pressure from Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield to make a personal heads-of-state plea to President Nixon to veto the test.

Asked outside the Commons how the U.S. decision would affect already-tense Canada-U.S. relations, Mr. Sharp said "it doesn't help them."

He told the Commons Canada would hold the U.S. responsible for "any short- or long-term effects of this test."

It was noted that nuclear dust from an underground test in Nevada last December finally settled on the Thunder Bay area of Northern Ontario.

A Canadian spokesman in Washington said Mr. Cadieux also raised this point.

INTERNATIONAL PROBLEM

"The ambassador, also invoked the question of international principle—whether one country has the right to engage in experiments which could endanger the environment of another country," the spokesman said.

In Edmonton, the Canadian Coalition To Stop the Amchitka

NIXON KNOWS

Mr. Trudeau said the president already is well aware of Canada's position and a personal appeal would only be a form of grand-standing on his part.

Meanwhile, in Vancouver, a second Greenpeace vessel was preparing to travel to the Aleutians in an attempt to either delay the blast or monitor its effects on the immediate area.

The original Greenpeace mission was returning to Vancouver from Prince Rupert, B.C., not having time enough to return to Amchitka in time for the blast.

So, a second, faster boat — the former navy minesweeper HMCS Fortune — was being prepared for the trip.

About 40 persons are expected on board Greenpeace Two for the trip and the vessel is expected to be at the site in plenty of time for the blast.

David Anderson, Liberal MP for Esquimalt-Saanich, said President Nixon's decision could only be interpreted as a "complete disregard for the feelings of others."

"To hell with the rest of the world — that seems to be Mr. Nixon's attitude in this matter," Mr. Anderson said in a telephone interview. "This decision can only put further strains on our relations with the U.S."

Victoria Mayor Courtney Haddock said he heard of Mr. Nixon's decision with shock and disbelief.

"No matter how remote the danger may be, I can't condone such experiments with our world," he said.

Canada. Stand together. Understand together.



HORRORSCOPE

Larry had a little lamb
That's what you get for fooling
around with sheep.

Little Betty Blue has lost her shoe
And doesn't know where to find it,
But that's o.k.
She's only got one leg

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
Water creatures at best

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 20)
There is something fishy
at U.P.F.I.

Aries (March 21 - April 20)
Don't just do something,
sit there.

Taurus the Bull (April 21 - May 20)
Watch out for the cafeteria
staff they are short of meat
this week.

Gemini the Twins (May 21 - June 20)
Remember that two heads are
better than one unless they are
on the same person.

Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
Any boy can quit smoking but
it takes a man to face cancer.

Lion the Lion (July 21 - Aug 20)
Take note of Taurus message
also watch out for unfriendly
lionesses with manly manes

Virgo the Virgin (Aug 21 - Sept 22)
Virginity isn't incurable.

Libra the Scales (Sept 23 - Oct 22)
Do unto others before they
do unto you and you'll be a better
person for it.

If Today Is Your Birthday
Doing wrong isn't wrong un-
less you get caught.

Scorpio, the Scorpion (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
Beware of tall tales told
by these individuals (See Cadre,
Vol 3 No. 4 Oct. 24 1971) Scorpios
have a tendency for this. En Norb!!

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
I told you, you would become
extinct if you didn't eat your
theatics.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
Did you have fun with Aquarius
last week?? (Funny, laugh, snicker,
smear)

When Larry had a little lamb
The doctor almost fainted,
But when old MacDonald had a farm
The doctor nearly died.