

Atomic Proving Ground Set For Nuclear Test

Ranchers, miners, migrants, private fliers, and others concerned are warned that the Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada proving grounds will be used in the near future for nuclear experiments and that the area is closed to all unauthorized persons.

The 1953 Spring tests, announced by the commission Jan. 23, will begin this month and continue for an unannounced period. Experience during the three previous test series conducted at the Proving Grounds has proven that nuclear testing can be carried out with adequate assurance of safety under the conditions and controls prevailing there.

However, this assurance can be extended only to authorized persons who may be near the NPG boundaries or who pass inside the limits of the Proving Grounds during or after the nuclear tests may expose themselves to serious danger.

The test organization is making every possible effort to clear all unauthorized persons from the area well in advance of the first nuclear experiment this month. Test personnel are contacting officials, newspapers and radio stations, and individuals in surrounding counties to enlist

assistance in warning all unauthorized persons away from the site; these visits include mining properties and all known ranches and camps. Patrols and guard stations are being maintained to keep unauthorized persons off the site. Helicopters and light planes will patrol the area.

It is also probable that immediately preceding some tests temporary road blocks may be

established on U. S. Highway 95 between Las Vegas and Beatty, and on U. S. Highway 93 between Las Vegas and Caliente, at points where flash of the detonation might conceivably endanger the safety of drivers by distracting them or temporarily impairing their vision. Any travelers halted by such a roadblock would experience only a slight delay.