

'Nixon Insisted on Amchitka'

Gov. Reagan says President Nixon told him he was prepared to disobey the U.S. Supreme Court if the court ordered a halt to the Amchitka nuclear test last November.

The court did not order a halt to the controversial underground test of a nuclear device and it was held in the

Aleutians after objections from environmentalists who feared a possible earthquake which did not occur.

"The president said to me, 'Even if the Supreme Court ruled that I could not do it, I have determined that as commander in chief it is my responsibility and I am going to do it anyway.'"

Reagan told the 39th annual convention of the California Republican Assembly Saturday night in Palo Alto.

Reagan also said Nixon told him, "I haven't received a single card or letter by anyone supporting" the test, although he received many opposing it.

The governor then urged members of the volunteer group to write Nixon supporting the renewed bombing of North Vietnam.