

# ATOM SITE GUARDED AGAINST PROTESTERS

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Aug. 5 (UP) — Barbed wire was strung around gates at the atomic testing grounds today after a small group of "concerned Americans" had announced they would march into the prohibited area on the twelfth anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima tomorrow.

The guards were to be reinforced by military intelligence and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents.

Bales of wire were unrolled along the desert waste as the demonstrators held sessions to prepare for a prayer vigil and civil disobedience move.

The atomic Energy Commission postponed the firing of two atomic shots tentatively set for tomorrow. A spokesman said the shots would be delayed at least twenty-four hours because of winds.

About thirty members of the protesting group said they planned to gather before dawn to pray in a canyon near the test site. Officials have said any attempt to enter the site will be repulsed.

Lawrence Scott of Chicago, leader of the group, said the demonstrators would assemble in the desert to protest the "senseless folly" of testing atomic devices.

"This will be civil disobedience against a law of the United States," he said. "We are doing this in a spirit of prayer and the leadings of conscience."