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A-TEST TOUR FOR SCOTS CAMPAIGNER

A LEADING Scots campaigner for the rights of servicemen involved in Britain's Pacific A-bomb tests has been invited on a lecture tour of West Germany.

Ken McGinley, secretary of the British Nuclear Test Veteran's Association, will be the guest of the German Green Party.

He flies on Sunday for a week-long whistlestop tour during which he will address audiences in Munich, Bonn, Cologne and Berlin on the dangers of low-level radiation.

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The Kilbarchan man, who served on the Christmas Islands in the late 1950s, will be accompanied by Joan King, the widow of a former Windscale worker and a Danish man who claims he contracted cancer after exposure to radiation from a crashed American aircraft.

Mr McGinley said: "The invitation

came unexpectedly as a result of my appearance at a conference in Holland last May.

"Germany has the biggest environmental lobby in Europe and they are particularly interested in the effects of radiation since Chernobyl.

"The Greens picked the three of us because they were particularly interested in our respective campaigns.

"I don't see this invite as a compliment to me, but to the efforts and successes of my association over the years."

On his return from Germany Mr McGinley will continue to fight for recognition by the Government that certain cancers in servicemen were caused by exposure to bomb-test radiation.

He now has the all-party backing of 140 MPs, led by Labour's Jack Ashley and Tory Winston Churchill.