

Bartlett Urges Oil Companies To Promote Jobs for Alaskans

WASHINGTON—Sen. E. L. (Bob) Bartlett has requested top officials of two major oil companies to cooperate with Alaska in efforts to promote jobs for Alaskans in development of Arctic petroleum reserves.

Bartlett made his request in letters to Robert O. Anderson, Atlantic-Richfield board chairman, and Rawleigh Warren Jr., president of Mobil Oil Co. Both firms are engaged in oil exploration and development on Alaska's North Slope.

Bartlett referred to reports that Canadian workers rather than Alaskan workers were being employed by both companies in Alaska.

"If Alaska is to prosper it is important that its citizens share in the benefits that come from the development of Alaska's mineral resources," Bartlett said.

It is particularly important that Alaska's Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts share in the prosperity which can be created by development of Alaska's mineral resources, he said.

"I am confident that Mobil and Atlantic-Richfield share these interests of mine," Bartlett said.

"I am hopeful that the reports which we have received

do not indicate any company policy and that Mobil and Atlantic-Richfield operations in Alaska, as they grow and prosper in the months and years ahead, will make full use of Alaska labor and in particular that the companies will join me in my efforts to find more jobs for Alaskans," he said.