

Getty Oil Involved—

Mineral Exploration To Benefit Village

St. Lawrence Island residents will soon have new job opportunities as prospectors according to a release this week by Associated Press.

Native leaders have met with company officials of Getty Minerals Ltd of Vancouver, B. C., a division of Getty Oil, which is to conduct a geological survey for minerals on the 100 mile long island.

Floyd Wongittilin, president of the village council at Savoonga, said the mining company has promised to pay up to \$1,500 for boat rentals and to hire as many as 13 villagers to assist in the exploration. It is hoped the survey will start late this month.

The council, which governs the island under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1938 in cooperation with the Bureau of

Indian Affairs, is seeking a guarantee up to 50-60 per cent of profits from any mineral development. The Getty company has been granted only a prospecting permit this year and could lease only through competitive bidding if valuable minerals are found, according to an island spokesman.