

Error, of course -

Filer Asks for Lands in Russia

The pace of offshore mineral prospecting permit filings continues heavy in Alaska, and most of the applications eventually mature into permits. But there are 13 permit applications which don't have a chance at all of being accepted, said Roscoe E. Bell, director of the Alaska Division of Lands.

The 13 applications were filed during proper hours, and the forms were correctly filled out. Also, the \$20 filing fee accompanied each application, and as far as the Division of Lands can determine there are no prior applications which would nullify the applications.

The only trouble is that the lands and waters requested are in Russia. "And there isn't much we can do about that," Bell said.

"Fortunately the applicant discovered the error in land description and is taking the necessary steps to correct his applications so we won't have to send them on to Moscow for action!" Bell pointed out.