

# Village Offers Land For Prospecting

The Venetie—Chandalar Indian Reservation, encompassing a large area of land between the villages of Arctic Village and Venetie, will be opened to the surface prospecting by the Native Village of Venetie.

Prospecting permits will be issued for gold, silver, and all other minerals except oil and gas by the Fairbanks Bureau of Indian Affairs agency.

Permits will be valid for a period of one year. They will authorize airborne exploration and surface prospecting, but the use of any tractor-type vehicle will be prohibited. The use of surface-type vehicles is subject to the approval of the president of the Native Village of Venetie.

The permit fee is \$50 and an acceptable surety bond in the amount of \$5,000 will be required. Advertising for competitive bids on exclusive mineral prospecting will begin about December 1, 1969.

Delineation of tracts to be offered is yet undetermined. Areas nominated by prospective bidders will be given consideration if nominations are received prior to November 1, 1969.

Bids will be opened not later than March 1, 1970. Successful bidders on each tract will receive exclusive prospecting permits on the entire tract, and as many 640-acre leases as are desired in the tract.