

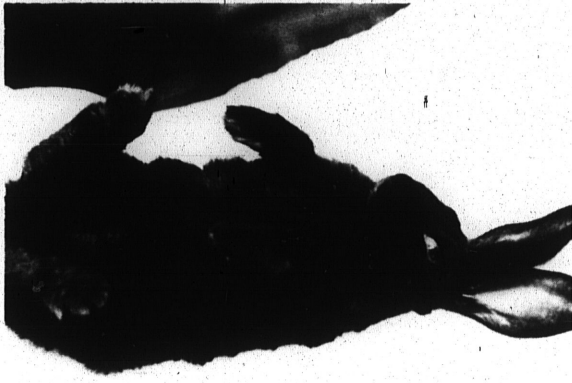
After Arctic's Survival Expert—**Rejected Baby Rabbit Gets Name**

NORTH POLE—"Avinak" is the name picked for the rejected rabbit baby shown in the Tundra Times July 14. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Drew, who adopted the abandoned animal when it scarcely weighed an ounce, offered a \$5.00 reward for the best name for the tyke.

The names were to be Indian or Eskimo and 16 suggestions came in. It was a hard choice but Percy Ipalook, Sr. of Kotzebue takes the prize because of his name and the letter explaining it.

"My suggestion in naming the little tyke is 'Avinak'—Eskimo for field mouse or lemming. In the first place your description of the orphan is that it is furry; in the second place if the Rabbit Baby was able to come out of its near death, then it certainly has the guts of its contemporary—the sturdy little Arctic mouse." He wrote.

A very close second was Elizabeth Howard of Bethel who



AVINAK DOES TRICK—Rejected little rabbit, now named Avinak, lies on his back on command by its benefactor, Mrs. Herman Drew. Avinak was also told to crook his paws, which he did.

suggested "Nuck-Ling" which means "Poor Thing." We liked that idea and we're sorry we can't send her a prize too.

What decided us was the rabbit itself which has grown from a poor thing into bouncing health. Mrs. Drew nursed the motherless animal with a doll sized baby bottle round the clock in the early days and her care paid off.

Avinak has turned into a good entertaining pet. He clowns for his food, greets visitors at the door and follows his adopted parents whenever he gets the chance.

Thank you for the interest. There were lots of other good names, too. The Drews, Avinak and the Tundra Times appreciate the interest.

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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 Wongittlin, 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.



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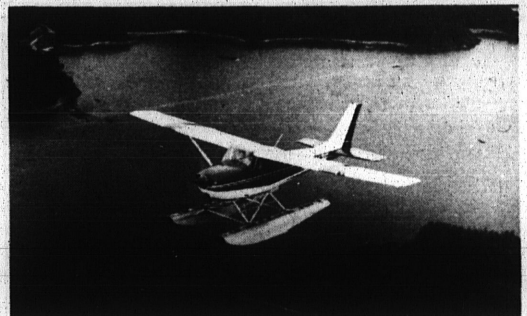
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