

Canadian Leaks on Television

Ottawa television station CJOH earlier this month released the text of a memorandum allegedly among confidential files reported stolen from the Department of Indian Affairs office during the recent sit-in. The memorandum is an internal document dealing with the cost of settling Canadian Native claims along the same lines as that developed by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

According to the television station story, the Trudeau cabi-

net has been told that an Alaska-type settlement would cost more than three billion dollars and many millions of acres of land.

Applied in the Yukon and B.C. alone, a similar settlement would develop more than six hundred million dollars and

more than twenty-six million acres of land, suggested the Indian Affairs memorandum dated April 5th.

Other documents released at the same time included one dated April 24, 1972 which recommended that the Mackenzie Road be built as quickly as possible so that pipeline construction could take advan-

tage of the highway.

The Mackenzie Highway, the recommendation went on, would indicate Canada's interest in the construction of pipelines in the Mackenzie Valley and also provide a focus for northern development.

— from the DRUM, Inuvik, NWT