

Drum Crashings Units May Not Be Available

ANCHORAGE—Chances of using military oil drum crushing units for Alaskan village clean-up look bleak according to Sen. Ted Stevens who has been pursuing the matter at the request of Alaska Native Industries, Inc.

Stevens has received a letter from Headquarters, Alaskan Command, indicating scheduled military use of all available drum crushing units through September, 1975.

"The high cost of these units plus the information Alaska Command provided in regard to limitations in use of military air transportation are not

particularly encouraging," Stevens wrote Donald S. Dorsey, manager of ANII. "A possible solution could rest in the office of the Governor because of his authority in the use of Air National Guard Aircraft and because of the Rural Development Agency."

Costs of the metal compacting units range from \$6,532 to \$10,700, and although the Alaska Command won't loan them, they have at least invited a representative of ANII out to Elmendorf Air Force Base to observe a drum crushing operation.