

search was needed before it could be "seriously considered."

It concluded that from a socioeconomic standpoint a pipeline could be built in the southern Yukon but attached conditions to its approval. The inquiry recommended that the federal government immediately advance fifty million dollars toward settlement of the native land claim in the Yukon. Claim negotiations are more advanced there than in the Northwest Territories and an agreement in principle is expected next year.

The inquiry noted that: "The main benefits from the pipeline will be concentrated outside of the Yukon, largely south of the 49th parallel, whereas the most significant costs, in terms of both economic dislocation and social disruption, will be experienced in the Yukon." It suggested that two hundred million dollars be paid into a Yukon Heritage Fund by project sponsors.

If construction is approved, the inquiry said, the government should establish a single planning and regulatory agency to keep undesirable consequences to a minimum.

The final recommendation was that construction of any pipeline in the southern Yukon be deferred at least until August 1, 1981, "to permit sufficient implementation and to avoid prejudice to a just settlement of the Yukon Indian land claim." (In



An Inuit whaling camp at Whitefish station, north of Tuktoyaktuk.

effect, this delay would be less than four years in any event, because the applicants had not proposed to begin construction before June 1979; and schedules may be rearranged to begin construction on the southern portion before August 1981.)

The task ahead is to join in discussions with the United States to explore whether a basis can be established for agreement.

The Pipeline Companies Involved

Project	Canadian	US
Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline Project (Alaskan Arctic Gas Pipeline Project in the United States)	Alberta Natural Gas Company Limited The Consumers Gas Company Northern and Central Gas Corporation Limited TransCanada PipeLines Limited Union Gas Limited Gulf Oil Canada Limited Imperial Oil Limited Shell Canada Limited	**Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company Natural Gas Pipe Line Company of America Northern Natural Gas Company Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation Pacific Gas & Electric Company Pacific Lighting Gas Development Company
Foothills or Maple Leaf Project	Foothills Pipe Lines Limited (comprised of Westcoast Transmission Company and Alberta Gas Trunk Line Company Limited)	
Foothills (Yukon) or Alaska Highway Project (Alcan Project in the United States)	*Foothills Pipe Lines (Yukon) Limited (a subsidiary of Foothills Pipe Lines Limited)	Alcan Pipeline Company (a subsidiary of Northwest Pipeline Corporation)

* TransCanada PipeLines Limited may also participate.

** On July 29, the US members of the Arctic Gas Consortium announced their support of the Alcan proposal and indicated their desire to become active members of the group behind it.