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coming out until we have complete results."

Means expressed skepticism about the success of sessions with Leonard Garment.

"We will not disarm until such time we are assured their actions, based on the government negotiations, are sincere."

This contradicted reports that the six-point agreement signed by Indian Leaders and a representative of the U.S. Attorney-general's office spelled out exact terms of a disarmament.

The pact was said to require that Indian militants leave Wounded Knee in South Dakota; submit to arrest, and be taken to Rapid City, South Dakota, for arraignment as soon as word is received that the Washington meeting is underway.

"The federal government has duped the press and the world again", said Means. "The confrontation at Wounded Knee is not over, until the federal government proves to us it is sincere in the negotiations."

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*LAND TITLES FROZEN IN N.W.T. BECAUSE OF CLAIMS BY NATIVES

Yellowknife: A temporary restraining order imposing a freeze on the issuing of land titles on 40,000 square miles of the N.W.T. was issued Tuesday, April 3rd in the Supreme Court of the N.W.T.

Mr. Justice William Morrow, adjourning an application for a caveat by the Chiefs and band council of the 7,000 treaty Indians, imposed the temporary land freeze while Crown lawyers prepare their case.

The caveat asks that no land titles be issued in the land described in treaties 8 and 11. because the 7,000 signatories to the treaties have not yet settled

their land claims and still have an interest.

The area involved includes virtually all of the heavily populated MacKenzie Valley, the Great Slave Lake region and the oil-rich western arctic.

Indian brotherhood lawyer, Gerald Sutton said the caveat does not apply to land for which title has already been issued.

The temporary restraining order instructing the registrar not to accept any registration of any kind in territories covered by the caveat came when the Crown applied for an adjournment of May 15th.

"This is not accepting the caveat; it is just saying that if it becomes accepted it will have its priority," Mr. Justice Morrow said.

The restraining order affects the filing of extension plans of pipeline plans but is not expected to directly affect the issuing of exploration in permits in oil-plan areas.

The application for the caveat is the first major courtroom skirmish between the treaty Indians of the N.W.T. and the federal government.

Mr. Sutton admitted "the issue here is more aboriginal rights than claims under treaties 8 and 11."

The position of the N.W.T. Indians is that they never surrendered their rights to the land under these treaties.

*From The Brantford Expositor

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JAMES BAY

The Sierra Club sponsored a meeting at the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto on Tuesday, March 27, 1973 called "Stop the James Bay Project".

The Sierra Club, founded in 1892 by John Muir, has devoted itself to the study and protec-