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Minority Report from Juneau [with Forbes Baker?].

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Notes: Original on 3 inch tape, master copy on CD. Seems to have been recorded from radio shows.

In the beginning, there is talk about venture type of financing. [Segment ends suddenly.]

Radio news [Identified later being the Council Report] about city employees who have been accused of buying automotive parts with city's purchasing power to avoid sales taxes and such. Talking also about sales tax-structure where tax only applies to items worth less than \$30 dollars. This has been in order to make the automotive retailers able to compete with Anchorage, which has no such taxes. Then there are news about revenue bonds. A civil defense plan was submitted to the [City] Council. Talking about methods of communicating emergency news, such as Pearl Harbor was, to citizens.

Council Elections news: They rejected bids [bids?] from the fire department proper and they were returned unopened. The Division of Highways new on July 1st, 1960 would have to seek supplemental appropriation of \$4,008,333 dollars. Governor William A. Egan says he didn't know extra funds were needed until the January 15th. There was a strike in two Ketchikan logging companies, which is now solved. News were brought to you by Northern Commercial Company.

Harrie's voice says that that was a Council Report on Tuesday, 27th, 1962. [Around 10:44 the News of the Council Meeting continues very briefly but doesn't seem to have much information value.]

A man's voice reports on things happening and not happening on the Legislature: House Bill 207 "the Junkyard Bill" makes it mandatory, come January 1962, to fence in junkyards so that they no longer offend the eye. The Senate kept their hands out of the fire and didn't touch House Bills 244 and 245, which would have appropriated some \$700,000 dollars to Governor's Rural Development Disaster [unclear] Legislation. Overtime bill would exempt [unclear] keepers from the [unclear]. State employees are the forgotten people of the session. Graduated pay raise bill and employment security benefits for state employees "are tied up in committees". [Break in the recording.]

At 16:40 a man's voice is talking about fire alarm at a school where everyone evacuated outside but there was fortunately no fire. Then he goes on to snow removal for the city: All the cars

that are parked will be towed away during the 2-week long affair. State police are holding 6 bicycles in storage. [Break in the recording.]

The recording resumes with a woman's voice singing. She introduces herself as Margie [unclear, sounds like Gayola, sp?]. She is from Frisco and won't give her phone number or tell where she lives. [Music is playing.]

At 22:50 talking resumes with a man's voice talking about something unclear about Pioneers. [Somebody is probably having a phone conversation with Harrie.] Harrie wants the recordings of the Council meetings, or go record them himself with a court order. He doesn't want the minutes because they are edited by the City Manager and they put what they want in there. Dog mushing at the Circle Trail, Miller's house mentioned and four road houses that could house their winter activities trip. End of the discussion.

A man's voice [Forbes Baker?] talks: Of particular interest to everybody in the State is the report on newly developed natural gas. Also, they are upgrading the quality of low-grade iron ore which is scattered in various areas. They have lots of gas and they could access some of the areas with gas. It's not going to happen overnight, but it will come. Another man's voice addresses Forbes and says that the statement that this iron ore mining could be internationally competitive business. Forbes understands from talking to an oilman is that they have natural gas in the Kenai that is of very high quality and doesn't require any cleaning or processing before putting it out on the market.

Talking about oil: a company showed the possibility of having an oil-refinery installed in the state, which would have economic value for the workers who put it in, as well as for the state. The other man says that Alaska is depending on oil development. A report from the same company last year said that natural gas field that they discovered in Kenai is the only large one that is just adjacent to tidal water, which gives it an advantage on international field. At the same time, the cost of doing business in Alaska is very high and they have to do something to equalize it before they can sell the products abroad.

Forbes states that they are next going to discuss House Bill 120 which is the about Commercial Law, and which has over 300 pages. They discussed and accepted it this morning. It was such tremendous length and years of observation. House passed it with numerous amendments. It was about commercial business, good banking, small business and small purchasers. The bill will do a lot of good. The other man says it was pointed out that it will be a great help in interstate commerce and that one doing business with Alaska will know what their commerce laws are. There are also 14 other states that have the same law, including State of New York. The man is impressed by the wordings of the bill and the work that the committee did for it. There are some 90,000 words in it.

Lastly, the man asks Forbes Baker to comment on Second Committee substitute for House Bill 342 which was about fisheries. Forbes didn't like it. All the advisory board is doing is setting up a board that is 180 degrees away from what the Fish and Game Boards are. They would do well to stick with the Fish and Game Board and let them do the advising.

That's it for the Minority Report from Juneau. [Upbeat music.]

At 38:29 news radio resumes: Villages of Kake and Angoon have not had use of fish traps authorized by the Congress. Their situation is different from that of the Metlakatla in that neither Kake or Angoon have been provided with a reservation, and thus they have to be compliant with the state law. In Metlakatla, which is on a reservation, Federal authority was preserved over the reservation. Pioneers of Alaska, Igloo no. 4 and Auxiliary no. 8 will meet today and there will be pictures taken of the officers. Police is questioning various people over the death of Raymond Ripe [sp?] but no arrests have been made. Arrests have been made for suspected arson at the Chevrolet on South Cushman. Arrested men were from Fort Wainwright [names mentioned]. Then there is a weather report and news about the Outstanding High School Senior of Alaska.

At 40:42 another man's voice is speaking about presidential elections and Chamber that asks Alaska Railroad being put under Alaska Chamber of Commerce. Senator Jean Picattio [?], a Republican from Nenana asked the senate about Pioneer capital construction plan. [Unclear recording.] The Department of General Administration met in Juneau and 44 lobbyists have registered for the 1952 session. They represent a wide variety of firms, businesses and labor groups.

News from a City Council meeting in Fairbanks: A question was raised why city employees get discounts on personal purchases, to which representatives of companies like Standard Oil said that it has been a custom for many years to give discounts for employees of large firms and the city. [More about this.] About heating oil distributors for the city. Addressing letters. Another letter from George Cooper of Texaco also deals with the discounts. [Safeway's advertisement of avocados, canned goods sale and hot dogs for 19 cents.] A man's voice tells about the decision to have no more purchase awards in regards to sales taxes. State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service moved to new quarters at Cowles Street.

Another man's voice welcomes people to the [Minority] report again and addresses Bruce, saying that the first thing they need to address is the legislation between the two houses, which they have decided on in the Congress. What are the priorities Republican Party would like to have the Democrat Legislature pass? A man's voice [Bruce?] answers that the most important one is the House Bill 321, the Board of Education Bill, which enables the commission board to pick the Commissioner [of Education?] and take him out of the partisan politics. Discussing that bill and Senator McNealy, who is the majority leader in Senate. He's from Fairbanks and he opposes the bill. The speaker [Bruce?] is of the opinion that they are not responding to the will of the people, judging from the unanswered letters on his table. Bruce addresses Senator Coghill and says that one other most important thing is that this administration has been resigning rapidly and there are 4-5 vacancies. He asks if Senator Coghill has heard Egan passing down any names for the legislature to confirm. He says he hasn't, and discusses delays in the legislative processes due to opposition. A radio voice says this has been a Minority Report of a Legislature, special Minority Report from Juneau. [A brief snippet of music.]

At 56:55, radio news continues with a mention about arrest of a Fairbanksan on a charge of 1st degree murder. Council meeting was only 1.5 hours and they usually are 3 hours. There was a request to read portions of the minutes of the City's Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on March 7th. It was in relation to businesses on Cushman Street stating their objection to any setbacks of that street. Councilman Baugerm [Baugern?] states that he wants to make sure that the public knows why the objection has been raised. Dr. Adolph Stock, president of the Igloo no. 4, the Pioneers of Alaska, presented a case about the hardships that City poses on Pioneers and elderly people by condemning their houses which are adequate, and that this presents a hardship for the elderly people. All the picturesque features would be gone and Fairbanks would be just like any other American city. The Building Inspector and the City Manager will meet with the Pioneers Welfare Committee concerning the condemned houses. 1st Lieutenant Roger Burgraft [sp?], Commanding officer of the local National Guard unit, requests that the Council pays differential pay for the City employees who are involved in National Guard duty for 2 weeks each year. They are going to investigate the salaries involved and report to the council as soon as possible. Councilman Baugerm reported conflict of interest previously, which was brought up by City Attorney Barry Jackson. On a motion by Councilman Baugerm, the Council instructed the city Attorney to draft an ordinance incorporating a paragraph from the report and including a method of fixing [unclear] the question of conflict of interest in all sole suppliers of any particular goods or service to be exempt from the provisions of this ordinance. Ordinance no. 11.33 that exempts some non-profit groups from paying sales taxes on sales at the Winter Carnival was passed by the council. Jim Gaotch of Fairbanks Unlimited stated the 6 of the 16 groups who had booths on the fair had to collect and pay the sales tax because they were profit making firms. Ordinance 11.37 Dwayne Hall of the Planning and Zoning Commission stated that he objected the resorting the south part of the plot 146. Dr. Spaulding, a local chiropractor, who requested the re-zoning for business reason had a petition from the inhabitants of the area that stated that they had no objection to the re-zoning. The council rejected the ordinance and imposed a restriction that prevents Dr. Spaulding's plans for extended business.

Ordinance that is expected to cause controversy next time is the Ordinance no. 11.40 that would change the age of motorcycle and scooter operators from 16 to 14 year limit. This was requested by parents in the community, but Councilman Roberts remarked that he didn't recognize many of the names, and that over 50 of the signatures seemed to be from the Trailer Court. Ordinance no. 11.39, which would set aside land for parks and playgrounds, was retained for the purpose of presenting an amendment. Ordinance no. 11.38 was passed without objection, amending the Ordinance no. 11.33, providing for special election of proposed 2 million dollar water-bond issue. Ordinance no. 11.41 was passed and it changes the tax assessment computation. The council postponed the appointment of a member to fill a vacancy in Park, Recreation and Cemetery Commission. Council approves the duplicate liquor license request by Steve Bonnitch for the Persian Room and approved the liquor license transfer from the International Bar to El Levi and Francis X. Word [Ward?]. Missing person report is given. [Music.]

[Unclear recording, tape ends shortly.]