

Bob Bartlett speaks at the 1960 commencement exercises at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

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University of Alaska 1960 commencement ceremonies.

An unidentified person says an opening prayer. President Patty greets the audience and welcomes in particular the alumni of 1940. Senator Bob Bartlett is introduced. Bob Bartlett talked about having memories from his time at the university. He promised not to reveal the memories in detail. He acknowledged the superiority of his Wife's academic record. He talked about the changes in the world and the capacity of destruction by man. He talked about a recent cut in aircraft strength in Alaska despite our deteriorating relationship with Russia. The world had looked forward to a lessening of tension. There are conflicts between beliefs in the United States and those of the Soviet Union. He discussed how communism and democratic governments differ. In the United States the values we honor are practiced. He talked about the new state of Alaska. He talked about sacrificing comfort for the values we honor. The manufacture of consumer goods is not the soie function of the United States. We must take care to avoid a misconstruction of our Way of life. The beauty of America is its freedom. He discussed the democratic process. Communism is not a society of the individual only the state is possessed of rights,

Education in Alaska is controlled at a local level. The Value of freedom must be taught. He talked about the function of the university as a point of vision.

President Patty talked about the concern for the present world Crisis and the role of the

University of Alaska. He talked about the competition of the Russian government.

The conferment of degrees. The bachelor degree candidates are presented to Regent Rasmuson. Graduate's names are read [most of this section of the tape is difficult to hear] Graduates with honors were James Brown, Matthew Suzawa, Joseph Lemon, and Biden Mough. Army commissioned officers were presented by Major Barrett. Distinguished officers were Donald Able, Joseph Baldwin, Robert Browning, Michael Miller, Richard Reeves, and Robert Weimer. Commissioned officers included James Alguier, Donald Boyce, Monte Caydee, Horace Coons, Jr., Myron Larmen, Carl Peterson, and Andy Ramos. Summer graduate Will be Charles Kennedy.

A toast is offered to the graduates by President Patty.