

Juan Trippe and Lawrence Kimpton speak at the commencement exercises at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, Alaska on May 23, 1966

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Lawrence Kimpton said he was going to present some observations on the situation of the student in a changing society. He said they have all been exposed to the many changes that have occurred in the past few years. People are faced with changes on a scale and pace that have never been seen before. There have been changes in the views of students themselves. He talked about student revolts on campuses. Today's students are exposed to a lot of outside attention. Some of the participants are not even students. It is a relatively small minority that is involved in demonstrations. There are some new attitudes in the student body. There are some positive elements in what is called the student revolt. He said there is evidence of vitality and change. He would not sell the whole generation short on promise. He thought it is a more thoughtful generation. He talked about predictions for future workers. Vocations will be changed more. Education will be a life-long process. He talked about taking jobs in the corporate world and contemporary frontiers. He talked about his experiences with the petroleum industry in Alaska.