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A man's voice introduces people who are going to talk during the day [Applauses after each name]: Prof. Morris Adelman from MIT, Robert Engler from Sarah Lawrence College, New York; Mr. J.P. [John Edward Patrick] Gallagher who is the president of Dome Petroleum; Victor Fisher, the chairman of the conference and director of social, economic and government research on campus [of University of Alaska Fairbanks]; Frank Ikard, president of American Petroleum Institute; Dr. William R. Wood, the president of University of Alaska; Dr. Joseph L. Fischer, president of Resources for Future, Professor Wallace E. Lovejoy, a professor of economics at Southern Methodist University; Mr. Roland Eckas [sp?], vice-chairman of the board of directors of Atlantic Richfield and Professor E. R. Thompson from University of British Columbia. [The speaker jokes about an earthquake.]

2:52 The speaker introduces William R. Wood, the president of the University of Alaska and invites him to speak. [Applause.] Wood welcomes the guests to the conference, and says that he is pleased to see so many people from Alaska legislature. He thanks them for their support for the Alaska Science Conference. They have been investing generously to higher education, depending from the point of view. They attempt to follow a very simple philosophy at the university, to understand the environment and the people who live in it, and to bring the people and the environment together so that there can be mutual advantage.

In basketball, if one was quick enough, one could score. If "we" [UAF?] hadn't been "half a step ahead," they couldn't have called the meeting at that particular time. The conference is most timely and Wood wants to bring tribute to people

who helped Vic Fisher to structure the meeting. Wood is delighted to welcome people to the University of Alaska, Fairbanks campus. [Applause.]

6:40 A man's voice [Peter, no last name] asks Vic Fisher to speak. Fisher says that the participants are members of the Alaska Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and that's why Fisher wants to tell a little bit about the background of the conference. It was decided in Alaska Division's meeting in Whitehorse that the present year's conference was to be devoted to issues of the North, in particular from the standpoint of social sciences. As a result, the organization of the conference fell on the shoulders of Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research at UAF.

"This" [the Science Conference] is the most ambitious program and they have had tremendous turnout and quality of participation. They had good participation from invited guests who will be introduced at one time or another.

Fisher wants to give credit to two major organizations that made it possible to bring together the conference and bring in top talents. He specifically mentions financial support that they have got from National Science Foundation and while they don't usually finance conferences, they made an exception to support people coming together to discuss some of the most critical ideas. While they don't have an official representative from NSF [National Science Foundation], Fischer wants to acknowledge help of Dr. Louis Quam from NSF in obtaining the grant. [Louie stands up, applause.]

10:05 Another important source of funding was from the petroleum industry itself. They helped spread the word inside the industry and in obtaining the principal participants of the conference. They have received a substantial grant for the conference from Alaska Oil and Gas Association. The two gentlemen who gave them lots of personal and organizational help are Harry Morris and Bill Hopkins. [Applause.]

Fisher says he doesn't know if a Ronald Senungetuk is present. He is an artist who designed the logo for the conference.

Fisher has received many congratulations for the program and organization of the conference. He accepts them with pleasure and humility. The conference fell on

shoulders of the whole institute and everyone participated in making it possible. Among the people of the institute, there's one special person, Susan Foster [sp?]. [Applause.]

13:26 Fischer wants to show appreciation for Susan by presenting a pin that was created by Ronald Senungetuk. [Applause.] Susan thanks for the pin.

Fischer also thanks all the wives and friends who have helped in decorating and doing things that the husbands wouldn't have got done.

14:52 The announcer says that the talk "today" is titled A Scientific Policy for Alaska? and Fischer thinks it's important to note that it's a question and not a statement. The speaker is a man of so many parts that one couldn't do justice for his career in short time. He is faculty of the University of Lund, currently visiting the Center of Advanced Studies in Social Sciences of Palo Alto. He's a physicist, a social scientist, a philosopher, a distinguished scientist of international repute. His name is Dr. Stevan Dedijer.

[His paper is published in book <u>Proceedings of the Twentieth Alaska Science</u> Conference (College, Alaska August 24th to 27th, 1969).

57:08 [Applause.] The announcer says that they are almost exactly on schedule but Dr. Dedjier is open to questions. In absence of questions, they thank Dedjier and adjourn the meeting.

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