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[Sound effect, teletype]

McCARTY: The ten o'clock report continues with the latest news of Maine, Mike McCarty reporting. Discussions made today may determine whether the hundreds of man-hours and thousands of dollars spent in an effort to cut the cost of state government will get, uh, will go down the drain. Legislative leaders are to meet with members of the Maine Cost Management Survey Commission tonight. In an effort to avert what some predict could be a total disaster for the commission's recommendations in this special session of the legislature. The Commission's Management Committee is to decide if it wants to present a dozen priority items from the more than eight hundred recommended last year, and allow another eighty to be delayed for further study. The legislature has come under criticism from the survey commission for rejecting a number of the recommendations already.

Four highway deaths and three separate accidents over the weekend have boosted Maine's 1974 highway fatality toll to 11, which is one more than last year by this date. State Police said 14-year old Russell York and 17 year-old Jeffrey Curtis, both of Lowell, were both killed Saturday night when the car they were riding in smashed into a tree in Burlington. Also Saturday night in Waltham, 18-year old John Reed of Ellsworth was killed when his car slid off route 179 and into a tree. Saturday night, 25 year-old Allen Sole of Palermo was killed when his car slid off the Freedom Road in Palermo and hit a tree.

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McCARTY: Despite the turmoil caused in the special session by the Maine Cost Management survey proposals, representative Walter Birch has not given up hope that he can get the lawmakers to buy a legislative reform package. The East Millinocket Republican is expected to have a bill ready this week and says it probably has a 50/50 chance of passing. The measure calls for an abolishment of the Executive Council Annual Sessions of the Legislature and a reduction in the size of the House, along with single-member districts. A similar package was defeated in the regular session of the legislature last summer.

Maine's independent truckers are expected to be back on the road today now that they have voted to halt the week-old truckers strike. A group of some 76 drivers met over the weekend in Aroostook County and voted almost unanimously to start rolling again. According to Irving Sanders of Houlton, who is President of the Aroostook Truck Owners Association. Most of Maine's potato industry is serviced by independents.

The weather forecast, clouding over this morning, a chance of snow this afternoon and early tonight. Partial clearing late tonight. Highs today in the 20s, lows tonight 0 to 10 degrees. Fair tomorrow followed by increasing cloudiness with a chance of light snow by late in the day. Highs tomorrow in the 20s. Currently at the WLBZ radio building in Bangor, under cloudy skies, 26 degrees. And that's the 10 o'clock report. Our next newscast on WLBZ will be at 10:45, following Let's Talk It Over with Don Clark, next, here on radio 62.

CLARK: Well, good morning, everyone. This is John Willington with a cold. No, not really. This is Don Clark with an invitation to Let's Talk It Over, your telephone forum of the air here on WLBZ. On Let's Talk It Over, we'll discuss any subject you wish to, providing it does not violate the standards of good taste, deal with personal issues, or concerned the personality of a public official or a private individual as such. In other words, please, no personal attacks. Also, one call per program to give everyone a chance to air his or her views. And those numbers to call for Let's Talk It Over are 942-4848 or 942-4849, and when speaking, you might speak a little louder than your ordinary telephone voice, and also reduce the volume on your radio so that that 12 second delay will not confuse you.

Good morning, sir. Let's talk it over.

CALLER 1: Well, I thought John was on this morning.

CLARK: No, he's...

CALLER 1: This is Don?

CLARK: This is Don, yes sir.

CALLER 1: Well, I'm calling from Belfast. You're Waldo County area?

CLARK: Roger.

CALLER 1: And funny about it, I was gonna call, you know, I just called to give [Wilmington?] a hard time, anyway. Actually, no, I was thinking of this. He does the show as a Republican.

CLARK: Well, he's not ashamed of it.

CALLER 1: You're a democrat?

CLARK: Well, I'm a registered democrat, put it that way.

CALLER 1: I'm a Democrat, too, but honestly, I mean, I can't see really that, he really goes overboard on that sometime. I mean he shows his thing, something like that.

CLARK: Uh-huh. Well, I mean I'm a registered Democrat, but I've never voted straight Democratic in my life.

CALLER 1: How far you live from Belfast?

CLARK: I live in Monroe.

CALLER 1: Well, I know that, I mean you're in district, school up there somewhere?

CLARK: Yeah, SAD 3.

CALLER 1: What's your opinion on this 4 day weeks? Is it working really, or what?

CLARK: Uh, my opinion, I'll just say that my opinion does not agree with the administration.

CALLER 1: Now you listen you from me, day after day. Once in a while I get coffee, 45 cents, you know, run my mouth in there, but

CLARK: Yeah, well at the last meeting at the, that the four day week was approved at, the administration showed some figures, I showed some figures. They were both at opposite ends, but I did not disagree with theirs and they could not disagree with me, so we left it at that. And it was approved by a 6 to 3 vote. But I don't dare give a personal opinion on the four-day week because there is no one here to criticize it. We noted with interest that when they tried to, when they were considering it, statewide, many superintendents came out and said it was impossible for them to do the job in four days. But yet we're on it for the third year.

CALLER 1: Well I don't know, seems when I went to school... I was a school janitor, South Thomaston, since I about eleven years old, you know. I had two schools you know, split them two right there. Seems though we went to school 7:30 in the morning, didn't get out til 4, but...

CLARK: Yeah, well I'd gladly debate anybody on the four-day week but I don't want to give a one-sided opinion of it. I want to be fair, that way.

CALLER 1: I know that anyway, but I...

CLARK: I personally am against it, I'll just put it that way. But I will not get into any hassle or argument unless the other side can be represented.

CALLER 1: Tell that young fellow the calls up in anyway that I kind of dislike him, anyway, but the only reason I listen to your program, anyway, I like his comments. Once in a while, he's alright.

CLARK: Mm-hmm.

CALLER 1: Once in a while, he's wrong. But he might be, a lot of people ask... fellow doesn't work or anything like that. I don't work. I'm 45 years old right now, VA, Social Security. I don't listen to your program all the time. When I have a chance I'd call, but it's long distance, I can't afford it.

CLARK: Right, right.

CALLER 1: But hey, tell John I won't attack him. No, never mind. I'll get him another morning.

CLARK: OK, sir, well thank you for calling. Bye-bye. 942-4848, 942-4949. Here we have a registered Democrat. And whatever you feel free to call up on, feel free to do so and perhaps get the ball rolling. And we see that Maine's a dirty word in the other New England states this morning. Good morning, Let's Talk It Over.

CALLER 2: Good morning, it's a beautiful day and I'd like to say that I love that young fellow that calls up. Have a nice day. Thank you.

CLARK: Thank you, bye bye. Good morning, Let's talk it over. Yes sir.

CALLER 3: I'm just like you, I vote the same way you do. Look, I was going to tell you about last week, I was reading the last week's Globe where Tricky Dick loaned communist Russia and Kissinger together \$500 million dollars at 6% interest. And they says that the loans that already that they gave Russia amounted to billions of dollars. You think that's right? For us to support communism?

CLARK: Well the thing is, that here they want favored trade partner status without paying off a debt to voters for I don't know how many years.

CALLER 3: Well, you see a lot of these people there that are backing up that, they are saying that we are going communism. The people are not going communism. It's our government that's pushing us toward communism.

CLARK: Mmm-hmm.

CALLER 3: That's what I'm trying to say that those people that uphold Tricky Dick so much.

CLARK: Mm-hmm, okay sir, well thank you kindly. Right, sir, bye-bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 4: Good morning, Don.

CLARK: Morning, sir.

CALLER 4: This is my second time I've listened to the program, it's fine, this morning it's very good. Now I have a little something here for us right here in home. Last month, two months ago, my wife and I, we just have to get a little home out here, four rooms. So we would turn out our lights at night. We wouldn't put them on, we would use two lamps. Now we tried this for two months. When we got our light bill it was \$12 higher. How do you figure this one out?

CLARK: How much of that was for the increase in fuel prices?

CALLER 4: Well gosh I don't know really

CLARK: Well that's one thing that T's me off. We're told to conserve energy and the electric companies are telling us that because we have done such a great job in conserving energy there will not be any shortage. But yet, for crying out loud, despite the fact that we're using less of it, our bills are going up so high it's obnoxious.

CALLER 4: Right, it's way out of reason and I don't understand it. My sister lives on Central Street her bill has jumped. My boy's bill has jumped over on Warren Street and yet everybody's trying to pitch in and save this energy. And yet by the same token I presume that so much of it has been saved that the light companies, which on their gross income is reduced so they just jump into any place they want.

CLARK: Um-hmm. And it's weird that everybody is being asked, like, well you take the gas situation. We're told to drive only at 50, not use as much gas. But yet, despite the fact that we are not using as much, the price is skyrocketing.

CALLER 4: This is true, very true.

CLARK: So actually who's the one that's being hurt?

CALLER 4: It's the poor little fella. It always was and always will be. Well, thank you very much.

CLARK: Thank you very much. Thank you. Call again too, please. Bye bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 5: Yes, good morning.

CLARK: Good morning

CALLER 5: I would like to say I agree with that gentleman who referred to the United States loaning Russia \$501 million. I agree with him wholeheartedly because the fact that that Russia, if I am not mistaken, has about the largest art collection and also many of their buildings that's highly a gold-plated, I mean, not plated, but real gold, and I think if they turn some of that into, well, their own money, that

they would not have to go out and get all of our money, and ask for loans and everything and put us in debt. And I think something should be done about that.

CLARK: Well, ma'am, thank you very much.

CALLER 5: You're welcome.

CLARK: Bye-bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 6: Yes, good morning, Don. Right. I called Friday and spoke to John about this. I asked him four questions the other day, and I told him I'd call today and document the fact that we are getting into a national police force. And he said okay. Well unfortunately he's not there today.

CLARK: No he doesn't do it on Mondays because he doesn't come in till later. I'm the I'm the Monday host.

CALLER 6: Okay, well... um...

CLARK: So you go right ahead.

CALLER 6: The gentleman mentioned earlier about this fellow that calls your program. A great many people of whom object to his comments because they seem to take a somewhat leftist or socialist line. And some of your listeners have even volunteered the opinion that he should really be excluded from the program and so forth. Well, I find myself perhaps in opposition to most of the things, or a great many of the things that this gentleman speaks about, although some of the things he does bring out are true. But I think the beauty of this country, John, is that we are still a free nation.

CLARK: Oh yeah, I mean I may disagree with anyone on this program, but I sure as heck like to hear their point of view.

CALLER 6: Exactly. Now I may not always be right and that man may not be always be right, but thank God we still have a free country upon which we can express our views

CLARK: Right.

CALLER 6: And what it does, John, it depends upon whom and what you want to believe. Now John asked me if I strongly considered our country in danger, and I said yes. And I think that A, people are confused and frustrated because they haven't been told the truth about what is happening. Yes, our country is in danger and yes, it is a product of a conspiracy that makes Watergate look like kids' play. Now we certainly can't cover a great many things in a three minute or a three-and-a-half minute discussion but we are on the road to socialism and communism in this country and the ultimate aim of course is to merge this country with other nations in the world, in a world, one-world government, under the auspices of the United Nations. Now as far as the National Police Force is concerned, Hitler had a national police force and for documentation, if you want to look the rise and fall of the Third Reich by William Shirer, which is published by Simon & Schuster in 1960. Now Shirer is considered a liberal but even he agrees at the creation of a national police force in Germany was bad. And he stated in his book

that in June of '36, the first time in German history a unified police was established for the whole of the Reich and we are definitely getting into that area today with this Law Enforcement Assistant Agency. And I guess we just about run out of time, but I would like to document it a little further tomorrow.

CLARK: Okay well feel free to call up any time.

CALLER 6: Okay, Don.

CLARK: Thank you kindly, bye bye. 942-4848, 942-4849 are the numbers to call here on Talk It Over, off to a fast start, and let's just keep on rolling. And as I tried to mention earlier that Maine's a dirty word and the rest of New England today, that Mr. Simon said that the names of twelve states that are being reallocated more gasoline. And Maine is the only New England state that was given more gasoline. And the funniest thing is, Maine, I think, is the only New England state who wasn't complaining real bad that they were short of gasoline. Connecticut, Massachusetts, is on rationing. Connecticut, they were talking to Mr. Simon and telling him the trouble that they had there. And lo and behold what happens? Massachusetts continues their rationing and Maine's getting more gas. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 7: Yes, from time to time very frequently we hear politicians when some legislation is proposed, they'll make a statement like this. I am opposed to this because I know the taxpayers of the state or the taxpayers of nation will not stand for it. Well now I'm wondering what they mean by that. When the legislation was proposed, the taxpayer has one of two choices. He can either pay the bill or he can revolt. Now what are they suggesting that he do? Are they suggesting that he revolt against the law?

CLARK: Well I think I think number one, they want you to listen to them and after that they want you to keep quiet. But no, that that galls me, too, is that you'll hear these people well when these bills are introduced in the special session of the legislature now. They, you know, you'll notice that every single release now is dropped the term emergency. They finally woke up. But the thing that galls me is that they're supposedly proposing this because the people of the state want it. But how many of them have even bothered to talk to anyone outside their own neighborhood?

CALLER 7: Well they'll get up and beat their breasts and pose as a great big hero and a defender of the taxpayers rights. I say I'm opposed to this because the taxpayers will not stand for it, and wave the flag and so forth, but aren't they, when they suggest but the taxpayer won't stand for it, they're suggesting that the taxpayer will go into revolution. And now, aren't they suggesting something illegal when they suggest that? The taxpayer has only one of two choices, either pay this increased tax or go into revolution against the government. Now, are they suggesting that the taxpayer do that?

CLARK: Well that's a good connotation of it, only the perhaps they don't carry it that far. But that's a very plausible explanation right there, yes.

CALLER 7: Well, they don't tell the whole truth then. They're depending on emotionalism instead of reality, right?

CLARK: Right.

CALLER 7: Bye-bye.

CLARK: Bye-bye, sir. 942-4848, 942-4849 are the numbers to call here on Let's Talk It Over and whatever may be of interest to you, feel free to give us a call here. And many of the politicians proposed gubernatorial candidates are out, and of course we have the, what is at the eighth week, of the special session and as I mentioned they've dropped the term emergency. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 8: Ah, yes. Good morning.

CLARK: Good morning

CALLER 8: Talking about the tax payers, and what we pay for, I was quite shocked and surprised when I read in the Sunday paper and the questions and answers you know in the front, it's the question is, how many lawyers does President Nixon have working on his Watergate defense and who pays for them?

CLARK: Mm-hmm.

CALLER 8: The answer is the number varies from time to time. At one point last month, the appointment of Cecil W. Emerson, Jr., and James St. Clair brought the number to twelve. This did not include the half-dozen outside consultants. The government pays for them all. Now do you suppose this means his own, the way it reads, is his own personal lawyers working on his own personal defense.

CLARK: Well I know that I've heard Mr. St. Clair referred to as the administrative consultant, and stuff like that, but what they consult on is a very varied activities. His specialty at the present time is Watergate.

CALLER 8: Yes, you see the question specifically says, this is what rather shocked me, I just don't think it's right that the tax payer should pay for 12 lawyers plus plus plus for President Nixon's defense on Watergate. The other people who are defendants in the Watergate thing didn't have anyone pay theirs. They had to pay their own.

CLARK: And of course, they...

CALLER 8: And some of them are in jail now. So why does he have, why do we have to pay for his lawyers?

CLARK: And of course you had the re-election committee for the President having such a large surplus, perhaps it could come out of that.

CALLER 8: Yes, but I don't think it's right that we pay for his lawyers. I don't want any of my tax money going for his defense at all.

CLARK: Okay ma'am, well thank you kindly, bye-bye. Good morning let's talk it over.

CALLER 9: Don, speaking of Maine and gasoline, wasn't Maine way down around 50 on the list?

CLARK: Around there.

CALLER 9: Yeah, well, they should get the gas, I think.

CLARK: Yeah, but I meant was we hadn't been crying about the long lines that these other states had directly appealed to the administration on, so it was quite surprising to everybody that Maine was given such a big reallocation.

CALLER 9: They did get a big one?

CLARK: Well we're one of only 12 that are having it reloaded to us. The exact amount isn't known yet.

CALLER 9: Well, we're more used to hardship than anyone else.

CLARK: That's true.

CALLER 9: I'm not surprised.

CLARK: No, yeah, well thank you kindly, bye-bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 10: Yes, good morning.

CLARK: Good morning.

CALLER 10: Do you know how many lawyers there are on the other side trying to get him impeached that we are paying for?

CLARK: No, I wouldn't dare guess.

CALLER 10: Two hundred, 200 people that are working, you know, night and day, Sam Dash and all his crew. And that's paid for by us, too. So, the fact that he's got ten or twelve at his defense you know that's not too bad, 200 against 12. But what I want to complain about is every time that you know we complain about the state government and the fact they're not gonna have this, you know, this new reorganization that's been proposed, they always say, if you don't like it, you know, vote somebody else in. But the people that run for the state, to me, you know, there's maybe one or two people that really a qualified. All the rest of them are either lawyers that can get off from work or retired people. All the people that are, you know, like CPAs or the head of businesses, they never run because they don't have the time to go to Augusta to put in. And the only ones that that we elected that can go you know for the little \$3,500 is people that you know that they're their own boss or they're like Mr. Sewall there, wants half a million dollars with the businesss, or the lawyers and in the insurance people that get you know they get favors for that.

CLARK: Mm-hmm and of course the thing too is like for instance that Maine is such a large state as far as territory is concerned and you have only what 30, 31 members of the Senate?

CALLER 10: Right, 32 I think.

CLARK: Well, 32 in the Senate well you figure exactly, especially some of these districts are huge as far as territory is concerned, how could the average person really get to know the people that are running in his district?

CALLER 10: I'd be willing to bet you that 99 out of 100 people in Bangor couldn't tell you who their representatives are all five of them. I couldn't even, and I'm, you know, I'm...

CLARK: The only reason that I know my representatives in the House and Senate is because a couple of years ago I, as a school director, attended a taxpayer's, our meeting, and they had the senator, the representative, and myself there to talk money to the people and that's the only reason I really know who my representatives are.

CALLER 10: Like in Bangor, I think we have five and I think I know McKernan and [Scoulis and Kelley?] and I don't know who the other two are. But because those all they wanted you know hardly ever speak up on any legislation over there. The other two, I don't know what they're doing, but you know, and like, there's a bill in now to reduce the House from 150 something down to a hundred. Definitely that should be done because we've got way too many people there and they want to raise and everything else and

CLARK: Yeah, well it's in the hands of the Supreme Court now, state Supreme Court.

CALLER 10: In the hands of the Supreme Court

CLARK: Yeah, okay sir, well thank you kindly.

CALLER 10: All right.

CLARK: Bye-bye. Good morning, let's talk it over. Morning.

CALLER 11: The other two from Bangor are Curran and Murray.

CLARK: [Curran?] and Murray.

CALLER 11: Yeah, and Senator Cox. And we do have 151 representatives and 33 senators in the state legislature. And also another thing I think the legislators just voted themselves a raise to \$7,500

CLARK: Well, that is being considered you know, a citizen's, they say a citizen's panel has wanted that, so while they tell us to tighten our belts they want to double their raise, their salary

CALLER 11: I see, well okay, another thing which I really called about, as far as being a taxpayer, I object to my tax dollars going to the university when they imply that they sanction such things as these homosexuals out there.

CLARK: Mm-hmm.

CALLER 11: And I don't care what people say, when the decision is made to let these people meet on the campus, which taxpayers are paying for, it implies that those making the decisions, as well as the university, are sanctioning such activities.

CLARK: Well the thing that got, that, well I'll use the term galls me again, is that the Chancellor, here people have been talking, not only here, but legislators have been talking about how this could adversely affect the money situation at the University, and Mr. McNeil comes right out and says, I don't believe the people would do anything like that. Well, who has he talked to?

CALLER 11: Well, I don't know...

CLARK: That is just like the last time when the University of Maine budget was not approved, he had been talking about how they were going to do this and that, and if the people didn't approve it, that was tough. He was going to come right back with it again. Well, he found out that the people didn't like what he said and they so he had to come back for it.

CALLER 11: Well, Mr. McNeill is going to receive a letter from me. I have it written now, and also I think that if Supreme Court decisions can be reversed, there's no reason why there cannot be a reversal of the Trustees' decision. Now, I understand, I've spoken to several legislators, I understand that that Chancellor McNeil was reluctant in announcing the decision of the Trustees, and they were reluctant in making the decision. Well, I don't care how reluctant it was. It was made, and people are not going to remember that the Trustees were reluctant in making it. They're going to remember that the Trustees made this decision and I think that it, it's going to be a black mark against the Trustees as well as the University.

CLARK: I'd like to find out when the next Trustees meeting is so we could let the people know and they could possibly turn out and and let their feelings be known right to the Trustees.

CALLER 11: I think the thing for us to, Don, the Chancellor McNeil's Office, Chancellor Donald McNeil, University of Maine, Bangor, he's right out here at the airport at his office, the Trustees, I don't know the names of all of them, Dr. Lawrence Cutler is the chairman of the Trustees, and I think that if we get our letters going in to these people and let them know how we feel, that one small group of deviants is not going to control our university. It's our university. Maybe they pay their taxes in the state, too, but we have to go by majority rule in this country. Government is, is ruled by the majority, majority vote and so forth. And why should we let a little group of people like that which are, their only reason for congregating is to carry on their activities, recruit others into some abnormal, immoral activities, and we're allowing this to go on on our campus. And I think the thing for us to do is to write to these people and write a letter to the Governor. If enough people rock the boat a little bit, maybe something will be done to get this decision reversed.

CLARK: Well, ma'am, thank you very much.

CALLER 11: Okay.

CLARK: Bye-bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 12: I certainly agree with the lady who was just talking. And also they always take Mr. Nixon up on everything. What else would you call those truckers if not Desperados or something else much worse, which I would. Those who have killed or maimed other truck drivers just because they've refused to stop and their work. We need them or we will be out of a lot of things including food. You have a lot of people on this program who are against our government, you can tell that the way they talk. And of course they are winning because not enough people are speaking up. This is why we are going to lose our country. And when these people lose and we go Communist, they will lose all these benefits which they have now, and it will be their own fault. Thank you.

CLARK: Thank you very much, bye-bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 13: Morning.

CLARK: Good morning.

CALLER 13: Should we remind the gentleman that there's safety not only in numbers but strength, and when the people stand up, they will be heard. Well people have various ideas and ideal standards and so forth as they choose those they trust, hire, do business with and call their friends. To me, anyone who enjoys the wonders of nature, gardening, likes animals, as well as being a good citizen, is apt to be pretty much okay. I think I've heard it many times that people say a man who doesn't like dogs, look out. When a man is widely read and syndicated as Mr. Jack Anderson, devotes his entire column as on Saturday, to expose the horrible sufferings and deaths of thousands of pitiful helpless animals which has been going on for some time in this country, this man is a humane human being. Now, nationwide humane agencies, Kennel Clubs, including local organizations have protested, but it takes time and the will of everyone to deal with such as the mentioned big money making Midwest puppy mills supplying mail-order catalogs, chain pet stores and pet shops and so forth. In over 40 years of raising, buying dogs, we've been taken by the so called top breeders, who don't sell 75 or 100 dollar dogs. That's crumbs. An expensive champion said to be a British dream was sent here for the Midwest. He was a beautiful champion. He was no good as a stud. He was less than we would sell for fifteen or twenty dollars but he had got his championship by a big Circuit Judge as his owner. Expensive dogs are said to weigh two pounds. Five days later they're shipped in from other states weighing heavier, gained four or five pounds. A handful of vets help certificates to a good customer isn't novel. A dog with a fine health certificate state of New Jersey arrived. He was delirious, practically hairless, no control of his bowels the kidneys and three veterinarian said junk him. I'll put him in the box and send him back. We don't do that. At to AKC papers on a tan dog it's called chocolate and white. When the dog is over a year old and it's called a three months puppy, so forth and so on. People are not losing ground when they buy a very good specimen purebred dog and he doesn't have his papers at reasonable prices. They may not get half his gipped as on some pedigree that is less than that, so I hope people read Mr. Anderson's column because it said a mouthful.

CLARK: Thank you very much, bye-bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 14: Good morning.

CLARK: Good morning.

CALLER 14: I called about what was going on at the University last week. And the week before that, Pastor [Gass?] on his television program had that as a topic. He preached on that. Last Saturday, Buddy Franklin had that for his topic. So the caller that called about the University of Maine is so right. But why just rock the boat? All the Maine people that are against this and are galled, believing citizens, should really make it stormy weather. Because I have heard a lot of comments. People have said I refuse to send my dollar up there. I wouldn't think of sending a child there. I'll send them somewhere else to go to school. Well, Don this is hurting. This is not building up our college. This is tearing down. And I think all the people, I agree with the caller, all people it and start making not only speeches but writing letters and making a stormy weather out of this situation 'til something is done about it. And that's my comment.

CLARK: Thank you very much.

CALLER 14: You're welcome. Bye.

CLARK: Bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 15: Good morning.

CLARK: Good morning.

CALLER 15: I understand that Wednesday they're having a, Wednesday night, they're having a council meeting in Orono in regards to this liquor license at the University of Maine. I hope that the tax payers in the town of Orono has enough respect for the children and grandchildren of the future generation to abolish that, not let it go by. Because we send the kids to school to get an education that will help them to be a better citizen, not an alcoholic. And if they've got any guts down there, any backbone in them, they will they will go out and vote against this. And I hope we get some comments on it.

CLARK: Okay, ma'am, well thank you very much, bye-bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 16: I'd like to change the subject.

CLARK: Go right ahead.

CALLER 16: We have a lot of birds around our home and we noticed the other day there was some evening grossbeaks that had been, I presume, caught and the wing painted red, and then yesterday they was one with a wing painted blue. I don't know if this will help anybody or not, but I thought I'd call up and tell you about it.

CLARK: Yeah, okay well thank you kindly.

CALLER 16: I have a feeling that they were just painted to denote something. I'm sure they had traveled, if anybody had called in and said anything.

CLARK: Yeah, well I think that for instance, say one of them get injured and you're...

CALLER 16: No, it was a pink.

CLARK: Right, right, no but in other words, what I was trying to say, well suppose one of them was hurt and you took it in and you noticed this and you called the Humane Society perhaps the Humane Society would follow it through and would have some kind of idea on where it originally came from and everything, say.

CALLER 16: Yeah that's right, one was painted a pinkish red last week and then yesterday there was one blue. A little, their white wings, and they are evening grossbeaks and they're beautiful.

CLARK: Well, ma'am, thank you very much.

CALLER 16: You're welcome.

CLARK: Bye-bye. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 17: Yes, I would like to say something about this so-called gay conference at the University of Maine.

CLARK: Yes, yes sir.

CALLER 17: I think that if we understand what they're trying to do we might get some more on it. I think that to my opinion what they're trying to do is to get acceptance and respectability. And then after they get this acceptance and responsibility, their second goal of, more easily achieved, and that is proselytizing. And I think that Mr. and Mrs. Maine are, could be our sons and our daughters, who their victims are going to be. I think that we need to do something to stop this evil and unnatural, depraved way of life. And I can't see giving them this acceptance, respect and respectability, is going to help our situation any. Thank you.

CLARK: Thank you very much, sir, bye bye. Well, let me tell you, I don't know if we're gonna have telephone trouble after the program, but boy, you're really burning these lines up this morning. 942-4848, 942-4849, and I can still remember when Monday used to be a bad day, but it hasn't been for the last few weeks. [Voice in background of technician... Sure has?.] Oh it's only a bad day for Mike. Mike doesn't have a chance to take his morning nap now. You're keeping us pretty busy here. But feel free to give us a call, we have time for another quick call if you'd care to call up on anything, everything from gas to the gay convention, from the national police state to the typical politicians. But gentlemen, a lady called about the raise the politicians won here in Maine. Well, our boys in Washington are gonna get an automatic raise and they're telling us about how tight the situation is and everything like that, but they're gonna get a four or five thousand dollar raise automatically unless they do something about it. And you know they won't do anything about it, but so is life. And life goes on, no matter what the situation. I suppose that no matter what a politician says the one phrase that comes out no matter how praiseworthy he may be of the subject or how downgrading he may be, the one phrase that more or less describes it all is grin and bear it. Good morning, let's talk it over.

CALLER 18: Those raises, locally and nationally, they are really pretty hard to take, under the circumstances. And you know speaking of a the gay [inaudible], they're, the churches, I think it's a church that's having that convention is worse than the college. As you know, I don't know if they had it or not, but

CLARK: Oh yeah, it's at the Unitarian.

CALLER 18: Yeah. They had it, did they?

CLARK: No, no, it's supposed to be in April, I think.

CALLER 18: Oh yes, I see. Well that's going to be great, isn't it? Poor fools. Isn't it awful?

CLARK: Well, ma'am, thank you very much bye-bye. And I want to thank y'all for making today, boy, one of the busiest days we've had and certainly one of the most active Monday sessions, and I do hope that you're just getting warmed up and you'll welcome John Wellington back here tomorrow morning at this same time and call up and talk it over.

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