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Ex-Complaints & Compliance Chief Art Glinsburg calls the FCC "weak sisters" after KFLZ/Bishop, TX is merely admonished for improper concert promotions... The industry's effort to collect revenue figures draws a poor 22% response from radio stations... FCC reporting conditions are imposed on WQCK/Manchester, GA... Daytime broadcaster ally Rep. Paul Findley is defeated... NAB's Medium Market Radio Committee votes to open a "dialogue" with NRRA with possible merger talks down the road... NRRA President Jim Kaplan is cool to idea... Following Futures Committee recommendation, NAB doubles its six-member lobbying staff.

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