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Mike's Tape on Vocational Guidance Program for Butte Kiwanis

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Statement of Senator Mike Mansfield (D. Mont.)

Kiwanis Club-Vocational-Guidance Program

The young people of today have tremendous opportunities ahead of them in this Nation of ours but in order to take full advantage of these chances, it will require more education beyond the senior year in high school.

It must be recognized that since the end of World War II the American Way of Life has required less raw manpower and the demand for specialists and technicians has been swiftly increasing. The recent advances made in Russian missiles and weapons development has made it evident that we as a nation do not lead in the race to explore outer space and develop rockets and nuclear weapons.

It is imperative that we regain our preeminence in this area and to do this it will require an increased number of our young people entering the fields of science and engineering.

This is only one of the many fields of endeavor which have much to offer. There are opportunities in both private industry and the Federal service. These jobs are there for those who have the qualifications and background.

A college education is not only a means of personal advancement but it is also a source of self-gratification.

Montana has a number of fine schools of higher education, both private and state-endowed, which offer a wide choice of studies.
price for a college education has increased in recent years but it is a price well worth the effort. There are a number of scholarships available to high school students, with stipends large and small, and there will be more. It is quite plausible that the Federal Government will enter the scholarship field in the next year or two giving financial assistance to students in obtaining a college degree.

As never before in our history this nation's security rests in the hands of its talented young people. They have a challenge to meet and you can meet it through education. You can achieve this objective in any of our schools of college standing because we have in Montana:

A School of Mines at Butte which, in my opinion, is the best technical school in the world;
A State University at Missoula which is an outstanding institution;
A State College at Bozeman which is in its field pre-eminent;
Two teachers colleges, at Billings and Dillon which reach with the best;
And three private colleges, Carroll at Helena, the College of St. Francis, at St. Helena, and Rocky Mountain College of St. Falls which are fully accredited schools at Billings which are fully accredited schools at Billings which are fully accredited schools at Billings which are fully accredited schools at Billings which are fully accredited schools at Billings which are fully accredited schools.

For our size of population we are indeed fortunate in the high quality of schools within our State.