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Statement of Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Montana)
January 7, 1960

I find the President's speech a vigorous exposition of what he advocates. While I would agree with him in large part, as for example, when he emphasizes that the time has arrived for other nations to assume part of the burden of responsibility in the field of foreign aid, I would hope that his statement would be followed by other nations sharing some of the cost in this program and that, as a result, the Presidential request in the field of foreign aid would show a marked decline in the amount requested for the coming year.

In the field of defense, it is my belief that our posture is not as strong as he indicates and that in this field we must recognize we have deficiencies on land, under the sea, in space, and in missiles and do everything we can to overcome these drawbacks.

The President asks us again to enact farm legislation. I would state that on the several occasions when we have passed good farm bills, he has vetoed our efforts.

In the field of inflation, the President states that "one major method by which the Federal Government can counter inflation and rise in prices is to insure that its expenditures are below its revenues". I would point out most respectfully that Congress has been attempting to do this successfully over the past 7 years and that because of the efforts made by the Congress, the President's annual budget requests over that period have been reduced by \$12-1/2 billion.