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Statement of Senator Mike Mansfield (D. Montana)

FUTURES FOR CHILDREN, INC.

Mr. President, a highly successful program of American private aid to underprivileged peasants in Latin America is now in its fifth year of operation in Colombia, South America.

Supported by contributions from U. S. citizens, many of them university professors, this program is now demonstrating to both North and South Americans how peasants can be motivated to rapidly improve their own social and economic conditions with a minimum of outside financial assistance and involvement.

The program, called Futures for Children, was founded by sociologist-educator, Dr. Richard P. Saunders. It is now operating in approximately 40 villages and slum barrios in the Department of Antioquia, Colombia. Nearly 100,000 men, women, and children are already benefiting from its work.

Futures for Children is primarily an educational program which enables the underprivileged to raise their own standards, utilizing one of the strongest and most nearly universal motivating forces known to man: his concern for the welfare and the future of his children.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed at the conclusion of my remarks in the Congressional Record the main text of a brochure on "Futures for Children" and a 1963 article from Parade Magazine.