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STATEMENT OF SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (D., MONTANA)

There is something in the returns to prove every prognosticator's pre-election point. There is something for Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and Non-Voters. Anyone who wants to can say, "I told you so."

Insofar as I see them, the elections were an expression from a selective electorate returning, on the whole, to customary patterns of voting after the unusual circumstances of 1964. And these patterns include, as usual, a number of startling and deplorable retirements of outstanding and dedicated public servants.

The point to remember is that the people have met and rendered their judgment. All of us, regardless of party, accept their verdict without question, which is indicative of the great vitality and rationality of the nation's political life.