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STATEMENT OF SENATOR MIKE MANSFIELD (D., MONTANA) AT THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL DINNER - RADIO AND TV CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vice President, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, I am afraid that Mr. Scherer is closer to the mark than he thinks. When I was approached by Joe McCaffrey about a month ago to give a three or four minute speech tonight--humorous, of course--I told him that I could not do it because I couldn't tell a funny story or even remember a joke. Of course, Joe was acting at the behest of Bill Roberts the President of the Association.

When I was told when I arrived tonight that I was down for a speech I must admit that I had no idea what I could say or should say. However, I have decided to talk about what is a Senator and what are you.

A Senator is one who is lucky, has a lot of friends, hits the right set of circumstances at the right time and is elected. He, along with you, does things which are both good and bad. He, along with you, seeks headlines and many times avoids substance. He, along with you, is necessary but both of us can improve ourselves. He, along with you, weilds influence on our morals, our taste and our thinking. He, along with you, adds to our confusion, but sometimes we do educate.

A Senator, along with you, is source material for the history of our times. You are many things to many people--what you do will reflect on your profession, on our country, and on the world. What

*A Senator, if he is a Democrat, does not think all Republi are bad +, if he is a Republi, he does not think all Democ are bad'*

we both do--as professionals--will prove whether or not your business will make contributions to humanity--and what my colleagues and I do will prove not whether our nation deserves us but whether we deserve deserve our country.