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## CAMBODIA

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I commend the distinguished Senator from New Jersey as well as the distinguished junior Senator from Missouri for the statements they have just made, and also the distinguished senior Senator from Missouri for the initiative he has shown in this respect.

I share the concern expressed by Senators who have spoken today and who will speak later on the continuation of what really amounts to a broadening of the war.

We are getting out of South Vietnam, but it looks like we are getting into Cambodia. It appears to me that the old pattern is perhaps being repeated; that the handwriting is on the wall for another Vietnam, despite all disclaimers to the contrary being in the offing.

I remember being in Phnom Penh in 1969, after President Nixon recognized the government of Prince Norodom Sihanouk. There were two people at the embassy then. At the time of the overthrow of Sihanouk, there were 11. Today there are something in excess of 150, and the trend is up. The public press carries stories to the effect that there is a 5-year military plan in existence for Cambodia.

I thought it was the intention of this Government to get out of all the old Indochinese states, and not to get into another one on the scale in which we are already in Cambodia, because Cambodia has now been opened by the Defense Department for military operations, certainly from the air. I would assume that the Cooper-Church intention is being overridden; that the intention of the Symington proposal is being ignored; and it appears to me that the only way in which this Congress—this Senate, at least—can avoid loopholes and angles is to face up to the ultimate weapon in our inventory, and that is to cut off funds.

It is going to be hard. It is going to take a lot of determination, but we have tried everything we can to confine this war, to limit it, to get us out, and it seems we are thwarted at every turn. So, as far as the Senator from Montana is concerned, he has made up his mind. He has no intention to vote for funds in the grab bag known as the foreign aid authorization bill, nor will he vote for appropriations. The intention of Congress has been overridden too many times and too consistently and it is about time to stand up and be counted. I am sorry I am so late, but there is an old saying, "Better later than never."

I commend the distinguished Senator from New Jersey on his remarks today.