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Statement of Senator Mike Mansfield (D. Mont.)

Montana Newsmen Takes Bicentennial Post

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Mr. President, it is always a sad occasion when a talented newsman retires from his profession. However, in the case of Harold G. "Hal" Stearns who has published the weekly Harlowton Times for a good many years, it is another milestone in an already spectacular career. Hal Stearns has decided to give up his weekly newspaper but, at the same time, is moving to the State Capitol of Montana, Helena, where he will be Executive Director of the Montana American Revolutionary Bicentennial Commission. Montana is most fortunate to obtain his services.

Hal is not only a fine journalist but an excellent historian who has spent a great deal of time studying and recording the history of the West. He is active in the work of the Montana Historical Society and now serves on the Committee for the Humanities, a new organization within the State. Hal and Jeanne Stearns have been good friends for many years and, while I will miss his editorials on matters of current interest, I do know that he will contribute a great deal in his new post.

I wish Hal and Jeanne Stearns well and I know that Montana's participation in the Bicentennial will be outstanding because of his leadership. Mr. President, I ask that a news story appearing in the Billings Gazette of June 15, 1973, and an editorial in the Great Falls Tribune of June 20, 1973, be printed at the conclusion of my remarks.