

Says Stop Pretending

Washington

The Administration should stop using its foreign policy to give Americans "a pretense of national well-being" when severe domestic problems remain unsolved, Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield said yesterday.

"The need is not to beat the drums of self-deceit any louder in the name of foreign policy," Mansfield told Senate Democrats during a closed-door meeting. "The need is to restore the people's trust in government by restoring the government's integrity.

"I am hopeful we will hear no more about how we must bury Watergate and all it implies in other areas because of this crisis or that abroad," Mansfield said in remarks he made public after the meeting.

"We would do well to avoid in the name of foreign policy a pretense of national well-being when the people are profoundly disturbed by what they see and hear in Washington," he added.

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