

many billions of dollars in actual expenditure, so many in fact that the annual expenditures for our Department of External Affairs can hardly be more than one per cent of the annual interest on those billions, we do get, I think, a better appreciation of proportions. It is a fact, you know, that the actual cost of our External Affairs services would be to our war expenditures in the proportion of less than the cost of a peacetime three cent postage stamp to one hundred dollars worth of ammunition.

Of course that is no justification for any unnecessary expenditures, but if the expenditures are carefully watched, and I trust you will believe that they are, the total amount thereof need not of itself give us very serious concern.

In the broadcast by Mr. Ilsley to which I have already referred, and in which he said we really have no alternative other than to support those international organizations with all our might, he added:

"I can understand that there may be many in Canada who would much prefer it if we did not have to get mixed up in a difficult question like the prevention of armed clashes on the borders of Greece or what should be done about Palestine, but the time has gone by when people of Canada can remain indifferent to these actual or potential disputes abroad, for it is just these disputes which may lead to war, with all its suffering, heartaches and loss of life.

"So we are here and we are doing the best we can to assist in the solution of world problems. Whether these problems can be solved, even partially, depends, it seems to me, on whether the terrible tension which has developed between the East and the West can be lessened."

He has since made another broadcast and he expresses so well views which I share that I am going to close my speech by reading you a paragraph from that one too. This is how it goes:

"If we can lend our assistance to breaking deadlocks, or effecting compromises which do not sacrifice essential principles, if we can give expression to that which we strongly feel needs expression, if we can do any of these things, we do it, striving in this way to contribute to the success of the organization.

"We hope in time to build up a tradition at these international gatherings which will take its place among our most honorable Canadian traditions and strengthen our pride, the right kind of pride, in the country to which we belong."