

can't do that. Countries have responsibilities which can't be ignored, links with others that must always be maintained to preserve order and peace and prosperity.

Countries which stand still lose ground because others are moving forward. Countries which are loners are countries which are losers. Ask Albania or Cuba. Alberta is not Albania and Canada is not Cuba and we must never act as they act if we want to succeed.

It is tempting when times are tough to turn away. But when times are tough, being active abroad is more necessary not less. If we choose to neglect our interests abroad, other interests will take over and Canadians will be forced to dance to tunes we didn't write, tunes we don't like.

Foreign policy is not a frill.. It is fundamental. Never before has a foreign policy of realism and pragmatism and activism been more necessary. Never has foreign policy been less foreign.

The oil company in Calgary and the energy consumer and the families of Canadian soldiers know that what happens in the Gulf is crucial to their concerns.

The steel company in Ontario -- that requires rare minerals from South Africa -- knows that a peaceful end to apartheid in South Africa is important.

The wheat farmer in the Prairies knows that President Gorbachev's reforms matter when Canada's ability to sell wheat depends on hard currency.

Canadian industry must know that a solution to the debt crisis is important when that debt crisis has cost so many jobs and exports for Canadians -- \$24 billion and 130,000 jobs between 1981 and 1987 -- because former customers of Canada could no longer afford to buy wheat or produce; 200,000 more jobs over the next 10 years if debt can't be managed.

And Canadians -- whose economy depends on exports for 30 per cent of our wealth -- must know that a new set of GATT rules is important, when it is those rules which will open markets and create jobs and the failure to establish those new rules which will close markets and cause jobs to be lost.

Those problems will not be solved by luck. And they won't be solved in a way which meets Canada's interests if we are absent from the tables where those problems are discussed. We