

All of you are busy with your own problems of making a living, looking after your family and seeking to perform your responsibility as Kiwanians in performing some public service. I wonder if you have had an opportunity to picture the problems of government as being somewhat similar to those which you face in the allocation of your time. Government also has to look Janus-like in two directions at once. The more immediate and pressing responsibilities are bound to be those which have to do with local domestic interests. As a Member of Parliament it is my responsibility to look after the particular needs of my constituency. No matter how insignificant a particular project may appear by comparison with the most recent Soviet initiative, the interests of Canadians are, and must always be, my primary concern as Minister. But as with you, it is necessary for the government to look beyond the borders of its immediate community and somehow to reconcile its family or national interests with its international obligations. Mr. Dulles recently wrote: "We do not forget that every government has a primary duty to serve its own people. But usually that service can be best rendered by finding ways which help others also, or which at least do not hurt others". I have no doubt that you, from time to time, find that there is some conflict between your obligations and loyalties to your families and your duty to your community. Nevertheless, you must somehow or other reconcile the two, unless you are to become either a hermit on the one hand or be hauled into court for neglecting your family on the other. That is why you are Kiwanians - because you have the conviction that a full and useful life demands the reconciliation of your two loyalties.

You are the same person whether you are seen as head of the family (both husband and wife may take a bow with respect to this), or whether you are the person who is active in community work, or as one who serves his national interest. Indeed, the nation is made up of individuals who collectively create foreign policy. As an individual you may think you have very little influence in such affairs, yet if you look at it carefully it becomes obvious that unless you relinquish entirely your interest in public affairs (and as a Kiwanian you cannot do that), then you will have some small part in forming the foreign policy of your government. This being the case, you cannot shirk responsibility. I would not expect you to do that. Just as you have had to reconcile your family obligations with your community duty, so, somehow or other, you have to reconcile your national interests with the objectives of your foreign policy. If you fail to do this, the most obvious result will be schizophrenia.

It is very difficult for any of us to avoid being prejudiced on any question that arises. It is natural enough that each has his own point of view, conditioned by his past experience, his environment and his knowledge. One type of