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WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND, DEC 7-(CP CABLE VIA REUTERS)  
PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL SAVAGE SAID TODAY LATEST INDICATIONS  
WERE THAT EMPIRE CRISIS OVER KING EDWARD'S ROMANCE WITH MRS.  
WALLIS SIMPSON WAS "LESS DIFFICULT."

THE PRIME MINISTER MADE THE STATEMENT AS HE LEFT A CABINET  
MEETING.

HE ADDED THAT "WHEN THE TIME COMES, THE NEW  
ZEALAND GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ABOUT THE CRISIS AS A  
WHOLE AND ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE DIFFICULT AND MOST DELICATE  
QUESTION."

SAVAGE SAID IN HIS OPINION A GENERAL ELECTION IN  
GREAT BRITAIN WAS UNTHINKABLE AS BOTH SIDES WOULD BE DISCUSSING  
THE SAME POLICY, LEADING TO POLITICAL CONFUSION. "LET US HOPE  
THE THRONE WILL NEVER BECOME A SHUTTLE-COCK IN A POLITICAL  
FIGHT."

THERE WOULD BE NO NEED OF AN ELECTION IN NEW ZEALAND  
OR ANY OTHER DOMINION, HE ADDED.

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