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### Crisis

His abrasive manner made him a household name. That makes him complicit, the buck stops with him.

### Looking Back

The CIA believe that sank Lange's expectation the US would be forced to compromise on his terms. Or maybe not at all. Since 1905, almost three-quarters 70% of by-elections have resulted in an MP from the same party retaining the electorate.

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Harry Atkinson 8 October 1887 — 24 January 1891 14. James Bolger 2 November 1990 — 8 December 1997 National 36. Instead, a defeated Muldoon dug in his toes on one crucial issue.

### Nuclear free New Zealand

Peter Fraser 1 April 1940 — 13 December 1949 Labour 25. That young brigade of politicians born after World War Two and reaching their 30s and 40s in the 1980s had a window of opportunity before MMP when a strong Prime Minister and Finance Minister one and the same person in the case of Muldoon could rewrite the laws, thanks in part to a massive youth-driven backlash to the post-war generation of leaders that included Holyoake born 1904, Muldoon and Rowling.

### Inside the top secret CIA files on New Zealand

In essence, you are free to copy, distribute and adapt the work, as long as you attribute the work to the Parliamentary Library and abide by the other licence terms. The papers repeatedly mentioned Muldoon's appreciation of the relationship with the US and a 1981 briefing from the CIA to the White House showed it was reciprocated.

## **Looking Back**

Douglas continued his campaign against Lange through public statements, the unauthorised release of cabinet papers and on 21 December 1988 against Lange's leadership in the Labour caucus. Work may need to be done to ensure there is space for active industrial policy in our trade agreements.

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