

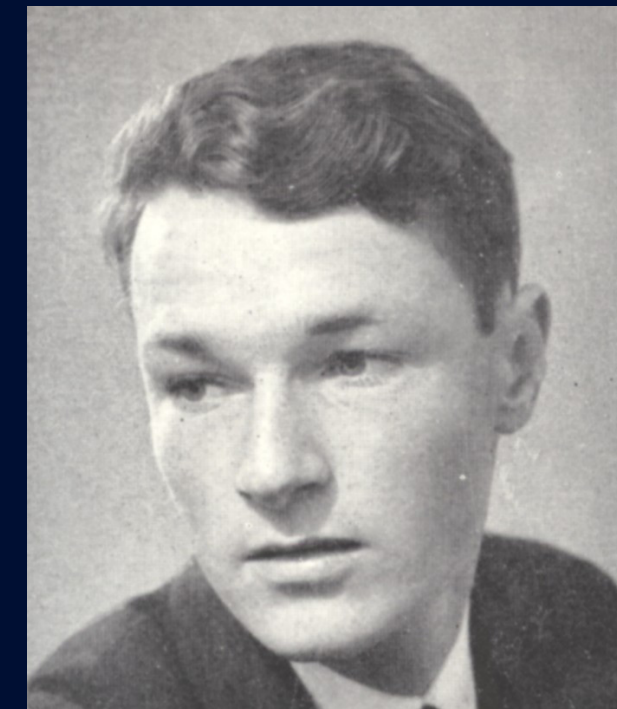


Paul Tipping (left) with the former Foreign Minister of Mexico, Jorge Castaneda, 2001

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Paul Tipping, now retired, was a career diplomat whose career with the New Zealand Government spanned four decades.

A former Rhodes Scholar, Paul began his career with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He has served in Kuala Lumpur, Brussels, Seoul, Rarotonga, Santiago, Madrid, and Mexico City, the latter three as Ambassador. He was also Director of the Domestic and External Security Secretariat in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet from 1997-2000.

Paul doesn't regret a single moment of his career.

"Being exposed to different cultures is what gives someone the wisdom to understand their own. Diplomacy, and especially, perhaps, New Zealand diplomacy, involves the highest intellectual and moral standards. I felt privileged to be part of it."

Paul relished living in a variety of countries and interacting with their people while advancing New Zealand's interests. Seeing the big international issues of his generation, such as the Cold War and decolonisation, from the "inside" was endlessly fascinating.

"It's a great career for any young man or woman," Paul says.



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