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THE Second Session of the Twenty-sixth Parliament of New Zealand was this day opened by the Governor-General, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following statement of the causes of the calling of this Session of Parliament together:—

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:—

Since I last had the privilege of addressing you the Dominion has suffered an irreparable loss in the death of the late Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Michael Joseph Savage, whose outstanding qualities of broad judgment, tolerant understanding, and love of humanity had endeared him to all. The affection and esteem in which he was held, in New Zealand and elsewhere, were indicated in full measure by the universal expressions of sorrow on his passing. The late Prime Minister's high sense of justice and morality were fully exemplified in his outspoken detestation of international injustice and aggression and his whole-hearted support of the determination of the British Commonwealth and its Allies that aggression must be resisted.

The exigencies of the international situation, and the critical stage that has been reached in the conduct of hostilities with Germany, have rendered it desirable, in the opinion of my Advisers, to assemble Parliament at a date earlier than was otherwise contemplated. My Ministers have considered it proper, in present circumstances, that Parliament should be convoked with the minimum of delay, in order that my Government may lay before the representatives of the people an account of the steps that they have found it necessary to take, and in order to afford the fullest opportunity for consideration and discussion of the further measures that may now be deemed requisite.