

My Government bases its policy, as previous Governments have done, on active support for the United Nations and on continuous cooperation with other Commonwealth countries. My Ministers firmly believe that a solution to problems of international relations must be sought within the framework of the closest collaboration between the United Kingdom and the United States and the fullest consultation with their allies.

My Ministers have advised me to convene this present Session of Parliament in order that consideration may be given to certain proposals arising from the introduction in April next of the Pay as You Earn System of taxation. A Bill will be placed before you designed to amend the existing taxation law in order to provide a greater measure of relief for taxpayers in the transitional period and to vary the present requirement regarding the payment of social security charge on certain classes of income derived during the current financial year.

A second Session of Parliament will be convened later in the year for the transaction of general business and for the consideration of such other legislation as may then be considered necessary in the public interest.

I pray that Divine Providence may guide your deliberations.