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THE Third Session of the Thirty-second 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 MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

In the period since I last addressed you, there has been much in the international field to arouse the disquiet of my advisers.

In particular, there have been moments of special crisis in three vital regions of the world—the straits of Formosa, the Middle East, and Berlin. In declarations of its position, my Government has stressed the dangerous possibilities of all three situations and the need to settle them by peaceful means.

My Government is convinced of the need for a conference at the highest level of representatives of those States whose actions so greatly affect the fate of all mankind. It is hopeful that at such a meeting it will be possible, above all, to make some progress towards disarmament, and to meet the manifest longing of people everywhere for relief from the burden of armaments and the threat of war.

New Zealand has continued in the United Nations to urge the need for early agreement on a broad programme of controlled disarmament. While there has been regrettably little progress towards this vital objective, the nuclear powers have accepted the view that an agreement for the cessation of nuclear weapons tests, with adequate inspection measures, would have value as a first, separate step. An agreement on this basis has been consistently advocated by my Ministers. Negotiations towards this end have been in progress for several months and my Ministers feel that their recent course gives ground for encouragement.

My Government has continued policies based on active support for the United Nations, close cooperation with other countries of the Commonwealth, and participation in measures designed to assist the economic and social development of South-East Asian countries. It has sought to strengthen the links with its partners in the ANZUS Treaty and the South-East Asia Treaty Organisation; the development of