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THE Fourth 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

The period since I last addressed you has been marked by the joyous event of the birth of Prince Andrew. The people of New Zealand have joined all Her loyal subjects in expressing to Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh their profound feelings of pleasure and devotion on this happy occasion.

The marriage of Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret to Mr Antony Armstrong-Jones revealed again the deep affection of all the peoples of the Commonwealth for the Royal Family. My Prime Minister has conveyed personally to Princess Margaret and her husband the most sincere wishes for their future happiness felt by all citizens of New Zealand and its island territories.

Last year I had the pleasure, in company with my wife, of visiting the island territories for whose administration New Zealand is responsible. In all the island groups we were received with great kindness and hospitality.

During much of the period since I last addressed you there was a reduction of international asperities and a relaxation of tension. A Summit Conference, it appeared, could result in an advance towards the settlement of international differences. In recent weeks these expectations have been abruptly denied.

My Government cannot regard the failure of the Paris meeting as a fitting or final response to the obligations and hopes which people everywhere have placed upon the great powers. It fervently believes that contacts at the highest level should be revived so that before long talks may be resumed. My Government, for its part, will do all within its power to diminish international friction and to give greater meaning and effectiveness to measures of international cooperation.