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THE Second Session of the Thirty-third 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:

My wife has asked me to express to the Prime Minister, Mr Speaker, and honourable members her sincere regret that, acting on medical advice, she has found herself unable to accompany me to this opening of the new session. She was particularly anxious to be here this afternoon, since this is the last occasion on which I shall have the privilege of addressing you in Parliament assembled. My wife and I sincerely appreciate the great warmth and kindness shown to us, and to our family, in all parts of New Zealand and also in the Island Territories and Western Samoa. We shall always love the country which has been our home for nearly five years and we shall maintain throughout our lives the deepest interest in the well-being of New Zealand and of its people of both races.

The gathering sense of climax in several fields of international activity has been the subject of constant concern to my Ministers. In particular, they have devoted the closest attention to the course of negotiations between the United Kingdom and the European Economic Community. In its approach to this question my Government attaches full importance to assurances it has received that arrangements will be made to protect this country's vital interests and that Britain will not enter the Community should this impair essential Commonwealth interests. Every possible step is being taken to preserve New Zealand's right of access to its markets. To this end my Minister of Overseas Trade has twice visited London and European capitals, and in September my Prime Minister will attend a meeting of Commonwealth Prime Ministers to consider the United Kingdom's proposed membership of the Common Market.

Within South-East Asia, threats to the stability of some countries have continued and have served to emphasise the great significance of New Zealand's membership of the defensive alliances of ANZUS and SEATO. My Prime Minister attended a meeting of the ANZUS Council in Canberra last month.