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THE First Session of the Thirty-fourth 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:

Two months ago it was my privilege to convey to Her Majesty the Queen the congratulations of the Government and people of New Zealand on the birth of Prince Edward. This joyful event has provided the occasion for the people to demonstrate once again their unswerving loyalty and devotion to the Crown and also their deep personal affection for Her Majesty and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh.

The bonds of human understanding linking us all to the Royal Family have been further strengthened by the happy coincidence of the birth of children to Princess Margaret, Princess Alexandra, and the Duchess of Kent.

It was with a full sense of concern and regret that the people learned earlier this year of the illness of Her Majesty the Queen Mother and of the cancellation of the tour of New Zealand she was then about to undertake. News of her complete restoration to health has been received with profound relief.

Since I last addressed you I have been able to see much of New Zealand, its people, and its island territories. Throughout my journeys here in New Zealand, and more recently in the Cook Islands, Niue, and the Tokelaus, I have been warmed by the generous and friendly way in which my wife and I have been received. We were also given an hospitable welcome by Her Majesty the Queen of Tonga and by the authorities in both Western and American Samoa, and in Tahiti.

In the international sphere, as a result of the rupture of the Communist world by the dispute between the Soviet Union and Communist China, the dangers confronting the free nations have changed in character but not in dimension. As a consequence the greatest threat to peace and security is now presented less by direct confrontation of the great powers than by other conflicts in which they may become involved.