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THE Second 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

Since I last addressed you, world affairs have been marked by rapid change and sharpening tensions. This has been particularly evident in South-East Asia where the dangers to stability, and to hopes of peaceful development, have intensified.

My Government has been deeply concerned at the mounting intransigence of Indonesia in its so-called confrontation of Malaysia. It has accordingly taken steps to demonstrate New Zealand's continued and unequivocal support for the independence of a fellow-member of the Commonwealth of Nations. New Zealand forces have participated in operations in defence of Malaysian territory and additional Naval, Army and Air Force units have been sent to strengthen New Zealand's contribution to the Commonwealth Strategic Reserve.

The mounting threat to the integrity of South Vietnam has also commanded the constant attention of my Ministers. New Zealand has maintained its practical assistance through the work of a medical team and an Army engineering detachment. My Government has also had under continuous review the question whether, in the light of its other commitments, New Zealand should provide additional aid to the embattled Vietnamese people. My Ministers commend the readiness of the United States to enter unconditional discussions with the Governments concerned, while at the same time it carries the free world's massive burden of assisting South Vietnam to withstand the aggression generated by the Communist régimes to the north.