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THE Third Session of the Thirty-fifth 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

During the latter part of this year and the early months of next year New Zealanders will celebrate the Bicentenary of Captain Cook's first voyage to New Zealand. The announcement that Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh will be joining with us in these celebrations has given us a great deal of pleasure and we look forward to their visit with eager anticipation.

Since I last addressed you I have been able to see much of New Zealand, renewing past memories of a beautiful country, appreciating the strength and vitality of a fast developing nation, and meeting everywhere kindness and hospitality from my fellow New Zealanders.

In the field of international affairs it is the central purpose of my Government to develop a close co-operation with other countries in the Asian and Pacific regions. During the past year my Prime Minister made most useful visits to a number of Asian countries. In return my Government was pleased to welcome to New Zealand a number of distinguished visitors including the President of the Republic of Korea, the Prime Minister of India, and the Foreign Minister of Indonesia.