

The administrative services to Parliament will be reorganised. A Parliamentary Service, responsible to the Speaker and Members of Parliament, will replace the Legislative Department. Legislation implementing the new arrangements will be introduced this Session.

A Standing Orders Committee will be set up to recommend amendments to parliamentary procedure and to examine the law of parliamentary privilege. The first task of the Committee will be an examination of the select committee system, so that it can make recommendations on a new select committee structure for implementation in 1985.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, the late Norman Kirk said, sixteen years ago:

Basically, there are four things that matter to people:

- They must have somewhere to live,
- They must have food to eat,
- They must have clothing to wear,
- And they must have something to hope for.

Everything relates to this human aspiration.

These words are still valid. Nothing is more important than the hope for peace and security.

HONOURABLE MEMBERS, the Armed Services are to be structured, trained and equipped to be capable of effective defence on national security interests in New Zealand's own region and of supporting New Zealand's wider security interests. Defence co-operation with Australia will be enhanced.

The Armed Services will provide a capability helpful to our South Pacific partners, if that is requested, and to participate in UN peacekeeping operations. They will also be equipped to assist with civil defence in New Zealand and to meet other national requirements in peacetime.

Nuclear weapons pose the ultimate threat to New Zealand and every other country. The Government will act both internationally and regionally to demonstrate its concern over this fundamental issue. Internationally, New Zealand will oppose the proliferation of nuclear weapons by promoting further acceptance of the Non-Proliferation Treaty. The Government will continue to promote a comprehensive test-ban treaty and urge massive reductions in existing nuclear arsenals. In concert with our neighbours, the establishment of a South Pacific nuclear weapon free zone will be sought.

The economic security of the countries of the South Pacific is of central importance to the future of the region. The Government's aid and trade policies will recognise this. The contribution New Zealand can make will depend, in part, on our own economic well-being and on our own successes in world markets. The opportunities for growth are there. They demand an energetic and imaginative approach. The Government will do its part and encourage others to do theirs.