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THE Third Session of the Twenty-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 GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF
 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,—

Last April the opportunity was afforded me of visiting the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa and the Island of Rarotonga through accommodation provided on board H.M.S. "Diomedé" in the course of her annual cruise in the Pacific Ocean; and, but for the necessity of economy in the expenditure of fuel, I would have extended my official tour to Niue and other islands of the Cook Group. Accorded everywhere a most loyal and friendly welcome, I was particularly gratified to note the absence of all evidences of serious privation in these islands (in spite of the inevitable setback in their economic prosperity) and the watchful care for their moral material welfare exercised by their respective Administrations. Visits which I paid, in passing, to Nuku'alofa and Pago Pago enabled me to accept the courteous hospitality of Her Majesty the Queen of Tonga and the Governor of American Samoa, and to testify to them and to the inhabitants of their respective territories the friendly attitude towards them of this Dominion. I trust that these visits may prove to have assisted in cementing happy and sympathetic relations between those who have the responsibility of Native administration in the Pacific.

The World Monetary and Economic Conference which assembled in London last June was convened by the League of Nations with the object of securing international co-operation in devising means of solving problems created by the economic depression. It was regarded by my Advisers as of outstanding importance to New Zealand, particularly as one of its contemplated results was the raising of price-levels of primary products. The Dominion was accordingly represented at the Conference by the Prime Minister and the Minister of