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

The accession and Coronation of His Majesty King George VI have been welcomed in this Dominion with universal approbation and with warm attachment to the Throne and to the persons of Their present Majesties. My Prime Minister was privileged to represent New Zealand at the Coronation ceremony in London, and the popular enthusiasm so unmistakably displayed throughout His Majesty's dominions has, in the opinion of my Advisers, provided conclusive proof of the value of the Throne to the British Commonwealth of Nations.

During this year my Ministers invited the public to contribute towards a fund for the provision of a Dominion memorial to His late Majesty, King George V, in the form of Children's Health Camps. It is gratifying indeed to record the magnificent response that all sections of the community, and both races, made to this appeal. Legislative proposals for the administration of this fund will be placed before you during the present session.

The Dominion was represented at the recent Imperial Conference by my Prime Minister, my Minister of Finance, and the High Commissioner for New Zealand in London. A report of the proceedings will be laid before you at an early date, and an opportunity will be afforded for a full discussion of the work of the Conference.

Foreign Affairs was one of the principal subjects discussed at the Imperial Conference, and my Government, as a result of this discussion, desire to reaffirm their attachment to the principles of the Covenant of the League of Nations, and their conviction that a collective system for the maintenance of the peace of the world is the only rational and effective means of achieving that end and of facilitating that general disarmament which they so ardently desire.