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THE Third 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—

It is my intention at an early date to visit the Cook Islands and the Mandated Territory of Western Samoa, and I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting the Island kinsmen of that great people, the Maoris, who, as fellow-citizens with the pakeha in this Dominion, are so highly respected and so greatly liked. I sincerely trust that my visit may have useful results and that it may be conducive to that full understanding of mutual problems which is so desirable.

The international situation has given my Advisers cause for grave and increasing anxiety. My Ministers believe that if disputes between nations are to be settled by force and not by reason there is little hope of attaining international justice, and they remain convinced that the Covenant of the League of Nations offers the best, if not the only, means of establishing an ordered international life. At the same time my Ministers have continued to affirm their belief that the people of this Dominion regard themselves as one with the people of the United Kingdom, with whom, in the future as in the past, they will always stand.

My Ministers fully realize the importance of taking adequate measures for the defence of New Zealand. This matter has been under the constant review of the Chiefs of Staff of the respective Services, of the Council of Defence, and of my Government, and a complete reorganization of the Dominion's defence forces has been effected. All measures that are immediately practicable and necessary have been taken or are under consideration, and a special effort is being made to invite the co-operation of all employers, public bodies, and other institutions in encouraging young men to join the Territorial service and in making that service as attractive as possible.