QUEEN OPENS NEW ZEALAND PARLIAMENT

Her Majesty's visit to Wellington coincided with with CHARTER . centenary of the New Zealand Parliament. It was a most happy occasion, for the Queen opened that a special 20 session. Her Majesty wore her very beautiful Coronation AGENTS AND D 2 favent gown - a tribute, much appreciated by New Zealand. The MILITARY BU INVERSE Small, legislative chamber of the Upper House was CO- OPERAT cialle of dominated by a Throne chair, a replica of the one office THE SOVI STANDARD, OF Main conused at the Coronation, set upon a golden dais. ANCE OF LE

In all ways it was an historic <u>concasion</u>; it was the by the Sovereign first time that the opening of Parliament, either in London or the overseas, had been filmed. Her Majesty bade the accembly be seated. The distinguished gathering

of legislators, two archbishops and members of the Diplomatic Corps saw the Prime Minister, Mr. Holland, - present, an address of welcome. 12 judges of the Court of Appeal were also present. In all the hundred years of Parliamentary Government in New Zealand this was the proudest moment. With unaffected dignity Her Majesty delivered her speech from the Throne.

142 If the event made Parliamentary history it may also adams have established a precedent; for such in this age is the speed of main travel that Her Majesty may in future open other Commonwealth Parliaments, as her vists overseas become perhaps more frequent. The Speaker of the House received a copy of the Queen's speech. There was great enthusiasm as the Royal entourage drove from the Parliament.

8.52 P M ADD: SOVIET REPLY. IT HAD TO BE REMEMBERED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COUNTRIES BE

MEANS RUSSIA IS IN FACT WILLING TO DISCUSS THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL, I FIND THIS VERY ENCOURAGING ." INITIAL CONGRESSIONAL COMMENT HERE WAS SPARSE AND GUARDED. MR. DEWEY SHORT, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES' ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, SAID HE WAS REPRESENTATIVES' ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, SAID HE WAS REPRESENTATIVES' ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, SAID HE WAS NATTERS. WAITERS. OR EXCHANGING INFORMATION WITH A BUNCH OF MAD DOGS YOU CAW'T RUST ', HE SAID. 'WE OUGHT TO HAVE IRONCLAD CUARANTEES FROM THEM'. 'NR. W. STERLING COLE, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT HOUSE- SENATE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE SAID, 'I AM VERY PLEASED AT THIS NEWS. IT IS AT LEAST HOPERULY.

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N2.5PM.. SOVIET WILLINGNESS "HOPEFUL" SAYS DULLES. WASHINGTON MONDAY.

THE UNITED STATES WILL, THROUGH THE NEW CHANNELS WHICH THE SOVIET UNION, NOW ACCEPTS, EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBILITY OF SECURING AGREEMENT AND BRINCING PRESIDENT EISENHOWER'S HISTORIC PROPOSAL INTO THE REALM OF CREATIVE ACTION.⁹ STATED MR JOHN FOSTER DULLES, U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, TODAY IN A STATEMENT READ BY THE PRESS OFFICER, MR HEMRY SUYDAM.

WP DULLES WAS REFERRING TO THE BOVIET NOTE OF EARLIER TODAY WHICH EXPRESSED RUSSIA'S WILLINGNESS TO UNDERTAKE CONFIDENTIAL AND DIPLOMATIC TALKS ON THE EISENHOWER PROPOSAL FOR AN INTER-MATIONAL POOL OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

IS. TOPM. WASHINGTON--- ADD: DULLES. MR DULLES SAID THIS SOVIET WILLINGNESS "IS HOPEPDLY. HE ADDED, HOVEVER, THAT THE FACT THAT THE SOVIET UNION IN ITS NEW COMMUNICATION CRITICIZED THE FACT THAT PRESIDENT

SPIRIT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL'.

ROYALS -2-

That evening in Wellington Town Hall the Queen conferred

performed by the Sovereign, has been filmed of The first

recipient of knighthood was Sir Harold Barrowclough. # He

his only title to distinction; during the war he commanded

30 is the Chief Justice of New Zealand, but that is by no means

the New Zealand third Division, having previously

been at the head of a brigade in the Middle East.

knighthood upon three distinguished men of the Commonwealth.

Here again it was the first time that the ceremony of accolade,

New Year honours Sir Harold received the K.C.M.G. He was now invested, with that honour by Her Majorty. Another knighthood was conferred upon Sir John Illot. The third recipient Sir Bruce Levy, whose researches in grasslands have earned him world fame. His knowledge has improved pastures all over the globe, adding thereby to the supplies of mutton, beef and milk. Never was a human benefactor more deserving of Royal recognition.

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