

QUEEN

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HON MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPS. IT IS WITH A FEELING OF REAL SATISFACTION THAT I SPEAK TO YOU, THE ELECTED REPS OF THE PEOPLE OF NZ, AS YOUR QUEEN, AND THAT I EXERCISE MY PREROGATIVE OF ^{opening} ATTENDING THE 4th SESSION OF THIS 30th PARLIAMENT.

THIS IS THE 1st OCCASION ON WHICH IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE FOR YOUR SOVEREIGN TO EXERCISE THIS HIGH FUNCTION IN ADDRESSING YOU IN NZ.

I KNOW HOW MUCH MY FATHER WITH HIS INTENSE DEVOTION TO HIS PEOPLE WOULD HAVE VALUED THIS HISTORIC PRIVILEGE OF WHICH HIS ILL-HEALTH SO TRAGICALLY DEPRIVED HIM. MY CONSTANT PRAYER IS THAT I MAY IN SOME MEASURE CARRY ON THAT IDEAL OF SERVICE OF WHICH HE GAVE SO OUTSTANDING AN EXAMPLE (CAMERA

STOP) IN ADDRESSING THIS ASSEMBLY I FEEL ESPECIALLY CONSCIOUS OF THE COMMUNITY OF SPIRIT WHICH EXISTS AMONG THE PARLIAMENTS OF OUR COMMONWEALTH. OUR ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS AND PEOPLES UNITED IN THE POSSESSION OF COMMON TRADITIONS AND IDEALS CAN FAIRLY LAY CLAIM TO GREATNESS, AND I CAN THINK OF NO GREATNESS MORE WORTHY OF RESPECT THAN ^{THAT} ~~THAT~~ ^A ~~THE~~ FIRM STRENGTH OF PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS FAITH IN THE... AND THE RIGHTS OF MAN. A 100 YRS AGO WHEN THE PEOPLE OF NZ GAVE FOR THEMSELVES THE RIGHT OF RESPONSIBLE SELF-GOV. IT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A PROPHETIC IMAGINATION TO HAVE FORESEEN THE POSSIBILITY OF THE PRESENT NATION. BUT IN THESE 100 YRS NZ HAS GROWN TO BE A SOVEREIGN AND MATURE STATE, WHILE THE OCEAN SURROUNDING THESE BOUNTIFUL ISLANDS HAS BECOME THE MAIN... IN A WORLD WHICH HAS ITSELF BEEN TRANSFORMED. I WELCOME THE ^{WITH} EASE /WHICH IN THESE TIMES IT IS POSSIBLE TO TRAVEL FROM ONE PART OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO ANOTHER. IT WILL ALWAYS BE MY ENDEAVOUR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

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OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AFFORDED BY OUR AGE TO ENTER INTO EVER CLOSER SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING IN THE PROBLEMS AND ASPIRATIONS OF MY GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE IN NZ. ^{THOUGH} ~~FOR~~ THE WORLD IS MAKING SUCH RAPID TECHNICAL PROGRESS IT HAS NOT, UNHAPPILY, BEEN ABLE TO KEEP PACE IN THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF THE ARTS OF PEACE. NEVERTHELESS, I AM CONFIDENT THATOF MINE BE EXPECTED FROM A NEW COUNTRY MY GOVERNMENT ~~AND~~ AND PEOPLE IN NZ WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE WORTHILY TOWARDS THE LESSENING ~~OF~~ INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AND THE PRESERVATION OF CONCORD AMONG THE NATIONS. IN THE THIRD PARTNERSHIP OF EUROPEAN AND MAORI PEOPLES FOR WHICH NZ IS JUSTLY RENOWNED, YOU HAVE SET A HIGH EXAMPLE.

I HAVE BEEN DEEPLY MOVED BY THE PERVENT EXPRESSIONS OF LOYALTY AND ENTHUSIASM

conveyed to you by his own people

....FOR WHOM I CHERISH THE HIGHEST RESPECT AND AFFECTION, AND I AM PROUD TO

SEE MY SUBJECTS OF BOTH RACES IN THIS COUNTRY ARE MOVING FORWARD IN UNITY TOGETHER, EACH DETERMINED TO MAKE THEIR FULL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROGRESS

AND ADVANCEMENT OF NZ. I AM ALSO PROUD OF THE WAY IN WHICH MY GOVERNMENT AND

PEOPLE OF NZ ARE DISCHARGING THEIR TRUST IN PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLES OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS UNDER THEIR ADMINISTRATION. I REGRET THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME WHEN ON THIS JOURNEY TO VISIT THESE ISLAND TERRITORIES, BUT THEIR PEOPLE KNOW THAT I HAVE THE CLOSEST INTEREST IN THEIR WELFARE AND THEY ARE ASSURED OF MY WHOLEHEARTED AFFECTION. NZ THRU HER STEADY PROGRESS IN MATTERS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND IN THE PROBLEMS OF HER AGRIC. AND OTHER INDUSTRIES HAS WON INTERNATIONAL ESTEEM. IT IS MY EARNEST HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT THIS PROGRESS WILL CONTINUE AND BRING INCREASED BENEFITS AND PROSPERITY TO HER PEOPLE. I WISH TO EXPRESS MOST SINCERELY MY WARM APPRECIATION OF THE ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MY MINISTERS HAVE MADE FOR ME TO

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TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY AND TO MEET MY SUBJECTS IN THIS COUNTRY.

I' PRAY THAT THE BLESSING OF ALMIGHTY GOD WILL REST UPON YOUR COUNSELS.

(ALL STAND AND QUEEN DOWN STEPS)