

TELEGRAM

NEW ZEALAND

To the Governor-General of New Zealand.

(sent 7.30 p.m., 7th March, 1939).

No 34 Secret.

Following telegram has been sent to His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia. Begins. Your telegram of 6th March No. 23. We assume that His Majesty's Government in the Commonwealth of Australia are also in communication with His Majesty's Government in New Zealand as to proposed statement. So far as His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom are concerned our feeling is that in the present international situation it would be very desirable that any public announcement as to the forthcoming Conference should be concerted between the three Governments and should be issued simultaneously in New Zealand, Australia and the United Kingdom. We hope therefore that it may be possible to defer any statement in Australia pending settlement of such announcement. It is assumed that action in this direction would be initiated by His Majesty's Government in New Zealand as Government convening the Conference and this telegram is being repeated to them. Ends.