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Editor's Note:

Canadian foreign policy again claims attention, as we hope it will in a number of International Perspectives (which, by the way, has not for the past two years had any proprietary connection with the Department of External Affairs). Everybody wants to help make foreign policy, and in this issue it is the church of Canada whose conscientious, if little-availing, efforts are considered by Robert Matthews of the University of Toronto. Even members of the diplomatic service should have some say, and two senior officers of External Affairs make their contribution to the debate of the compass. Allan Gotlieb and Jeremy Kinsman currently see this twisting world from the Canadian Embassy in Washington. Export trade, too, is related to that foreign policy process, and is beset by many adversities, including a relatively new one, export credit. Tom Burns, who heads the Canadian Export Association, reveals how these devices for grabbing a trade advantage work.

Events in Quebec don't get much reporting in the United States media, and when they do, a funny thing happens. Stephen Banker explains from Washington what that is. Africa continues to generate concern, especially as the agonies of economic backsliding become more and more apparent. Yet there are schemes — and there is hope, at least in southern Africa — as Gordon Boreham of the University of Ottawa tells us. Richard Sandbrook of the University of Toronto looks farther north, where decline is more visible than progress, but even there there are things that can be done.

In this issue, right after an enlarged Book Review section, you'll find a new department, Letters to the Editor. We hope it will always be there, but we do not always have Peyton Lyon on Canada's mid-East policy, or Nef and Hallman on the Falklands, to stimulate your writing faculties. Perhaps others will.

An Apology

International Perspectives in its November/December 1982 issue published an article on the International Development Research Centre. We wish to make it clear that this article was not intended as any comment on the professional competence and fitness of Mr. Ivan Head to hold the office of President of the International Development Research Centre, and we regret and apologize if any such implication was drawn from the article.