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## Editor's Note:

*Reviewing history is not something that this journal often gets into, but when things happen that change the data we have always accepted, then one is into grounds for reexamining policy. The Suez crisis happened thirty years ago — just long enough for those national archives in some key countries to be opened. Michael Fry, once at Carleton University, now Southern California — has dipped into some of those hitherto closed files, and — with the help of Escott Reid's memoir of the period — offers some new interpretation. In a not-unrelated article, James Graff of Victoria College, Toronto, examines the background of the Arab-Israeli conflict. He finds that there may be something to be hoped for from an international peace conference. And continuing at the looking-back-at-the-mistakes pitch, two historians from the University of Waterloo examine the way world agriculture got itself into such an awful mess, and how Canada's victimization followed.*

*Still at the level of horror stories (mankind manqué), we have a new look at international terrorism, and at a new weapon of resistance. Its name is "compellence," and we saw it best in the US attack on Libya. Michael Wallack of Memorial University develops the theory.*

*The two greatest experiments in communism are now experimenting in reverse. In both the Soviet Union and China initiatives are now underway that communists and non-communists alike must see as pretty non-communist. So if yesterday's counter-revolutionary is today's revolutionary, there may still be a way to claim orthodoxy. But be careful. Gordon Boreham of the University of Ottawa is an economist who has twice visited China to look into how they run their production and distribution. On the second trip he found huge differences and new directions. In the USSR perestroika is (so far) in full flower, and Lansing Lamont, a recent visitor, sees it as a battle of wills — the will to do something against the will to do nothing.*

*Finally, if you glance to the left, you will note a changed Masthead. That is our earliest indication of new ownership. You'll hear more from the new proprietor in Toronto in the next issue of IP.*

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