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Editor's Note:

All over the place things are going wrong or badly. It keeps the world's press — including this part of it — busy just telling about our shortcomings. Mostly (as usual) that is what we have in this issue.

In Budapest last fall the freelance monitors of the human rights performance of governments was told "Sorry, you can't meet here." They did anyway, and how that all happened is related by David Matas of Winnipeg, who was there. The Third World lives — and not very well — on the garbage of the first two worlds. Part of that detritus is bad drugs. But there are those who would do something about that, as David McKie reveals. The Third World is the unwitting and the state of victim too of the complicated relations between Japan and the United States, a situation explored here by Toru Kotani of the University of Toronto. And in Latin America there is more and more to catch the Canadian eye, perhaps even to do something about, according to David Kilgour, a concerned Parliamentary Secretary in the Mulroney government.

Then there are a couple of pieces with more to celebrate. Last year the United eration Nations turned forty, a birthday marked by a quite remarkable gathering at the flow of UN in New York, where among scores of world leaders was our contributor. Firdaus James Kharas of the UN Association, who heard everything they said. In Canada our foreign policy makers were busy trying to find out what we thought so they could do it better. P.H. Chapin, the External officer in charge of Tope. T

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