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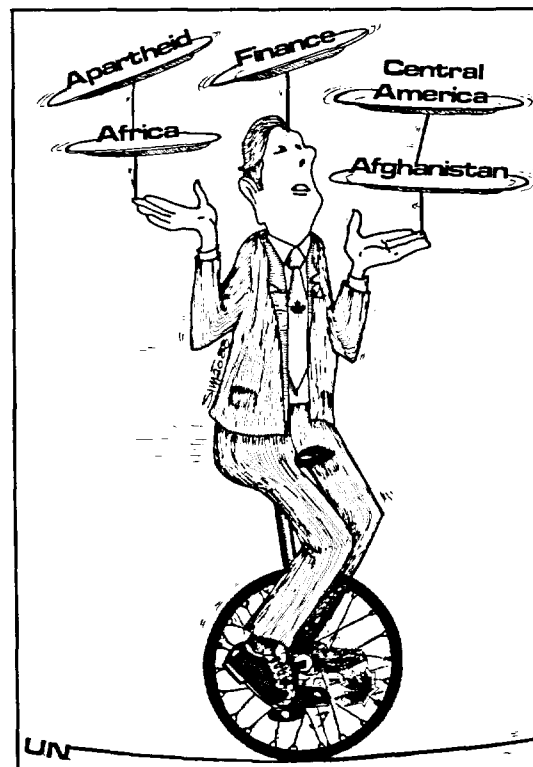
For the second consecutive issue we have an opening article examining the leadership role and record of the United States. In this one, John Halstead, who spends much of his time in the US giving courses on security, finds that security policy can be a reflection of domestic interests. This only makes more difficult the adjustment to diminished relative strength by a superpower coming more and more to need allies.

Other articles in this edition range the world, attending to geography more and issues less than is usual. There is that little-known, little-reported little war going on in the part of the western Sahara known as Western Sahara. It's the home of the Polisario, a fierce and determined nationalist movement trying to wrest its chunk of the desert from an annexation-bent Morocco. Brigitte Robineault helps us to understand that conflict. Beyond the eastern end of that desert another movement of self-determination does get a lot of our attention. The Palestinians who still remain within their old lands under Israeli occupation are demanding satisfaction, and their cry is heard and supported by Peyton Lyon in a new kind of article for *International Perspectives*, a Guest Editorial.

Another departure for this journal is the Review Article, a personal essay based on a recent book. Retired foreign service officer Bert Hart offers some thoughts about a volume of writings by and about one tragic hero of Canadian diplomacy, John Watkins.

Northeast Asia is an area of explosive growth—by both the big old and the small new countries. There is a lot to be watched in the political reforms and shifting balance of power here, and Robert Bedeski gives us a road map for the future.

In other articles we find out from Firdaus Kharas about the hole to be filled following the departure soon from the United Nations of Canada's Ambassador Stephen Lewis; and David Mueller explores why the Germans talk but don't seek reunification.



This illustration by Simon Alves depicts the balancing act facing Canada's next Ambassador to the United Nations. Story on page 6.