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## Editor's Note:

*This issue of International Perspectives continues its tradition of more than ten years — solid, lively articles on topics as current as our publishing schedule permits. This number ranges more widely than most, with pieces from authors across Canada, on topics circling the globe. Subjects like Latin America and defence just won't go away, so three of our eight are in that category. Canada's traditional support for the existence of Israel, and therefore for Israel, is being seriously challenged for the first time, and it is already visibly crumbling. Peyton Lyon voices that dissatisfaction in a spirited call for change. The final answer to the war in the Falklands isn't to be found by applying good guy and bad guy labels. Authors Nef and Hallman see the same political needs and motivations acting on both the British and Argentinians in that sorry encounter. A member of Parliament guides us through the intricacies of the Law of the Sea agreement recently concluded — but far from ratified. The United States is a hold-out, and this is really inconvenient. Strategic minerals are beginning to get the attention they deserve as potential spoilers of international tranquility, as Jock Finlayson reveals the critical dependence of the West on South African sources for manganese and chromium. President Mitterrand has now had some two years to redirect France onto his Socialist path, and Harvey Simmons examines how he is doing beginning on page 22. As if there weren't enough ways of worrying about defence and defence costs, Paul Buteux notes the renewed campaign in the United States to develop and install a defence against missiles. And Central America maintains its front and centre position as an enduring home of unhappy politics and its victims in an updating piece on Guatemala by Jim Guy. In our growing book review department you'll find James Eayrs on a new volume on defence, and correspondent Chris Young commenting on John Holmes's second volume; and more.*

## CORRECTION

We had two bloopers in our last issue, both of them inflicted upon the same author — Professor Margaret Doxey of Trent University. The article was on international sanctions, and began on page 13. One paragraph was misplaced, and the final paragraph of summation and conclusions did not appear. For readers who were as nonplussed by this peculiar presentation as was Professor Doxey, you can get the full sense of the article by taking the first paragraph beginning on page 14 with the word "recently" and moving it to the bottom of column 2 on page 14. The missing final paragraph (from page 15) read as follows:

This article cannot hope to do more than bring to the fore some of the major issues associated with international sanctions and indicate the complex set of roles which they can play. If policy recommendations for Western countries are offered, they would include consistency in the condemnation of comparable acts; thorough advance assessment of measures which best reflect objectives; collective responses which are well coordinated and uncoerced; and preservation of options for diplomatic resolution of crises with minimum loss of "face." It is desirable that aggression should be condemned wherever it occurs even if it is not always possible to undo what has been done. It is quite undesirable that the Western alliance should fracture itself or even fray its edges over measures which cannot have a decisive impact. It is deplorable for sanctions to do the most damage to those imposing them.

*International Perspectives* offers its deep regrets to Professor Doxey, whose injury at our hands we promise will not happen to other trusting authors.