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Editor's Note:

*Even periodical journalism, as this bimonthly frequently reveals, seems to be dominated by stories that are bleak and black as is the daily press. Things look terrible for disarmament, worse for world trade, Arab unity still struggles to get off the ground, the old free press doesn't trust the new Third World press; and Papandreou is having difficulty getting Greece to support his original program. Those are all subjects dealt with in this issue of **International Perspectives**, and they are all sobering contacts with reality. Perhaps it is only at the personal level that problems are hopeless; but not serious.*

Then there are some exceptions here — individual accounts of national experience which reassure the reassuring that all is not lost. The Prime Minister of New Zealand is pretty positive, but then national leaders are supposed to be. You will find though, that Mr. Muldoon's story is too full of solid information, exciting plans and bold proposals to be classified so easily. Another country which one can view without alarm is Cameroon, where Brian Murphy finds a complicated nation flourishing and at peace — and that has been going on (more or less) since its national state began about twenty-five years ago. Now there is a new President — only the second — and that took place smoothly.

At the back of the issue — beyond the Book Reviews — are the Letters to the Editor. Sometimes authors trouble readers; sometimes those letter-writing readers trouble the authors. There are some of each here.

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