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## Benefits of nuclear energy without the proliferation of nuclear weapons

*Nuclear arms control and peace-keeping were two of the main topics in Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen's first address to the United Nations General Assembly on September 25.*

*While controlling the nuclear arms race was the direct responsibility of the nuclear nations, he said, halting the wider dissemination of existing nuclear arsenals was the responsibility of all nations and was one that Canada took seriously. Canada would satisfy itself that any country using Canadian nuclear technology or material would be "subject to binding obligations" to ensure it would not be used for explosive devices, said Mr. MacEachen.*

*Of peace-keeping, he stated that Canadians were now "less inclined to accept it in an unquestioning way" and that it must be "accompanied by a parallel effort on the political level...to convert the temporary peace that a peacekeeping force is asked to maintain into something more durable".*

*Excerpts from the Minister's address follow:*

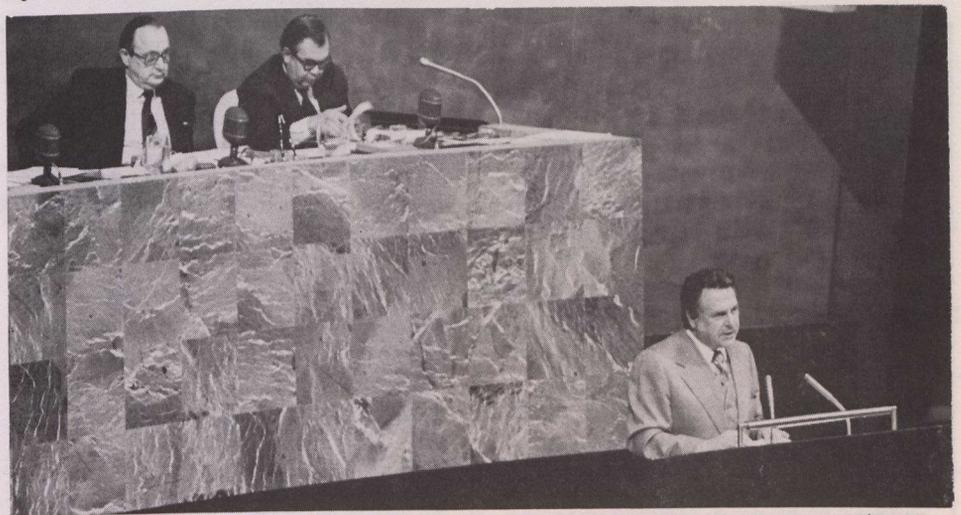
...Our security is threatened more than ever today by developments in nuclear and conventional warfare.

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Specifically, the problem we face is to devise a system which will allow the dissemination of the benefits of nuclear energy without at the same time contributing to the spread of nuclear weapons. The international community has attempted to devise a system to cope with this problem. Can-

ada has been very active in this endeavour. But the system could be strengthened further.

We have developed a valuable system of nuclear power generation and we believe that nuclear power should not be withheld from those whose energy needs can best be met by this method. We are deeply committed to the cause of international development but equally we are anxious to avoid contributing to the proliferation of nuclear weapons.



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*Allan J. MacEachen, Secretary of State for External Affairs, addresses the United Nations General Assembly on September 25. At the presidential rostrum (left) are Hans Dietrich*

*Genscher (Federal Republic of Germany), a Vice-President of the Assembly, and Bradford Morse, Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs.*