

## "External Affairs"

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EARLY in 1948, it was agreed that the Department of External Affairs should expand the format and content of the mimeographed monthly bulletin that had been produced for official use, and the first printed edition of *External Affairs* appeared in November of that year. The November and December issues were distributed free and Volume I, No. 1, began in January 1949. This December issue of *External Affairs*, Volume 23, No. 12, will be the last issue of the monthly bulletin of the Department of External Affairs. It will be replaced by a new departmental journal, *International Perspectives*, containing background articles and comment on foreign affairs, which will be published six times a year beginning with the January/February 1972 issue.

The monthly bulletin *External Affairs* has fulfilled a valuable function in providing current information on Canadian foreign policy and as a source of reference for readers in Canada and abroad. It has been part of the total information program of the Department of External Affairs, complemented by other material produced by the Department, such as the *Statements and Speeches* series. *External Affairs* has been produced with the assistance of an inter-divisional editorial committee widely representative of departmental interests and responsibilities. The committee has met monthly to plan the contents of current and future issues. Co-ordinating, editing and production have been the continuing responsibility of the Information Division.

In the course of its long and honourable career, *External Affairs* has covered a very wide range of subjects, from reports of travel by Canadian diplomats in Central Africa or the Galapagos Islands to dissertations on international law, as well as providing reports on international conferences, texts of ministerial statements, etc. A very large number of the foreign service officers of the Department have, at one time or another, contributed articles or served on the editorial board.

It has, however, been decided that the demand for a different type of magazine, designed to reach a wider audience, could best be met by starting a completely new publication. The purposes and aims of the new journal will be set out in a statement of editorial policy in the first issue, which will appear early in 1972. All persons on the mailing list for *External Affairs* will automatically receive *International Perspectives* and the new journal will also be available in Information Canada bookstores and at Canadian missions abroad. Back copies of *External Affairs*, particularly for recent years, may be requested from the Information Division, Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, Canada, K1A 0G2.