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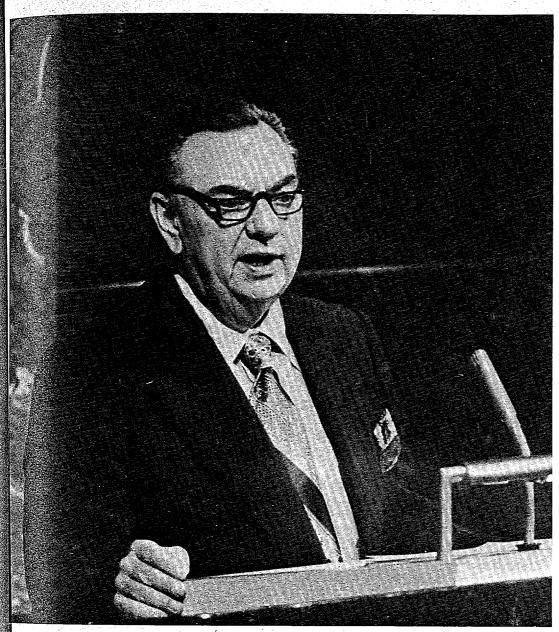
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The Assembly debates on southern African questions were affected by the Council's agreement on an arms embargo and by the knowledge that negotiations on mbabwe and Namibia were going on. Many of the resolutions reflected the spirit of the Maputo and Lagos conferences; otheis were inspired by more extreme views and a certain scepticism about the like-The Securation of the various initiatives succeeding.

In voting on the 30 Assembly resoluive, Generations that related directly or indirectly to southern Africa, Canada was careful not to jeopardize negotiations in which it was involved as a member of the Council. On a number of resolutions that appeared to conflict with possible action in the Council, Canada decided to abstain or cast negative votes in agreement with the other Western Council members. As a result, out of 30 resolutions, Canada supported 16, voted against three and abstained on 11 -a larger number of negative votes and abstentions than usual.

Any resentment African members might have felt at Canada's voting pattern was more than offset by their favourable reaction to Mr Jamieson's announcement on December 19 of Canada's new policy on South Africa, which involved phasing out all its Government-sponsored commercialsupport activities, stopping Governmentaccount export credit and foreign-investment insurance, withdrawing trade