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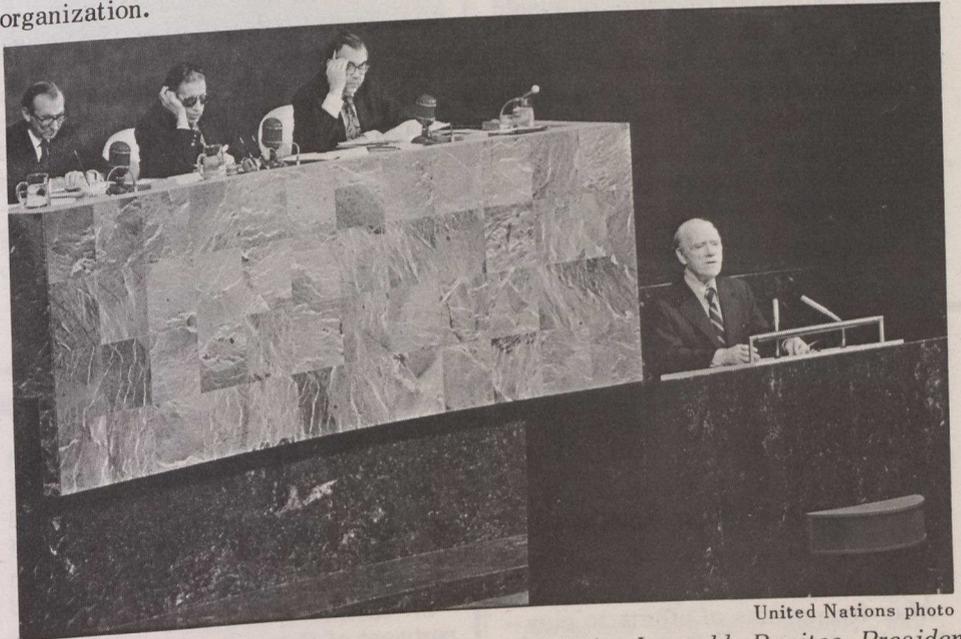
The increasing universality of the United Nations

The following excerpts are from an address to the United Nations General Assembly by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mitchell Sharp, on September 25:

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By the admission of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Democratic German Republic, the United Nations has taken another big step towards universality. Canada applauds the breadth of mind — the evolution from stalemate in Europe — that has made these states welcome within our organization.

Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson, died in Canada. In those bright, hopeful days when he and others were engaged in preparing for the birth of the United Nations, Mr. Pearson expressed his fear that when the unifying pressures of world war had subsided, "nationalist pride and prejudice would become strong again — and the narrow concept of the national interest



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Mr. Sharp addresses the United Nations General Assembly on September 25. Seated on the presidential rostrum are (left to right) Secretary-General Kurt

Waldheim; Leopoldo Benites, President of the Assembly; and Bradford Morse, Under-Secretary-General for Political and General Assembly Affairs.

Canada also warmly welcomes the admission of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas as a full member. As a country that has long enjoyed close links with the Bahamas, we are confident that the influence of our newest member will be directed to the highest interests of the United Nations.

The United Nations is becoming universal — is it becoming more effective as an instrument for the attainment of the hopes and aspirations of mankind?

Since last we met here, one of the architects of this organization, the

prevail". This judgment on the future was all too quickly proven accurate. Yet as conscious of its imperfections as any man, Mr. Pearson remained convinced that the United Nations was indispensable for even the most slow and painful march away from mass violence and poverty.

It is true that in certain key areas of world security, the United Nations appears to have been by-passed. Improved relations between the great powers have been achieved essentially through bilateral efforts. Signifi-