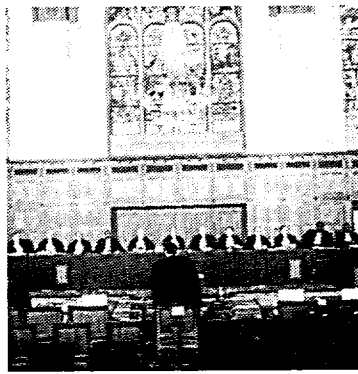


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The International Court of Justice, in an advisory opinion requested by the Security Council, declares the continued presence of South Africa in Namibia "illegal".



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The UN *Environment Conference* meets in Stockholm, and adopts historic declaration on the need for new principles to govern human activities in order to safeguard the natural world. Canadian Maurice Strong becomes Executive Director of the new UN Environment Programme set up to catalyze national and international actions in that regard.

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Millions of refugees fled when civil strife broke out in Bangladesh. With the assistance of the UN, these refugees return to their homeland and a vast UN-initiated relief operation helps pave the way for rehabilitation of the war-shattered economy of the country.



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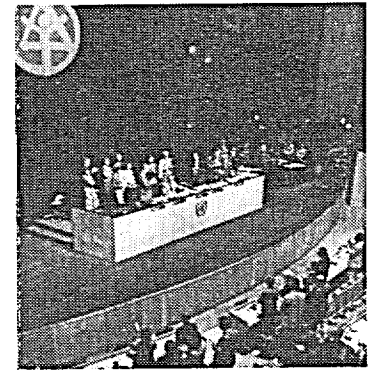
Late in 1973, war broke out in the Middle East and ended shortly with new UN peacekeeping forces being sent to observe the cease-fire. In January, a disengagement agreement is reached between Egypt and Israel. As a result the peacekeeping forces, including these Canadian and Panamanian members, are stationed in a buffer zone along the East bank of the Suez Canal.

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*World Conference of the International Women's Year* convenes in Mexico City and adopts a Declaration on Equality of Women and Their Contribution to Development and Peace. A Plan of Action for the next ten years provides for world conferences to review progress at the mid-point and in 1985, end of the UN *Decade for Women*.



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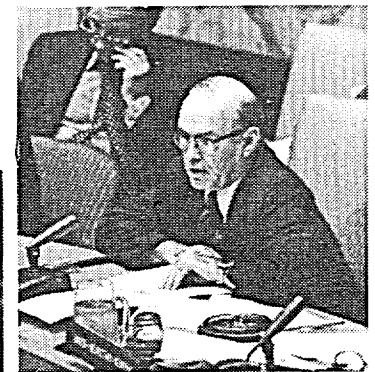
*Habitat*, a major UN conference on human settlements and the problem of rapid, unplanned urban growth, is held in Vancouver.

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Canadian William H. Barton, President of the Security Council, makes a statement following the Council's decision to extend the stationing of UN peacekeeping forces in Cyprus.



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Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau addresses the first special session of the General Assembly ever devoted to the topic of disarmament.