

will be relevant to the discussions at Belgrade".

Mr Pearson makes other suggestions, though perhaps he does not offer them as such, and from his list there is one very serious omission.

In this country – and I cannot imagine it to be unique in this respect – there are a great number of groups concerned with various aspects of the human rights issue. Some are single-cause, very short-term phenomena, and others are now important social institutions. If a government is serious about human rights, it could institute a policy of encouraging the work of such groups, which could well benefit from greater receptivity on the part of government, at the very least, and from more positive assistance, without forfeiting their essential internal dynamism.

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A brick

Sir,

I fear for the success of our negotiations with the United States if Page 14 of the March/April issue is indicative of the state of knowledge of fisheries in External Affairs.

The photograph is of a troller, not a gill-netter (and not a trawler). Gill-netters seldom, if ever, fish open waters, while trollers do. And off the Queen Charlottes is open water (include Hecate Strait).

Incidentally, on Page 15, why would the picture show fish being put back into a fish-boat – or do they catch them in buckets in the first place?

Perhaps a week of two for our negotiators on board a fishing vessel on each coast might help, or are these errors atypical?

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Editor's note: The errors were editorial rather than diplomatic. Fortunately the negotiations with the United States are diplomatic rather than editorial.

. . . and a bouquet

Sir,

Congratulations – I have been receiving *International Perspectives* since moving to Düsseldorf from Ottawa in January 1977. It is interesting, useful reading.

As a former editor of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce magazine *Canada Commerce*, who has watched with dismay as it has become increasingly a mouthpiece for the politicians (elected and otherwise) in that department, I urge you to resist any efforts to turn your publication into a similar waste of paper.

Do keep up the good work; Lord knows, there is too little of that being done in Ottawa these days. To be fair, I have to admit it is difficult for public servants to take initiatives when the policy-makers seem to have great and increasing difficulty making up their minds. But we can always hope that your efforts will inspire others.

David Magee,
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