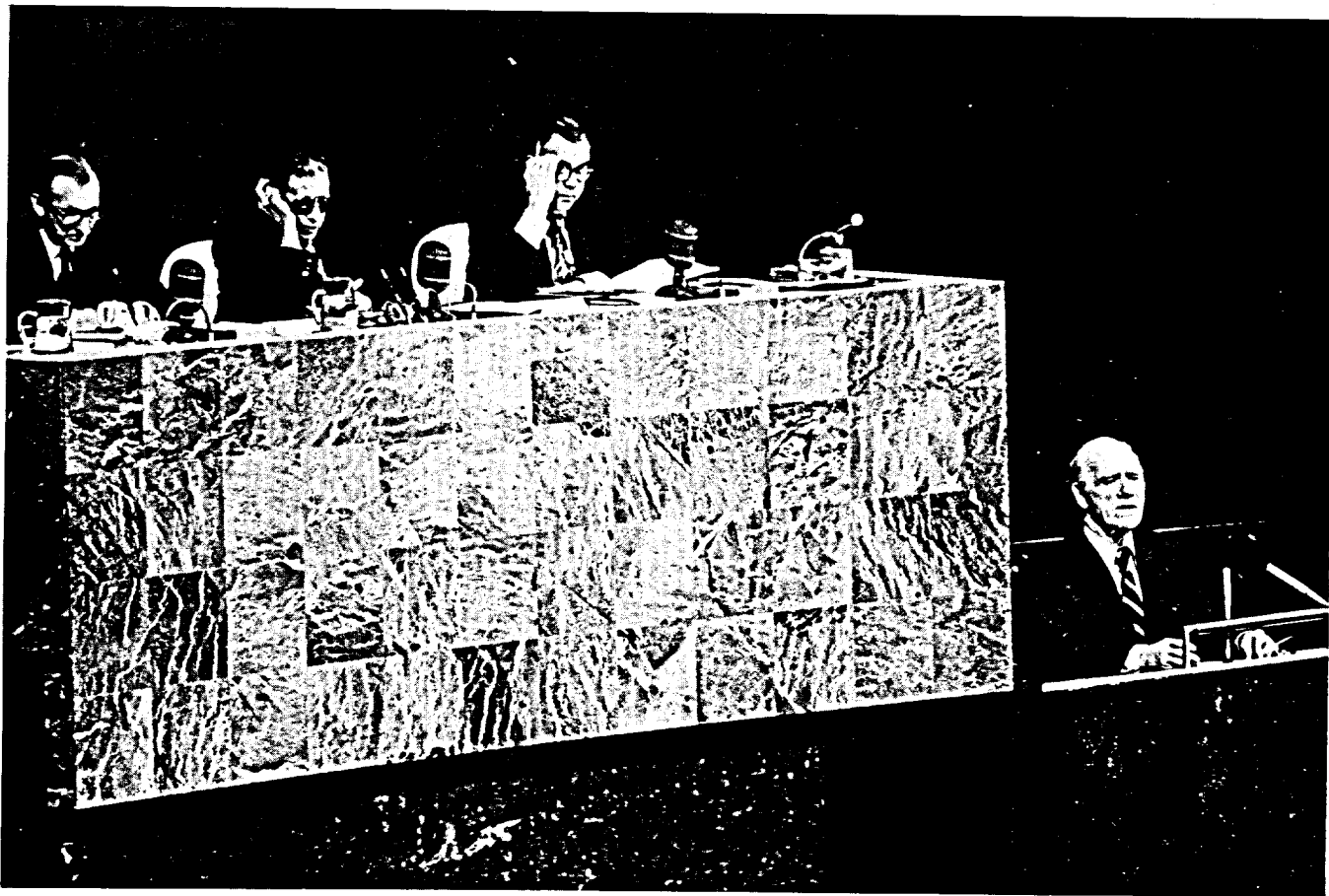


exchanges and cultural cooperation with the USSR; the renewal of the Canada-Soviet trade agreement; and, perhaps most satisfyingly for the average Canadian, the successful exploits of Team Canada against the Russian hockey team.

In Asia there was a series of exchanges with the People's Republic of China, the highlights of which were the August Canadian Trade Fair in Peking and the visit by the Secretary of State for External Affairs at that time. Diplomatic relations were established with the

new nation of Bangladesh and a significant aid programme agreed upon. Trade with Japan expanded to the point where that country is now close to overtaking Britain as Canada's second trading partner.

Canada has also continued to strengthen its relations with Latin America, acquiring Permanent Observer status at the Organization of American States and full membership in the Inter-American Development Bank. Membership in the Commonwealth and the group of countries known as *La Francophonie* has continued to



The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, addresses the UN General Assembly, outlining Canadian policy on the main agenda items. Seated at the presidential rostrum (l. to r.) are Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, Leopoldo Benites, President of the Assembly, and Bradford Morse, Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs.

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