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## International Perspectives

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Litchell Sharp, has announced today the publication of a new Journal of the Department of External Affairs, International Perspectives, which will appear in English and French editions six times a year, replacing the former monthly bulletin of the Department, "External Affairs".

In a foreword to the first issue, January-February 1972, the Minister stated:

" After considering various ways of improving the Department's monthly bulletin, "External Affairs", it became clear that something new was required, and <u>International Perspectives</u> is the result.

The change is not only of appearance and presentation. Each issue of <u>International</u>

<u>Perspectives</u> will contain, as did its predecessor, "External Affairs", essential material of an informative and archival kind. But each issue will also contain contributions from people who have no connection with the Department and who are expressing their own personal views on Canada's role in the world and on current international questions of interest to Canadians.

Readers will be invited to submit their own criticisms and comments on material presented, and I hope that by printing a selection of these from time to time the new publication will be able to offer a variety of views.

Appearing every second month and dealing to the extent possible with current issues, International Perspectives will not compete with the learned periodicals published by the universities and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

International Perspectives is an experiment, with all the risks that accompany experimentation. It remains to be seen if one publication can combine expressions of official and unofficial opinions with comments and criticisms from the public, comparing and contrasting the views of the practitioners and the theorists of international affairs."

The new journal is edited by Ir. Murray Goldblatt, formerly Ottawa Bureau Chief of the Toronto "Globe and Hail", and Ir. Pierre Ducharme, an officer of the Department, with the advice of an editorial committee under the chairmanship of Ir. L. A. D. Stephens, Director-General of the Bureau of Public Affairs of the Department.

The first issue, of 40 pages, contains articles on China's entry into the United Nations and on China's foreign policy (by Dr. William G. Saywell, Chairman of the Department of East Asian Studies of the Univeristy of Toronto); the recent International Monetary Agreement; nuclear testing; Canadian-Soviet relations; the Francophone Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation (by Dr. Louis Sabourin, Director of the International Co-operation Institute of the University of Ottawa); the refugee problem in Mest Bengal; and the Stockholm Conference on the Environment. Copies of the new journal are being sent to all former subscribers to the Monthly Bulletin, and will be on sale in Information Canada book shops.