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In Memoriam, U Thant, Third Secretary-General of the United Nations (1909-1974).

The United Nations is the focal point for the works of our contributing authors in this issue of the Journal. In our first article, Hartmut Brosche examines the consistency of economic and political coercion with the Charter of the United Nations within the context of two recent events, the Arab oil embargo and the fall of the Allende regime in Chile.

Our second contributor, M. G. Kaladharan Nayar, presents the reader with an examination of the office of Secretary-General. He traces the evolution of that office, crediting much of its enhanced prestige and power to Dag Hammarskjöld, and showing the use made by U Thant of the foundation laid by Hammarskjöld.

In our third feature, William D. Jackson comments on international constraints on the use of force, specifically the U.N. Charter and the Summit Agreements.

The student material prepared for this issue of the Journal deals with the legal implications that recognition of the East German government has for the foreign policy of the Federal Republic of Germany, and with U.S.-Soviet commercial arbitration under the 1972 trade agreement between the two countries.