

remarking that "Canada can't keep on, like Cortez, looking on Latin America with the wild surmise of an explorer every quarter century".

Charles Lynch, Southam News Services, in the Ottawa Citizen of October 26 and other papers, made an impassioned plea for the development of closer relations with Latin America; the expansion of the aid programme which, at \$10 million a year, was "a mere token compared to our efforts in Africa and Asia"; and Canada's entry into OAS.

The Toronto Globe and Mail in an editorial on October 26, 1968, noted that Canada had been "far too fitful in its attentions to Latin America" and welcomed the despatch of the ministerial mission. Canada it said, should be interested in Latin America on grounds of humanity and self-interest; but it argued that our naturally close ties were with other parts of the world, and that it would be against our interests to enter OAS.

There was also some comment in the House of Commons. The leaders of the Progressive Conservative and New Democratic Parties approved the despatch of the ministerial mission; but Mr Stanfield (PC) had reservations regarding the OAS, and Mr Lewis (NDP) hoped that it did not signify a first step toward membership in the OAS, "something which should not occur at this time". Gérard Laprise supposed that the mission would study the possibility of Canada's entering OAS in order to establish closer relations "between Canada and other countries of our continent". Frank Moores and Jack Marshall described the mission as a "junket", a