

In his article in the Journal of Inter-American Studies, April 1968 (already cited) John W. Holmes commented that "to be committed by a majority of South Americans when one had refused to be committed by a majority of fellow members of the Commonwealth or the North Atlantic community implies a priority to Western Hemisphere relations that would be unrealistic for Canadians to concede". About the same time he also wrote (in Behind the Headlines, March 1970):

"Before committing ourselves to the Organization of American States and full participation in inter-American security and economic agreements it would be advisable to examine whether our NORAD and NATO obligations would in any way prejudice our freedom of action in considering inter-American security questions. What would be the American expectations of our behaviour as a special kind of ally in this system?"

Years later, in Canada: a Middle-aged Power (Toronto: McLelland and Stewart, 1976) he opined that it was hard to see a case for a hemispheric security organization.

Professor Legault, in the paper cited above, mentioned as justification for Canada's non-participation,

- a) social-cultural reasons the incidence of which, however, might be reduced in the long run, namely,
  - 1) the linguistic barrier,
  - 2) a lack of qualified personnel, and
  - 3) different perceptions of Canada within Latin American countries; and
- b) the widely held and frequently expressed objection to participation in an organization dominated by