

would welcome the establishment of bureaux and would assist media representatives who might help make Latin America better known in Canada. On October 30, 1973, in the Montreal Gazette, Guy Demarino wrote that

"Canada and Latin America seem well on the way towards the closer bonds predicted and encouraged by the Canadian government in its 1970 foreign policy review...".

E) Prime Minister's Tour, 1976

Prime Minister Trudeau's visit to Mexico, Cuba and Venezuela (January 23-February 3, 1976) prompted comments on relations with Latin America in general as well as on relations with the individual countries, which will be treated under country headings.

The United Church Observer (January 1976) "enthusiastically welcomed" the announcement of the Prime Minister's trip, adding:

"Our relationships with South America have been neglected too long, and our refusal to occupy the vacant seat (in the OAS) has never been fully understood".

On January 13, Charles Lynch, in the Ottawa Citizen and other papers, criticised the timing of the trip, adding:

"The odds are high that in saying the things that are in his heart and mind in Mexico, Venezuela and Cuba, Mr. Trudeau will risk exacerbating (Canada-U.S.) relations and in the process reinforce the impression of leftward leanings made by his New Year's statements...".

On January 17, Lionel Martin, in a despatch from Havana to the Toronto Globe and Mail suggested that Canada was exercising