

May 20 Attempted invasion of Haiti by Haitian opponents of Duvalier regime.

May 29 Prime Minister Trudeau's press statement on foreign policy:

"...We have to take greater account of the ties which bind us to other nations in this hemisphere - in the Caribbean, Latin America - and of their economic needs. We have to explore new avenues of increasing our political and economic relations with Latin America ..."

September 16 Prime Minister Trudeau announced that a ministerial-level mission would visit South America to demonstrate the importance attached by Canada to its relations with its neighbours, and to study how best to promote those relations and Canada's interests in the hemisphere.

October 3 Coup d'état in Peru

October 12-27 Olympic Games, Mexico City

October 24 Prime Minister Trudeau announced that the ministerial mission would leave October 27 for visits to Venezuela, Columbia, Peru, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, Guatemala and Costa Rica.

November 22 Announcement in Mexico of formation of Canada-Mexico Joint Ministerial Committee.

November 29 Brief report to the House of Commons by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, on the ministerial mission to Latin America

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Canadian Association for Latin America (CALA) established.