

say it proves that we should get in and help straighten things out. I think it has been quite a complicating factor in this whole question.

Mr. MACQUARRIE: At least people are more aware of the OAS, and that is a first step.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I do not think Mr. Macquarrie, with his love for historic objectivity, would want to leave on the record unchallenged the statement he made that Latin American relations now are better than they were before. There is no advantage in this. The relations between Canada and Latin America have always been most harmonious, and that is the way a historian of Mr. Macquarrie's eminence would want to stay on the record.

Mr. GREEN: Mr. Macquarrie is quite right. The relations between Canada and Latin America are certainly much closer now than they were two years ago. For example, a foreign minister had never visited any Latin American country officially, except Brazil, until I went to Latin America a year ago this month. The whole relationship is much closer, as is apparent to anyone who has been at the United Nations during the last session. You need only ask the Latin American ambassadors here in Ottawa.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): That is not the way Mr. Smith reports to me.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): I would like to know which Mr. Smith he is referring to, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. MACQUARRIE: I just want to say, Mr. Chairman, that I base my observation on the most sound and completely objective criteria, the sentiments expressed by the Latin Americans I meet.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Doctor BellaUndy told me that the Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs was a very fine man.

Mr. GREEN: So is Doctor BellaUndy.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): You have very few reservations personally, I gather, about joining O.A.S.?

Mr. GREEN: I think I have fewer reservations than some other Canadians.

Mr. HERRIDGE: Would it be correct to say that the minister, on one occasion, said that joining the organization of American states would be a step forward? Would it be correct to say you view that after the fashion that most of us would consider going to heaven is a step forward, but we are trying to delay it as much as possible?

Mr. NESBITT: No one is really sure where they are going. That is the point.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): Will you give Mr. Herridge whatever he is after, forthwith?

Mr. GREEN: I do not know how Mr. Herridge's getting into heaven comes into this.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): He is a great protagonist. Whenever he rises in the house he looks as if he could. He glares at me all the time.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall we now proceed to Iceland—or Ireland?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): The other day in the house the minister announced the appointment of a Canadian mission, with embassy status, to Iraq. Would the minister care to say how he views the situation in the Middle East today, and the role that Canada is playing or can play in that sporadically difficult area?

Mr. GREEN: We have not established a mission in Iraq.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I mean our man in Beirut.