

to interpret the revolution and the various reactions against it.<sup>30</sup>

Pan American week, celebrated annually by the Union des Latins d'Amérique, a predominantly French-speaking association in Montreal, did not go unnoticed by a La Presse editorial writer, who mentioned that it was also the Union's 20th anniversary. He wrote, significantly, "Bref, la semaine panaméricaine n'aura pas passé cette année inaperçue."<sup>31</sup> His remark illustrated the change of climate in Canada as the question of the OAS once again became a contentious issue. The debate on the question was a result of Mr. Green's April request for an expression of public opinion and President John F. Kennedy's speech to the Canadian Parliament in May, 1961.

Time, Ottawa Citizen, Le Soleil, Montreal Star, Le Devoir, Calgary Herald, Kitchener-Waterloo Record, Antigonish Casket, Calgary Albertan, Winnipeg Free Press, Sherbrooke Daily Record, Le Droit, and Canada Month urged membership; while the Globe & Mail, Vancouver Sun, Montreal Gazette, Financial Post, Victoria Colonist, Halifax Chronicle Herald, Edmonton Journal, either opposed membership outright or cautioned Canada against joining at that time.<sup>32</sup> Those who advocated a cautious approach to joining the OAS felt that President Kennedy's invitation to Canada to participate more fully in the Inter-American system would seem too much like bowing to U.S. pressure; and this apparently was the Government's response as well. Mr. Green, whose Department received a steady, but not overwhelming, flow of mail in response to his request for Canadian opinion, had become reluctant to move quickly toward membership in the OAS.