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INSTITUTIONAL INTEREST

Certain sectors of Canadian society expressed an interest in Latin America at one time or another during the 1957-67 period.

Academic

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and its predecessor (NCCUC) have undertaken to stimulate university interest in international affairs programmes. One of the areas selected was Latin America, and a number of universities have expanded into Latin American studies (the most active at the moment are Laval, Toronto, Western, and Calgary). The AUCC has also decided to establish communication with Latin American universities and their 1966 general meeting passed several resolutions with this in mind:<sup>1</sup>

- 1) Resolved that a (standing) committee of the AUCC be established to examine all matters pertaining to inter-university co-operation with Latin American countries...
- 2) ... that the International Programmes division... take the initiative in co-operation with the Department of External Affairs, the National Research Council, The Canada Council, UNESCO and other interested agencies, in providing selected Latin American institutions with Canadian publications in appropriate fields.
- 3) ...the AUCC offer its full co-operation to the Canadian Government for the early establishment of a scholarships and fellowships programme for Latin-American countries, similar to those programmes that are successfully in operation with Commonwealth and French-speaking countries.

Monsignor Garneau, the Associate Director of AUCC, has said that his committee on Latin America is presently undertaking to carry out the resolutions.