

### Latin America

The papers stated the Government's intention to seek permanent observer status with the O.A.S. This decision was conveyed to the Organization at its General Assembly in Washington last year and stated in more detail by the Parliamentary Secretary at the General Assembly in San José last month. The Assembly passed a resolution to establish the status of permanent observership as a basis of association with the activities of the O.A.S. The Permanent Council is working out the details of timing and modalities and, as I suggested, we are studying the establishment of a mission in Washington.

### International Development

As forecast in the papers, the funds available to C.I.D.A. have been increased by 17%. Some progress has been made with aid untying, and the percentage of assistance flowing through multilateral channels will reach the forecast figure of 25%. The International Development and Research Centre has been set up under Mr. Pearson and Dr. Hopper and is now operational.

### Europe

A common criticism of the papers was that they seemed to presage a de-emphasis of Europe among Canada's foreign policy pre-occupations. I always found this difficult to understand since it is not what the papers said. In fact, as anticipated, our relations with Europe have been strengthened and intensified in the past year. Their importance has never been more clearly seen. Throughout the year in Canada and on several occasions in Europe, I and other ministers have been engaged in a series of discussions with European leaders of the greatest significance for our relations with that part of the world.

Relations with Eastern Europe have not been neglected. The Prime Minister's visit to the Soviet Union is dramatic evidence of our determination to broaden and deepen our relations with the nations of Eastern Europe, in terms of trade, scientific and technological exchange and cultural exchange.

### The Pacific

The opening of our mission in Peking is the most notable event in this area. The papers suggested that Canada might "make a contribution toward bringing China into a more constructive relationship with the world community", a process in which we have been able to take the first step. Canada has made clear its view that Peking should take the China seat at the United Nations.