Canada's efforts. He considered that the fact that Canada was in the western hemisphere had no political or economic significance. He said that the paper on Latin America gave no substantive reasons why involvement in Latin America was necessary, would benefit Canada, or would make Canadian foreign policy more effective. He asserted that trade prospects would not be enhanced as a result of Canada's joining OAS.

On May 21, 1971, Dr. J.A. Gibson, for the United Nations Association, favoured increased aid to Latin America.

On June 1, 1971, representatives of the United Church of Canada and the National Board of the Y.M.C.A. of Canada advocated increased development aid, with the former warning against aid being managed in such a way that stimulation of the Canadian economy should be the main objective.

On May 19, 1971, a few observations on relations with Latin America were made by members of the committee. Hubert Badanai, M.P., favoured closer relations with Latin America and asked the Secretary of State for External Affairs some questions regarding OAS and the Inter-American Development Bank. Paul St. Pierre, M.P. saw no merit in Canada's entering OAS, but Robert Thompson, M.P. considered that entry was inevitable.

In 1973 there were some faint echoes of <u>Foreign Policy</u>

<u>for Canadians</u>. In the March 1973 issue of <u>Last Post</u> (published

by the Canadian Journalism Foundation) Eric Hamovitch noted that

the Southam News Service had closed its Latin American Bureau

shortly after the government had stated in the white paper that it