

since the days of Sir Francis Drake. This latter attitude is breaking down in this increasingly immediate world of mass communication and travel.

- 8) One of the most promising factors is the increased academic interest in Latin America. This interest is a potential source of scholarly analysis and it will contribute to a greater understanding of the area.
- 9) It is worth emphasizing that there has been no notable expression of opinion that Canada should not become involved in Latin America. Those opposed to the OAS were not opposed to Canada's becoming involved in Latin America.

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In the light of the nine points mentioned, it might be worth considering ways and means of separating the OAS issue from Latin American involvement. The two are not necessarily the same, but are regarded as such. One such method might be by developing a recognition that Latin America is not a single entity. Closer and more publicized bi-lateral relations with selected countries, as in the case of Mexico, would establish in the Canadian mind a firmer recognition of the separate nations that exist within the area. This is said, even in the face of proposed moves toward economic integration, because it would appear that Canada lacks the ability to render specific aid to every country in the area. By selecting priorities and establishing closer relations with specific countries, Canada could provide a more satisfactory relationship and meet the aspirations of its people to aid developing nations.