

opinion in favour of involvement.⁵⁰

The Government's position was reiterated before the Canadian Inter-American Association on May 31, 1967. The New Democratic Party's convention in July did not mention Latin America in its resolutions on international affairs, while the Montmorency "Thinkers Conference" of the Progressive Conservatives quickly dismissed the idea of joining the OAS.

The Pan-American Games, interestingly enough, did not appear to generate much interest in the OAS-Pan American Union question. And for that matter, there does not appear to have been much comment on closer relations with Latin America as a result of the games. Perhaps this reflects the fact that in most sports reports the United States dominated the games so completely, followed by Canada, that Latin American athletes (save for the Cubans) were virtually unnoticed.

It seems safe to say from the evidence available that there has been more opinion expressed in Canada about Latin America since 1960 than there was between 1945 and 1960. Some of it has been informed and some of it quite emotional, but it has been opinion, nevertheless. The next sections will try to illustrate what issues have attracted attention, what response there was to them, and by whom.