

The brief presented by the Oblates was approved editorially by the Toronto Star (January 10), Telegram (January 13), and the Globe and Mail (January 17). The Star remarked that most of the aid money distributed through the Inter-American Development Bank did not filter down to the poor who needed it: the IADB was closely associated with OAS, which was little more than a cover for the efforts of the United States and Allied Governments to maintain the status quo in South America. The paper went on to say:

"We must be concerned enough to administer our own aid, staying away from the OAS and South American governments themselves and dealing with the people and their organizations."

The Telegram said that "we must deal, of course, with the established governments, but the aid should be directed to self-help projects as in agriculture..."; and it approved the Oblates' proposal for a centre for Latin American studies.

Michael R. Lubbock, Executive Director of the Canadian Association for Latin America, contributed an article to Américas (January-February 1971) in which he attributed a growing Canadian interest in Latin America to a realization that, with economic development and a dramatic population growth, the region was offering expanding markets from which Canada should not exclude itself; and to "an awakening acceptance that Canada is indeed a part of the Americas and cannot opt out of the responsibilities and obligations of a good neighbour..."

Graeme S. Mount, in an article in Commentator (February 1971), noted the paucity of Canadian news in the Colombian press