

If the Commission is reconvened I do not believe that all the responsibility for working out a cease-fire could fairly be placed on it, because in fact it was never set up to bring about that result, but it probably could help. . . .

## Diplomatic Relations with Latin America

*The following report was made to the House of Commons by Mr. Green on January 20 regarding forthcoming changes in Canada's diplomatic relations with certain countries of Central and South America:*

I should like to inform Hon. Members that the Canadian Government and the Governments of the Republics of Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama have agreed to establish diplomatic relations. The Canadian Ambassador to these four republics will be appointed shortly. He will normally reside in San Jose, Costa Rica, but will spend some time each year in the capitals of the three other republics to which he will be concurrently accredited: Managua, Nicaragua; Tegucigalpa, Honduras; and Panama City, Panama. The four governments have indicated their intention to be represented in Ottawa by giving double accreditation to their ambassadors to neighbouring countries until such time as resident ambassadors can be appointed to Canada.

I wish also to announce that the Canadian Government and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador have agreed to exchange ambassadors. The Canadian Ambassador to Colombia, Mr. Jean Morin, will be accredited as Canadian Ambassador to Ecuador. Mr. Morin will continue to serve as Canadian Ambassador to Colombia and will normally reside in Bogota but will spend some time each year in Quito. During the Ambassador's absence from Quito, the Canadian Embassy in Ecuador will be under a resident Chargé d'Affaires *ad interim*. The Canadian Government is looking forward to receiving the first Ecuadorean Ambassador to Canada in the near future.

Representation at this high level reflects the intention of the Canadian Government and of the governments concerned to strengthen and improve diplomatic, cultural and commercial relations. It is a further recognition of the importance of the growing ties between Canada and Latin America.

Finally, Hon. Members will be pleased to learn that the Canadian Government has now formally accepted an invitation from the Council of the Organization of American States to send an observer to the Eleventh Inter-American Conference, which will be held at Quito later this year.

## Colombo Plan Assistance

*On January 19, Mr. Green reported as follows concerning Canada's aid to India under the Colombo Plan during the year 1960-61:*