

1960 the majority of mail had favoured membership (and a later memorandum had stated that in 1960 the letters, were fewer and had been more reasoned) but that the last few months had shown a noticeable swing away.

It is the emotional reaction to the issue that stands out. It would appear, from reading the material available on the question of Canada's participation, that there is virtually no one in Canada who could adequately discuss the OAS. This is not to down-grade the work of Dr. Roussin, Mr. Ronald Macdonald, Mr. Harbron, and others who have attempted to introduce some understanding of the Organization and what it is attempting to do. But the complexities of the day-to-day work of the OAS, an understanding of its successes and failures, and its potentialities or liabilities in the future elude the Canadian moulder of public opinion. There seems little likelihood that there will be a change in attitudes and responses to the OAS in the near future. In the best Latin American tradition rhetoric will triumph over reason.