

of the ministerial mission. In 1971 the Committee studied Foreign Policy for Canadians and invited comments on it. At the Committee's meeting on January 19, Dr. K.J. Holsti, University of British Columbia, interpreted the paper on Latin America as assuming that "extending relations in Latin America is a means of compensating for the sort of overwhelming relationship we have with the United States"; and he questioned the validity of that assumption. He said that he favoured international specialization, and that he doubted whether Latin America was the appropriate area in which Canada should become involved. He thought membership in OAS might come in five or ten years. Though he was obviously not enthusiastic at the prospect of membership, he mentioned that he did not think much of the argument that it would put Canada at odds with the United States: Mexico had felt no great repercussions of its opposition to United States policy in OAS.

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in its submission on April 6, 1971, recommended continuing participation in the Inter-American Development Bank, strengthening diplomatic representation in Latin America, and "further effective steps to develop relations with Latin American countries". In answer to a question the representative of the Chamber said that the Chamber of Commerce had been studying the question of Canada's joining the OAS for ten years, and had not adopted a position on it.

On April 27, 1971, Guy Smith, a retired member of the Foreign Service, questioned the compatibility of proposals for developing interests in Latin America, and the need for concentrating