

Canadians. There is therefore little reason to be patient with the view that Canada should stay out of the OAS for fear of incurring the displeasure of the U.S. or the Latins.

At the Montmorency Thinkers' Conference of the Progressive Conservative Party, in August 1967, the party's president, Dalton Camp, suggested the possibility of participation in OAS "in a role hopefully of a determined non-military nature", if "we were to conclude that the most appropriate and meaningful contribution Canada could make to the improvement of world conditions would be through a substantially increased aid program and if this meant a re-allocation of our resources and a contracting of our military role..." (text in Journal of Canadian Studies, August 1967).

The Toronto Telegram, in a mainly favourable editorial on the Alliance for Progress in its issue of October 19, 1967, asked rhetorically what Canada, consistently critical of the United States' role in Latin America, was doing. Its answer to the question was:

"...We are not there, not sharing the experiences of modernizing frustratingly slow social systems. Rather we claim that the political hazards of our membership in the OAS outweigh these..."

The paper favoured "membership in the OAS and full partnership in the difficult development of our own hemisphere".

At a colloquium attended by Canadians and Mexicans - private persons and officials - at Oaxtepec, Mexico, in November