

It has been contended that in continuing to trade with Cuba, Canada was profiting at the expense of the United States. The answer is that, although the United States placed an embargo on trade with Cuba in October, 1960, the volume of United States exports to Cuba has remained greater than that of Canadian exports according to the latest figures.

We have banned the export of any strategic and defence materials or military equipment to Cuba, as we do to all areas of instability or political unrest.

We do not and shall not permit Canada to be used as a back door for the evasion of controls which the United States Government has seen fit to impose on its nationals.

We are deeply interested in everything pertaining to this hemisphere. We know that Latin American states are playing an ever-increasing role on the international scene and that their support to the Western world is of major importance.

Canadians welcome the constructive proposals put forward by President Kennedy in the "Alliance for Progress". We believe that only by the raising of living standards of less fortunate nations can their social fabric be strengthened and their peoples be preserved from the contaminating influences of Communist propaganda.

The improvement of conditions in Latin America can be achieved only through international co-operation. The Canadian Government was recently invited to be represented by an observer at a special ministerial meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in Uruguay and has accepted.

A Welfare Balance Urgent

The wealth of continental resources and skills make high living standards possible for Canadians and Americans. Our eyes and our hearts must always look out to the world where "the abyss of affluence" divides peoples, and where bridges must be built to cross that abyss if the "developed North" and the "under-developed South" on this planet are to reach out and make true contact with each other. The world cannot exist half rich and half poor, and it is to the interests of all who love freedom that a favourable balance in the massive imbalance of human welfare must be attained without delay.

In the field of defence Canada and the United States have a close and effective partnership, based on a mutual regard for each other's sovereignty and rights. In the missile age it is only by collective efforts that the demands of an adequate defence against Communism can be met.