

the military and defense implications of joining OAS before any decision on membership should be taken.

In testifying before the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence on February 25, 1969, Professor John W. Warnock, University of Saskatchewan, said that there was no reason why Canada should ever join the OAS:

"There is absolutely nothing to be gained from this except more headaches, more problems and more conflicts".

David Anderson, M.P., agreed, saying:

"I find it very curious that people would suggest that we get involved in an organization which has so little to offer Canada and, indeed, in which there is no role for us to play".

On March 4 the Voice of Women, Qualicum Beach, B.C. wrote to the minister saying that the U.S.A. had violated the OAS Charter by intervening in the affairs of member countries; that Canadian ministers during their tour had found that Latin American countries were ready to trade whether or not Canada was a member of the OAS; and that "we should keep it that way".

The Globe and Mail, March 10, 1969, attributed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs an alleged statement to the effect that more extensive relations with Latin American countries could only be achieved within a framework of institutions of which OAS was the most important. The accuracy of the report was challenged by the Prime Minister, but not soon enough to head off a telegram from the President of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' Union claiming that the alleged statement