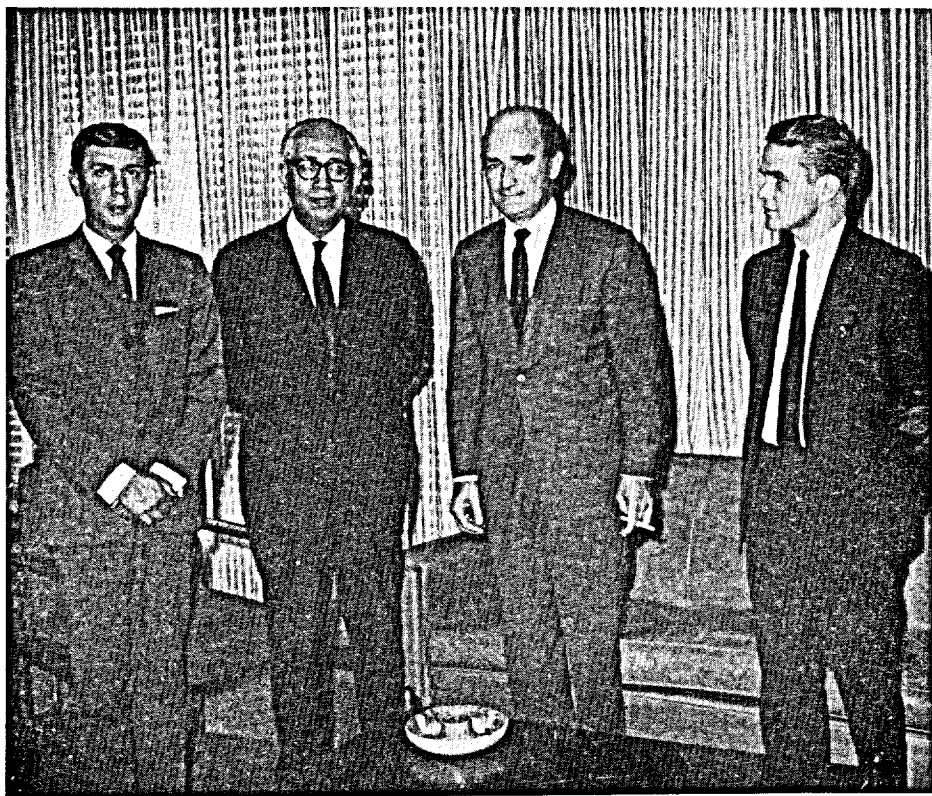


Mr. Pelletier Visits Latin America

LATIN America, a vast region until recently little known to Canadians even though they shared the same hemisphere, has in the last few years become a focus of attention. This developing interest was demonstrated by the Canadian Government when, some months ago, it asked Mr. Gérard Pelletier, Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, to visit certain countries of Latin America, where he spent most of September.

Though his tour had no specific aim, Mr. Pelletier was, first and foremost, the bearer of a message of friendship. Having developed a personal interest in Latin America since his appointment as Parliamentary Secretary last April, Mr. Pelletier wished to discuss, wherever possible, matters of mutual concern such as bilateral relations and current problems, both regional and international. He took this opportunity to meet Canadian ambassadors and *chargés d'affaires*



During a visit to the Caracas newspaper El Nacional, Mr. Gérard Pelletier (second from right) poses for a photograph with Lic. Garcia, Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Relations (left), Dr. Ramon Velasquez, Managing Editor of El Nacional (second from left), and Mr. Miles Godfrey, Third Secretary at the Canadian Embassy in Caracas.