

July 8 Severe earthquake in Chile

July Pan American Games, Cali, Colombia

August Canada applied for membership in the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)

September Conference on relations with Latin America, Lac Beauport, P.Q., under the auspices of the Centre québécois des relations internationales.

September 27 Canada became a member of the Pan-American Health Organization

October 21-22 First meeting of Canada-Mexico Ministerial Committee, Ottawa

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January 17-18, 19-20 Seminars regarding OAS and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) held in Toronto and Montreal by the Canadian Association for Latin America (CALA).

January 19 The Permanent Council of OAS approved a procedure whereby non-members might be granted permanent observer status.

February 2 The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced that Canada's application for the accrediting of a permanent observer to OAS had been approved, and that a Permanent Observer Mission would be established in Washington in the near future.

April 26 Mr. A.J. Pick appointed first head of the Permanent Observer Mission to OAS.

October 6 The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced that Canada would become a full member of the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences.

November 17 Return of General Peron to Argentina for a brief visit after years of exile.