

In his contribution to An Independent Foreign Policy for Canada (Stephen Clarkson, ed., Toronto: McLelland and Stewart Ltd., 1968), Professor Ian Lumsden, York University, opposed entry by Canada into OAS on the grounds that the organization was not designed to alter the region's social structures, and that it helped to legitimize U.S. hegemony in the hemisphere.

In the summer 1969 issue of International Journal, Prof. Philip Althoff, University of Western Ontario, roundly opposed Canadian entry into OAS. Noting that the United States "has all too often put pressure on member states to play by the 'made in USA' rules", he argued that Canada would "compromise its independence" by joining the organization.

Appearing before the House of Commons Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence in December 1969, Mr. Robert M. Fowler, President, Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, was asked for his views on the OAS question. He said he had conflicting ideas about it, but concluded: "I would hesitate for us to plunge into it right now".

Testifying before the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs on March 17, 1970, John Harbron, Associate Editor, Toronto Telegram, spoke of the necessity of going into the OAS or some successor body, but indicated doubt as to whether entry should be effected "at the moment". Only one Senator questioned him on the OAS, asking what benefits he thought Jamaica, Barbados and Trinidad and Tobago had obtained from their membership. (The Committee was studying the Caribbean area).