

The resolution was sponsored by Guatemala, had the active support of the Argentine and Venezuela, and was aimed chiefly at the Falklands, British Honduras, and British Guiana. There is little likelihood that the inhabitants of these colonies would wish to change their allegiance voluntarily. The delegates paid very little attention to the Danish, Dutch and French colonies in the Americas and to the Antarctic. Greenland, Newfoundland and St. Pierre and Miquelon were hardly mentioned. The only conclusion one can draw from this is that Argentine, Guatemalan and Venezuelan interests in the abolition of colonialism in this hemisphere is not motivated by humanitarian principles, but by greedy nationalism.

There has been virtually no comment on this resolution in the Canadian press. Most United States and many Latin-American commentators — other than Argentine, Guatemalan and Venezuelan, of course — agree that the resolution should not be taken too seriously. If, however, it should be implemented, it is felt that such action would tend to hasten the federation of the British West Indies as a self-governing unit of the Commonwealth.

A few tangible results were achieved during the Conference, though. These are:

(1) The acceptance of a centralizing Charter for the *Organization of American States*, as the members of the Pan American Union have now voted to call themselves;

(2) The Pact of Bogota, a codification of the principles and technical machinery developed during the past 20 years for the pacific settlement of disputes;

(3) A rather flamboyant declaration against totalitarianism (ironically enough) and, in particular, international Communism in this hemisphere; and

(4) The drafting of a preliminary economic agreement which may eventually lead to the long-term development of Latin-American industry by *private investment* and not by United States Government loans or handouts.

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*Extract from Memorandum from Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs
to Prime Minister*

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APPOINTMENT OF CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL

In view of the fact that the Governor General will be arriving in Brazil on June 11 and of the necessity of having a Canadian Ambassador established there before the Governor General arrives we have, as you know, been canvassing various pos-