

This interest in Latin America has led one of Father Dionne's predecessors publicly to urge membership in the OAS.<sup>3</sup> The activities and contacts of missionaries who have returned from Latin America has also had some influence on others. Two 1966 CUSO volunteers e.g. attributed their desire to go to Latin America to their contact with returned missionaries. And within clerical circles, there are obviously more such cases.

No information on Protestant activity in Latin America was seen, but they are known to be very active. Only the United Church did make its position on membership in the OAS quite clear. It opposed such membership.<sup>4</sup>

#### Labour

The CLC has continued to advocate closer contact with Latin America and membership in the OAS. Its OAS position has been contrary to that recently held by the CLC's political affiliate, the New Democratic Party.

#### Journalists

Charles Lynch and Paul Kidd of Southam News Service have continued to be ardent advocates of involvement in Latin America; Lynch, particularly, supports joining the OAS. John Harbron, now of the Toronto Telegram, and former editor of Executive, has been one of the few journalists to concentrate on Latin American affairs. He has urged membership in OAS. Other syndicated columnists have occasionally written their views on Latin America, when the issue appeared to warrant it. But Canada has lacked journalists with experience and knowledge of the area or of the OAS. Gerald Clark of the Montreal Star, who is not a Latin American specialist, nevertheless wrote a perceptive book on the subject. His Coming Explosion in Latin America