

apparently created no ferment in Canadian public opinion. Only the question of membership in the OAS and Mexican President Lopez Mateos' visit inspired any notable comment.

Maine Congressman Frank Coffin stirred some response from Time, and from Gerald Waring, by a speech on "The Empty Chair" made in Portland, Maine. Waring had fun with Coffin's statement that the real reason for Canada's refusal to join the OAS was for reasons of protocol, because the Queen, it was feared, would have to visit all the Latin American states whenever a Canadian visit was arranged. Time, however, presented Coffin's urging of membership in the OAS in sombre detail.⁵

Columnist Max Freedman strongly opposed Canadian participation in the Pan-American Union. He wrote, "As Canadians watch the confusion and violence of Latin American affairs, they must often rejoice that Canada does not belong to the Pan-American Union." He said that Canadians could be friends with Latin Americans without becoming involved in their feuds and factions.⁶

The visit of President Lopez Mateos apparently caused little reaction among the Canadian public in 1959. Time suggested that the lack of interest "underlined anew that Canadians look South very little beyond the U.S..⁷"

The Conservative Government's move to develop closer ties with Latin America, however, contributed to marked increase of interest and to a great deal of debate in 1960. The question of OAS membership was a major issue and led to comment for and against membership throughout the year. The Globe & Mail hoped that Mr. Green's January statement in Vancouver foretold "a more positive Canadian policy in Latin America". It cited Canadian trade activities