

John W. Holmes expressed some ideas on Canada's relations with Latin America in an article in the Journal of Inter-American Studies, April 1968, which was subsequently incorporated in his book, The Better Part of Valour (Toronto: McLelland and Stewart Ltd., 1970). He wrote:

"...If there is one region to which Canada does not naturally belong it is the so-called Western Hemisphere ... Better and closer relations between Canada and Latin America have been frustrated by the attempt to base them on mythology. The Pan American idea gets in the way because it doesn't ring true for us... Our interest in sweeter and more profitable relations with Latin America needs no special justification ... Canadians should help Bolivians as well as Nigerians, but it is hard to understand why there should be a priority for Bolivia on geographical grounds...

"The U.S. with all its power finds it virtually impossible to guide Latin American countries to stability and democracy. The idea that Canada can be a catalyst, a third force in inter-American politics, is to be treated with caution."

In Etudes internationales (Vol. 1, no. 2, 1970) he wrote of "cette région artificielle" qui "manque tellement d'uniformité géographique et culturelle qu'elle risque peu de toucher nos intérêts fondamentaux..."

In a speech reported in the Montreal Gazette of May 13, 1968, Dean Maxwell Cohen, McGill University, called for an extension of Canada's official interest in the Caribbean which "should lead us deeper into Latin America, where the standing invitation to us is both cordial and not so costly that we can afford this hemispheric indifference. We need not fear becoming either an echo of U.S. policy or a tool to attack it..." In an article in