

- June 8 Coup d'état in Argentina. Government of President Onganía overthrown by the armed forces.
- June 25 White paper, Foreign Policy for Canadians, tabled in the House of Commons.
- June 30 Jean-Pierre Goyer, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, as head of Canadian observer delegation to the first special session of the General Assembly of OAS, announced Canada's decision to seek permanent observer status at OAS.
- September 4 Election of Salvador Allende as President of Chile.
- December 4 Cuba accepted the kidnapers of James Cross.
- December 4 Salvador Allende sworn in as President of Chile.
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- January 18 University of Toronto announced the conclusion of an agreement with the University of Chile and the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D.C., U.S.A., for the installation of a telescope for astronomic work in Chile.
- March 23 In Argentina the ruling junta removed President Levingston and a few days later installed General Lanusse as President.
- April 15 André Ouellet, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, led Canada's observer delegation to the OAS General Assembly in San José, Costa Rica. He assisted in drafting a resolution which would establish the status of permanent observer and clear the way for the appointment of a Canadian permanent observer.