

others advised against it. This prompted La Presse (Montreal), November 13, 1968, to query whether the addition of Canada would correct the defects of the OAS mechanism. It led the Toronto Globe and Mail, November 15, 1968, to paraphrase the report thus:

"...The organization is a mess which Canada could gain nothing for itself by joining, but which its presence might improve for others";

and then to conclude that "it is difficult to imagine a worse reason for entering the OAS".

The Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph, November 13, 1968, asserted that the OAS had become a tool for maintaining the status quo in many Latin American countries; noted that it was in some danger of hardening into a political-military alliance; and declared that "this is hardly the kind of company Canada should be getting into at this moment".

When the mission returned Charles Lynch, in the Ottawa Citizen, November 30, 1968, wrote of the newfound enthusiasm of ministers for Latin America, but doubted whether it would be sustained. He found somewhat surprising Mr Sharp's statement that not all the countries visited felt that Canada should join OAS; but he was unshaken in his conviction that "the case for joining the OAS...rests on our own self-interest, and the benefits as well as the headaches that would derive from our membership".

The Montreal Star, December 4, 1968, insisted that "the usual reasons why we should stay out remain as valid as ever". Commenting on the mission in Le Droit (Ottawa), December 9, 1968, Marcel Roussin showed no enthusiasm for Canada's joining OAS in