

word which, some months later, was used again by at least two other members of the House in passing references to the mission.

News coverage of the mission was pretty scant: in the Ottawa Citizen of November 30 Charles Lynch noted that Paul Kidd, Southam News Services, was the lone Canadian reporter on much of the tour. (Later, in an answer to a parliamentary question, it was revealed that eight correspondents had accompanied the mission for all or part of its duration, six of them being from the CBC). While the tour was in progress, and afterwards, most of the comment centred on the OAS question, and is dealt with in Part IV of this study.

Following the tabling in the House of Commons of the preliminary report of the ministerial mission, Charles Lynch, in the Ottawa Citizen of January 25, ^{1969,} regretted that the report stopped short of recommending that Canada join the OAS, and noted that what seemed to be in prospect was that the government would seek to establish closer bilateral relations with a selected group of Latin American countries. "Anything", he concluded, "will be an improvement". The Ottawa Journal, which had taken a rather jaundiced view of the tour from the outset, noted on February 19, 1969, that the tour had cost \$199,335 and wondered why the substance of the mission's report "could not have been discovered by a few resident external affairs men and trade commissioners".

B) Closing of three embassies

When the closing of embassies in Uruguay, Ecuador and the Dominican Republic was announced on November 3, 1969, Mr