

PAHO

Canada joined the Pan American Health Organization in 1971. PAHO spent some \$182 million in fiscal year 1982-83, concentrating its efforts on the 40 per cent of Latin America's people who lack proper health care. It has had some notable successes. Smallpox was eradicated in Latin America in 1973 largely through its efforts, and a 50 per cent drop in the infant mortality rate was achieved between 1960 and 1980.

It is linked to the World Health Organization through its secretariat, the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, which also serves as a WHO regional office.

CALA

The Canadian Association—Latin America—Caribbean has 200 business members. It considers ideology irrelevant and is concerned with developing trade with countries of such diverse political inclinations as Argentina, Chile and Cuba. It is partly supported by the Canadian government.

IICA

The Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, the agricultural agency of the OAS, was founded in 1942 and has twenty-nine members. Canada joined in 1973. It trains professionals

in plant and animal sciences, conducts agricultural research, provides technical assistance to member countries, and maintains the Inter-American Centre for Documentation and Agricultural Information at its headquarters in San José, Costa Rica. Canada provides about 7 per cent of its \$20 million annual budget.

