U. S. Diplomat Urges Tight Latin Policy

Herald Tribune Service WASHINGTON — Latin American governments adjudged guilty of "repression, t y r a n n y and brutality (which) outrage the conscience of mankind" should be the target of collective hemispheric action.

This forceful idea was voiced Sunday by Thomas Mann, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, and President Johnson's personal choice to tighten ties between the southern hemisphere democracies and the U.S.

Mann said that although article 15 of the charter of the Organization of American States bars direct or indirect intervention in the internal affairs of another hemispheric nation for any reason, the U. S. does not believe that it bars collective action against deprivation of "human dignity."

Majority Differ He added: "But if the majority of the member states (of the OAS) are of the contrary opinion, then let us

amend the charter." Mann's important declarations came in a commencement, address given at the University of Notre Dame, in Indiana. Copies of the address were distributed here by the department of state. A few months ago, Mann indicated that the policy of the Kennedy administration — of not recognizing those L a t in American regimes that win power through coups — might be eased. This caused some dismay among democratic regimes south of the border.

In Sunday's speech, however, Mann made it plain that the U.S. will not automatically recognize Latin A merican governments "which come into power in an unconstitutional manner."

Merits Considered The policy, he said, would be that "each case must be looked at in the light of its own facts."

"Where the facts warrant it — where the circumstances are such, to see someone else's phrase, as to outrage the conscience of America — we reserve our freedom to register our indication by refusing to recognize or to continue our econ o m i c co-operation," he went on.

But he added that this policy does not mean the U. S. will put itself "into a doctrimatic application of sanctions to every unconditional regime in the hemisphere."