

## Mexico Says It Will Keep Cuban Ties

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 3 (UPI)—Mexico today rejected a recommendation of the Organization of American States that it sever diplomatic relations with Communist Cuba.

A special communique issued by the Foreign Ministry said Mexico would continue present relations with the Fidel Costra regime despite the OAS recommendation, which had been considered binding on all member nations.

Mexico is one of four Latin American nations that still have diplomatic relations with Cuba. The others are Uruguay, Chile and Bolivia.

The OAS recommendation was made last month after a foreign ministers' meeting deliberated Venezuelan charges of Cuban aggression. The OAS also recommended to its members a severance of commercial ties with the Castro government.

The Mexican statement pointed out that the 15 nations that voted for sanctions against Cuba at the OAS meeting opposing had previously severed diplomatic connections with Havana.

"In view of this and the special situation in which neighborly relations have been developed between Mexico and Cuba since that country became independent — and long before that — the president of the Republic has resolved to maintain our contacts with the Cuban government in their present state," the statement said.

It added that a break in relations "will aid no one in any form and prejudice communications necessities and the interests of an infinity of persons."