OAS Sets Cuba Action For July 21

The Council of the Organization of American States yesterday voted to convene a conference of hemispheric foreign ministers here on July 21 to decide on what sanctions should be taken against Cuba.

Seventeen countries approved the meeting and none opposed it. Mexico abstained. The decision came seven months after Venezuela charged before the Council that Cuba had tried to subvert and overthrow its democratic

government. A subsequent investigation by an OAS committee supported the accusation.

The foreign ministers are expected to approve a watered-down version of a Venezuelan resolution calling for sanctions. A two-thirds majority of OAS nations informally has agreed in advance to make it obligatory for all members to cut off, commercial relations with Cuba and to recommend that countries s till maintaining diplomatic ties with Havana break them as well.

Another resolution will appeal to all non-OAS nations to stop trading with Cuba and a third will affirm that subversion represents aggression and is punishable under the provisions of the Rio Treaty. At yesterday's Council meeting, Brazil, Chile, and Uruguay made it clear their approval of the foreign ministers' conference did not constitute approval of obligatory sanctions.