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Mexico to Bar OAS Cuba Sanctions

MEXICO CITY, July 15 (UPI)—Foreign Minister Jose Gorostiza said today Mexico will vote to oppose sanctions against Cuba at next week's Organization of American States meeting.

Gorostiza, at a news conference, declined to say if Mexico would honor sanctions voted by other members if they obtain the necessary two-thirds majority for approval. The Rio Treaty of mutual assistance requires all to adhere to sanctions so voted.

Gorostiza said he would not attend the meeting. He cited activities connected with the change over of government here in December.

The meeting was called to consider what action to take on Venezuela's charge of aggression against Cuba. Three tons of arms which

originated in Cuba were found buried on a Venezuelan beach Nov. 1.

Mexico, which has always maintained a hands-off policy toward Cuba, abstained in the vote calling for next week's meeting.

Sanctions against Cuba may include breaking of diplomatic relations, a halt to all trade except food and medicine, and cessation of air and sea transportation with Cuba.

Mexico maintains relations and air services with Cuba.

Latin Ministers

To Meet President

Associated Press

President Johnson is expected to meet with the Western hemisphere's foreign ministers when they convene in Washington July 21, it was reported yesterday.

A spokesman for the Organization of American States said tentative plans have been made for the foreign ministers to call on Mr. Johnson at the White House at 6 p.m. after formally opening their ninth meeting of consultation on Cuba.

The official announcement of the proposed meeting will come after approval by the ministers of the conference's program.

Town Rejects Levy

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., July 15 (AP)—A \$400,000 special levy to finance municipal improvements was rejected 4567 to 2381 yesterday by Clarksburg voters. The three-year improvement program included construction of a fire station, City swimming pool and a baseball field.