

THE RIO CONFERENCE

It is not often that an international conference meets with such possibilities of success as that of the Americas' Foreign Ministers, which convenes tomorrow in Brazil's resort city of Petropolis, near Rio de Janeiro. Its purpose is to draft a treaty for hemisphere defense. The outline already has been drawn in the Act of Chapultepec—written during the war—to which all the participating nations already have subscribed.

The work of the conference will be in spelling out precisely the various steps to be taken by the American countries in the event of threat of aggression from without or by one American country against another. These will include the voting procedures in invoking the penalties against the aggressor, or aggressors; by what degree of majority the voting will be decided, and how binding on individual countries will be the decision.