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PUNTA DEL ESTE, Uruguay, April 10 (UPI)—Foreign ministers today virtually gave up hope of presenting their leaders a completed draft declaration at Wednesday's opening of a hemisphere Summit conference.

Demands for U.S. trade and aid concessions formed a reported major barrier to agreement.

Diplomats said the foreign ministers could not even agree on language for a preamble to a statement to be issued by President Johnson and other North, South and Central American leaders.

Disagreement on trade and economic integration prevented the foreign ministers from closing their session on schedule yesterday. Agreement appeared so distant that the foreign ministers agreed only to carry on their talks even after the heads of state begin their three-day meeting.

WANT CONCESSIONS FROM U.S.

A key factor in the disagreement is the attempt by some countries to lard the declaration with stated principles opposed by the United States.

They want U.S. concessions on reducing tariff barriers for Latin America, backing for a Latin American

"Common Market" trade bloc, and a firm Washington commitment to long-term aid.

There is little chance Johnson or Secretary of State Dean Rusk will make the concessions here, diplomatic sources said.

Colombia and Ecuador were reported the most insistent pushers for major American concessions. Ecuador has threatened to boycott the Summit unless some concessions are made. Bolivia already has announced its boycott because of the failure to put on the Summit agenda her demand for an outlet to the sea.

CASTROITES MARCHING ON TOWN

Bolivia lost her seaports in the 1879-84 "War of the Pacific" with Chile.

Johnson was scheduled to arrive tomorrow along with most other Summit leaders. Another element headed toward Punta Del Este was making police nervous.

About 300 youths supporting Cuban Premier Fidel Castro were marching toward this resort town to protest "U.S. imperialism." They have tacit police approval for the march—as long as they turn around when they reach a point 40 miles from here.

The initials of the group, in Spanish, is "Fidel."

JOHNSON DEPARTS TONIGHT

WASHINGTON, April 10 (UPI)—President Johnson made final preparations today for his late evening departure for Punta Del Este, Uruguay, and a historic hemispheric Summit conference.

The President returned yesterday from an overnight stay at his Camp David retreat in Maryland, where he conferred with top level aides on the forthcoming Latin American talks.

An unusual quiet surrounded the White House preparations, and some details, including the final composition of his traveling party, were not yet spelled out. Mrs. Johnson did not plan to go along.

Johnson was scheduled to take off from Dulles International Airport in the presidential jet, Air Force One, at 11 p.m.

Johnson arrives at 9 a.m. (N.Y. time) tomorrow in Montevideo, 90 miles west of Punta Del Este. He will fly to the Atlantic beach resort by helicopter.

He will meet Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with his Latin American counterparts to discuss mutual problems and give a new impulse to the 5½-year-old Alliance for Progress program.