

### Money Conference

Following hard upon the announcement that the treasury experts of more than 30 nations had agreed to a plan for the establishment of an international monetary fund comes the call by Secretary Morgenthau for a world monetary conference to be held in this country in July.

The conference had its inception in the widely publicized Keynes and White plans of more than a year ago and is designed to pave the way for international co-operation in financial matters at the end of hostilities.

But the plan upon which the experts recently agreed has the same basic defects as the original Keynes and White proposals: It would provide exchange stabilization without a basis for stability in fact in the domestic economies of the participating nations. It places the cart ahead of the horse by assuming that exchange stability would provide and ensure a sound, domestic economy, whereas the facts are just the other way around.

There is one provision of the plan to which the experts agreed which this nation ought to oppose and oppose vigorously. It would make it possible again for an American representative in the world monetary pool to reduce the gold content of the dollar and thus add fuel to the flames of inflation which already threaten most of the world with a major conflagration.

Americans will reserve judgment as to the conference at least until the American representatives are named. The secretary of the treasury will be nominal head of the delegation, of course.

but we shall need someone as an official representative who has a better understanding of international finance than Mr. Morgenthau and someone less likely to fall in with the managed money inflationary philosophies that permeate the program upon which the treasury experts agreed a month ago.