

LAST BID TO FIX POLISH QUESTION

WASHINGTON, April 19 (Special and A.A.P.). — A last-minute attempt to settle the Polish controversy before the opening of the San Francisco Conference will be the main business of the meeting of top-rank British, American and Russian diplomats.

The meeting is scheduled to begin in Washington after the arrival of the Soviet Foreign Minister (M. Molotov) to-day or to-morrow.

The U.S. Secretary of State (Mr. Stettinius) announced at a Press



Mr. Stettinius conference yesterday that he had received a note from Russia on Poland, the contents of which could not be disclosed.

He also announced that the U.S. Ambassador to Moscow (Mr. Harriman) would be returning from Moscow for consultations in connection with

M. Molotov's visit. The British Ambassador to Moscow (Sir Archibald Clark-Kerr) will also go to America to take part in the conference.

Sir Archibald has been British representative on the commission of three set up by the Crimea Conference to conduct negotiations for the formation of a new Polish Government on a broader basis. Mr. Harriman was American representative and M. Molotov the Russian.

Field-Marshal Smuts and other South African delegates have arrived in New York.

The Foreign Secretaries of Britain, America, Russia, and China also will meet in the next few days as signers of the Dumbarton Oaks agreement to seek pre-conference unity on major amendments to the proposed international organisation blue-

print.

There are scores of rumours in Washington to-day that a solution of the Polish dispute is imminent, but the only two concrete developments are the new note from Moscow and the disclosure that both the British and American Ambassadors to Moscow would join the Washington talks.

Both events indicated strongly that the Polish dispute was rapidly coming to a head and that an all-out attempt will be made in Washington in the next few days to solve it.