

WORLD GROUP ACTS

Lawyers urge
Kennedy inquiry

THE HUMAN Rights Commission of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, meeting in Budapest April 5, approved a resolution urging the establishment of an interna-

tional commission of jurists to evaluate the assassination of President Kennedy.

The resolution was submitted by Danish lawyers after consultation with American attorney Mark Lane, who later addressed about 500 delegates from 60 nations attending the association's annual conference.

Lane, leader of efforts to uncover the circumstances behind the assassination, told the lawyers that he considered Lee Oswald, the man accused of killing Kennedy, to be "completely innocent." He also displayed photographs, tape recordings and affidavits to support his contention that several persons were involved in the assassination, as opposed to an official FBI report indicating that Oswald was the lone assassin.

The next day in Rome, where he had speaking engagements, Lane told GUARDIAN correspondent Phyllis Rosner:

"The resolution urges that members of the proposed international commission be persons whose judgment and views would be respected in Western countries; the suggestion was made that it comprise jurists regarded as being objective and of no particular political affiliation. It was proposed to seek members from the Scandinavian countries, from India, Britain, France and Italy.

"I received an extremely warm and attentive reception when I spoke for about 45 minutes to the plenary session. Afterward many delegates came and spoke to me, saying they intended to pursue the matter vigorously when they returned home. For instance, the Uganda Minister of Justice assured me he intended to discuss the whole affair with his premier in order that pressure be brought upon the United States for serious reconsideration of the case."

The former New York assemblyman, in Europe at the behest of the IADL, left Rome for Copenhagen to address the Association of Danish Students. Following this, he was to fly to London, where he is scheduled to address a meeting of Labor Party lawyers. He will speak in Paris before returning to the U.S. to continue a series of lectures on the assassination.