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ATLANTA, Feb. 22—For the third time in his eight months on the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger has clashed with the television industry over coverage of his speeches.

Burger, featured speaker at an American Bar Association banquet here, ordered a television crew out of the Regency Hyatt House banquet hall last night so he could talk directly to his lawyer audience.

The television crew, apparently unaware of Burger's aversion to their lights and cameras, objected strenuously to the Chief Justice's orders. The result was another in a series of misunderstandings.

No early solution to the disagreement appeared in sight, but Bar president Bernard G. Segal, sympathizing with the Chief Justice, said today he would explore the broadcast industry's ability to use less obtrusive equipment as one avenue of accommodation.

Cameras Turned Away

The trouble began at the ABA's meeting in Dallas last August when Burger, new to the high bench and never before so sought after as a speaker, gave one televised address under protest and rejected cameras in others.

In Washington two weeks ago an American Broadcasting Co. crew showed up at the Statler Hilton to hear Burger speak on prison reform, as he often has over the past decade, only to be turned away by the National Association of District Attorneys.

Last Tuesday at the Centennial of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Burger consented to go on camera along with Mayor John V. Lindsay and other dignitaries, especially because the cameras were hidden and natural lighting was used.

But last night, a Columbia Broadcasting System crew appeared and, when challenged, asked the Chief Justice why he was insisting on his rule.

No Arrangements

Burger replied, "Come into my office some time when you have an hour or two." CBS newsman Bill Jones said he would leave "if you will tell me just why we can't cover" the speech.

Said the Chief Justice into Jones' microphone, "You didn't make any advance arrangement, that's why. You didn't even undertake to make them."

"With whom?" Jones asked.

"With me. That's the only person you can make arrangements with when I'm speaking," Burger replied, placing a hand over the microphone.

The difference between Burger's on-camera and off-camera delivery was dramatic, according to ABA members who heard both the New York and Atlanta speeches, which had virtually the same prepared text. One member said the New York speech was tedious and long, while last night's was a moving statement of the need to make prisons bearable and rehabilitate convicts.

Burger himself explained that in New York he felt bound to adhere to the printed text, knowing his every word was recorded, while last night he felt free to depart from his prepared remarks.

He has made no objection to newspaper reporters covering his speeches.

Delegates to Debate On Genocide Treaty

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ATLANTA, Feb. 22 — The American Bar Association's policy-making House of Delegates opens a two-day session Monday with endorsement of the United Nations convention against genocide slated to be a prime topic of debate.

In a two-way race for the ABA presidency in 1971-72, Leon Jaworski, a Houston lawyer and friend of former President Johnson, appeared to have the edge over Edward E. Murane of Casper, Wyo., a former chairman of the House of Delegates.

ABA president Bernard Segal is expected Monday to

issue a joint call with Attorney General John N. Mitchell for increased citizen involvement in crime prevention.

The combined ABA-Justice Department program is expected to include privately funded campaigns on a national level and aid to local volunteer efforts through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, the department's funding agency.

The cooperative arrangement appeared to indicate a victory for established crime-fighting organizations such as the National Conference on Crime and Delinquency, which have been competing with more recently formed citizen groups for Mitchell's approval. Segal stressed, however, that new crime-fighting groups will be welcome in the volunteer coalition.

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