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ARGUS today for first time reported that Godfrey Binaisa, Uganda's Attorney General, and Abu K. Mayanja, Minister Education Kabaka's Government, attended Budapest meeting International Association Democratic Lawyers (IADL). At same time press reported decision IADL establish independent commission of lawyers investigate circumstances surrounding assassination President Kennedy. Mayanja told press that he hoped decision set up commission would find support of members of legal profession in Uganda. "From material I have gathered at Congress it is relatively doubtful that Kennedy was killed by Oswald. It is much more likely that he was killed as result carefully planned conspiracy of very important men in US Army, Government and big business who were opposed to policies that Kennedy stood for."

Only other references in press to IADL was previous reference Mayanja's presence Budapest and his comments to effect that GOU should take immediate steps strengthen Uganda relations with socialist countries. He stressed trade, technical and cultural exchanges and urged GOU open Embassies these countries. DAILY NATION April 7 carried small box article to effect Mark Lane, New York lawyer, had called for international commission investigate assassination President Kennedy at Budapest meeting IADL, in support of which he allegedly produced photostats, tape recordings, testimony and "other evidence" in attempt to show

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that "official theory in the murder was wrong".

I have demanded early meeting with Mayanja and will leave no question in speaking with him of inaccuracy and maliciousness these implications if such commission has been established by Communist-lining IADL.

Comment: This obvious attempted smear of responsible US Army, Government and business leaders. Unfortunately will be given some credence in Africa where written word is given more credit than it deserves even in more educated circles. Suggest all possible steps be taken discredit IADL and Americans involved in making these false charges.

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