

Mayaguez Incident Probe

Congressman John Burton told a San Francisco press conference yesterday that a subcommittee of the House Committee on International Relations will investigate American military action and policy in the Mayaguez incident.

Burton (Dem-S.F.-Marin) also said that he and some colleagues will introduce a resolution in Congress this week listing questions to be answered by the Ford admin-

istration on the incident.

Burton said Florida Democrat Dante Fascell, chairman of the international, political and military affairs subcommittee, has decided to hold hearings on the subject and supports the Burton resolution.

The resolution asks President Ford to cite the legal authority for the American combat reaction to the seizure of the Mayaguez by Cambodians in the Gulf of Thailand last May 12.

It asks what were the "specific" diplomatic and military options considered by the National Security Council in seeking the release of the Mayaguez.

Burton said the loss of 41 American lives in the operation would become more tragic if the military operations was merely a "demonstration" arranged by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger to show America "hadn't lost the will."