

Hughes to Propose Panel To Fix War Crimes Blame

WASHINGTON, April 4 (UPI) — Senator Harold E. Hughes said Sunday that he would propose the creation of an international commission of leading jurists to set standards for assessing blame when innocent civilians are killed in a war.

The Iowa Democrat, a potential contender for his party's Presidential nomination next year, said he would introduce a nonbinding "sense of the Senate" resolution soon after Easter, providing for the establishment of the commission and for appointment of its members by the leaders or supreme courts of each nation involved.

Senator Hughes, citing the controversy over the conviction of First Lieut. William L. Calley Jr. and the trials of other United States soldiers in connection with the Mylai incident three years ago, said there now was no way to evaluate the evidence against them.

He was interviewed on the National Broadcasting Company's television program "Meet the Press."