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The World Jewish Congress hailed the report on war criminals by
Justice Robert H. Jackson as "a supremely important advance towards a new
system of international criminal justice." The congress, which has sessions
in 20 countries, also expressed confidence in the principles and procedures
of the Nuremberg trials.

In a statement issued yesterday on behalf of the congress, Dr.
Stephen S. Wise, president, said:

"Dismayed by sterile legislation, Justice Jackson has gone to the
roots of the war crimes problem and has associated a new and dynamic approach
to its solution in conformity with the highest traditions of justice the laws
of humanity and the ideals for which this war has been fought.

"The principles set forth - the criminality of an aggressive war,
the tracing back of this crime to the war criminals to power in 1933, the
criminal responsibility of the government agencies and organizations, the
special victimization of racial and religious groups, the extra-territorial
sentence to criminality - mark a supremely important advance towards a new
system of international criminal justice."

It was also noted with special satisfaction that the conclusions
arrived at by Justice Jackson were in conformity with the stand taken by the
World Jewish Congress at its war emergency conference in Atlantic City, N. J.,
last November when representatives of Jewish communities of 20 countries
formally proposed and adopted a statement on the punishment of war criminals.

Confidence was also expressed that the Jewish people will be given
an opportunity at the trials to present its cases so that a full account may be
taken of the specific crimes committed against the Jews.