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SUPPORTS JACKSON ON
WAR CRIMINALS REPORT

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 sections in 39 countries, also expressed confidence in the principles and procedures of the coming trials.

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

"Undeterred by sterile legalisms, Justice Jackson has gone to the roots of the war crimes problem and has enunciated 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 Nazi accession to power in 1933, the criminal responsibility of Axis governmental agencies and organizations, the special victimization of racial and religious groups, the extra-territorial incitement 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 39 countries formally prepared 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 case so that a full account may be taken of the specific crimes committed against the Jews.