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STATEMENT ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS  
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The World Jewish Congress which, on the basis of its long research, has been engaged in negotiations with and has made representations to the Governments of the United Nations and the appropriate inter-governmental authorities on the problem of war crimes and the punishment of war criminals, since the Conference of St. James's Palace of January 1942, expresses its high appreciation of the historic document on this subject presented to the President of the United States by Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson.

President Truman's endorsement of the policy and recommendations set forth in this statement will be received by the Jewish people throughout the world with deep gratification.

The Jewish people, which, by a calculated Nazi conspiracy, has been the victim of, in the words of the late President Roosevelt, "One of the blackest crimes in all history," will find, in Justice Jackson's statement, confirmation of the hope that justice will be meted out to all those guilty of the monstrous crimes committed by the Axis powers and their satellites.

There will be the utmost satisfaction that, 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 World Jewish Congress, at its War-Emergency Conference in Atlantic City in November 1944, attended by representatives of Jewish communities of 39 countries, adopted a Statement on the Punishment of War Criminals. This statement was subsequently submitted to the governments of the United Nations. It is noted with especial satisfaction that Justice Jackson has arrived at conclusions which justify the stand formally taken by the World Jewish Congress on that occasion and consistently maintained by it over a period of years.

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The principles set forth by Justice Jackson--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.

The World Jewish Congress is confident that these principles will be implemented in the coming trials of war criminals and that, in the procedure to be adopted in respect of them, opportunity will be given to the Jewish people to present its case and full account will be taken of the specific crimes committed against the Jews.

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