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The World Jewish Congress, which, on the basis of its long research
has been engaged in negotiations with the Jews for a long time, has made representations to the Govern-
ments of the United Nations and the relevant inter-governmental authorities on
the question of war crimes and the punishment of war criminals. Since the Conference
of the United Nations of January 1948, expresses the 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 Roosevelt's enforcement of this policy and recommendations
set forth in this statement will be received by the Jewish people throughout the
world with deep gratification.

The Jewish people, told, 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, confir-
mation of the hope that justice will be meted out to all those guilty of the
crimes committed by the Nazis, with their satellites.

There will be the universal satisfaction that, untroubled by "sterile
legalisms", Justice Jackson has gone to the roots of the war crimes problem and
has recommended a fair and dynamic approach for 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 UNITED JEWISH CONGRESS, at the Pre-Emergency Conference,
Atlantic City in November 1948, attended by representatives of Jewish communities
of 29 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 conclu-
sions which justify the stand formally taken by the World Jewish Congress on
this question and consistently maintained by it over a period of years.

(Excerpt)
The principles set forth by Justice Jackson—the culpability of an aggressor for the tracing back of this crime to the last 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 rendition to culpability—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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