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The World Jewish Congress, acting on the basis of the long research
and investigations, has been engaged in negotiations with the govern-
ments 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 the United Nations in January 1945, expressed the high appreciation of the his-
toric document on this subject presented to the President of the United States by
Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson.

President Truman's promulgation of this policy and recommendations
and the world's reaction to 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
such crimes against humanity, 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, con-
firmation of the hope that justice will be meted out to all those guilty of the
monstrous crimes committed by the Nazi powers and their satellites.

There will be no unexpected satisfaction that, unheroed by "sterile
legislation," Justice Jackson has come to the roots of the war crime problem and
has recommended 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 UNITED JEWISH CONGRESS, at the War-Crime Commission in
Atlantic City in November 1945, attended by representatives of Jewish communities
of 50 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
that occasion and consistently maintained by it over a period of years.
The principles set forth by Justice Jackson—the criminality of an aggressive war, the tracing back of this crime to the last act that inaugurated it, in 1933, the criminal responsibility of Axis governmental agencies and organizations, the special victimization of racial and religious groups, the state-to-state 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.