Judge Nathan L. pepper introduced Dr. Alexander Federman, Dr. Jacob Robinson and himself on behalf of the American Jewish Conference and the World Jewish Congress, and explained to Justice Jackson the set-up and scope of these two organizations. He also indicated the relationship of the American Jewish Congress to the World Jewish Congress and to the American Jewish Conference. Judge Pepper then called upon Dr. Robinson to present the purpose of the visit.

Dr. Robinson indicated that the Jewish people the world over expressed gratification with Justice Jackson's Report on the prosecution of Nazi war criminals, recently submitted to President Truman. He also referred to the communique statement issued last Friday by the World Jewish Congress. While it is too early yet to foresee all the implications of Justice Jackson's historic document, he went on to say, we are satisfied that it meets some of our expectations in this matter. (The Atlantic City Conference Resolution on Iran, and the statement of the American Jewish Conference on the same subject were submitted to Justice Jackson.)

The Jewish people is the greatest sufferer of this war, if not in absolute number of its victims, (the Soviet Union has a larger total), certainly in relative numbers (the ratio of surviving Jews in Europe to their previous total in the same area). It therefore has a case of the war against the master Nazi criminals and their accomplice. The Jewish persecution, it was emphasized, are not a pure incident of the war or its preparatory stage, but the result of a will conceived, deliberately plotted and meticulously carried out conspiracy. Either in the war criminal, and Alfred Rosenberg in his philosophy, she tried to review a philosophical justification for
For the criminal intentions and acts, a "genius" was created to supply the "genius" with the necessary scientific tools and with a rational justification for their infamous deeds. Suffice it to recall the names of Wilhelm Greive, Charles Pont, Walter Frank, Eugenio Saerpin, and many others whose services were used in the special research institutes in Munich,Frankfort, and elsewhere. Propagandists—the highest among them, Goebbels and Julius Streicher—were put at the service of the conspirators. The central Nazi Government, the territorial governments (Reichsland), the Gauleiter of the Nazi Party regions, the high military staff, the military governors of the occupied territories, the Nazi administration, and all other agencies and high functionaries were in direct charge of carrying out this program of annihilation. And then came the subordination, the death of concentration camps, ghettos and forced labor institutions. The Nazi conspiracy was directed not only against the Jews under their control, but also against those beyond their reach. While they did not aim for immediate destruction of the Jews who were beyond their control, they directed their propaganda to poison the relationships between Jews and non-Jews so as to make their living together impossible. In this, leading officials of the German state, the Vleit Senate in Prague, are primarily responsible.

Justice Jackson was interested to know how the statistical data of Jewish casualties were obtained. Dr. Schonert explains: "There are official figures or estimates of the number of Jews in all the European countries in 1935, 1939, and 1945. On the basis of these figures, it is not difficult to compile data for the areas under Hitler's control before or during the war. While such data will not be as exact as those of a national census, they offer the best estimates obtainable under the circumstances. Furthermore, we have been receiving regular information about Jews in the liberated areas, which is another source for statistical calculation of survivors and casualties."
It is obvious that nobody under the right Nazi control could have disappeared (except for those who died a natural death) without the instigation of the totalitarian power, or were killed, without its direct intervention. The balance then is clear: There were so many Jews prior to the advent of Hitler and there are so many left after the liberation of Europe. The total loss is estimated at six million.

In further elucidation of the reliability of these data, it was pointed out that we have been working in this field for four and a half years, compiling daily information from official and semi-official sources. Much of this information has already been tabulated and will be presented after another careful check-up.

It was further pointed out that we are not at all inclined to overstate our losses. On the contrary, we record the lowest possible figures in the faint hope that more survivors may show up as conditions in Europe become stabilized. And our main trouble even in writing these lower estimates.

Justice Jackson requested a detailed statement of information on these figures, which will be submitted to him by Dr. Robinson on Monday, June 19th, 9:30 A.M., at the Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.

In describing the motives of the Nazi plot, Dr. Robinson mentioned the two well-known statements by Hess, one that the annihilation of whole peoples is justifiable provided it is complete, and the other, that Jew-baiting was to be used as a means to replace democratic society. These two statements in themselves, coming from a high Nazi leader and theorist, indicate the extent of the Nazi conspiracy to destroy democratic civilization and how the plot against the Jewish people was an integral part of this conspiracy. Justice Jackson asked for a copy of these statements and their original sources, which we promised to submit.
against the Jewish people should be brought to light before the high tribunal that will try the Nazi criminals, so that the world should know that these crimes will not go unpunished. This will serve as a deterrent against the repetition of such crimes in the future.

The Nazis have not only exterminated over two-thirds of European Jewry, but have infected the continent with anti-Semitic feeling, which makes the life of Jews in liberated Europe insecure. We believe that a specific indictment for the crimes committed against our people will clear the atmosphere in Europe and make it easier for the survivors to reestablish themselves there.

Justice Jackson explained that it is intended to have one military tribunal extending the whole conspiracy of the Nazis against the world, in which the Jewish court should have its place. In such a trial, the indictment should include leaders, generals, heads of government and high command. Persons named individually and members of agencies will be notified that they will have an opportunity to defend themselves. Any member of these bodies will be considered guilty and subject to punishment, unless he can prove he was not a member or became a member under duress.

The discussion then turned to the problem of slavery surviving. We expressed our feeling that the Jewish survivors are entitled to have someone represent them at the trials, as the spokesman of those who perished as well as of the living. Such representation would bring to the fore more clearly the moral implications of punishing the conspirators against an entire people. Justice Jackson indicated that the international military tribunal might be well disposed towards such an idea. Furthermore, other groups might also ask for the same consideration, which would complicate matters.

He admitted the difficulties involved in our request, but we stressed the magnitude of the Jewish tragedy which transcends the sufferings of other
people. Our case, we emphasized, can best be presented by spokesmen of our people. Besides, other groups, Catholic or Protestant, should also be entitled to similar representation, if they so desire. We suggested that further thought be given to this request, and that we discuss it again on a future occasion.

The last question discussed was that of appointing a person in the present case to be charged with the investigation of the anti-Jewish conspiracy. It was pointed out that there are many sources in the possession of the United Nations, especially the United States and Great Britain, which contain invaluable information about this conspiracy. Particular reference was made to censorship reports, confessions of war prisoners and other persons, and numerous documents filed up in the Office of Strategic Services, the War and Navy Departments, and in the Department of State. It is necessary to have an official in the prosecutor's office who will sift through all this material with a view to compiling evidence on the Jewish court. The same should be done with the tons of material now in Germany in the hands of the Allies.

Justice Jackson suggested that we compile documentary information on all legal and other aspects of the trials, including the hearing of German law on the case.

Justice Jackson informed us that he had a study under way pointing to the illegality of the mode of Nazi legislation. Dr. Robinson indicated that, as far as the Nazi anti-Jewish measures are concerned, they can be readily proved to be illegal, since their enactment was outside the authority granted the Hitler regime by the Reichstag in the Court of Power Act.

Justice Jackson expressed interest in receiving from us all pertinent material we may be able to submit. He does not expect perfect...
Men in the preparation of such material, as he realizes the pressing need for speedy action. The material on the legal aspects of the prosecution, as well as other pertinent information, will be submitted by me to Justice Jackson by August 1, 1945, since he expects to be away from the country until then.

On Monday, when they meet in Washington, Justice Jackson will inform Mr. Robinson when we are to contact during his absence.