

# JEWISH GROUP ASKS WORLD RIGHTS BILL

## Commissions on Migration and Statelessness Also Sug- gested by Proskauer

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—Establishment by the United Nations Conference on International Organization of a permanent commission to draw up an international bill of rights has been urged by Joseph M. Proskauer, former New York Supreme Court Justice, who is president of the American Jewish Committee, and, on that group's nomination, consultant to the United States delegation to the conference.

Mr. Proskauer said that "the New World order must provide security and contentment for citizens of every nation, irrespective of race or creed."

### Views of Churches Stressed

The American Jewish Committee also recommended yesterday, in a brief submitted today, organization of a commission on statelessness to deal with the problem of displaced men and women in Europe. It suggested a third commission to deal with migrations in Europe resulting from economic and social upheaval.

Mr. Proskauer said that implicit in the suggestion for an international bill of rights is "the patent truth that every human being is entitled to live under his own vine and fig tree in his own country."

The committee is glad to align itself in fundamental agreement with the statement just issued by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America as well as with many of the official pronouncements of the representative Catholic organizations stressing the moral issues with respect to the conference," he said. "This accord brings into high relief the keynote struck by Secretary Stettinius that the New World order must provide security and contentment for citizens of every nation, irrespective of race or creed.

"The special plight of the Jewish victims of Nazi savagery will require from the peace conference when it assembles special consideration, but basically the committee advocates for the security conference recommendations which are wholly consistent with the primary objective of making the world safe for all humanity.

"We have laid special stress on the establishment of a commission on human rights and an international bill of rights. While the details of such a charter may not be within the agenda of the security conference, we have earnestly urged that to comply with the Dumbarton Oaks proposal 'to promote respect for human rights and fundamental freedom' a permanent commission should be set up at the earliest possible time by the conference. The task of that commission would be to formulate an international bill of rights embodying protection of the fundamental freedoms, religious liberty and racial equality."

Mr. Proskauer recalled the declaration of human rights issued recently by the committee over the signatures of some 1,300 Americans of all races and creeds.

### World Equality Is Sought

"We emphasize our profound belief," he said, "that while the peace conference will ultimately give attention to the wrongs which have been especially inflicted on the stricken Jews of Europe by the holocaust of war and the bestiality of Hitler, the ultimate safety of the Jewish populations of Europe will rest upon the international enforcement of justice and equality of treatment to all men of every race and creed.

"We have recommended to the American delegation a number of other proposals relating to the problems of statelessness, migration, war crimes, repatriation and indemnification."

The commission on statelessness, he suggested, should be set up under the economic and social council of the new world organization "to protect the rights and be concerned with the welfare of all the stateless and to provide the necessary machinery for documents of identity and passports for those unfortunates which should be recognized by the nations."

The commission on migration, also under the economic and social council, would have as its basic principle "non-discrimination between racial, religious and ethnic groups," he said. It would "prepare and work for an international convention on migration; set up a technical body to explore migration possibilities and coordinate the work of other official international organizations already dealing with this subject."