

ported, to "harmonise" Soviet doctrines with the principles of the Jewish religion.

An effort is being made to recruit students for the new school among the Yeshivah students in the annexed territories, especially in Eastern Galicia.

NEW GERMAN LEVY ON JEWS.

London.

A decree by the Reich Finance Minister imposes on the Jews a new "social adjustment" levy, payable from 1st January, 1941, says "The Times." The levy represents an additional tax of 15 per cent. on all incomes earned since 1st August, 1940. It will later be made payable by all Poles living anywhere within the Reich.

The profits are to pass entirely to the Reich. Neither Poles nor Jews derive any benefit from this discriminatory tax.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS' GIFT TO ARMY.

New York.

Two hundred pianos for use in American Army recreation centres have been presented to the Army by the Jewish War veterans of the United States.

DEATH OF FAMOUS PIANIST.

New York.

Mischa Levitzki, the famous Russian pianist has died from a heart attack at his New Jersey home, at the age of forty-two.

Levitzki, who was born in Kremenchug, Russia, made his debut in Berlin in 1914. He toured Belgium, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Scandinavia, England, France, Holland, Italy, Australia, New Zealand and the Orient. He made his New York debut in 1916. He was a composer of piano pieces as well as an executant.

PROJECT TO RE-CREATE YAVNEH SEMINARY.

New York.

The historic rabbinical seminary at Yavneh, Palestine, is to be re-created as a spiritual and cultural centre for Palestine, the Mizrahi Organisation of America announces. The project, which will be undertaken by religious Zionists in conjunction with the Jewish National Fund, calls for purchase of 2,000 dunams of land in the district which formerly was Yavneh, in the southern part of ancient Judea.

JEWISH REFUGEES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AID GREAT BRITAIN.

New York.

Jewish engineers who were forced to flee to England after the invasion of Czechoslovakia have given to Great Britain a mechanical advantage over Germany, it was announced by Mr. Albert B. Cudebec, British engineer of the Loewy Engineering Company, Limited, at the annual meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Mr. Cudebec said that this advantage was particularly noticeable in the field of

metal-manufacturing and in the advanced process of metal extrusion developed by Czechoslovakian engineers in their country and perfected in England. Metal extrusion, described as a process of squeezing or squirting metal through a die into the required shape, had hastened the British defence programme and made easier the handling of aluminium and magnesium alloys necessary to modern aircraft production.

"Soon after the British defence programme got well under way," said Mr. Cudebec, "the metal-extrusion process quickly became so vital to national defence that forty or fifty of these large plants are now in production in Great Britain." Before the war, he added, there were only five such plants in England.

DEATH OF FAMOUS THEATRICAL PRODUCER.

New York.

The death has occurred here from pneumonia of the famous theatrical producer, Daniel Frohman, well-known on both sides of the Atlantic.

Mr. Frohman, who was a member of the Rodeph Shalom Congregation of New York, was also a member of the Jewish Actors' Guild.

SAN DOMINGO PROUD TO RECEIVE REFUGEES.

New York.

Senora Maria M. de Trujillo, wife of Generalissimo Trujillo, former President of the Dominican Republic, who is visiting New York, received four officials of refugee organisations who came to thank her for the action of her country in opening its doors to large-scale settlement, and told them that the Dominicans were proud to aid homeless European refugees.

Senora Trujillo stated: "The women of my country, as well as the men, are happy to welcome the stalwart pioneers, and hope that despite the difficulties of transportation, many more will soon come. I am happy and proud that my husband was able to take the initiative in this noble enterprise. It will be my special interest to help the children who come with the refugees to the Dominican Republic."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HONOURS JEWISH CONGREGATION'S CENTENARY.

New Haven.

President Roosevelt, religious leaders and Yale University joined in honouring the hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Reform Congregation Mishkan Israel, the oldest synagogue in Connecticut and second oldest in New England.

"The continued existence of your synagogue through a full century bears ample evidence of its worth to the community it serves," President Roosevelt said in a message to Rabbi Edgar E. Siskin, "and the world never had greater need than at the present time to strive to attain the ideal set forth by the grand Old Testament prophet Micah, 'to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.'"

A special exhibition in connection with the centenary was opened by Yale in the University's Sterling Memorial Library.

DEATH OF "FATHER" OF KELLOGG-BRIAND PACT.

New York.

The death has taken place here at the age of seventy-five of Salmon Oliver Levinson, known as the "father" of the Kellogg-Briand pact.

Levinson, who was a prominent lawyer in New York, was Chairman of the Commission for Outlawry of War of the New York Bar Association. He was the author of the Levinson Plan for the readjustment of German Reparations, international debts and international peace, out of which the Kellogg Peace Pact developed.

YIDDISH SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE.

Stockholm.

Attempts to smuggle the archives of the Yiddish Scientific Institute out of Vilnius into America, with the help of funds collected by the American Jewish publicist, Mr. Mendel Elkin, have failed, it was declared by Mr. Lerer, Communist Commissar of the Institute, according to the official Soviet-Lithuanian organ, "Tarybu Lietuva."

Mr. Lerer told a press conference that the Institute was continuing to work under its former name, but that the scope of its activities was completely altered. The organisation was no longer concerned with historical and statistical research, but was engaged in preparing a list of text books for the Soviet Jewish schools and organising classes in "Marxism" for teachers who were spreading the knowledge of Soviet Yiddish literature among the masses.

Sunday as a day of rest instead of Saturday has been introduced into the Lithuanian schools by the Commissariat of Education. This step has been taken following meetings of students at which, it is alleged, the students "voluntarily" voted for the innovation.

LODZ GHETTO BEHIND BARBED WIRE.

Stockholm.

How the Jews in Lodz live in a Ghetto under armed guard and behind a barbed wire fence two metres high, is described in in the "Nya Daglight Allehanda" in a series of articles by Erik Arrhen, who has just returned from a visit to Poland.

Jews now wear a cast badge (the Magen David) sewn to the right breast and also on the back below the right shoulder, he adds, and comments that "there is something unpleasant in meeting these people so ostentatiously outcast from society." He notes, however, that in Lodz as in Warsaw and Cracow, where the distinguishing mark is an armband with a blue or green star, the Jews wear it "with a certain pride."

Jewish labour is utilised by the Germans, the report states. For instance, Jewish tailors in Brzeziny are employed in making uniforms for the German Air Force, working twelve hours a day and re-

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