



Famous German-Jewish Professor Appointed to Chair at Swedish University.

Stockholm.

Professor Ernst Cassirer, the famous German-Jewish philosopher, has been appointed to a chair in philosophy specially created for him at Goeteborg University. It has been endowed by a fund raised by some of his admirers here, sufficient for its maintenance for five years.

Professor Ernst Cassirer, who was born in Breslau, is sixty-one years of age. He was Professor of Philosophy at Hamburg University, and in 1929 he was elected Rector of Hamburg University, the first Jew to hold a Rectorship at any German University.

He is one of the greatest Kantian authorities, and is considered to-day the leader of the neo-Kantian school, which was found by his friend and teacher, Professor Herman Cohen, of Mayburg. He is joint editor of Hermann Cohen's collection of writings on philosophy and contemporary history published in 1928 by the Hermann Cohen Endowment of the Berlin Academy of Jewish Learning.

Professor Cassirer was a leading member of the Executive Board of the Berlin Academy of Jewish Learning, and generally took a very active interest in Jewish affairs.

His works include "Das Leibnizsche System," "Das Erkenntnisproblem in der Philosophie und Wissenschaft der neuen Zeit," "Substanzbegriff und Funktionsbegriff," "Freiheit und Form," "Studien zur deutschen Geistesgeschichte," "Kants, Leben und Lehre," "Idee und Gestalt," "Philosophie der symbolischen Formen," and "Sprache und Mythos."

He has also distinguished himself as an expounder of the philosophic aspect of Professor Einstein's conception of the physical universe.

When the Hitler regime came into power, Professor Cassirer suspended his lectures without waiting for dismissal.—J.T.A.

Leo Blech appointed Conductor of Stockholm Royal Opera.

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The King of Sweden has appointed Leo Blech, the famous German-Jewish musician, as conductor of the Royal Orchestra. Blech, who is sixty-four, is a pupil of Humperdinck. He was General Musical Director of the State Opera of Berlin from 1906 to 1931. He has been for many years a member of the Swedish Musical Academy and an annual Guest-Conductor of the Royal Opera in Stockholm. He is the composer of several operatic works.

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and in Palestine to the creation of a constructive activity of its people. This work, unaffected by any Party-Zionist attitude, provides a new basis of work for the Union," the statement concludes.—J.T.A.

Union of Jewish Organizations in Germany.

ZIONIST PROGRAMME ADOPTED.

Berlin.

The Union of Jewish Youth Organisation of Germany has held a meeting of its Executive Council here, attended by about fifty League and Branch leaders.

"The Union has in the twenty-five years of its existence drawn the consequences of its historic development," it says in the course of the statement reporting the results of this meeting.

"As a non-Zionist group it has proceeded from the necessary support of the Palestine work, and has come to an objective recognition that the constructive activity in Palestine is an achievement of Zionism. From its all-Jewish standpoint it perceives in the realisation of the Zionist constructive work in Palestine a vital Jewish task, to which it pledges itself. All vital forces in the Youth Union which have hitherto been effective in its education work, its personal, religious and social training, must now be directed towards the primacy of what is Jewish—in the Diaspora to community work

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The Shekel Campaign in Germany.

Berlin.

The Shekel campaign in Germany so far has resulted in the disposal of 65,000 Shekolim, Advocate Benno Cohn said in presiding at a public meeting held here by the Berlin Zionist Federation in connection with the Shekel campaign. But this number must still be very much increased, especially in Berlin, which had previously disposed of about 13,000 to 14,000 Shekolim, he said.

Dr. Michael Traub, who was the chief speaker, dwelt on the importance of the constructive work which is being carried on in Palestine for the German Jews, and urged that since the concrete shaping of Zionist policy inside and outside Palestine is decided by the Congress, it is the duty of the German Jews, for whom Palestine has at the present time acquired special importance, to join in shaping the Zionist policy at the Congress. The extent of this co-operation will depend, he said, on the strength of the German Zionist representation.—J.T.A.



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