

which amount to £73,525. The Vaad Leumi education budget is usually covered by grants from the Government, the Vaad Leumi, local councils and colonies, and by fees.

The Government demands that the budget should be reduced by about £5,000 because the colonies and local councils will not be able to give their usual grants to the Vaad Leumi's Education Department.—J.T.A.

POLISH MACCABI LEADER IN PALESTINE.

Jerusalem.

Mr. Zalman Fogel, Warsaw lawyer and Vice-president of the Executive of the Maccabi Association in Poland, has arrived to settle in Palestine. Mr. Fogel was President of the Polish Boxing Association.—(Palcor.)

PALESTINE GOVERNMENT BIG AFFORESTATION SCHEME.

Jerusalem.

A big scheme of afforestation of the country is now being completed by the Government, the first step of its realisation being the announcement of the District Officer in Nablus to the surrounding villagers that 20,000 forest tree saplings had been brought to Nablus and are ready for distribution.—J.T.A.

PALESTINE INDUSTRIES EXHIBITION.

Jerusalem.

The Central Committee of Jewish Industrialists has decided to organise an industrial exhibition in Tel-Aviv to demonstrate the achievements and the possibilities of Jewish industry in Palestine.

The exhibition will be opened on Sunday, April 28th. The Jewish Agency for Palestine has assigned £5,000 for the necessary arrangements.—J.T.A.

BRITISH J.N.F. TO PLANT FOREST IN PALESTINE TO COMMEMORATE ANGLO-JEWRY'S WAR EFFORTS.

London.

The Jewish National Fund announces a decision to plant a forest on the historic hills of Palestine to commemorate the efforts and sacrifices of British Jews during the present war.

It is estimated that the sum required for planting the necessary number of trees will be nearly £20,000. A register will be compiled of all those whose names are commemorated by the planting of trees in this forest, setting out the nature of their services, with war distinctions gained.—J.T.A.

YEHUDI MENUHIN ANNOUNCES BENEFIT FOR PALESTINE CONSERVATOIRE.

New York.

Yehudi Menuhin, the famous Jewish violinist, announced here that he had pledged his first scheduled New York concert engagement of 1940, set for December 2nd at Carnegie Hall, entirely for the benefit of the Palestine Conservatoire of Music in Jerusalem, which affords training for talented refugees from Central Europe as well as for selected Jewish and non-Jewish students in Palestine.

Yehudi Menuhin will receive no remuneration for his appearance on this regularly scheduled concert with a leading orchestra and conductor. He has asked the privilege of purchasing the first box for the occasion and has offered to pay for his own "standing room" on the stage.

The young violin virtuoso was impressed with the aims and needs of the Palestine Conservatoire in conversations with Mr. Emil Hauser, founder and hon. director of the Institution, and Dr. Judah Leib Magnes, President of the Hebrew University.

Yehudin Menuhin made his announcement at a meeting of the Concert Committee of the American Association of Friends of the Palestine Conservatoire held here.—J.T.A.

AMERICAN YIVO CONFERENCE.

New York.

The fourteenth annual conference of the American section of the Jewish Scientific Institute (Yivo), which was held here, decided to strengthen its activities in America.

The chief topic of discussion at the conference was the disaster that had befallen Polish Jewry. The conference adopted a resolution expressing its deepest sympathy with Polish Jewry and its faith in the ultimate survival of its spiritual values. The conference also sent a special message to the headquarters of the Jewish Scientific Institute in Vilna expressing the hope that one of the founders of the Institute, Salman Reisin, and others of its prominent members who have been arrested by the Soviet authorities would soon obtain their freedom.—J.T.A.

JEWISH RELIGION TO BE TAUGHT AT VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

New York.

A course in the Religion of the Jews will be offered this summer at the University of Virginia, it was announced in Cincinnati by the Jewish Chautauqua Society, sponsor of the lectures. Conducted by Rabbi Abraham Shusterman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, the course will mark the twenty-ninth consecutive year in the University of Virginia on subjects dealing with Jewish life.

Many more universities and colleges throughout the country have already scheduled single lectures dealing with the history, literature and philosophy of the Jewish people, and many more institutions of higher learning will arrange for lectures of this type before the school term has ended.—J.T.A.

CHAIR OF YIDDISH AT VILNA UNIVERSITY.

Vilna.

Professor Birziska, Rector of Vilna University, announced that the University has accepted in principle the proposal to found a Chair of Yiddish Language and Literature, provided the Yiddish Scientific Institute (Yivo) would agree to finance it.

Mr. Noah Prilutzki, the well-known Polish-Jewish writer, is expected to be the first occupant of the chair.—J.T.A.

POSITION OF HUNGARIAN JEWRY.

Budapest.

Over 90 per cent. of the Jewish population of Hungary are without any means, the new Jewish weekly, "Kepes Csaladi Lapok," states in a statistical survey on the economic position of the Jews in Hungary.

After a brief summary of the effects of the two anti-Jewish laws on Jewish economic life, the weekly states according to official statistics, about 9 per cent. of Hungarian Jews possess large capital resources. A careful examination of income

tax statistics for the year 1936 shows, however, the paper states, that the total turnover of 7.8 per cent. of these 9 per cent. of Jewish "capitalists" is very small, which proves that in 1936, 90 per cent. of Hungarian Jews possessed practically no capital. When one takes into consideration, however, that the material position of the Hungarian Jews had greatly deteriorated since 1936, then one cannot help coming to the conclusion that the number of Jews in Hungary who possess no capital of any kind far exceeds 90 per cent. of the total Jewish population, the paper concludes.—J.T.A.

HUNGARIAN-JEWISH JUDGES RETIRED.

Budapest.

All Jewish judges in Hungary have been retired on pension as from January 1st, it is announced here. Altogether twenty-eight Jewish judges have been forced to retire because of the anti-Jewish law. Many of them did not wait for January 1st, but sent in their resignation long before that date. Among them are three judges of the Hungarian Supreme Court. The President of the Supreme Court, in taking leave of the Jewish judges, emphasised their great services to the country and said that their forced retirement represented a great loss to Hungarian justice.

It is reported from Budapest that the daily bulletins of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency have been placed on the banned list by the Hungarian Government.

Among the other publications placed on the banned list is the "Universe Israelite" of Paris.—J.T.A.

DEATH OF FAMOUS HUNGARIAN PUBLICIST.

Budapest.

Josef Veszi, the Jewish doyen of Hungarian journalism and former editor of the "Pester Lloyd," official organ of the Hungarian Foreign Ministry, died here at the age of eighty-two.

Josef Veszi was born in Arad, which is now in Roumania. He was editor of the "Pester Lloyd" until the age of eighty and was also a member of the Hungarian Upper House. His first important post was that of editor of the daily "Pesti Naplo." He was the founder of another daily, "Budapesti Naplo." He became editor of the "Pester Lloyd" in 1913.

Josef Veszi always acknowledged with pride his Jewish origin and he always fought for the improvement of the position of the Jews in Hungary. For a number of years he was a member of the Executive and Acting President of the Pest Jewish Community. His wife was for many years President of the Pest Jewish Women's Society and of the Pest Jewish Girls' Orphanage.

The Board of the Pest Jewish Community held a special meeting to pay homage to the memory of Josef Veszi. Court Councillor Stern, President, who spoke, dwelt on the great loss sustained by Hungarian Jews and by the entire Hungarian nation. The Board decided to institute a foundation in memory of Josef Veszi.—J.T.A.

1,100 JEWISH REFUGEES ENTER CHILE.

Paris.

Eleven hundred Jewish refugees have been given permission to enter Chile, the Hias-Ica Emigration Association (Hicem) announces here.—J.T.A.