

**DEATH OF DUTCH AGUDIST LEADER.**

Amsterdam.

Moses van Gelderen, the Dutch Agudist leader, died here at the age of 59.

The deceased was well-known as a preacher, teacher and Talmudist.—J.T.A.

**AUSTRIAN SOCIETY OF BLIND MUSICIANS AND "ARYAN" PARAGRAPH.**

Vienna.

The Austrian Union for the Blind has decided to exclude from membership the Society of Blind Musicians for refusing to remove the "Aryan" paragraph from its statutes.

The Society of Blind Musicians decided to introduce the "Aryan" paragraph last May. It was warned at the time by the Union for the Blind that unless it revoked its decision by a certain date, it would be excluded from membership of the Union.—J.T.A.

**"ORT" WORK IN SOVIET RUSSIA.**

Moscow.

The "Ort" Society for the promotion of agriculture and handicrafts among Jews, may be asked to discontinue its activities in Russia as it is considered that these are now best performed by the Government, the J.T.A. here understands. This is taken to be the meaning of the fact that the "Comzet," the Government Commission for settling Jews on land, has so far refused to approve the "Ort" plan for 1938.

It is pointed out here in authoritative circles that the "Ort" has carried out necessary and beneficial work among the Jewish collective farmers and has helped to introduce new trades in the villages and in the collective farms, but the Soviet Union is to-day already able to develop any trade in the collective farms without any assistance from abroad.

The "Ort," it is further pointed out here, is really a foreign organisation which is subsidised by foreign institutions and societies carrying on their activities in quite a different fashion from those in Soviet Russia. Nor does the "Ort" require any assistance, because it has no members in the Soviet Union and has merely a few managers there. For these reasons it is not unlikely that the plan submitted by the Ort to the "Comzet" may not be approved.

The approved expenditure of the "Ort" for the past year amounted to six million roubles.—J.T.A.

**ANTI-ALIEN MEASURES IN MEXICAN PARLIAMENT.**

Mexico City.

Anti-alien measures, which will seriously affect the position of Mexican Jewry and may even result in establishment of five-year "ghettos" for immigrants, have been approved by both the lower and upper Houses of the Mexican Parliament.

The measures, sponsored by Deputy Ismael Falcon and specifying eight major courses of action to curb business activities of aliens, have received the approval of the Government bloc in the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate. Approval in both cases was given without alteration of the measures and is tantamount to passage.

The measures approved by the Government bloc, it is pointed out here, are directed against all aliens and not specifically against Jews, but it is expected that Jews will be the chief sufferers. The Jewish Chamber of Commerce has joined other business groups of alien interests in combating them.—J.T.A.

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Prague.

The monthly "Deutschland Berichte," the Press service issued by the Social Democratic Party of Germany, which has its headquarters here, gives in its December issue a full account of the present position of the Jews in Germany.

"It begins to look more and more as if the Jews who are still living in Germany are to be kept there as scapegoats," the German Social Democratic news services states. "The emigration conditions are such that particularly for elderly people who find themselves physically unfit to begin life anew in a foreign country, it is made practically impossible to leave Germany.

"For the majority of Jews it is becoming ever more difficult to make the barest living, and their expulsion from all professions continues. German Jewish tradespeople suffer from the fact that their non-Jewish customers continue to be taken from them at their very door or are pilloried and threatened until they pass on to an Aryan tradesman. Jewish lawyers in so far as they can still follow their professions, have only isolated and wholly insignificant cases to attend to. Jewish doctors are, it is true, left in comparative peace in places where there is a lack of medical men, but in districts where the medical service seems for the moment to be well provided for, they feel the whole weight of the boycott. In November last, Albert Schmierer, the leader of the Reich Chemists' Organisation, announced that the chemists' profession was now free of Jews. More than 400 Jewish chemists' shops 'have passed into Aryan hands.' Since August, Jewish publishers and booksellers have had to restrict themselves to the printing and sale of Jewish literature to an exclusively Jewish circle of customers. Circulating libraries may no longer be run at all by Jews, not even in connection with a Jewish bookshop.

"Alongside these measures which apply to the whole Reich, special anti-Jewish regulations are issued in the different parts of the country, and even in individual places. In the Palatinate, for example, the Vinters' Federation for the first time in the Summer of 1937 refused the prescribed approval of concluded purchases to all Jewish wine dealers. This step has paralysed the whole Jewish wine trade in the Palatinate. In various German districts Jewish commercial travellers and hawkers have been deprived of their licences, and have thus become penniless.

"In addition to the direct attack on Jewish enterprises, a definite role is played by the pillorying, persecution and punishment of those "Aryans" who do any business with Jews, even if it is business merely of a private character. The "Stuermer," for example, regularly publishes the names of lawyers who act for Jewish clients, of "Aryan" clients who allow themselves to be represented by Jewish lawyers of "Aryan" patients of Jewish doctors, of "Aryan" farmers who do business with Jewish cattle-dealers, of