



*FRANK ADEL*

Frank Adel was born in Bradford, England and went to Palestine as a young man before World War II. He served in the British Army during the war in Italy, Burma, France and Germany, completing his war service with the rank of Brigade Major. While serving in the British Army in Palestine, he and other officers returned their medals to the British Government in protest against its foreign policy which refused the entry into Palestine of Jewish refugees from Europe. After the war he returned to Israel (still Palestine) where he was responsible for the Clandestine Training of young Jewish soldiers. He trained Irgun members in Rosh Pina and Haganah recruits at Ayelet Hashachar. Later he was abruptly uprooted by a British Army order evacuating all Jewish personnel.

He married his wife in London in 1950, they came to Australia a year later. Here he was an executive member of the United Revisionist Zionist Organisation — Betar, The N.S.W. Association of Sephardim, the State Zionist Council and The Zionist Federation. He became a very active member of the Liberal Party and there he also reached executive positions on State Committees dealing with foreign affairs and defence.

Frank was Vice-President of the Phillip Electoral Conference and President of the Bondi Beach Branch of the Liberal Party.

A colourful and often controversial personality in the Jewish Community, he was proud of his Sephardi heritage and it can be said of him that he was his brother's keeper.