



NEW LEADERSHIP: Among younger men of the Jewish community participating in the United Jewish Federation's Leadership Development Program are, left to right, S. Allen Vatz, James A. Frank and Sidney Rudolph.

Minister Reaffirms Pledge Of Freedom

LONDON, (JTA) — Iran's Minister of the Interior has reaffirmed a guarantee of freedom to Jews, Christians and Zoroastrians, according to a Teheran radio report monitored here. In a statement to the Iranian Parliament, the Minister of the Interior was reported to have said that "in accordance with the Constitution and the country's laws, minorities which practice Zoroastrianism, Judaism and Christianity will enjoy complete freedom and respect within the framework of the law."

The statement, the report added, was part of the Parliamentary proceedings relating to the outlawing of the Bahai sect in Iran, which the Iranian Government describes as composed of "seditious elements and illegal groups." According to the latest available figures here, the Jewish population of Iran numbers 75,000, of whom more than half live in the capital city of Teheran.

Number of Jews Elected To British Parliament

LONDON, (JTA) — Barnett Janner, honorary president of the Zionist Federation here, was re-elected as a Labor member of Parliament for Leicester North-west in Britain's parliamentary elections last week, one of a number of Jews who were returned on both Labor and Conservative tickets. His son, Grenville, who was contesting his first election on behalf of the Labor Party, was defeated.

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HAIFA, (JTA) — A decision to proceed at once with the construction of five more buildings on the site of Technion City, the new campus of the Israel Institute of Technology at Haifa, was taken at a meeting here of the Technion's board of governors.

The structures include the central auditorium, which will be named for Sir Winston Churchill, a technical high school named for Alexander Konoff of the United States, an agricultural building named for Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, American soil conservationist who is currently teaching at the Technion, and a dining room and soil mechanics laboratory.

At the same time, the board adopted an administrative budget of 2,913,000 pounds for the coming year and elected a number of new members to the board from U.S., Britain, Canada and South Africa. Later, the board members participated in a ceremony for the laying of the cornerstone of the new electrical engineering building, named for Harry Fishbach of New York. Members of the Fishbach family were present.



HARRY N. MORRIS, who will be installed as president of Congregation Poale Zedeck on June 12, 1:30 p.m. in the Synagogue.

Indemnification Laws Are Not Satisfactory

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., (JTA) — Criticism of West Germany's indemnification laws for victims of Nazi persecution was expressed in the annual report presented here to the United Nations Economic and Social Council by Dr. G. V. van Heuven Goedhart, UN high commissioner for Refugees. He pointed out that

"some provisions of the German law are unsatisfactory."

The UN high commissioner reported that there is "reasonable hope" that the remaining DP camps in Europe may be reduced considerably in the next four years. He coupled this expression of hope for reduction of the refugee problem with a reminder that realization of the goal could be achieved only if governments continue contributing funds for the refugee program.

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