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AFRIM PROVES HE IS FLEXIBLE

WASH. D. C. --Prime Minister Begin has once again proven his flexibility and statesmanship in search of peace,

If pressure is to be applied now by the United States, it must be used to prevail upon Egypt to accept the peace treaty which it freely negotiated with Israel just a few weeks ago," declared, Harold M. Jacobs, in a presidential address to the National Convention to the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, Mr. Jacobs called upon all men of good faith to "seize upon the selfless agreement of the Israeli government to forego its demands as treaty an example for all parties in the conflict to rise above petty issues and agree to. make peace, at last."

Mr. Jcaobs then turned to critical, internal issues confronting the Jewish community. He declared that "Political Zionism and the Hebrew language are no longer cementing forces creating bind-Orthodox leader stated that "neither tourism, philanthropy, nor investments will bring the two communities closer together. Only our eternal religious heritage and tradition offer the most powerful ties for uniting the spiritual and ethnic destinies

of Jews throughou. the world to Israel."

Mr. Jacobs, in addressing the 1,000 lay and rabbinic leaders at the 5-day at the convention Capital Hilton, stated "the religious and spiritual heritage of the Jewish people was the key to Jewishsurvival through 2000 years of exile and is still today the principle foundation for the strong and permanent relationship between the State of Israel and Jewish communities throughout the world."

The orthodox lead+ er maintained that "the fundamental goals of political Zionism largely been have fulfilled and it is now time to shift our · major focus of attention from political matters to religious, spiritual and educational activities. Political Zionism has indeed rendered extremely valuable services to Israel prior to its birth as a modern state and during the early years

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JOE SWESSEL, LEFT, OWNER OF CLAIRE'S FLOWERS AND DIRECTOR OF THE FLORIST TRANSWORLD DELIVERY ASSOCIATION (FTD), RECENTLY CAPTURED THE PRESTI-GIOUS 1981 NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR LAS VEGAS. SWESSEL FIRMS UP PLANS WITH SALVY GUZZO, CENTER, FTD PRESIDENT: AND FRANK JOHNSON, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE HILTON HOTEL, WHERE THE CONVEN-TION WILL BE HELD. THE NATIONAL ETD CONVENTION WAS ALSO HELD IN LAS VEGAS IN 1973 WHEN SWESSEL WAS GENERAL CHAIR-MAN.



