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who cut short his visit to the United States by one day for the Knesset debate, was reported as indicating he might resign if the government again had to win by such a narrow majority. A source close to Begin said the Premier would have resigned and called early elections if there had been a tie vote.

Begin did not speak during the debate. The government's economic policies were defended by Finance Minister Yigal Hurwitz. But it was Weizman, who observers said delivered the most moving speech, when he urged his Likud colleagues to bring down the government and go to the electorate for a new mandate. "If Likud doesn't do something extraordinary and fast, not only will the State suffer but Likud," Weizman declared. "In such a period we must change the ones who stood at the helm." Weizman noted that three years ago Egyptian President Anwar Sadat came to Israel in what Weizman said was a major turning point in Israel's history. But the former defense chief accused the government of souring the people on the peace agreement by blaming all of Israel's economic problems on "the price of peace." Some members of Herut, one of the two major parties in Likud, were talking of expelling Weizman from the party. Dayan, a former Laborite, is an independent MK.

Hurwitz told the Knesset that he will not change the economic policies he believes in and the people should hear "the bitter truth about the poor state of the economy." He warned that if the Labor Alignment returns to power and fulfills "only 50 percent of your economic promises, alas and alack for the

economy."

Hurwitz said that when he took over the Finance Ministry he said he would be unpopular because this was the only way to cope with economic problems. "I have only one formula: that we live with what we have, and that we consume only that which we can produce," he declared. Dayan in his criticism of the government said there was no point in discussing the autonomy option or the "Jordanian option" as long as the economic situation does not improve. "If we don't improve our economic situation, we will not have an option for any option," he said. "We will have to do what others tell us to do."

LONG RANGE PLANNING WILL INSURE SURVIVAL

DETROIT (WNS) -- Morton Mandel, president of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), declared here that Jewish survival "with the quality of Jewish life we want for our children and their children" depends on long-range planning. Speaking to 3000 Jewish community leaders from the United States and Canada at the opening session of the CJF's 49th General Assembly, he also stressed that a billion dollars "is the current requirement to properly meet our

needs."

Mandel stressed that "There is no certainty that our Jewish communities will survive forever, for another 100 years, or even 50." The key to survival, he said, is long-range planning "in our overall strategy" to meet basic Jewish responsibilities at home and overseas.

In explaining the need to move from the current combined North American communal campaign of \$550 million to a new level of \$1 billion in the next five years, Mandel declared: "The plain fact is that we have not been raising the money we need to

properly meet these basic responsibilities.

Mandel reported that since last May, the CJF has worked closely with the United Jewish Appeal through a Joint National Task Force "to help communities assess their fund-raising potential. To see what their true fund-raising capacity really is and then set appropriate realistic campaign objectives for 1981 through 1985."

Complementing the efforts to accelerate these campaigns, is the development of Endowment Fund income where, Mandel noted, "we have made quantum advances in recent years. Our communities have moved in just five years, from a 1975 total endowment of \$185 million to a \$425 million endowment in 1980." Here, too, he said "we have established a billion-dollar goal for 1985," a goal that, like the billion-dollar annual campaign, Mandel said, "is based on hard, realistic expectations."

Among the greatest domestic concerns and priorities for the CJF in the period ahead which require increased financing and

long-range planning Mandel listed Jewish education, problems of the family, services for the elderly, Soviet Jewish resettlement, Federation - synagogue relations "and still other key issues."

In addition, Mandel said, "the Jewish community of North America has made a permanent and deep commitment to the support and sustenance of the State of Israel" whose well-being "is central to our well-being" in a chain that is irrevocably linked. He noted that a major opportunity exists to find ways "to develop our relationship with Israel much more fully; to create a true partnership in every sense of the word" that "pools its talent and strives to improve the quality of life of both partners."

Focussing on the apparent although unspecified differences, Mandel stated: "I believe we need a continuing dialogue with Israelis in the areas of human services, economics and international relations. Both Israelis and our Federation leaders have much to learn from each other."



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