

# Israeli PMO director speaks

by Ken Bosman

Tzachi Hanegbi, the director of the Israeli Prime Minister's office, spoke Friday on campus before a sharply divided crowd of about 150.

Hanegbi began the forum with a brief speech outlining the Israeli government's position on peace, terrorism, and territory which was taken under the control of Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

"There are two miracles of Jewish history," said Hanegbi. "The first was the exodus from Egypt... the second was the re-establishment of Israeli independence after 2000 years."

"The miracle of the exodus was the move to freedom from slavery... the miracle of our modern Israel is 40 years of achievement."

"We have gained the respect and admiration of the world... we have self defense forces of great strength, we have liberated areas under foreign domination. We have re-united Jerusalem."

Hanegbi went on to say a "government of peace is the goal of the nation."

"A great conceptual gulf separates us from the region," said Hanegbi. "The other states view democracy as a sign of weakness, a lack of will. They view authoritarianism as strength."

The next topic addressed by Hanegbi was the peace process in the Middle East.

"We are in a permanent state of turmoil," said Hanegbi. "We have a civil war in Lebanon... 'peace' has a different meaning for us."

"Camp David is the only real agreement, the only one every to terminate a war. Camp David arose from direct contact. That is the key to us. The reality is that to meet us directly, face to face, is a recognition of our right to exist."

Hanegbi attacked a Soviet proposal for a UN sponsored peace conference for the region.

"The Israeli government does not agree that this is the course of peace," said Hanegbi. "China and the Soviet Union do not belong at the table. They have armed our enemies, they have supported the murderous PLO. They call for a revision of Jerusalem... it is an invitation to a new holocaust."

"The USSR wants to return to area as an American co-equal. The Soviets will justify all Syrian aspirations."

"With the Soviets at the table, will Jordan dare to be more moderate?"

"They (the Soviets) want a withdrawal from Judea and Samaria, a

PLO homeland in our heartland," said Hanegbi. "You can't live in the valley when there is artillery and rockets in the hills."

"To oppose the conference is not to oppose peace. The UN or any other international body has never produced peace," said Hanegbi. "History has never seen a state put its fate in the hands of others."

A barely controlled question period followed, which was punctuated by rapid fire exchanged between Hanegbi and the audience.

The first questioner challenged Hanegbi on the state of the Palestinians, the exact borders of Israel, and what she termed "the so-called democracy on the West Bank."

"There are 1.3 million Palestinians within our borders," responded Hanegbi. "Those within the 1967 borders have all the rights, they are full citizens."

"Those Palestinians in the areas taken under our care post 1967 do not have Israeli citizenship. Those Palestinians would like to have a Palestinian state, they recognize the PLO as their leadership."

"This is the tragedy of the Palestinian people," said Hanegbi. "This is why they live under siege. We are ready to give them political autonomy. They would have all democratic rights except the right to establish an army."

But the Palestinians live "under martial law" said one questioner.

"Of course," replied Hanegbi. "We will never put human rights above our security."

The next questioner asked about "arms sales to South Africa, the Pass Laws on the West Bank and how they are similar to pass laws in South Africa for blacks."

"One month ago we severed all

relation with South Africa. We oppose Apartheid. But we have a large Jewish community in South Africa, we cannot ruin our ties, we must look after our own people," said Hanegbi.

The next question challenged the legality of Israeli borders and policy under international law. "The

UN resolution called for Israel to deal with the Palestinian refugees. International law also says you must return territory capture by war."

Hanegbi responded that "almost all countries have established borders by war, besides, international law says you can gain territory in a defensive war."

On the topic of nuclear weapons, Hanegbi gave the standard Israeli response. "We will not be the first to use nuclear weapons in the

region."

Near the end of the Forum a questioner drew a parallel between Israel and the ancient city state of Sparta. Hanegbi rejected this outright. "There is no state in the world that treats a hostile population with such tolerance and morality."

"We are there not as Sparta but as Israel."

The Forum was a joint Hillel/Political Science Undergraduate Society effort.

# Mystery money moves Simon Fraser

**BURNABY (CUP)**—A mystery donor has kicked in more money than the B.C. government to pave the way for Simon Fraser University's long-awaited downtown Vancouver campus.

The \$13.5 million private gift and \$10 million from provincial general revenues will allow SFU to lease space in a downtown office tower for the next 30 years.

A further \$10 million to be raised from private sources over the next year will complete funding for the satellite campus.

But university officials are keeping tight-lipped about the donation which, according to SFU President Bill Saywell, "allows us to cover all the rental costs and much of the basic operating costs, such as utilities and so on, for the 30-year lease."

"(The money) is endowed and basically we pay the rent with it," according to Jack Blaney, SFU vice president of development.

"It's quite simple. There's nothing mysterious about it," said Blaney, adding that the identity of the donor will be kept confidential. "That was a condition of the acceptance."

Student society representative Greg Elmer, said he had some concerns over the nature of the anonymous donation and that a student

society committee will study the announcement.

"One has to be concerned about where the operating funds are coming from," said Canadian Federation of Students-Pacific chair, Rob Clift, "especially since we suspect there will be a zero per cent increase (in post-secondary funding) next year."

"If that's the case," said Clift, who is also a former SFU student society president, "then (downtown campus funding) will have a negative impact on funding for the Burnaby campus."

Both Saywell and Blaney have brushed aside concerns about shifting resources from the Burnaby campus and said SFU downtown will be financially self-sufficient.

But Saywell admits there is a possibility the fees for standard credit courses at the new campus will be higher than at the main Burnaby Mountain campus.

Both officials say the agreement

will mean the expansion of SFU's existing downtown facilities, and not the programmes will be moved from the main campus on Burnaby Mountain.

According to Saywell, there are now 2400 students enrolled at SFU's downtown facility, a number which should grow to 7,000 or 8,000 in a few years.

The new campus will focus on business programmes related to the pacific rim countries, including an "east-west" institute, and film industry programmes.

According to Blaney, the provincial government is giving the project \$10 million over ten years as a one-time only grant because government officials were impressed by the \$13.5 million SFU has raised in private funds.

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