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"I equate students with the ministers not with the civil servants," he said. "Where there are basic policy issues that have to be decided, proposals to be put forward, then students have to have contact with the (provincial) ministers of education."

The process he favours has student groups submitting student aid proposals to provincial ministers, who may decide to raise them at the Plenary Group. If they do, and if the Plenary approves the proposal, it is then returned to all the provinces for approval. Finally, if the provinces approve, it is returned to the federal finance minister for final decision. Once the change has been decided,

Levin said, only then could it be made known to the students and the public.

According to Levin's scenario, the federal government plays only a passive role in student loan policy formulation, even though it is a federal program, while the initiative for policy development comes from the provinces.

He agrees that students "might have a point" in arguing that they cannot make adequate representation about possible student loan policy changes since the present secrecy blanketing the decision-making process prevents them from knowing what, if any, changes are being considered.

But although the existing procedures "may be imperfect" as far as student input is concerned, Levin feels "if students

are dissatisfied with the opportunities they now have to communicate their concerns, then they have to go to the provinces and say "as you people formulate suggestions for changing this program we want an opportunity to participate". Levin said this is "a way of improving the input of students."

As for students begin seated on the Plenary Group, that will be on the agenda for the upcoming meeting of the group, and is in the hands of the provinces, Levin said. When asked if NUS would be given an opportunity to address the meeting, as requested, Levin replied:

"I don't think we could do that. There's firstly a matter of time. The agendas are fairly long usually and, as I say, my own view is that it is not a good thing to do. It is not done in these kinds of situations and would create a bad precedent. It would really foul up the discussions of the Plenary."

The Plenary is scheduled to meet in Ottawa on October 22, according to finance department sources.

Fistfights and shouts

Dayan versus UBC Arabs

VANCOUVER (CUP) - A fist fight and alternating shouts supporting Israel and the Palestinian people punctuated retired general Moshe Dayan's speech at the University of British Columbia on October 1.

Two persons were ejected during the 35 minute speech in which Dayan told the largely partisan audience of 1,000 that mideast hostilities will only cease with a commitment by Israel's enemies.

Security was tight in the student union ballroom as the one-eyed general, known for his military successes in three of Israel's four wars with its neighbours, called for an end to

the state of war between Egypt, Syria, and the Soviet Union and Israel.

"What is needed before anything else is a clear commitment by Egypt, Syria, and the Soviet Union to end the state war" he said, pinning blame for the continuation of hostilities on Israel's enemies.

Dayan said that "no real meaning" existed behind the favourable response given last year to the United Nations Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat. The PLO was a terrorist group which could only be dealt with by violence the general said, reflecting "hard-line Israeli thinking."

Dayan also expressed dissatisfaction with the recent negotiated agreement with Egypt. He said a better accord could be reached if Arabs and Israelis negotiated directly rather than through the US.

Members of the RCMP, Vancouver City Police and the general's personal security staff were in attendance at the speech, and at least one person was called from the audience for a body search and ID check during the speech.

All persons entering the hall were checked over by police using a metal detector.

During the speech a scuffle ensued when one person began chanting "Palestine will win". Several security agents huddled around Dayan, chairs began falling and a fight between Israeli and Palestinian supporters broke out.

The Dayan speech was sponsored by a local Synagogue and UBC student group.

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