

In the town of North Shuneh, Mr. Clark officially opened a new school for some 1 400 Palestinian refugee children. The modern, \$500 000-school, which is administered by UNRWA, was financed by the Canadian International Development Agency.

Oil talks in Saudi Arabia

The world energy situation and Canadian business interests were major concerns during Mr. Clark's April 6-8 visit to Saudi Arabia. He met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Saud al Faisal, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani and King Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz as well as with Canadian businessmen in the country. He also visited the Bell Canada compound in Riyadh.

Commenting on the current oil situation,



Mr. Clark and Saudi Arabia's Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani met to discuss oil prices.



Ways to combat world terrorism were of concern in the meeting of President Hosni Mubarak and Canada's secretary of state for external affairs in Egypt.



Prime Minister Shimon Peres welcomes Mr. Clark to Israel.

Mr. Clark reconfirmed Canada's support for free market pricing. He added that as oil producing countries, Canada and Saudi Arabia "have a strong shared interest in maintaining a stable international market for this vital commodity despite any differences we might have in approach".

Mr. Clark commended Saudi Arabia's efforts for peace through such initiatives as the Fez Plan. "Canada strongly supports the concept of peace with justice which it embodies, including a homeland for the Palestinian people," he said.

Peace stressed in Egypt

Peace involving the settlement of the Palestinian question was also a central issue in meetings with leaders in Egypt including President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, Prime Minister Ali Lutfi and Minister of Foreign

Affairs Ismat Abdel-Meguid.

The fact that major initiatives must be taken by the countries in the region was discussed. "I think it is very important that action continue to be pursued which might bring the parties together," said Mr. Clark.

Canada's support for United Nations Security Council Resolution 242 as the only way for a just and comprehensive settlement in the Middle East and the right of the Palestinians for a homeland within the West Bank and Gaza Strip was maintained.

Mr. Clark met with Canadian businessmen in Egypt and addressed a luncheon of the Egyptian Businessmen's Association where he stressed the importance of business and economic ties between Canada and Egypt. He pointed out that "as many mutually beneficial opportunities as possible" must be sought out.

Canadian companies could offer a great deal to Egypt in goods, services and technology, said Mr. Clark who cited "such sectors as telecommunications, energy production and distribution, transportation, computer software and hardware, oil and gas technology and agriculture" as specific areas of Canadian expertise that could be of value to Egypt.

After meeting with Minister of Planning and International Co-operation Kamal Ahmed el Ganzouri, a Memorandum of Understanding for the Integrated Soil and Water Improvement Project (ISAWIP) was signed. Under the agreement, Canada will provide \$48.8 million to the joint project designed to significantly increase food production in Egypt.

ISAWIP, which includes training programs, levelling of land, irrigation, drainage and soil improvement, is Canada's first major involvement in agricultural development in Egypt.