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PROMINENT SOVIET REFUSNIK, IDA NUDEL
RECEIVES PERMISSION TO EMIGRATE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark today expressed his personal satisfaction that another human rights case appears to have been positively resolved in the USSR. Soviet refusnik Ida Nudel today informed friends in Canada that she has been granted permission to leave the Soviet Union. This action comes in the wake of a passionate campaign waged by human rights activists the world over.

Mr. Clark himself raised this case most recently with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in October 1986 on the occasion of the latter's visit to Canada and again in September 1987 in New York where the two foreign ministers met on the occasion of the opening of the 42nd session of the United Nations.

Mr. Clark has observed that there have been positive developments in the Soviet Union's human rights performance this year, and he expressed the hope that the trend will continue.

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