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DAY LEAD

JERUSALEM (AP) - EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER JOE CLARK LEFT ISRAEL TODAY AFTER PROMISING HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY THAT CANADA WILL KEEP FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF SOVIET JEWS TO EMIGRATE, CANADIAN OFFICIALS SAID.

CLARK ALSO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE ADVISED SHCHARANSKY NOT TO PUSH HIMSELF TOO HARD AND TO REST FROM HIS NINE-YEAR ORDEAL IN SOVIET PRISONS AND LABOR CAMPS.

SHCHARANSKY, WHO WAS RELEASED ON FEB. 11, VISITED CLARK AT HIS HOTEL SUITE THROUGH A SERVICE ELEVATOR FOR A 40-MINUTE MEETING SUNDAY, THE MINISTER'S SPOKESMAN SAID.

CLARK LATER TOLD REPORTERS HE BELIEVED CANADA'S PRESSURE ON THE KREMLIN "HAD SOMETHING TO DO" WITH SHCHARANSKY'S RELEASE AS PART OF AN EAST-WEST PRISONER EXCHANGE FOUR YEARS BEFORE THE DISSIDENT'S SENTENCE WAS COMPLETED.

SHCHARANSKY, 38, WAS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOVIET DISSIDENT MOVEMENT AND THE UNOFFICIAL HELSINKI AGREEMENTS WATCHDOG COMMITTEE UNTIL HIS CONTACTS WITH WESTERN REPORTERS LED TO HIS ARREST IN 1977 ON CHARGES OF SPYING FOR THE UNITED STATES.

"HIS CASE WAS CHAMPIONED BY A LARGE NUMBER OF CANADIANS," CLARK TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE.

SHCHARANSKY WAS SAID TO HAVE ACCEPTED CLARK'S INVITATION TO VISIT CANADA, BUT THE FORMER MATHEMATICIAN WAS SAID STILL NOT DECIDED WHETHER HE WOULD INCLUDE CANADA IN HIS PLANNED TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES NEXT MONTH.

GIVES ADVICE

"DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO MUCH," SPOKESMAN SEAN BRADY QUOTED CLARK AS ADVISING SHCHARANSKY, WHO COMPLAINED OF DIFFICULTIES SLEEPING.

BRADY SAID SHCHARANSKY GAVE CLARK A LIST OF SOVIET ACTIVISTS AND ASKED FOR CANADA'S INTERVENTION. HE QUOTED THE MINISTER AS SAYING ALL THE NAMES HAD ALREADY APPEARED ON LISTS SUBMITTED BY CANADA TO THE KREMLIN, BUT THAT OTTAWA WOULD PUSH THESE CASES AGAIN.

BRADY SAID CANADA FIRST APPEALED TO SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON SHCHARANSKY'S BEHALF IN 1976. MCGILL UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSOR IRWIN COTLER PREPARED AN 800-PAGE LEGAL BRIEF TO APPEAL HIS CONVICTION.

CLARK TOLD REPORTERS HE AGREED WITH SHCHARANSKY'S "BALANCED APPROACH" BETWEEN GOVERNMENT PRESSURE ON THE SOVIETS AND PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS TO EASE SOVIET EMIGRATION RESTRICTIONS.

"WE INTEND TO CONTINUE THAT POLICY," CLARK SAID.

BUT BRADY REPORTED THAT SHCHARANSKY "STRONGLY DISAGREED" WHEN CLARK SUGGESTED THAT SOME INDIVIDUAL CASES COULD BE SET BACK IF THEY BECAME THE OBJECT OF A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN.

"THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED TO GET OUT HAVE ALREADY MADE THEIR COMMITMENT, SO THEY CAN'T BE HURT BY PRESSURE," BRADY QUOTED SHCHARANSKY AS SAYING.

VISIT 4 COUNTRIES

BEFORE LEAVING FOR PARIS TODAY, CLARK SAID HIS TOUR OF JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAD BEEN "MOST INSTRUCTIVE" ON MIDEAST ISSUES.

DURING HIS FOUR DAYS IN ISRAEL, THE MINISTER VISITED THE YAD VASHEM MEMORIAL TO THE SIX MILLION JEWISH VICTIMS OF THE HOLOCAUST AND SIGNED AN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL.

CLARK SAID SUNDAY THAT CANADA SUPPORTED THE UNITED STATES IN ITS INTENTION TO RESPOND AGAINST LIBYA'S SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL TERROR, BUT URGED AGAINST EXTREME ACTION.

CLARK TOLD HIS NEWS CONFERENCE: "WE HAVE INDICATED OUR VIEW THAT TERRORISM, WHICH BREAKS THE RULES OF A CIVILIZED SOCIETY, NEEDS TO BE RESPONDED TO; THAT LANGUAGE ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH; THAT IF THE STATE IS INVOLVED IN THE ACT OF ENCOURAGEMENT OF TERRORISM, THAT MUST BE TAKEN ACCOUNT OF. AND WE SUPPORT THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THAT REGARD."

HE SAID CANADA HAD URGED THE UNITED STATES "TO AVOID EXTREME ACTIONS," ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT CLARIFY WHAT MEASURES HE BELIEVED SHOULD BE TAKEN.

CLARK SPOKE AS JOHN WHITEHEAD, U.S. DEPUTY STATE SECRETARY, SAID IN A CBS TELEVISION INTERVIEW THAT PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WAS CONSIDERING OPTIONS FOR RETALIATION AGAINST LIBYAN INVOLVEMENT IN TERRORISM.

CLARK SAID HE WAS CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF CANADIAN CITIZENS LIVING IN LIBYA.

"OUR PRINCIPAL INTEREST IS THE 1,300 CANADIANS IN LIBYA," HE SAID.

"WE HAVE SAID IT WOULD BE PRUDENT OF THEM TO LOOK TO THEIR OWN SAFETY."