



NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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DOLE MEETS WITH DR. MIKHAIL SHTERN

Washington, D.C. -- Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas), met on November 8, 1977 with Dr. Mikhail Shtern and his wife Ida Shtern. They were accompanied by Dr. George Nesterchuk, President of the Washington Chapter of the Ukrainian Congress Committee and Mr. George Woloshyn, Deputy Director of the Ukrainian Information Service in Washington.

Dr. Mikhail Shtern, a Jewish physician who was released last March from a prison camp in the Soviet Union, has come to the United States from Israel to meet with as many Congressional leaders, civic groups, and campus organizations as possible to inform them of the conditions of life in a Soviet prison camp.

Dr. Shtern pointed out the great assistance that he had received from many diverse groups, from individual Ukrainians who had refused to testify against him to the Reform Church of Holland that helped set up his international tribunal.

Dr. Shtern thanked the Senator for his support and stressed the need for continued U.S. firmness on human rights. Dr. Shtern presented the Senator with a copy of his book, The USSR vs. Dr. Mikhail Shtern, which is a transcript of the actual recording of the trial and was made by Dr. Shtern's son.

Senator Dole said that he was firmly convinced that the human rights issue has to be a permanent and irrevocable U.S. foreign policy plank. He indicated that he would be going to Belgrade in the near future as a member of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe and he assure Dr. Shtern that he would continue in his own firm stand on human rights to do all in his power to see that the Administration maintains its stance.