

## CANADA IS URGED BY THIEU TO STAY

Role Is Needed on Truce  
Team, He Tells Sharp

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, March 16 — President Nguyen Van Thieu strongly urged Canada today to remain a member of the International Commission of Control and Supervision.

Mr. Thieu made his plea at a half-hour meeting with Mitchell W. Sharp, Canada's Minister for External Affairs, who is on a three-day visit to South Vietnam, Laos and North Vietnam.

Mr. Sharp told reporters that the President recognized the difficulties but asked that Canada stay on the commission because it would be less effective if she pulled out.

Canada joined the commission Jan. 27 for a trial period of 60 days, and Mr. Sharp's visit is to assess the results. He has said Canada would not remain a member unless there were grounds for believing that the commission could function effectively.

Mr. Sharp has frequently expressed disappointment at the commission's limited success in investigating and reporting on truce violations. The other members are Hungary, Indonesia and Poland.

Asked whether he would say that President Thieu had applied "strong pressure" on Canada, Mr. Sharp replied that Mr. Thieu had certainly made "strong urgings."

He said the pleas of President Thieu and world leaders who have pressed Canada not to withdraw would be taken into account by the Ottawa Government.

However, Mr. Sharp said he had made it clear to both Mr. Thieu and Premier Tran Thien Khiem, with whom he conferred earlier today, that "we had by no means made up our minds to stay."