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## The Test For Mr. Molotov

THE four-power conference in Berlin is one of the most important events since the cold war began because it is a test of the sincerity of the Soviet's peace proposals.

If it produces a just settlement with Germany and Austria the way will be clear for an attack on other problems that constitute a threat to peace. If it does not, the air will be cleared and the western world will know what to expect from the Malenkov government.

It is almost nine years since the end of the European war and there is still no peace treaty with either Germany or Austria. Both countries are under occupation and unable to take their place in the family of nations. Germany is divided, like Korea, and the purpose of the conference is to find a basis for unification. As long as the country remains divided there will be no withdrawal of occupying troops.

About the desirability of unification there is no open dispute. The question at issue is whether the German people shall be united in freedom, with the right to choose their own form of government, or be united under a government—part Communist—forced upon them by the occupying powers. In the latter event, they would be denied freedom now, and their hope of freedom in the future would be imperilled.

The division of Germany into zones was no more meant to be permanent than the division of Korea. It was the Soviet which, in both cases, made the dividing line rigid, with the aim of bringing the whole country under Communist tyranny. Its conduct, and its unmistakable threat to western Europe, compelled the western nations to form the North Atlantic alliance, and to plan the European Defense Community. It is now proposing that, in return for unification under a plan which would give Communists a share in the German government without the consent of the people, the allies shall scrap the plan to enable Germans to take part in their own defense, and leave Western Europe open to attack. To this the allies will not consent.

The simple and just solution would be to allow the whole German people to choose their government, and then, when the country was free under a democratic regime, to withdraw the forces of occupation. If the Soviet will agree to this, the German problem can be solved, and the Austrian question can be settled in like manner. If it does not agree, it will be plain that it has not given up the hope of conquest, and that its peace moves are a sham.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Members of a Toronto union are to be paid for lunch time. Surely this can be only a step from demanding pay for time spent at the barbers. This is because their hair grows in the firm's time.

Chewing of tobacco is said to risk eventual association with mouth cancer. But have we not sighted fellows chewing on cigars all day long.

### WHAT COUNTS

The price of coffee, more than the coffee itself is enough to keep consumers awake.

Prince Rupert's giant warehouse, built during the Second Great War and later dismantled and shipped away, aroused plenty of local resentment. How many more time must Prince Rupert protest, when another of her invaluable industrial assets is threatened?

Sometimes a retired man will confess he is not having half the fun having nothing to do, as formerly when he had so much to do and neglecting to do it.

It's not so long ago the roads were so narrow we had no fresh words of abuse to think of, when

trying to describe them. In those unhappy times two cars could barely pass without colliding. How different today. Six or eight cars can meet at the same time on these new, broad and splendid highways.

It still seems a fact that far too many people continue to itch for what they want. But what they object to is scratching for it.

A lot of us don't know beans about William Shakespeare and feel an indifference as to ever becoming otherwise. There are signs, however, of the situation becoming relieved, chiefly through the unshakable determination of the CBC. At last a few of our friends are becoming cultured. Some are actually Shakespearean scholars.

Tim Buck, chief of the Labor Progressive party, told Vancouver last week that Soviet Russia is not prepared for war and does not want it anyway. Tim was 63 a few weeks ago. Some years back, he filled the Capitol Theatre on a Sunday forenoon, and did not seem to fancy war then any more than he does now.

## KITCHEN EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Tenders for surplus kitchen equipment will be received up to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 1954. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

F. JONES,  
General Secretary,  
Civic Centre Association.

## As I See It



by

Elmore  
Philbott

### In Corners

CANADA'S minister of external affairs remarked laughingly the other day that we hardly ever have real debates on international affairs in our parliament.

But an examination of the speeches made January 29 by the various party leaders show that there are vital differences in the party attitudes.

On international affairs the Liberals and the CCF form one definite grouping. The Conservatives and Social Credits form another.

You could say that the CCF is just the advanced or left wing of the Liberal party on how to deal with Russia, Germany, China, or for that matter, the U.S.A.

You could say, with even more point, that the Social Credits are the more rightist (some would say, reactionary) wing of the Conservative party in Canada in external outlook.

For instance, Mr. Solon Low stands for the immediate expulsion of Russia from the United Nations, and a total embargo on all kinds of trade with all Communist countries. No Canadian Conservative leader in parliament or outside, has taken anything like so harsh and provocative an attitude as this. However, both George Drew and John Diefenbaker spoke in challenging terms about trade with Russia and China.

The attitude of the Social Credit leader of Canada is much more akin to that of the extreme right wing Republicans in the U.S.A. than it is like that of any Conservative element in Britain. In that latter country the Tories take exactly this same line as the Liberals and CCF take in Canada:

We want all the trade we can get with every country, including Russia. We will not sell any Communist country any goods or materials that would increase their power to make war. But apart from that—no restrictions of any kind. If they have money which is acceptable to us, they are free to buy like anybody else.

ALL FOUR parties agree on one vitally important point—that Western Germany is to be re-armed, and admitted into the western community of nations as soon as possible.

But the government of Canada, through its spokesman, Lester Pearson has gone much further than any other western nation has so far.

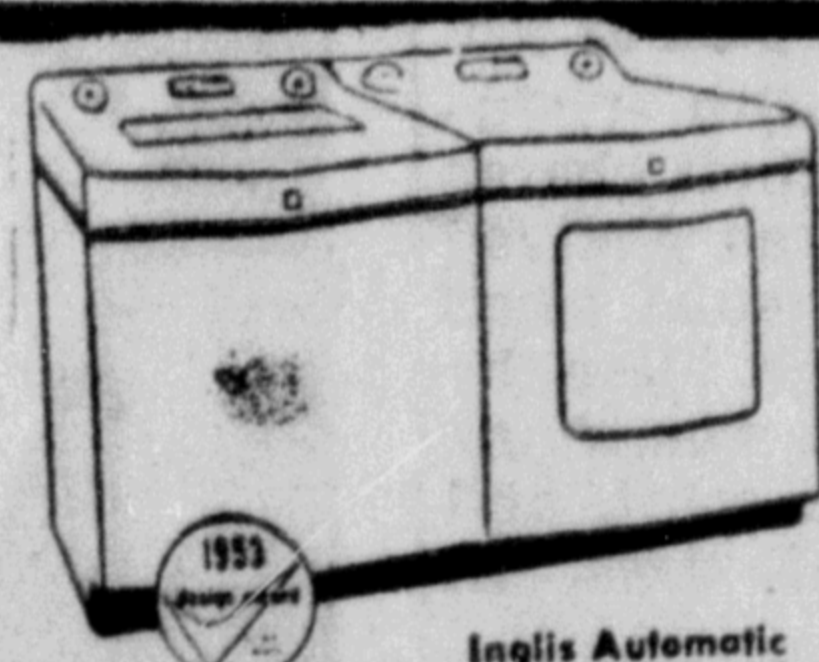
Canada looks forward to something very close to Clarence Streit's idea of Atlantic Union. For our foreign minister says:

"However it is to be done, close and organic association of a free, strong and cohesive Atlantic community, European and Atlantic in character, with membership in the United Nations, provides I think the best guarantee that the military strength of a revived Germany will be used only for defensive purposes."

## Servicemen Get Jail Terms

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Four Seventh-day Adventist servicemen were found guilty Thursday of wilful disobedience for refusing duty on their sabbath and were sentenced to six months at hard labor by a special Army court martial at Ft. Richardson.

The charges against the four who had refused to take part in a practice alert on a Saturday had been reduced from an original one of mutiny.



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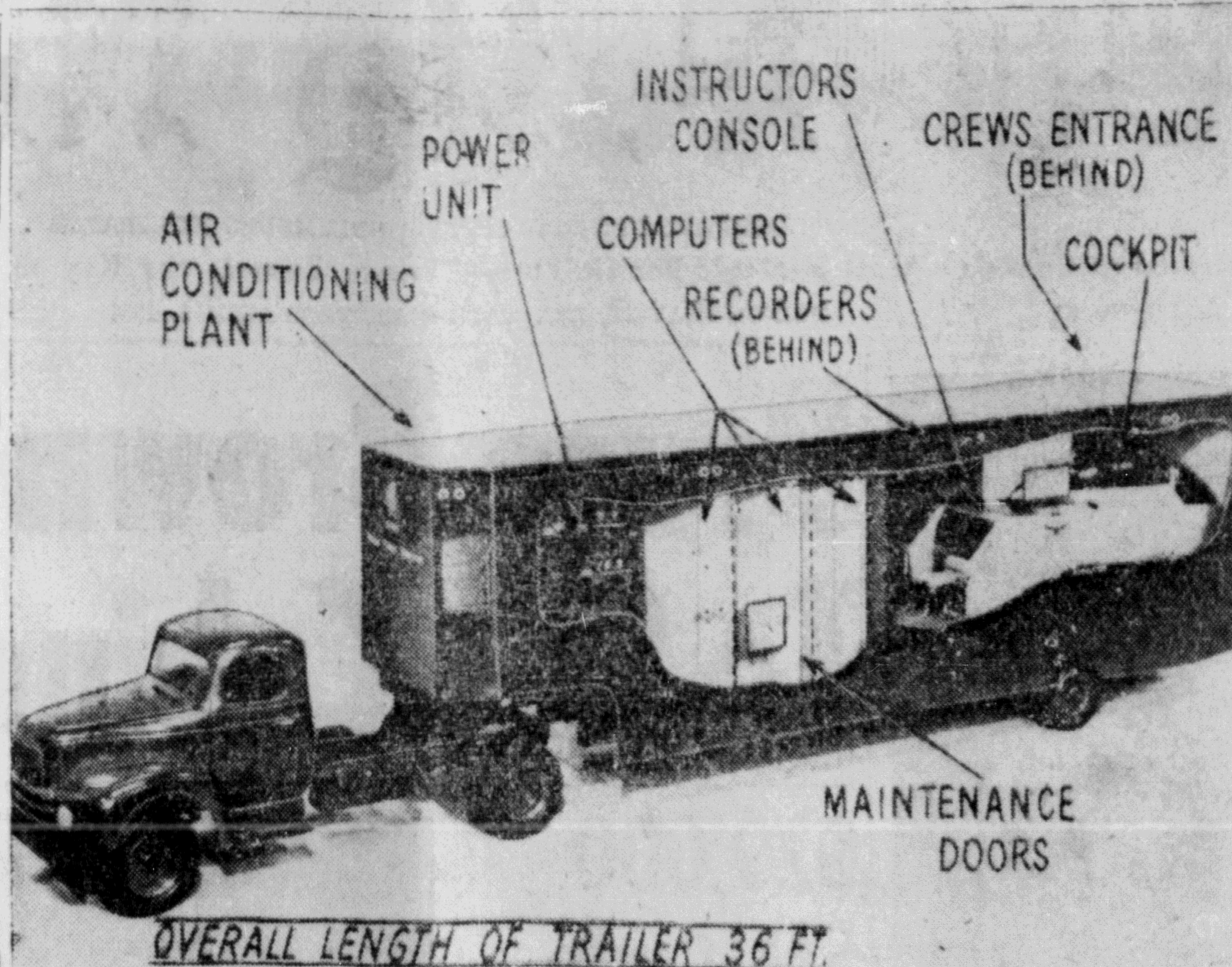
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## — DAILY NEWS LETTERBOX —

The Editor,

The Daily News:

May I take this opportunity of congratulating the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council for their action in connection with the sale of the drydock here.

We all hope by now that those who first hailed its sale as a good thing for Prince Rupert have taken time to really think of the consequences, and are regretting their hasty decisions.

I also note where Mr. Applewhite reports that he is fighting a one-man losing battle over the issue. According to press and radio reports, we are given the impression that Mr. Applewhite was a favorite amongst the MP's. Now we wonder how much was propaganda. If this sale had been proposed while we had a Conservative or CCF representative at Ottawa it would be clearly understandable, but if that sale does go through, Mr. Applewhite and the Liberal party can rest assured that this is his last term... and the death knell for Liberals in this area.

I wonder if Mr. Applewhite and the Liberal party are ready to have a by-election over this issue, by our honorable MP resigning his seat over this sale, which will affect the lives of tens of thousands of Canadians and also numbers of American fishermen.

Never have we been anything but Liberals and staunch supporters of Mr. Applewhite, but no more.

AN EX-LIBERAL.

### AGREES 100 PER CENT

The Editor,

The Daily News:

I was very glad to see that you received some letters about the CBC. I agree with them 100 per cent.

Some of the programs they put on are pretty awful. What I'd like to know is why the CBC cannot give us some decent music instead of all that stuff that few people ever heard of and even fewer want to hear.

I haven't heard this fellow "Figaro" are talking about but if he sings as badly as that woman Emma Caslor who was on this week he must be pretty bad. She sounded like an old cat with the colic.

The other morning when I heard this funny noise going on, I thought for a minute that my young daughter had swallowed a tin whistle which stuck in her throat and gave her the hiccups.

So I said to my wife, "Bess, hasn't that child gone to school yet?" and she said "It's not her, I think it's another one of those musical concerts on the CBC."

And then the fellow came on and said "At the start of the long dash it will be 10 a.m. This is the CBC." And I said, "It sure must be."

So then a woman came on

talking about the silliest stuff you ever heard in your life when she ought to have been home tending to her business.

Well, that's just a few of the things I could tell you about CBC.

"ALSO DISGUSTED."

Port Edward.

The Editor,

The Daily News:

It would appear from the last two letters, that the main objection to CFPR was the music. That is bad enough, but let's consider the other programs.

Farm Forum—Of what interest can this possibly be to a city comprised mostly of fishermen? CBC Wednesday Night—This is the most gruesome, night-marish program that could be heard. I doubt if 10 people listen to it. I did once and I still lie awake at night.

The radio station here is supposed to have a program director. You would think that he would make it his business to find out what the majority of people do like. Let's hear some more complaints. Maybe it'll wake them up.

C. WATSON.

Prince Rupert.

### NOT FOR CONTROVERSY

The Editor,

The Daily News:

A comparison of residential returns for electrical energy supplied was published as information and was occasioned by a news item which appeared in the Daily News and also in the Vancouver press.

This company has no intention of entering into discussions with writers of anonymous let-

## CM & S Profits Down in 1953

VANCOUVER (CP)—Profits of the multi-million dollar Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company operations were down in 1953 for the second year in a row. R. E. Stavert, company president said here.

Mr. Stavert said the company's metal production was normal until the 25-per-cent cut at the first of the year and that results of falling metal prices have been offset to some extent "by the continuing excellent business in fertilizers."

Amount of the decrease in 1953 profits will not be disclosed until the annual statement is released in March.

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## All Aboard By G.E. Morley

All over the world, doctors are staring reproachfully at patients who smoke. They are saying, "No doubt you have read all that stuff about cigarettes and lung cancer."

"Sure, doc," some of the patients reply, between puffs. "Now, why don't you try one of my brand?"

Other patients, I suppose, fall into a fit of coughing at once.

A doctor I know adopts an attitude of other-worldly detachment toward smokers.

"When did you say you started smoking?" he enquires.

"About 1938," I tell him.

"Well, they give you 20 years before it starts taking effect." And he looks pointedly at me, as though waiting for the first symptoms of decay to appear.

I feel almost obliged to collapse on the spot. But I stay alive, in an apologetic way.

Surely it isn't correct to commit suicide in front of a doctor's eyes. And yet if you commit suicide slowly enough, the doctor doesn't seem to mind.

Even before the scientists fastened on the nicotine habit as a menace to health, I had a rare time switching on and off cigarettes. I quit two or three times. Each time, I began cheating a few weeks afterwards. Just a cigarette with my coffee. I told myself. Soon enough, I became what is termed a moderate smoker again.

One evening, when I was supposed to be a non-smoker, I attended a banquet. The speech was dull. I felt in my pockets. No cigarettes. Suddenly I had a fine idea. What about my top pocket? I hadn't explored that for months.

As it turned out, I had been in the habit of tucking cigarettes in my top pocket whenever one was offered me, or whenever I conquered the urge to smoke, during my days of abstinence. I had no idea what a store was concealed in my top pocket. I produced one cigarette, then another, then another.

While the speaker droned on, I uncovered a real treasure

trove of cigarettes further down in my pocket. The more I reached, the more cigarettes were. They had been there for months.

Suddenly I realized most of the people at the banquet were ignoring the speaker, staring at me. They were obviously placing bets on whether I could produce another cigarette, or not.

I hate to think that I have been responsible some of the guests for losing a couple of weeks' pay.

If a man is really quit smoking, he needs with no pockets. That's who looked at me in a smug way claimed to be non-smoker, himself. He had quit smoking before. I'd like to see the contents of his top pocket, all.

## \$3 Million M Set For BCHM

VICTORIA (CP)—Health Minister Eric Martin said government will have an additional \$3,000,000 set for British Columbia Hospital Insurance Service this year. He did not indicate the money was coming from B.C. will likely learn the budget is presented to the legislature later this month.

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