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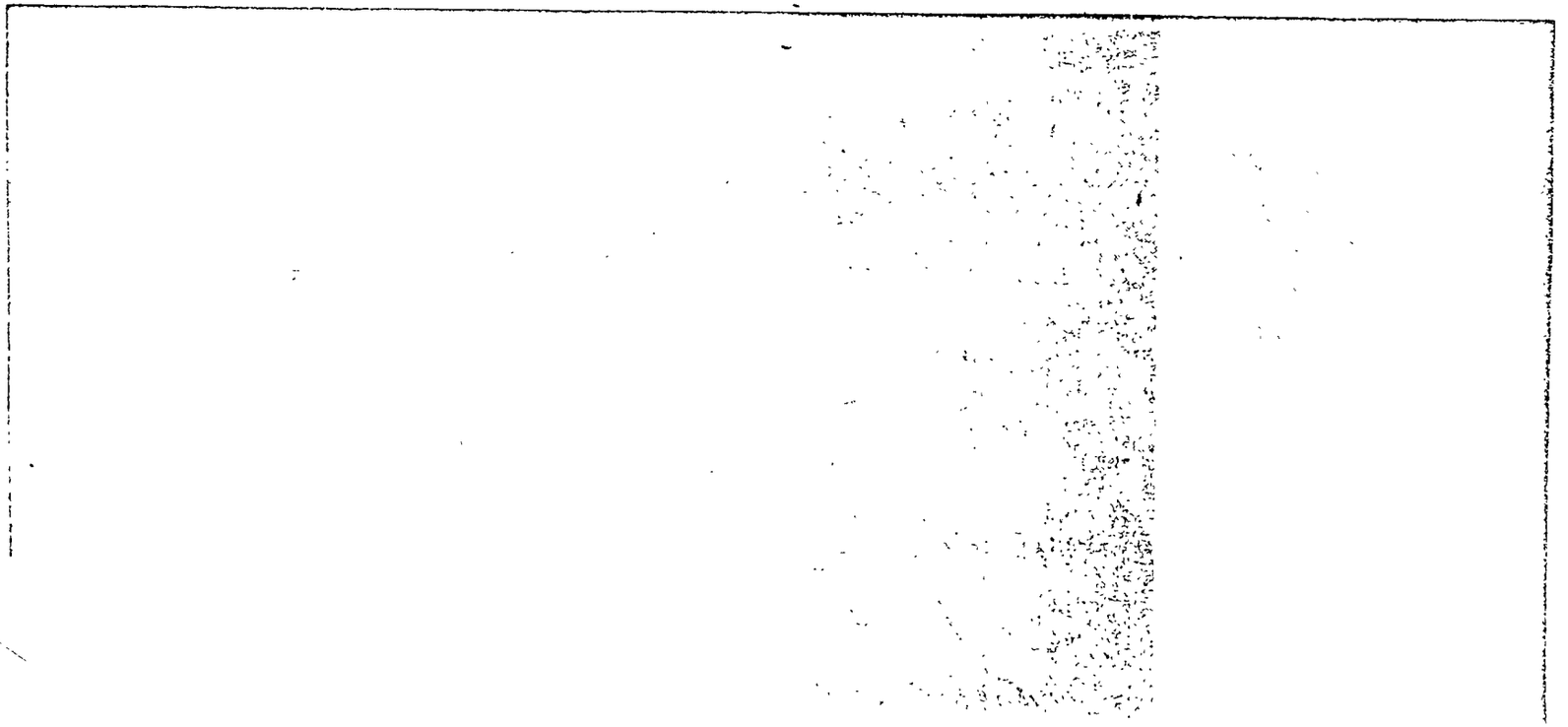
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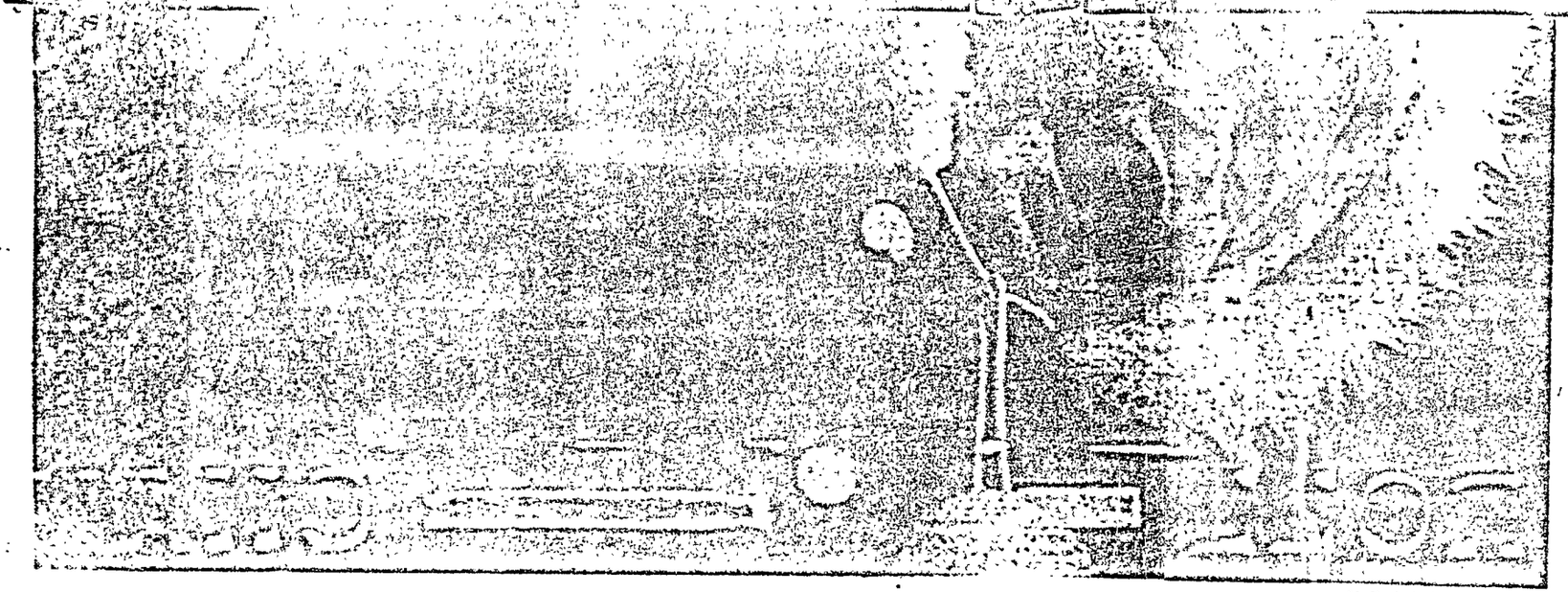
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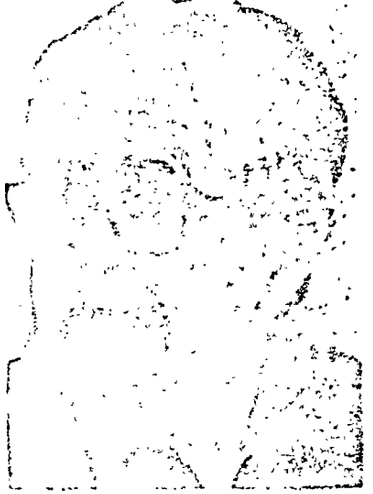
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By TERENCE MOORE

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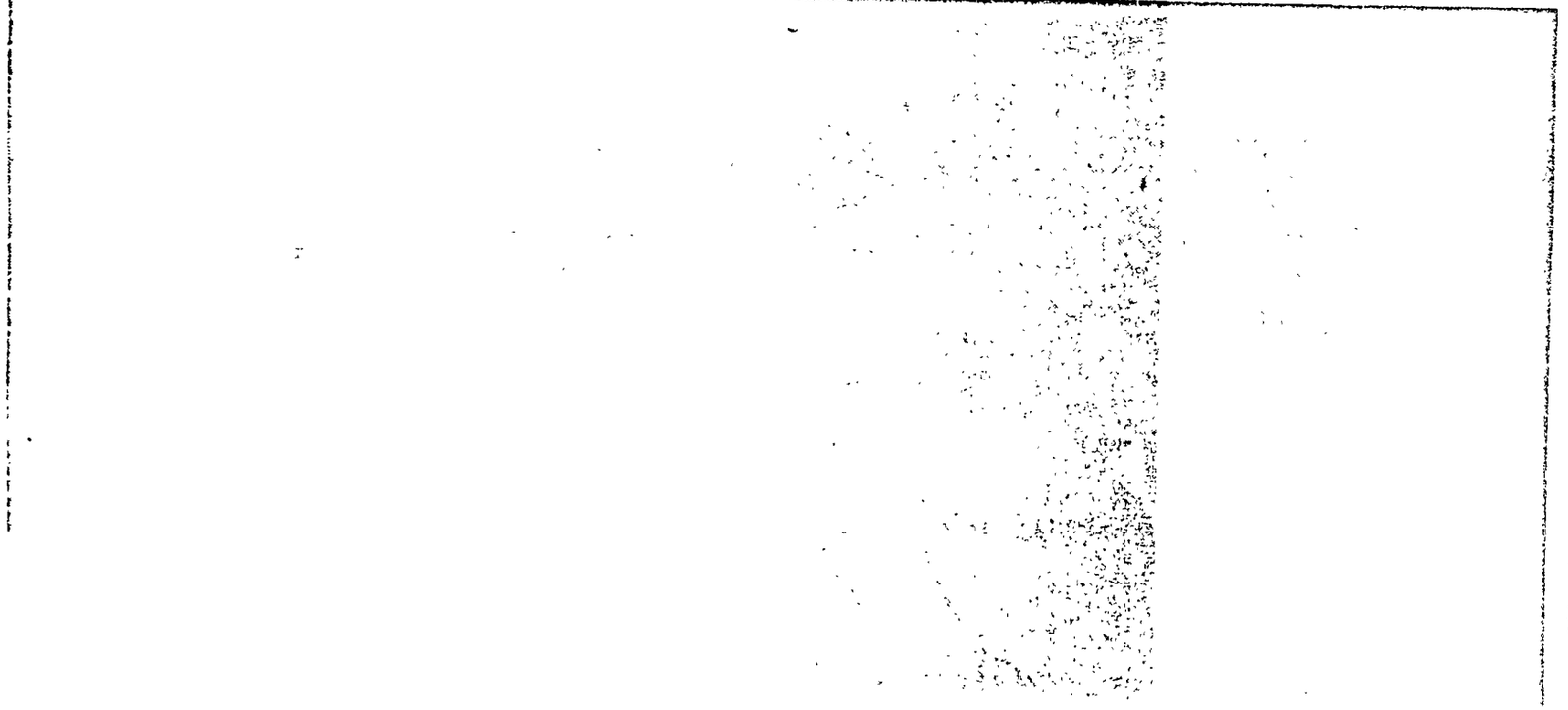
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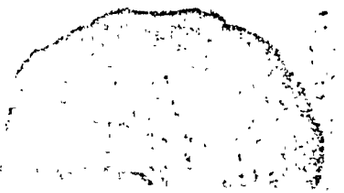


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The union says the workers they referred who were denied compensation had not been classified A in their annual checkups at the companies' clinic. This led the CNTU to partially finance a two-year study by a team from New York's Mount Sinai Medical School which said in the recent report that 61 per cent of 1,200 asbestos workers in Thetford mines with more than 20 years' experience have developed lung abnormalities. Fifty-two per cent were found to have asbestosis.

Daniel Hirsh, a Canadian doctor who collaborated on the study, told The Star he was "struck by some of the people classified not sick by the clinic".

"I found some people I considered to be in very serious condition who told me that only months before they had been classified A by the companies' clinic."

Union files

Unions began to compile files on compensation in 1972. Included in these files at the time the Mount Sinai team was called in were the [illegible] compensation the years [illegible] sex [illegible] asbestosis.

● Another man received an A [illegible] company medical in January 1972 [illegible] October 1974. An [illegible] revealed death from advanced asbestosis.

● A total of twenty-eight deaths were attributed to asbestosis or asbestos-related diseases since 1968 by autopsy reports. Many men in those cases had never been told to apply for compensation. Until two years ago deaths from lung cancer, known to increase in frequency with exposure to asbestos, were not included among asbestos-related deaths.)

A union spokesmen said workers at Carey Canadian Mine, 15 miles from Thetford Mines, had lost confidence in the companies' clinic and had begun to go for checkups infrequently, despite a government regulation requiring annual visits. Last year Carey Canadian workers stopped attending the clinic altogether, and went instead to the Thetford Mines hospital.

Noner Paquet, president of the CNTU-affiliated union at that company, said the policy was initiated by company president Michael Press who told him they should "pull out" of the clinic. Press refused to comment when approached by The Star.

The clinic was set up by Thetford Mines asbestos companies more than 20 years ago in response to a 1933 [illegible] workers. Since Carey Canadian withdrew last year the clinic has been administered by executives of the other three asbestos companies in the area: Asbestos Corp., Bell Asbestos and Lake Asbestos.

Until last year when he relinquished his job as director and became a consultant, Cartier ran the clinic. The only other doctor working with him was Dr. Jacques Dussault, who joined the staff 17 years ago.

Dussault agrees with Cartier's version of how the clinic operated, but says he was not in agreement with it.

"I wanted to tell the worker everything and send him to compensation, but Cartier was the boss and I stood by his decision.

"I did what I could. If I felt a man was sick, I told him and suggested he see his family doctor."

"Perhaps I wasn't severe enough in explaining the seriousness of the disease. But most of them didn't want to go to compensation – they knew there weren't very many jobs outside the mine and there was no guarantee the company could find them another job if they were removed from their present ones.

"They said that they would like to go to compensation if I could give them another job where there was no asbestos dust. I explained that all I could do was classify them as sick, but I couldn't give them another job. It wasn't my department.

"So most of them never went — they were frightened they'd lose their jobs and have no way of making a job security deterred most men from seeking compensation.

Laurent Cote, vice-president of the CNTU-affiliated union at Asbestos Corp., said: "Asbestos workers have absolutely no guarantee of work if they're removed from the mills or mines for asbestosis.

"There just aren't available jobs outside the mine or mill — so the guy who's sick has to choose between his health and the ability to support his family. That's no choice.

"A guy of 55, trained in one occupation is scared stiff of losing his job, so even if someone tells him he's a little sick, he sometimes doesn't have the guts to admit it and take the chance. If these doctors really wanted to help the workers, why didn't they at least tell the union or the companies that there were sick people going back to work?"

Dussault claims that on several occasions he discussed the problem of whether or not to remove sick men from the job with company representatives, whom he refused to name, but "nothing ever came of it."

Unaware

Oughtred said he was unaware that workers were not seeking compensation for fear of losing their jobs.

"I'm not sure," he said, "but I believe we have a clause in the contract that guarantees them a job in the event they have to leave their job because of dust conditions."

Union spokesmen deny this, saying it is one of the clauses they are now striving to obtain.

ing compensation despite being given clean bills of health by Cartier but he believed this was happening "because of changing standards at the compensation board."

"It's more like a welfare system now than like workmen's compensation. Older miners put in claims before they retire and get it automatically . . . everybody gets 10 per cent. But I've never met anybody who said he had asbestosis."

Thetford Mines CNTU council president Oliva Lemay said this is not the case. He said 101 of the 251 people his unions have referred to the board in the last seven years have been refused compensation.

Paul Filteau, secretary-general of the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association to which all four employers belong while stating that the association was in no way responsible for the clinic, said some company officials were long aware of Cartier's practice of "keeping certain information on workers' health to himself."

"If you tell a 55-year-old man he's really sick, you may do him more harm psychologically than good physically. It's a difficult decision . . . and company officials felt they shouldn't interfere.

"Cartier told the workers they were all right, let them go back to their jobs and, if he thought the case serious, recommended that they visit their family doctor.

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The U.S. air force security service, the army security agency and the navy security group have up to 100,000 employees at monitoring posts around the world. Listening through headphones and analyzing foreign military radio traffic.

The U.S. military rather than the CIA may have been involved in three alleged salvage operations reported last night by the National Broadcasting Company. They were

● The recovery, with British help of electronic gear from a Soviet plane that crashed in the North Sea three years ago.

● The recovery of electronic listening devices from a Soviet vessel that sank in the Sea of Japan four years ago.

● The recovery of a nuclear weapon from a Soviet plane that crashed in the Sea of Japan five years ago.

QE 2 cruise boosts Cunard

LOS ANGELES (Reuter) — A financially successful world cruise by the Cunard liner Queen Elizabeth II has made the ever-ailing British line profitable for the first time in many years, Cunard managing-director John Mitchell said yesterday.

Mitchell flew from Britain to Los Angeles to be present at the liner's first visit to the United States west coast as it ended its 72-day world cruise.

Passengers paid up to $100,000 for the ship's most expensive suite on the tour of 19 countries. An average suite went for $20,000 a couple, Mitchell said.

Doctor felt it best for men to stay on job

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person gets an asbestos-related [illegible] disease, the right ventricle of his heart, which operates in conjunction with the lungs, has to work overtime and this could lead to a fatal enlargement of the ventricle.

"But it is so hard to show a direct relationship between the two [illegible] disease and heart failure that Montreal's two top pathologists refuse systematically to perform autopsies on this type of death because they know they can't prove the relationship in the event of a court case."

While Cartier freely admits he acquiesced to workers' wishes to remain at their jobs in spite of the hazards, he vehemently denies any collusion between himself and the mining companies which paid his salary and for the upkeep of the clinic.

"I can swear that I was never given any directives by the companies and that I acted solely on the basis of my extensive training in some of the world's leading medical centres."

Union claims that Cartier was reluctant to refer workers to the Workmen's Compensation Board because the companies didn't want to pay lump sum compensation premiums are "totally false," he says.

"I worked on the principle that if the worker showed a slight trace of asbestosis I warned him about it and let him decide if he wanted to remain at his job.

"My policy was to try and do as much good for him as was possible without causing him any harm.

"I was acting on behalf of the worker who was worried about losing income. I wasn't doing it for pecuniary rewards from the companies. I've never been one to go in for that sort of thing. I worked myself through medical school by keeping a job at the post office from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. every day.

"But no matter what I say, people are still going to think that I had sold out to the companies. I just tried to do my best."

Cartier says that throughout his career at the clinic he was under the impression that if the condition of workers was being made worse by their continued exposure to asbestos fibres this fact would have been brought to his attention by the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association.

"The association was forever financing costly research projects, and impressive medical teams visited my clinic from leading hospitals in Detroit, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburg.

"I would have made recommendations for improving working conditions but I was hampered by these big-name teams which spent up to two months at a time here.

"They spent an enormous amount of money and I figured that if there was anything wrong with our operation they would have made recommendations to the companies.

"When they came I reproached them on the fact that they didn't seem to follow up their tests with recommendations for improving working conditions.

"They could have made a great contribution with all their up-to-date expertise. They were in a better position than our little clinic which was isolated from medical centres. I thought they would recommend improvements in working conditions but found nothing to complain about, so who was I to add my two cents worth.

"I guess I was too timid; I should have spoken out. My friends have always told me that I'm too timid."

Cartier remains sceptical, however, about the validity of the recent Mount Sinai study which found a very high incidence of lung disease among veteran Thetford Mines workers.

He says that during contract negotiations which led to the violent and bitter asbestos strike of 1949, the unions sought to dramatize their demands by trying to establish a link between abestos mining and tuberculosis. The asbestos workers now are on strike for the first time since 1949 and safety clauses are among their chief demands.

"Today, the same thing is true and in order to make their point that mining asbestos leads to asbestosis, they commissioned Dr. Irving Selikoff of the Mount Sinai College of Medicine in New York to study the situation here.

"Now, it is common knowledge in our field that Selikoff finds 100 per cent more abnormalities in lung x-rays than anyone else.

"When you read x-rays — and I used to read 10,000 a year in my day — you can over-read, under-read or arrive at a happy medium.

"Selikoff over-reads and the unions knew that and that's why they went after him."

Cartier says that by over-reading, any doctor can look at x-rays of the lungs of persons over age 50 in any line of work and discover "all sorts of abnormalities."

Taxi fares may go up

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ject of consultation with taxi organizations during March and April and the cabinet will enact changes in late April or early May.

Rival taxi leagues have sought certification to speak for the industry in the west and central sectors of Montreal and in Longueuil while a single league speaks for the industry in the west sector of Montreal. Berthiaume said transport department officials would consult with all competing groups.

The alternative would be to wait until one league is certified for each sector and then deal only with that league. Berthiaume said it might take still longer before the newly-certified leagues were sufficiently organized to fully represent their members.

The draft revision suggests a new system for displaying the driver's permit replacing the illegible and nearly invisible plastic cards that now hang behind the driver's head, with a holder beside the taxi meter displaying the owner's taxi permit, the driver's permit and the rates. This would take effect next January unless the consultation next month indicates the taxi business is prepared to make the changes immediately.

A more ambitious extension of taxi regulations will be launched in the summer or fall with the publication of draft rules governing the taxi driver's relationship with fleet owners and with taxi service associations. Non-owning drivers rent their cars from the owners and depend on the service associations for insurance, despatching service and credit systems.

Asbestos safety to be tightened

The Star's Quebec Bureau

QUEBEC — Tougher inspec and stiffer fines will be introd early this year to control condi hazardous to Quebec asbestos mi Mines and Natural Resources M ter Gilles Masse announced ye day.

But the minister told the nat assembly the existing air pol standards would remain in force.

Masse said the number of inspectors would be increased from 17 and spot checks woul made without advising the union company in advance.

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Rain, rain go away . . . and maybe it will. We can expect the cloud and precipitation to leave our region overnight, leaving us with fair conditions tomorrow and the prospects for a good weekend. Skies will be partly cloudy tomorrow, the cloud cover decreasing through the day. Temperatures will be a bit cooler, however, and we can expect some pretty strong gusts of wind. Low tonight will be 25 (−4 Celsius). High tomorrow, will be around 35 (2 Celsius).

Long-range outlook for the weekend is mainly sunny with seasonable temperatures.

ACROSS CANADA TODAY: British Columbia: Showers along the coast. Snowflurries inland. Alberta: Sunny in the [illegible]

The temperatures

Overnight low temperatures and yesterday's high. Bracketed figures are Celsius equivalents.

At home	Min.	Max.
Montreal (Dorval)	37(3)	45(8)
Quebec	37(3)	41(5)
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Vancouver	35	47
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Calgary	22	36

In the U.S.		
Minneapolis	20	42
Chicago	33	55
Detroit	34	55
Buffalo	36	49
Albany	46	54
Boston	45	56
New [illegible]	48	56

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certification to speak for the industry in the west and centre sectors of Montreal and in Longueuil while a single league speaks for the industry in the west sector of Montreal. Bertrande said transport department officials would consult with all competing groups.

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Lesage intends to press for improvements in the area of disease

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