

March 7, 1978

Mr. Graham Trotter
Bureau Chief
EDMONTON, Alberta

Dear Mr. Trotter:

I hereby submit my resignation effective March 25, 1978 to accept a legislative reporter position with C.I.T.V. Ltd., Edmonton.

My sixteen month association with Broadcast News has basically been enjoyable, however my reasons for leaving will be outlined.

Recently I approached you regarding an additional step in salary which I felt would bring me more in line with other legislative reporters in Alberta. My request was denied by head office in Toronto.

My reasons for leaving however, are not solely monetary.

Since the arrival of Jerry Fairbridge as Western News Supervisor, there has been a personality clash although that appears to have been lessened to a degree during the last weeks.

I also submitted a proposal to Barry Hamelin last fall indicating the Edmonton Bureau was in need of an additional person to process BN voice material and that request was further relayed to Jim Bastable earlier this year. To date there has been no indication that help is forthcoming.

I was most disappointed by a recent letter from Bob Trimbie to yourself indicating and I quote "Ralko's production continues to be a marvel however recent monthly reports show a sharp decline in Liepert's output. Is there a reason."

I was never personally contacted by anyone regarding production. It is my strong feeling that the legislative reporter should be prepared to fulfill most if not all of the personal requests of the 14 News Directors on BN regional voice, rather than simply filing material at random only to leave the appearance at the end of the month that a job was well done. Unless Broadcast News adopts a different approach to evaluating personnel other than simply having an administrative person in an office far removed counting the number of cuts filed at the end of the month, qualified people will continue to be lost. A reporter's job must be judged on the quality of the material filed rather than quantity.

I will not recommend a replacement but would be more than willing to assist the BN legislative reporter in any way by familiarizing himself with the position.

I conclude by saying that your co-operation during my employment was greatly appreciated and my resignation in no way reflects on our working relationship.

Yours truly,

Ron Liepert

cc: News Directors of
BN Regional Voice
Alberta