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NO REPORTS ON BNA

Trudeau's cashmere jacket looks smart, Thatcher says

LONDON (CP) — Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau's beige cashmere jacket and the fact that his son Justin forgot to tie his shoe-laces were about the only things to catch the eye of British journalists.

There were no newspaper reports on the nature of Trudeau's two-hour working luncheon Wednesday with Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, but three papers ran shots of a smiling Trudeau and eight-year-old Justin, careful to ensure good focus on Justin's trailing laces.

There were no newspaper remarks concerning Thatcher's words of support toward patriating Canada's constitution, but she was clearly impressed by Trudeau's attire and eager to meet Justin.

Thatcher and Trudeau then disappeared inside 10 Downing Street to discuss weightier matters.

"Well, you do look smart," she is reported to have told Trudeau, approving of his jacket, brown and pink silk tie and red rose in his lapel.

Then she spotted Justin huddled in the back of the Daimler, reported The Daily Mail.

The newspaper said Justin explained that he was off to the zoo to see some baby monkeys.

"Have you seen them?" he asked Thatcher.

"No," she said. "But you must tell me about them when we meet again."

Asked later by reporters if the meeting

implied that Britain has no difficulties on the patriation issue (the British government holds to its position that it only becomes involved in the patriation question when Canada brings a request to Westminster), Trudeau told reporters:

"I didn't say that and I didn't ask her to say that. I told her I was a Liberal, and therefore an optimist and that everything would come up roses in September."

Trudeau later spent 45 minutes with the Queen at Buckingham Palace — while Justin, toured the palace.

The federal and provincial governments are about to embark on a summer-long search for constitutional agreement in advance of the September constitutional conference.

Trudeau arrived today for a two-day visit to Sweden which will include talks with government leaders and a visit to Sweden's Arctic region.

He will meet with Swedish Prime Minister Thorbjørn Faeldin and King Carl Gustaf before taking a side-trip to northern Sweden to see Lapplanders and the midnight sun.

He then travels to northern Norway for a visit to the region where Canadian troops, as part of Canada's military commitment to NATO, will be sent if it is necessary to defend the northern section of Norway.

Trudeau completes his trip with discussions with Norwegian Prime Minister Odvar Nordli in Oslo before returning to Ottawa June 30.