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this is lionel martin in havana - for monday use, the service message: ~~Fidel~~ Cuban president fidel castro gave up smoking some months ago and since then there have been a flurry of rumours that he did so because he had lung cancer or some other fatal disease. here is the story.

~~Fidel~~

The Cuban leader said he had now ^{gone} going five months without smoking those famous havana cigars and that he ~~didn't~~ not give them up because of health reasons. He ~~says~~ he ~~isn't~~ feels as fit as a fiddle and his marathon ~~speech~~ speech^{es} on television last week during the communist party congress ~~here~~ proved to many he is a fifty nine year old ~~father~~ still full of stamina. Fidel Castro says he gave up smoking as an example to young and old alike. ~~Young~~ ~~people~~ ~~are~~ ~~being~~ ~~advised~~ ~~to~~ ~~give~~ ~~up~~ ~~smoking~~. ~~He~~ ~~advises~~ ~~that~~ ~~everybody~~ ~~give~~ ~~up~~ ~~smoking~~. Dr. Castro admitted that ~~the~~ Cuba's nationalized tobacco industry doesn't like the idea of his ~~forfeiting~~ new status as a non smoke^r because he was the best advertising symbol ~~of~~ for Havana cigars since Winston Churchill.

~~And~~ ~~he~~ says Cuba will continue to produce ~~and~~ its fine tobacco until there is ~~no~~ more demand for it in the world.

Also he had a bit of advise. ~~He~~. Castro ~~believes~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ says, hes a doctor of law and not medicine, that cigarettes are n re harmful than cigars so if you ~~can't~~ become a total ~~smoker~~ tobacco teetotler, switch to cigars - havana cigars he might have added.

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Castro Gives Up Smoking and Denies Rumours of His Having Lung Cancer

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~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Most Canadian businessmen ~~want~~ who ~~wish~~ want to do business with places like Cuba -- and there are a lot of trade delegations coming down here -- want the EDC to extend its export insurance terms to two years so that they can compete with Western European nations. Canadian exports to Cuba have ~~slipped~~ and some Canadian officials decreased by 100 million dollars over the past five years ~~and~~ they might decrease further if the Canadian government doesn't streamline its ~~new~~ export credit practices.

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