

## MAGN-IFICENT PAIR!

Magnus Arvedson (far right) scores twice, doubling his season total, and Daniel Sedin also tallies to lead Canucks to 3-1 win over Kings

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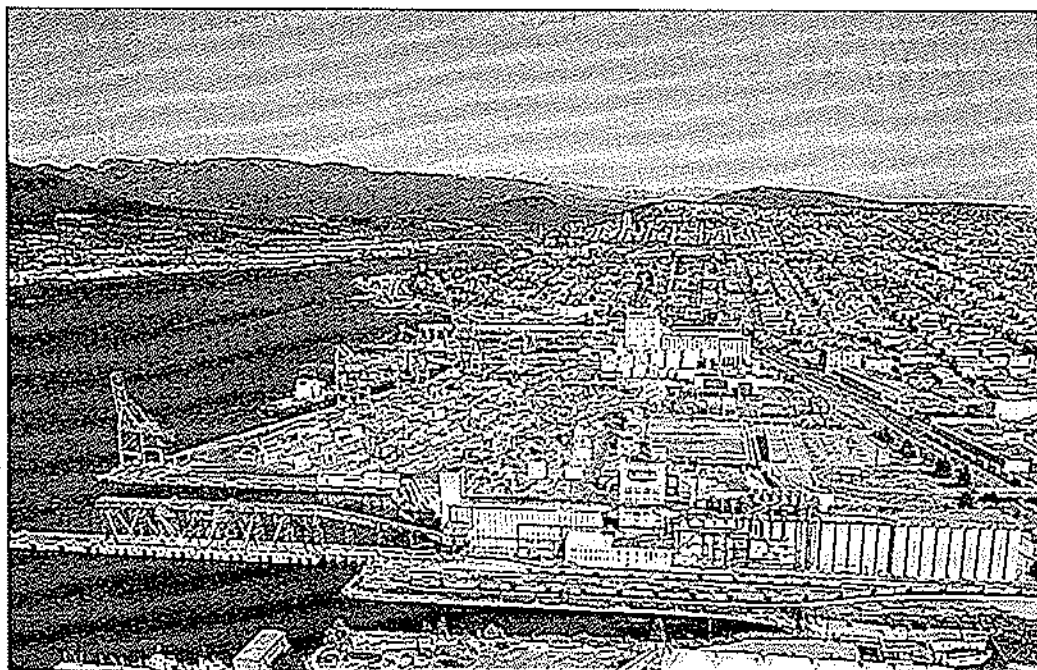
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Maritime operators say Ottawa should copy U.S. and kick in cash for increased security at ports.

## Cash needed for port security

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Staff Reporter

Canada's maritime operators may become uncompetitive unless Ottawa helps them meet the \$100-million-plus bill to ramp up port security, the B.C. Maritime Employers Association says.

Association chairman Tim Chapman told a Transport Canada hearing in Vancouver yesterday that securing ports from terrorism carries a hefty price tag, yet Ottawa, unlike the U.S., has done nothing to help defray the costs the tough new security measures will bring.

"Without a substantial federal funding commitment, Canada's maritime industry and international trade will be at risk," Chapman said.

Stressing that operators are not against improved security, he said Ottawa should follow Washington's lead and help finance the changes expected to cost \$172 million over the next five years. Washington has given U.S. ports \$679 million US so far.

The BCMEA represents ship owners, agents, stevedores, general wharf operators and bulk-terminal operators throughout B.C.

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