

Roberts Thinks Avro Must Have Some Plan

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Attorney-General Roberts declared yesterday that he finds it hard to believe that there are not at least partial solutions to the Avro and Orenda layoffs which are not known to authorities and not yet revealed.

Addressing a meeting of the St. Paul's Women's PC Association, he said: "Surely the management has something to offer. Surely this nation in its tie-up with the United States and in its strategic position with respect to the defense of this continent has something, too."

Although it is not the function of the Ontario Government to interfere with defense on the administrative and production level, Mr. Roberts said, it was one of Queen's Park's functions to make sure that the people of Ontario are not mistreated be-

cause of failures at other governmental levels.

"If there are going to be recurrences of this sort of situation in other parts of our country under the present policy, then I say that there should be formed at once a review committee representative of government, management and labor, which will be supplied with all the necessary equipment and know well in advance what is going to happen," Mr. Roberts said. "It would be ready with recommendations to the authorities concerned, also well in advance so that necessary changes can be made with a minimum of dislocation and a maximum of efficiency."

"Next to a large strike, I cannot conceive of anything more disruptive all along the line that the dislocation has brought about at Malton."

Mr. Roberts said perhaps the nation had been brought face to face with a situation which may require leaders of industry, banking and governments to look more closely at some of the studies made on the problem of full employment.

"When social security measures were enacted in Canada 15 years ago, we knew they were necessary in the postwar world society. We knew that to maintain the heavy taxation would be necessary and we knew that there would be the necessity for gainful employment for all citizens able to work."

"We have the social services and the taxes but we seem to be lacking in the know-how and planning in the field of relatively full employment. This we must remedy at once."

"We can't have all these great social security measures unless we have the benefit of the work and labor of the employable men and women making up the labor force at close to full capacity."