

# U.S. Tiger 'Considered' For RCAF

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OTTAWA — Canada may decide early this summer on the type of plane it will build to re-equip the RCAF air division in Europe, Defense Minister Pearkes said today.

The matter is not now before cabinet and he stressed no decision would be reached until the matter is discussed with Gen. Lauris Norstad, supreme commander of NATO, who will visit Ottawa in May.

The RCAF today denied a report that it had chosen the U.S. Grumman Super-Tiger for the NATO role.

"We have made no recommendation to the Cabinet," a top spokesman said.

Mr. Pearkes said the Grumman is "only one of 20 different aircraft we've been considering."

He added that it was "pure speculation" that the supersonic plane may be built at the A. V. Roe plant at Malton.

However, an official of Grumman Aircraft Engineering Co., revealed in a long-distance telephone interview from Bethpage, N.Y., that Avro and Canadair officials had recently visited the Grumman plant and "we have been led to believe the RCAF has selected the Super Tiger."

Some 300 planes, costing about \$1,000,000 each, would be involved in the order.

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