

18 MUNICIPALITIES

PLAN ARROW SUPPORT

Jan. 16, 1959

Mr. John Bassett,
Publisher and Chairman,
TORONTO, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Further to our telephone conversation with respect to the relative merits of the Arrow and the F-106.

The Arrow was designed to meet Canada's geographic and climatic needs. The American F-106 is not comparable. It weighs half as much, has less speed, altitude, range, carries only one man, and is powered with only one engine.

The Prime Minister himself in his statement of September 23rd said that both the Arrow and the Iroquois engine appear to be better than any alternative expected to be ready by 1961. The former's statement estimated the cost of the Arrow at about 9 million. This figure includes total development and production costs of 400 million spread over five years. On the basis of 100 aircraft this means that 4 million of the 9 million represents development costs. I submit therefore that it is not fair to include development costs in the case of the Arrow and exclude it in the case of the F-106. We must therefore consider only what we would incur from now in either case since the development cost on the Arrow is not recoverable. What then is the realistic cost comparison?

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3.5 million for the first 100. To maintain present level of employment would require 2 per month. Mr. Fleming therefore in calculating his 1959-60 budget would figure on 24 planes at 3.5 million each or 84 million on the year.

F-106

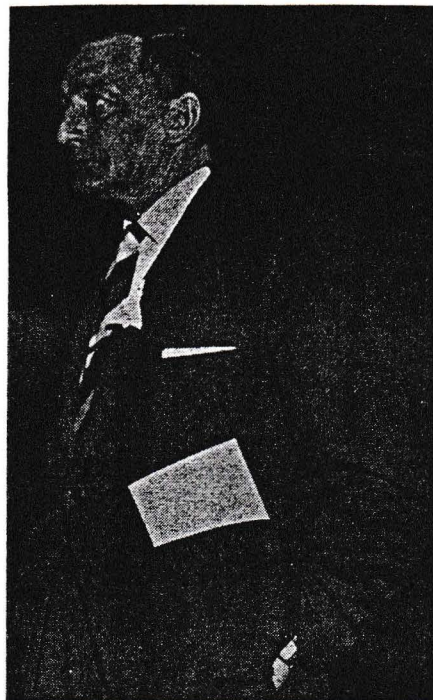
The American substitute built under license in Canada would cost 4.5 million for first 100. If we were to purchase the American product directly from the U.S. the cost would be 2.8 million for first 100.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- (1) Cancellation of the Arrow would require the payment of compensation for a great many contracts presently in force.
- (2) Cancellation of the Arrow would bring economic hardship to 18 municipalities in Toronto and outlying areas as well as to Canada as a whole.
- (3) Purchases from the U.S. would put Canadian Dollars in the hand of the American Treasury. Money spent in Canada makes money and a large portion of this is returned to the various levels of government through taxation.
- (4) At a time when unemployment is our number one problem—this country needs production, not cancellation of Canadian industry in favour of inferior American products.

Yours truly,

P. Podger,
Business Representative.



Carmen Core, Mayor of Brampton, announced that representatives of 18 municipalities in and around Metropolitan Toronto would meet with Prime Minister Diefenbaker to emphasize the economic importance of maintaining full employment at the Avro and Orenda Plants. More than 50 representatives met with District 717 Reps. on Wednesday, Jan. 14th at the Royal York Hotel.

NOTICE

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR UNION DUES LODGE 1922

Income Tax Receipts for Union Dues will be given to every member this year along with their new Membership Cards for 1959.

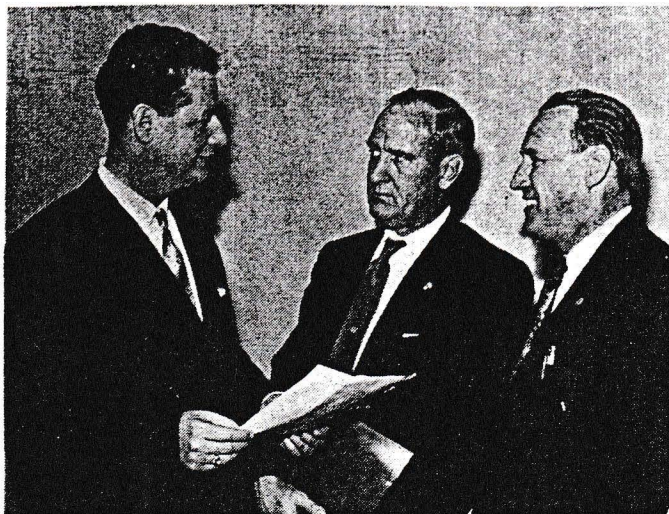
Every effort is being made to have these available for membership as early in February as possible.

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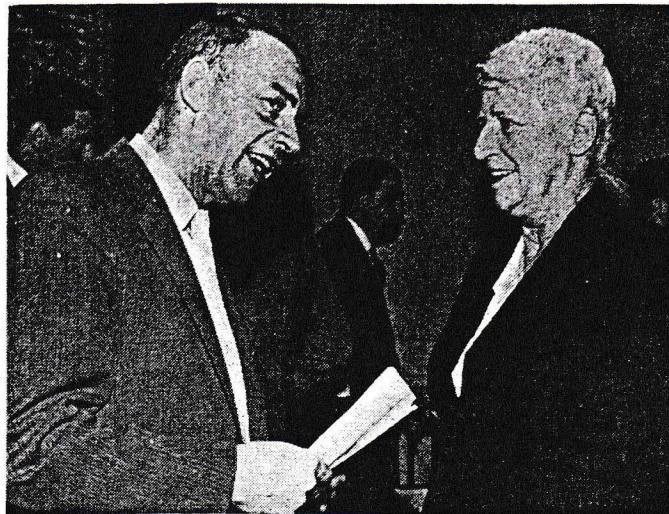
Mary Hendry,
Financial Secretary.

The Editors would like to thank the Public Relations Dept. of Avro Aircraft Ltd. for their co-operation in obtaining our front cover photograph.

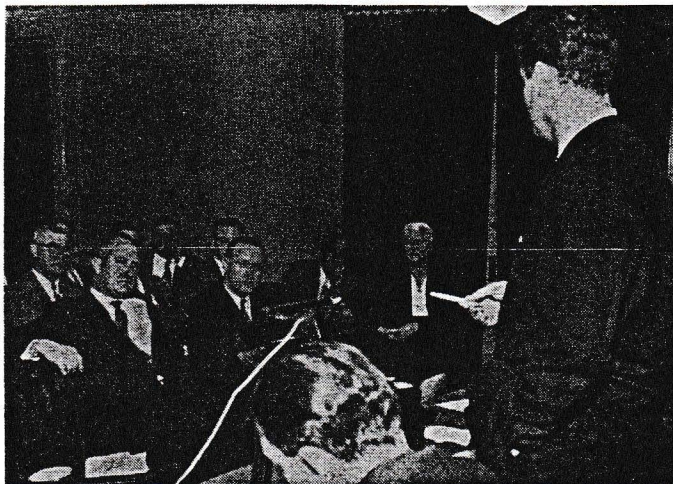
MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES GETTING FACTS ON ARROW



Jim McQueen, Bus. Rep. District 717, discusses with Reeve H. O. Waffle and Councillor John Allen of Etobicoke Township the merits of continuing the Arrow program at Malton. The meeting followed an all day discussion with 16 Toronto and District M.P.'s at the Royal York on Jan. 13th.



Reeve Mary Fix of Toronto Township exchanges views with T. McCollum, Councillor, Pt. Credit, Ont. Both pointed out that the growth of their municipalities was to a great degree associated with the growth of the Companies at Malton.



Municipal representatives listen attentively as McQueen sets out the facts about the Arrow program. L. Sheffe, UAW, DeHavilland and P. Podger, Dist. 717 also addressed the meeting. Seated in the front row L to R—H. O. Waffle, Reeve, Etobicoke Twp.; Jack Allen, Councillor, Etobicoke Twp.; and Reeve Mary Fix, Toronto Twp.



Ed. Blair, Deputy Reeve, Chinguacousy Twp., urged all union members to contact their M.P.'s so that a favourable decision would be forthcoming as quickly as possible. On his right George Blair of Caledon East expressed grave concern over the future of the Arrow and its affect on Caledon East, where A. V. Roe payrolls provide over a million dollars purchasing power annually.



Fred Kline, Deputy Reeve of Brampton, was one of 50 municipal representatives representing the citizens of 18 municipalities in Metro Toronto and outlying areas. Each rep. received a copy of the Union's brief on the A/C Industry as well as other supporting evidence.



Georgetown's Mayor, J. Armstrong, expressed his thanks for information received and assured that his council would do everything possible to keep the Arrows rolling out of Malton. Beside him is Walter Gray, Deputy Reeve, Georgetown.