

# U.S. Hires Engineers As Avro Plant Idled

For many A. V. Roe employees, Prime Minister Diefenbaker's announcement yesterday cancelling the Arrow and Iroquois projects could be the end to hopes of becoming Canadian citizens.

Workers from many overseas lands had found employment at Avro. Now idled, they are seeking employment elsewhere—and the United States is beckoning.

Many workers, not here long enough to be called Canadians, have been approached by U.S. aircraft companies. Some have accepted. They now must leave what were to have been their permanent homes, and accept a new allegiance.

Most of these are graduate aeronautical engineers. These are the persons most in demand in the United States.

One such engineer came from Ireland three years ago. His story is typical:

He worked at night to graduate as an engineer in the United Kingdom. Married with two children, the struggle was hard and costly. It looked worth while. He had received and accepted an offer from A. V. Roe in Canada. This was the land of opportunity and a land he knew was much like his own—steeped in the British tradition.

He moved to Toronto, leaving his family in Ireland until he was able to set up a new home. Nine months later he brought out his family and moved into an apartment.

His wife and he saved. Two years later they had accumulated a down payment on a house, and placed it with a builder last summer.

They had committed themselves prior to the Government's announcement last

September that it was reconsidering the Arrow project. The house was nearly completed by this time and there was no choice but to move in and hope the Arrow project would survive.

Meanwhile, U.S. firms began conducting interviews for Canadian engineers. He was interviewed by two firms. He went to the United States to look the situation over, at the expense of the company.

He liked what he saw but wanted to remain in the British Commonwealth if he could. He gave a conditional "yes" to the offer—conditional on the Arrow project.

The Arrow project is dead.