

AVRO Should Carry On

THE decision of A. V. Roe Canada Ltd. to close immediately all its plants, on the heels of the Government's decision to discontinue its orders for the CF-105, will find little sympathy with the general public, and it will create hardship on its employees. It could have been deferred, at least for some time to come.

1. The Government is committed to expending \$100,000,000 for termination of its contract, and \$50,000,000 for this purpose is, in fact, contained in current estimates.

2. The company is at present working on a U.S. contract to develop a flying saucer aircraft.

3. Within the past three days, announcement appeared that Orenda Engines, an Avro company, had received a \$6,000,000 contract from the West German government.

In the light of these facts, it appears that instead of closing down, management should aggressively use its known

talents and ability to seek new markets and substitute orders. As Avro is a member of the powerful Hawker-Siddeley group of the United Kingdom, it is surely not outside the realm of possibility that some of the work carried on by its parent companies might be diverted to Canada.

The sudden decision of Avro will be interpreted as an effort to bring immediate pressure upon the Government to change its decision.

There is deep and widespread regret that the CF-105 program cannot be continued. The Government inherited this problem, which is certainly one of the most difficult it has been called to face. The Government undoubtedly will bend every effort to seek new work that can be allocated to Avro, but only through co-operation from the company itself and through use of its world-wide connections can a solution to the problem, affecting so many men and their families, be found.

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