

No Foundation

Rumors that the Cancargo Loadmaster project is to be dropped, are wholly unfounded, according to H. Murray Semple, vice-president of Cancargo Manufacturing Company Limited of Montreal. The Loadmaster was extensively demonstrated this spring at the Rivers Joint Air Training Centre in Manitoba.

Wow!

At a cost approximating \$300,000 each, 100 F-86A jet fighter airframes are to be built by Canadair Limited of Montreal for the RCAF. In all, Defence Minister Brooke Claxton has committed his department to a contract with Canadair in which the Canadian Government will pay over \$30,000,000 for what it takes to build 100 North American Sabres in Canada.

The cost of the engines will be extra. What this cost will be or what engine will be used in the Canadian Sabre has not yet been revealed. However, this delay would apparently confirm the aviation industry's conviction that the Canadian government hopes to make use of the Orenda as the F-86A powerplant.

The actual airframe cost is estimated at some \$19,000,000, with the remainder of the contract price being made up by airframe spares, tools, dies, jigs, publications, royalties to North American, etc. The contract was signed late in August and according to H. Oliver West, Canadair president, it stipulates that deliveries are to start in the twelfth month from the date of signing.

President West has also announced that Canadair will, with its own funds, construct an extension to the present Plant 1 at Cartierville, providing over 200,000 sq. ft. of additional covered space, at an estimated cost of \$2,000,000. The building will be of steel construction and will be 315 feet wide by approximately 700 feet long. It will have a clear height under the truss of 45 feet and the entire area will be served by heavy duty bridge cranes for the transportation of parts and the handling

of heavy dies, assembly fixtures and equipment.

The new extension will be used for the fabrication and assembly of tools, dies, jigs and fixtures. The additional space will also permit the improvement of the arrangement of the existing plant, increasing its capacity and efficiency. Sub-assembly and final assembly operations for the jet fighters will be located in Canadair Plant 2, also at Cartierville.

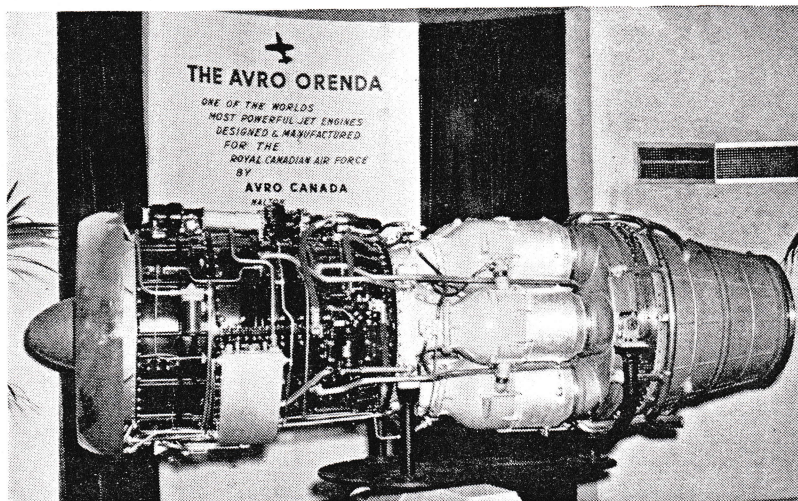
Fairey Activities

Recent news reports that The Fairey Aviation Company of Canada would begin the manufacture of Firefly air-

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Like a dying man showing a last burst of strength just before his immortal soul bogs off down the drain, Fairchild Aircraft, Limited stock last month reached a high for the current year of \$1.55. This was the result of the signing of a contract between Fairchild and an industrial firm for the sale of Fairchild's land and buildings at Longueuil, P.Q., at a price of \$600,000. The sale of this property will be followed by the liquidation of the company.

Financial assets amounting to \$217,000 will remain following the settlement of liabilities totalling approximately \$383,000. The \$217,000 will be distributed among the shareholders. There are 127,800 shares outstanding.



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UNVEILING: The Avro Orenda was shown publicly for the first time at the recent Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. The Orenda, thought to be the most powerful axial flow engine in the world is expected to be utilized as the power plant for the Canadair-built model of the F-86A Sabre. Engine has been running for several months.

craft in Canada early next year were definitely in error, *Aircraft and Airport* was informed last month by C. E. Hibbert, general manager of the Canadian firm, which is located at Eastern Passage, N.S.

Work in the Canadian Fairey plant is at present confined to the carrying out of repairs to Firefly and Seafire aircraft of the RCN, making spares for these, and overhauling and doing weight and balance jobs on all types of civilian aircraft.

Although the firm has been operating for only six months, Mr. Hibbert points out that there are over 200 employees.

Mission of Mercy

The Norseman which was mentioned in last month's *Aircraft and Airport* as being constructed for Antarctic exploration is actually to be used to relieve a small party of British scientists at Marguerite Bay in Graham Land on the Antarctic continent.

In connection with this, Federal Aircraft works of Minneapolis, Minn., have received a rush order for a set of combination wheel-skis (of a type designed and developed by Federal) to accompany the Norseman on its completion.

The purchase of the Norseman for