

Blow to Industry, Says Executive Of Association

Cancellation of the Avro Arrow production program has dealt a very severe blow to the Canadian aircraft industry, R. N. Redmayne, general manager of the Air Industries and Transport Association, said yesterday.

"This is probably going to deter any further original development, particularly in warplanes in Canada," he said.

"The Canadian industry is going to have to sharpen its pencils if it wishes to remain in business," the general manager said.

He said A. V. Roe has been the leader in the aircraft development field in Canada, pointing to not only the Arrow but to the Avro Jetliner, another Avro experimental aircraft that was abandoned on the production line.

Mr. Redmayne said it was particularly unfortunate that the announcement of the death of the Arrow was made on the eve of the 50th anniversary of flight in Canada.

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