

See It Up To Ottawa To Find 13,800 Jobs

The federal government has a moral responsibility to find some way in which the 13,800 Avro-Orenda workers can be employed, church leaders said in Toronto last night.

Rt. Rev. F. H. Wilkinson, Anglican bishop of Toronto, said: "It's a tragedy. I would have thought our government would have given some consideration to substitute employment for these skilled workers. I'm not qualified to comment on the judgment to stop production of the Arrow. But it's a tragic thing to see such a vast group of men unemployed."

The comments were substantially the same from all walks of life as the full impact of the Arrow's fate reached the public in their homes last night.

"Most unfortunate," said Rev. A. J. Gowland, secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Canada board of evangelism and social action. "From the point of view of the unemployment that is now to result, it is a terrible thing to contemplate."

"The government must do something now to provide employment for all these people," he said.

Rev. P. P. W. Ziemann, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, said he had friends and relatives working on the Avro Arrow program and he

was "very concerned" over their fate.

"The mass throwing of all these people on the labor market is a national tragedy," he declared. "I must voice my great concern about the resulting unemployment and hope there is some solution, real soon."

Metropolitan Toronto, which has reaped the most benefits from the post-war prosperity period, hasn't been disciplined to take the shocks of large and sudden layoffs like some other parts of the country, Rev. James R. Mutchmor, secretary of the board of evangelism and social service, United Church of Canada, said today.

"Proportionately, the layoff of 5,000 miners in the Sydney-Glace Bay area of Nova Scotia is much harder than this bad news from Avro," he said.

Dr. Mutchmor said he sympathized with Prime Minister Diefenbaker in his tough decision.