

# Opposition Mixed Up On Arrow Criticism

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OTTAWA — Opposition parties are having as hard a time making up their minds about the Avro Arrow as the Government did.

Even before Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced cancellation of the Arrow and Iroquois engine programs yesterday, members of the two Opposition groups had been trying to decide whether there would be grounds for an attack on the Government if cancellation was ordered.

It appeared today that the attacks will come on side issues, with all parties in general agreement that the aircraft had to go.

The Liberals will concentrate on the timing of the announcement—whether it was wise for the Government to continue the program from last September, when the first cancellation indications came from the Prime Minister, or whether outright cancellation should have been ordered at that time.

## Mass Layoffs 2nd KO Punch For Nobel Men

NOBEL — (Special) — When Orenda Engines fired 188 men here, 10 miles north of Parry Sound, it was the second time in 15 years the town has faced hardships because of mass layoffs.

Two-thirds of the town's working force was employed at the Orenda plant where afterburners and engines were tested.

At the end of World War II, thousands were laid off as the explosive plant producing most of Canada's cordites reduced operations.

Orenda manager here, Jack S. Armstrong, said one-third of the men in town still have jobs at the CIL explosive plant.

"It's certainly going to hurt Parry Sound too." Most of us do our shopping there."

The CCF objections, House Leader Hazen Argue indicated yesterday, will be based largely on Government failure to assure other employment for Malton workers before cancelling the Arrow and thereby ending their jobs.

Opposition members huddled yesterday after the announcement but neither party appeared ready to disagree with the basic decision.

The House listened in silence through Prime Minister Diefenbaker's long statement yesterday and to comments by the Liberal and CCF leaders.

No one seemed surprised that the decision was "no." One Cabinet minister said afterwards that it was "a relief to have it off our chests."

Meanwhile, for the Avro workers, there was a glimmer of distant hope for a revival of work in the Malton plant if Canada decides on a new aircraft to equip RCAF NATO squadrons in Europe.

The decision won't be made before May, however.

The company has had officials in the United States discussing arrangements for the building in Canada of at least one U.S.-designed plane. A British aircraft is also being considered.

It is the Government's plan to choose a plane which can be built in Canada under license from its U.S. or British developers.