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Croll Blasts P.M. For Killing Arrow

Senator David Croll, who feels Canada will become just a "buffer state" for the U.S. with the scrapping of the Arrow program, said last night he was "too mad to talk" about Prime Minister Diefenbaker's decision announced yesterday.

He insisted: "When 13,800 people are involved, it's as much a political and social question as it is an economic one . . . This is a time to get hot. I don't want to burn up The Star's pages, it goes into the home."

Senator Croll is planning what apparently will be a blistering speech for next Tuesday in the Senate.

In a speech to the Senate on Feb. 5, Mr. Croll said building the Arrow would be the best contribution Canada could make to its defence. "It would give Canada the finest interceptor plane of its type in the world and a defence weapon the country could afford."

Sen. Croll said Canada lacks the funds to join in the nuclear rocket race between Russia and the U.S. He also expressed little faith in the Bomarc ground-to-air interceptor missile.

"For this country to build a Bomarc wall would give us about as much protection as did the Great Wall of China, or the Siegfried or Maginot lines; it would be foolhardy."

In his Senate speech, Mr. Croll warned that scrapping the Arrow would mean Canada's dependence on U.S. military power "will be unprecedented in history. Our role will then be to operate ground radar defence systems and Bomarc. We then become a buffer state. The U.S. is merely using us to protect her strategic air command."

He also warned that cancellation of the Arrow would give Canada less defence and cripple the country's aviation and electronics industries.

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