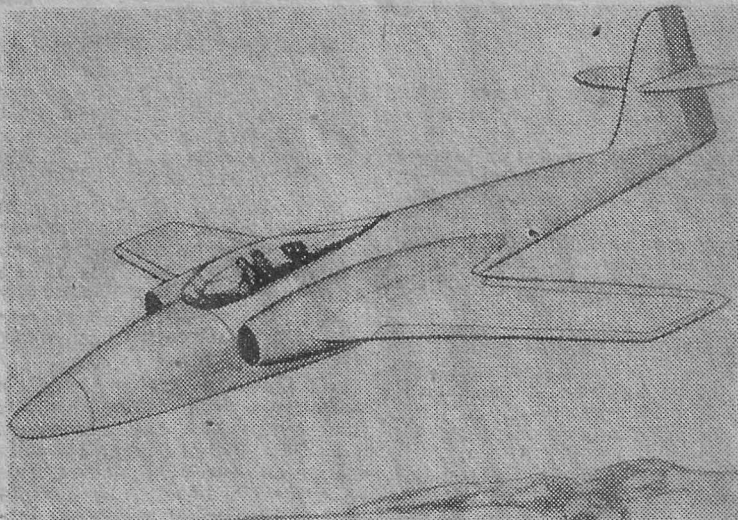




# RCMP HUNTING JET "LEAK"

## Prosecutions May Follow Malton Tip To Magazine On Secret Plane Details

U.S. Publication's Story and Sketch on Speediest  
Aircraft Just a Guess, However, Officials Say  
— Worried About Future Leaks on Some-  
thing Else Worth Guarding



"Not entirely accurate" is official reaction to this artist's conception of Canada's jet fighter published in U.S. magazine Aviation Week.

Ottawa, Nov. 12 — (CP) — The RCMP are investigating a possible "leak" of information regarding a new experimental jet fighter aircraft on which details and specifications were published this week in a United States magazine.

The aircraft XC-100, is being built at the Malton plant of A. V. Roe Company of Canada.

An official statement from the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal A. M. Curfis today said that if investigations show that an offence has been committed under the Official Secrets Act "the person responsible will be prosecuted."

The two-seater fighter is said to be capable of outdistancing almost every military aircraft in the world today.

The magazine, Aviation Week, gave no indication of the source of its information, but published various specifications, along with a rough sketch which was described by M. D. Willer, assistant sales and service manager of the company, as just a "guess" as to what the fighter actually looked like. Mr. Willer announced himself as being very perturbed at the leak, however.

### THINK OF FUTURE

Officials, it was learned, are concerned not so much with any actual information disclosed in the article as to the manner in which the information was gained. It was previously known that the fighter was being developed and some articles have been written about it.

However, officials are concerned that such a leakage of information might result in some future leak of really important secrets. Employees at the A. V. Roe plant are sworn to secrecy and under the Official Secrets Act are liable to heavy penalties up to several years' im-

prisonment for divulging information.

It was learned today that regulations governing admittance of non-employees to the plant have been tightened considerably following the leakage. Persons wishing to visit the buildings are given a double "screening" and must prove beyond doubt they are not visiting the premises for ulterior purposes.

The mystery of the leakage is further heightened by the fact that for almost a year . . . since work started on the new jet plane . . . visitors have not been permitted to approach the fighter plane division of the plant.

The new fighter is expected to embody the results of Canadian research which has been going on for three years on jet performance in the far north. Whitehorse, in the Yukon, has been a centre for these trials.

### LONG RANGE JOB

It is also expected to overcome, at least to some extent, one of the main drawbacks of jet fighters—the shortness of range.

Aviation Week described the new plane as a "tandem-seat, all weather fighter powered by two 6,500-pound static thrust Rolls Royce Avon axial-flow turbojets, capable of a speed of 675 miles an hour."

Built to RCAF specifications and designed by J. C. M. Frost, a British designer, the aircraft will be one of the most powerfully armed jet fighters in existence, with four 30 mm cannon developed from a war-time German design, the magazine said.

It added that if the plane proved a success, it would be offered to both British and American governments.

At Toronto last night, Mr. Willer said that the information in the article was "not all accurate."