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A. V. Roe Canada Ltd. will direct the new engineering and production job of building the U.S. developed, Douglas-Sperry Sparrow air-to-air guided missile in Canada for the CF-100 and CF-105. Canadian Westinghouse Co., Hamilton, will make the electronic guidance system and do the redesign work to meet Canadian requirements; Canadair Ltd., Montreal, will build the

Originally α U. S. Navy project, three versions of the missile exist, the: AAM-N-2 Sparrow 1, AAM-N-3 Sparrow 2, and AAM-N-4 Sparrow 3. All have solid rocket engines. Development was started in 1951.

The Sparrow 1, which is in production for the U.S. Navy, is 8 ft. 3 ins. long, weighs 280 lbs., has a range of approximately five miles and a speed of Mach 3.

A. H. Zimmerman, chairman designate of DRB, said the Sparrow was chosen for its comparative simplicity and low cost. It's not decided yet which model Canada will make.

Velvet Glove work will be continued to keep the Canadian quided missile team together. Canada is considering integration of efforts with those of the U.S. and U.K. for development of surface-to-air and ship-to-air weapons.

Civil Radar network is in the works for the Department of Transport. Initial project calls for four short-range Decca MR-75 radar sets for installation at Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver airports. These are temporary surveillance units to aid traffic control.

Long-range plans: 15 larger units being custom-built by Raytheon for installation at all major airports in Canada: Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Fort William, North Bay, Toronto, London, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Seven Islands, Moncton and Halifax.

Range of the larger sets would be a minimum of 90 miles and 60,000 ft. altitude with potential for general surveillance in a range of 150-200 miles and precision surveillance extending to a minimum of 90 miles. Delivery of these large sets is expected in 1957 with the chain operational in 1958.

CAEC (Civil Air Emergency Corps) has got under way in the Toronto area. Regular Civil Defense training will be given first to be followed by air rescue and communications training this summer with flying exercises.

Avro Aircraft's CF-100 Mark V production line is already rolling with the first of the new Mark V's delivered to the RCAF. These are covered by existing contracts well into 1958 despite recent press reports announcing new contracts.

Meanwhile, according to some reports, the first delta-wing CF-105 supersonic interceptor is expected to be finished by late spring 1957. It will be the first of α batch of five which will probably be powered with the Pratt & Whitney J-57 engines. The next batch of 11 will get the Orenda P.S. 13 new 20,000 lb.-plus thrust engines if testing schedules are met.

Guest Aerovias Mexico, S.A., has already started to operate a twice a week Constellation service between Mexico City and Windsor, Ontario. \$87 one-way.

Spartan Air Services Ltd. new association with McPhar Engineering Co. of Canada will expand Spartan's geophysical potential to be able to offer EM and magnetometer surveying and geophysical analysis.