

# Argue Demands Ottawa Parley With Avro Men

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Ottawa, Feb. 22—CCF Leader Argue demanded on Saturday that the Government immediately call a conference with representatives of AVRO and the labor unions to discuss the plight of the 13,800 workers laid off because of the decision to terminate production of the Avro Arrow aircraft.

In a statement issued here, he also demanded Government action to provide alternative employment for the displaced employees and an inquiry into the possibilities of developing the civil aircraft industry which would utilize the facilities installed at Malton at such cost.

The Government, he said, should also insist on an increased share in production of the requirements for an integrated program of North American defense. Such integration would require negotiation with the United States.

"Events since the announcement by the prime minister of the decision to discontinue production of the Arrow," Mr. Argue said, "have demonstrated the full measure of the callousness and cruelty of the Government in this matter."

"It has now become clear that the Government had made no advance preparation to deal with the serious economic consequences of its decision. Worse than that, the Government seems prepared to stand idly by while the aircraft workers are thrown unceremoniously into the street."

Surely plans for alternative projects and employment could have been developed during the many months during which the question had been under consideration, Mr. Argue said.

# Arrow Project End Protested By Veterans

Brantford, Feb. 22 — Victor Bishop of Brantford said today that the Federation of British-Canadian Veterans of Canada has objected to the Federal Government's decision to discontinue production of the Avro CF-105 Arrow jet interceptor.

Mr. Bishop, Dominion president of the federation, said the group has passed this resolution.

If the prime minister is not inclined to reinstate the Arrow as a point of future Canadian defense, we deplore the use of the U.S.-made Bomarc missile, especially in regard to the ultimate control of the atomic warhead.

Mr. Bishop said copies of the resolution have gone to Prime Minister Diefenbaker, Canadian Legion, Canadian Corps Association and the Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans of Canada.

# Kitchener Firm Hit by Loss Of Arrow Work

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Kitchener, Feb. 22—One Kitchener firm cut back its operations severely yesterday and several others may be forced to lay off employees because of the cancellation of the Avro Arrow program.

Ninety men were laid off by Keicher Engineering Ltd., which had a contract to make spare parts for the Arrow.

L. J. Morgenroth, Keicher spokesman, said all but a handful of the firm's 110 employees were told there would be no work for them Monday. About 20 senior employees are being retained to fill orders for spare parts for the CF-100 all-weather fighter.

"It's a blow to the other employees," Mr. Morgenroth said, "but there's nothing in sight for them."

He said the company would seek new work, but until Avro Aircraft Ltd. reassessed its position it would be unable to carry on.

"If there's nothing further from Avro, everybody will be out of work," he said.

Five other Kitchener-Waterloo industries are affected by the Arrow cancellation, and the officials of several think layoffs may be necessary.

The contracting firms are B. F. Goodrich Canada Ltd., Waterloo Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Ledco Ltd., B. and W. Heat Treating Ltd., and W. R. Elliott Ltd.

The Goodrich company's \$1,000,000 contract for tires, deciders, brake and wheel assemblies, and other components was nearly completed when the cancellation order came through.

The firm's president, R. V. Yohe, said any immediate effect of the cancellation would be quickly adjusted without layoffs.

Officials of Ledco and Waterloo Manufacturing think their firms may have to lay off 15 to 20 employees each until new business is found. The other firms were uncertain about the final effect of the cancellation.

# 188 Shocked and Bewildered As Nobel's Orenda Plant Closes

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Nobel, Feb. 22—Most of the 188 men and women who worked at Orenda Engines Ltd. here, seven miles north of Parry Sound, are still shocked and surprised today.

Their jobs were wiped out Friday after the government announced cancellation of the Avro Arrow program.

About 20 Orenda employees were retained temporarily to guard the Orenda test establishment here and keep its heating equipment functioning.

The jobless personnel are bitter and bewildered about the decision. There is strong personal antagonism toward Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

Disbelief and fear are written on their faces.

They find it hard to believe that this really is the end of the Orenda plant. They don't want to believe it, especially at this time of year when jobs are scarce and fuel bills high.

A cutback in March was expected but not a complete shutdown now, they say.

Many are afraid they will have to leave the Parry Sound district to try to find jobs elsewhere, giving up their homes and severing community ties. Not one interviewed this week-end knew for certain where to go or what to do.

Each time the question: "What will you do now?" was asked, the consensus was: "We're lost. We haven't a clue."

Even the children old enough to understand their parents' plight are subdued.

"I won't turn on the lights any more unless I can't see and you don't have to give me an allowance any more," Bryan Wilson, 10, told his mother.

Mrs. W. R. Wilson said that his brother, David, 13, suggested that she take back his (David's) new pair of trousers to the store where she had bought them on sale and use the money to help out now that his father, an Orenda tool and diemaker, is out of work.

The Wilson's, with a half-completed bungalow and a mortgage, are baffled as to their next step. "We won't be able to sell the house until we finish it and perhaps there no longer will be a market for houses in the Parry Sound district," they said.

"Most of the blame lies on the shoulders of Mr. Diefenbaker and his underlings," said Otto Kraus, 27, a fitter tester. "I'd like to get hold of our fellow Canadian," he added.

Mr. Kraus, a father of two, said: "A lot of us went into aircraft work straight from school. That's all we know. Now much of the industry is being destroyed. I don't know why Canada has to buy missiles manufactured in the United States."

"I will head for the unemployment office Monday but after that I don't know. Maybe we will go to the United States," he said.

T. A. Dunk, 29, an Orenda instrument laboratory worker for eight years, said: "The Conservative Party will never get another vote from me as long as I live. I voted for Mr. Diefenbaker in 1958, but I can't accept his statement on the Avro Arrow."

"I think that perhaps one of the reasons the Conservatives killed the Arrow was that they went on a spending spree, used up the surplus built up by the Liberals and now have to cut back. Only excuses, not reasons, were given for the Government's decision," he asserted.

Paul Marcok, a test technician and chief steward of Local 1922, International Association of Machinists, said the men had felt there might be a cutback at the end of March but "no one expected anything so drastic and so soon."

"I think the decision should have rested more with the members of Parliament rather than just with the prime minister, the cabinet and a few advisers," he said.

Mr. Marcok added: "I believe Mr. Diefenbaker is an egotist who should not be prime minis-

ter. I think he has decided he is an expert on defense."

"The conditions of our contract with Orenda have not been lived up to. Those with five years service or more are supposed to get two weeks notice and those with less than five years service should get one week notice. We weren't given any written notice at all," he said.

"Some of the workers are physically sick over the decision. It's grim," he stated.

Mr. Marcok added: "The majority will have to leave the district and seek employment elsewhere. Maybe we'll have to ride the rails in the summer."

"It came as a bombshell," said D. G. Kingston, chief steward of Local 717 of the IAM.

Mr. Kingston said he believed that if the Government had withheld its decision until March 31, as indicated earlier, the Arrow would have officially smashed the world speed record with its Iroquois engines.

"I feel the prime minister pulled a fast one by making this decision now. He would have been embarrassed by the Arrow's speed record if he had waited," the union steward said.

The Kingstons came to Canada from England 11 years ago. "We may be forced to go back to the old country although we love it here," said Mrs. Kingston.

# Government Accused Of Economic Treason

Cancellation of the Avro Arrow by the Federal Government was economic treason, political servitude and moral prostitution, union leaders said Saturday.

A statement issued jointly by the executive committees of the International Association of Machinists and the United Auto Workers following a three-hour meeting at Malton charged the move had erased the Canadian border in favor of U.S. domination of defense and warned that complete servitude would follow unless steps were taken to prevent the Government from continuing in such a foolhardy direction.

The cutting off of production with a "meat cleaver" is completely unforgivable and the suddenness of the decision will add to the chaos, heartache and misery of thousands of Canadian families, the statement said. The unions, the statement continued, are not satisfied with Prime Minister Diefenbaker's claim there is no alternative and said the Government must take steps to insure full employment for employees of the two companies.

The committees telegraphed Federal Opposition leaders urging a motion of no confidence in the Diefenbaker Government whose action the unions termed

"a lockout of Avro and Orenda employees."

The committees will meet again today to plan mass protest meetings over the decision.

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