

# 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, de-icers, 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.