

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.