

# Frost Says Ottawa Must Save Malton

The Diefenbaker government has "a very definite responsibility" to provide "a reasonable substitute program" at Malton to take care of the municipalities and individuals affected by the scrapping of the Arrow interceptor, Premier Frost said yesterday.

Another statement by the premier is expected Monday on what action Ontario may take to aid the thousands thrown out of work by the Ottawa decision and the municipalities whose very existence depends on the A. V. Roe and Orenda engines payrolls.

John Wintermeyer, Liberal leader, said he will move on Monday that a special select committee of the legislature be set up to meet with A. V. Roe officials to try "to find means of preserving the aircraft industry for Ontario."

In the legislature yesterday, Mr. Wintermeyer and Donald C. MacDonald, provincial CCF leader, pressed the government for immediate action after Premier Frost informed the House of the Ottawa decision, which, he said, "could have momentous effects."

Premier Frost pulled no punches in his initial reaction. "I think very clearly the problem now is to provide a reasonable substitute program to take care of the municipalities and the thousands of individuals affected by this change of policy."

He said the Ontario government had never been consulted by Ottawa "now or in the past" in relation to defence requirements. But, he said, commitments have been made by the province, the municipalities concerned in servicing Avro projects with schools, roads, sewers, waterworks, housing projects "and a host of other things."

"These commitments are huge.

They have been undertaken in good faith . . . therefore, provincial interest and concern relates not to the Arrow nor to defence projects, because those are decisions for the Canadian government. What we are concerned with are the commitments . . . and, in this regard, the Canadian government has a very definite responsibility, and one which cannot be answered merely by a change of policy."