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14,000 LOSE JOB OVER CANCELLED ARROW JET

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IT was the first day in their new home for British emigrants Peter and Maureen Galvin.

Maureen was still unpacking when her husband came back from work with the news: "We've all been laid off."

"We" are 14,000 workers of A. V. Roe (Canada). The reason for the sackings: The Canadian Government decision to end all contracts for the faster-than-sound Avro Arrow jet fighter.

Most of the workers at aircraft factories in Malton, Ontario, are British emigrants. The Galvins came over from Liverpool two years ago. And things were going well.

Then on Friday, ten minutes before work ended, came the news that has toppled their hopes.

Today, there are fears that the smaller satellite towns ringing the aircraft works may become "ghost towns." Many British emigrants living in the dormitory communities have been working with aircraft all their lives.

Missiles

Another British family is James Black, former draughtsman, his wife, and 14-month-old son. They married shortly before coming to Canada three years ago.

About a year ago they bought their house, believing—as 23-year-old Mrs. Dorothy Black said—that "Jim's job at Avro was permanent."

Now "we've decided to apply for our visas to go to the United States."

Canada has spent £108,000,000 developing the Arrow. Now the Government is to fill the defence gap with the American Bomarc guided missile. Canadian Premier Mr. Diefenbaker said the plane and its engine were successful, but the threat of enemy bombers had diminished. Missiles were now the major threat.