

Try to Sell Arrows In U.S., Chevrier Asks

The Federal Government should be "busying itself" trying to sell the Avro Arrow in the United States and should try to have the Hyde Park Agreement of 1941 revived to avoid duplication in defense expenditures, Lionel Chevrier, former transport minister, said yesterday.

He told the Liberal Business Men's Club of Toronto the Government's defense policies, like those on unemployment and inflation, are confusing.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker stated, in effect, last November that the Arrow was obsolete, Mr. Chevrier said.

The Liberal MP for Montreal-Laurier said that later, Gen. Earle Partridge of the USAF and RCAF Air Marshal Slemon, NORAD commander and deputy commander respectively, had said that as a manned interceptor, the Arrow—from the standpoint of efficiency, speed and operation—was among the best and recommended that it be used by our defense forces.

Then, Defense Minister Pearkes had said he agreed

with Air Marshal Slemon, Mr. Chevrier added.

He said Canadians are entitled to know what the Government's policy on the plane really is.

Red tape has made it impossible for Canada to get defense orders in the United States, he charged.

If the Hyde Park Agreement were revived, it could be of tremendous assistance to Canada, Mr. Chevrier said.

He said that prior to the agreement being signed in 1941, there were useless expenditures and duplication in defense production facilities in Canada and the United States.

Following the agreement, Canada sold the United States \$1,310,000,000 worth of defense orders for aircraft, ships and munitions and helped to substantially reduce the unfavorable balance of trade, he said.

Canada is facing a difficult situation on the economic front with a double-barrelled problem of inflation and recession, and there is a great deal of anxiety about the manner in which the Government will deal with this, the speaker said.

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