

Gov't 50% Payroll Can Speed 'Saucer'

The Federal Government's decision to share the payroll cost of about 1,000 Avro technical workers will speed the progress of Avro's Flying Saucer aircraft.

Most of the 1,000 engineers and technicians are likely to work on this project that is sponsored by the U.S. Air Force.

An A. V. Roe spokesman said today the company could not reveal its plans for the extra men.

But it is known that Avro's vertical take-off aircraft is one of the projects discussed with the Canadian Government.

There is now six months' work at Avro Aircraft and Orenda Engines for about 3,000 employees.

The 2,000 working this week are engaged mainly on maintenance and overhaul contracts.

Finance Minister Fleming announced yesterday that the Government would pay half the payroll costs of about 1,000 workers for six months.

Opposition Leader Pearson and CCF House Leader Hazen Argue said the decision should have been taken long before the cancellation of the Arrow program.

In a related move, the Government will call representatives of the Canadian defense manufacturing industry to Ottawa, next month, to brief them on the possibilities of defense production with the U.S.

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