Met Official

Prime Minister Diefenbaker said today he met J. S. D. Tory, vice-president and director of A. V. Roe Canada Ltd., here on Feb. 5—15 days before the Government announced cancellation of the Avro Arrow interceptor

program.

His Commons statement was in reply to a question by George McIlraith (L, Ottawa West) on whether he had met A. V. Roe president, Crawford Gordon, or any other official of the company between Sept. 23, 1958, and Feb. 20, 1959. Last Sept. 23 was the date on which the Government announced postponement of a decision on the Arrow's future.