

Want RCAF To Play Role

Ottawa, Feb. 20 (CP) — The national council of the RCAF Association said tonight it is "gravely concerned" that the announcement of the termination of the Arrow program contained no provision for an acceptable substitute.

The council said in a statement "this lack of alternative would appear to support recent indications of relinquishing the role of the manned interceptor wholly to the U.S. Air Force."

It said, "Canadians are best able to undertake the vital responsibility of the air defense of our country."

The council passed the following resolution:

"That the Government of Canada ensure that the RCAF continues to exercise its rightful responsibility and role in the air defense of North America."