

Planning To Spend 25 Per Cent Of Defence Budget On New Aircraft

OTTAWA, (CP)—The Defence Department plans to spend \$3,180,000,000 in the next seven years for aircraft. This amount will represent roughly 25 per cent of the total defence budget for the years 1954 to 1961, officials said Wednesday, and will reflect Canadian concern with continental defence.

Equipping the RCAF with the proper fighter aircraft is a slow and painstaking job. And it never ends because in this super-sonic age planes become obsolete almost as soon as they are in service.

That is why the defence department must plan for aircraft seven or eight years ahead. The CF-105, successor to the CF-100 all-weather long-range jet fighter, now is on the drawing boards and the RCAF is searching for a successor to the Sabre jet for its air division in Europe. The prototype of the CF-105 is not expected to fly until around 1960.

800 PLANES A YEAR
The air force takes delivery of about 800 planes a year from Canadian manufacturers, including all types. So far, A. V. Roe Company of Malton, Ont., has delivered more than 100 Mark III and Mark IV CF-100s, enough to equip at least four squadrons.

The RCAF, with a current strength of 45,000, has trained 7,000 aircrew in the last four years including more than 2,500 from other North Atlantic Treaty countries. With aircraft consuming 25 per

cent of defence costs and personnel for all forces taking up roughly half, only 25 per cent is left for construction and other equipment. If the armed forces are maintained at their present strength, defence is going to continue to cost Canada about \$2,000,000,000 a year for a long time to come.

As a comparison of air and ground defence costs, the RCAF's 12 squadrons in Europe cost \$600,000,000 a year.

PROTECTION ROLE
In event of air attack on this continent, the main job of the RCAF would be to protect the west's massive retaliation weapon—the United States strategic bomber force.

In the view of defence officials here, Canada has no primary targets which would attract enemy bombers but if the U. S. bomber force were knocked out, the enemy could then turn to secondary targets, such as big cities in both Canada and the U. S.

Hand-in-hand with plane production goes construction of radar networks, not only to detect and track hostile aircraft but to vector interceptors onto them. Defence Minister Claxton has said that the combination of interceptors and radar now is so effective that attacking planes might be forced to take other than Arctic routes. For this reason, radar picket ships and planes will patrol the seaward approaches to the continent to supply warning of any sudden attack coming from the Atlantic or Pacific.

CITES WARM MUTUAL RELATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND THE U. S.

NEW YORK (CP)—The Herald Tribune says in an editorial today that speeches Tuesday by two Canadian statesmen "bear witness to the warm mutual relations between Canada and the United States."

"At Geneva, Mr. Lester Pearson rose to defend the United States against Communist charges of imperialism. . . . That such assurance should need to be given about the United States is one of the anomalies of the present age; that the Canadian secretary of state for foreign affairs should take it on himself to give them is one

of its compensations." Governor-General Massey's address the same day before the joint session of the U. S. Congress emphasized "the mutual respect that exists between men and nations that lead their own lives and are faithful to their own ways." "At a time like the present, when the Communist bloc is making every effort to divide the Western alliance, these brave and forthright words from Canada are of inestimable value."

DEBT TO CANADA GREAT
The New York Times calls the one-governor - general's address "a

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warm and eloquent speech," and adds: "With typical modesty the governor-general concentrated his remarks on Canada's debt to the United States in scientific, cultural and other fields. "Our debt to Canada is at least as great, a debt arising from such varied benefits—to name but two—as the security of having a great and good friend along a continent-wide northern border and the strength accruing to us from Canada's great contribution to the Free World's atomic power and knowledge. . . . The Mirror says the fact that the governor-general made the address is more important "than any words he spoke could be."



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Suspended Term On Bigamy Charge

OTTAWA (CP)—Winston Frederick Hensler, 56-year-old Toronto man who served a month in jail last year for stealing the Currie report on the Canadian Army, drew a suspended sentence Wednesday on a bigamy charge.

"You come before this court with quite a record," said county judge A. G. McDougall. "The court could impose a maximum sentence of 14 years. This should have some effect on and on what you do in future."

Hensler pleaded guilty to the bigamy charge Wednesday. Evidence was that he had been married three times.

He was convicted last year of stealing from the printer a report on conditions at Camp Petawawa being prepared for the federal government.

Plant Still Strike Bound At Stellarton

STELLARTON, N. S. (CP) — Manager Clarence Porter said today his strike-bound woodworking plant "has been taken over completely by the mob."

Mr. Porter telephoned Labor Minister Patterson in Halifax that the plant was in the hands of the union and the matter now is "entirely in your hands."

Speakers for the men on strike since last October said, "We are maintaining a legal picket line and no damage has been caused to the plant."

In Halifax, meanwhile, CCL director Henry Harm conferred with Mr. Patterson on the situation, a tense one since a scuffle Tuesday when CCL organizer Don Nicholson was injured.

Mr. Patterson has already said he will send labor trouble-shooter J. P. Bell to the scene to investigate the dispute.

About 100 pickets remained at the plant today.

Stellarton town police were standing by and there was no violence. The D. Porter and Sons plant has been idle since the company and union failed to agree on a new contract. The union asked a 90-cent hourly wage boost, reduction of the work week from 46 to 44 hours and holiday benefits. A conciliation board report suggesting one week's vacation and the work week reduction but no change in pay was accepted by the union and rejected by the company.

The union is local 276 of the United Building Product Workers CCL.

New Canadian Is 91 Years Old

KENTVILLE, N. S. (CP)—Mrs. Emma Vetra smiled Wednesday as her daughter Maiga took the oath of allegiance. Then she herself wrote out the oath in a shaky hand and repeated it in shakier English.

That's how Mrs. Vetra, 91 years old, became a new Canadian. A native of Latvia, she and her daughter fled when the Russians took over after the Second World War. They came to Canada in 1948. Miss Vetra is an architect with a firm at nearby Wolfville.

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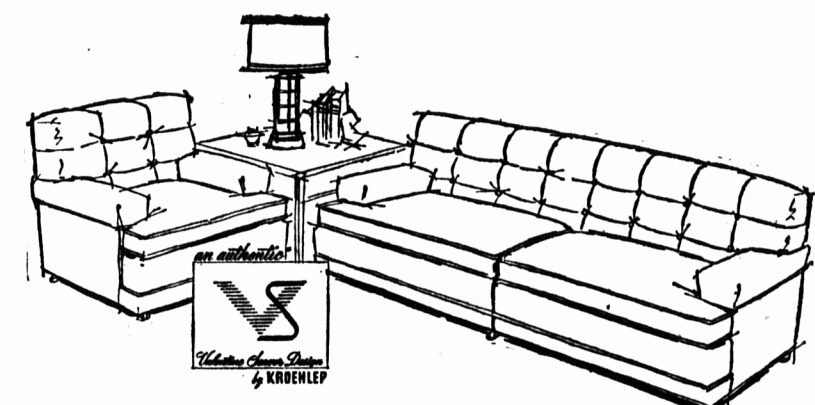
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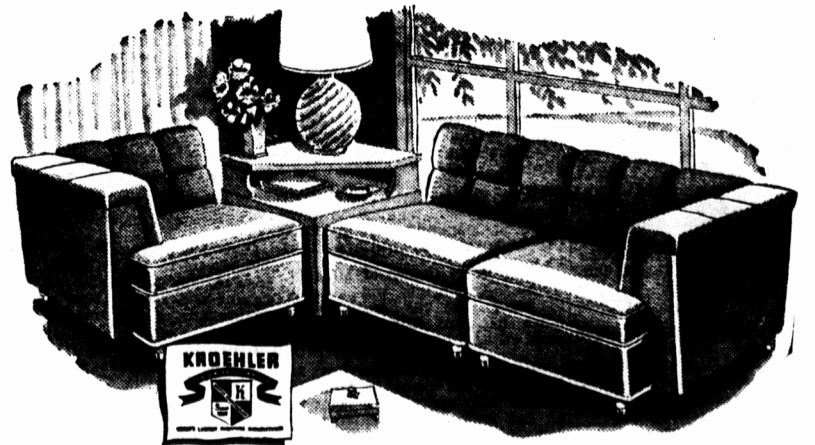
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