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Supersonic Jet Fighter To Be Made In Canada: Ottawa, January 2, (CP) -- Canada has decided to plan production of a supersonic jet fighter aircraft for her own needs and for possible sale to other countries, a defence production source disclosed tonight.

The plan is to have the plane designed and produced at the Avro Aircraft Company at Malton, Ont., manufacturers of the CF-100 all-weather jet fighter for the R.C.A.F.

Funds to assist in the development of the plane to travel faster than sound will be provided by the federal Government.

The supersonic jet will be dart-shaped and with wings swept so far back that they will form part of the main fuselage. When built, it will travel at more than 700 miles per hour -- the speed of sound -- and may reach maximum speeds of more than 1,000 miles per hour.

Indications are that the design will be along British lines, but with special features to meet Canadian flying conditions.

Eventually the new jet, if and when produced, will replace the CF-100 as a front-line aircraft for the R.C.A.F.

Preliminary discussions and planning have been proceeding for about a year.

The official hope is that Canada may be able to produce a supersonic fighter that may find a market in other countries, thus helping to shoulder the burden of production costs which are expected to be high if Canada produces the jet for the R.C.A.F. alone.

No time has been set for actual production. Planning may take another year or more.

Replacement Troops For Korea: Ottawa, January 2 (Journal) -- The Minister of National Defence, Mr. Claxton, today told the Canadian Brigade there would be "a very considerable movement of troops from Canada to Korea soon". Mr. Claxton said that "adequate enlistments" have swelled a manpower pool in Canada which will guarantee the carrying out of the yearly rotation plan first announced last Fall.

(Ottawa authorities said the additional troops sent to Korea would be replacements and would not increase the total of about 7,000 Canadians on service there.

(The movement will take men of the 1st Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment, now stationed at Petawawa, and the 1st Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment, now at Valcartier, Que., into Korea in the early Spring, relieving men in the 2nd Battalions of these units who have been on duty there.)

In addition to assuring brigade personnel they would be given rotation leave after one year in the Korean theatre, Mr. Claxton said arrangements were in progress to return them home by air.

He further hinted at the possibility of improved leave conditions during the year of Korean service.

"One thing we can do for you while you are serving in Korea", he told the troops, "is to give you the opportunity of visiting and seeing Japan properly. We are going to try and make arrangements that will fit this objective into your regular five-day leave periods."

Canadian troops in Korea are entitled to five days' leave for every six months of service.

On New Year's Day, Mr. Claxton decorated two members of the Royal Canadian Regiment for bravery in the field in Korea. He also fired the 200,000th shell