

# Flying Saucers In Canada?

**O**TTAWA, Fri.—Is Canada really working on a flying saucer? Defence Production Department officials say yes. Defence Production Department officials say no.

Those who are inclined to believe the affirmative feel they have a lot to back up their line of thinking.

In recent weeks, it has been a well publicised story that C. D. Howe, Minister of Defence Production, has been stoutly resisting the efforts of the Royal Canadian Air Force to launch the Government on the development of a successor to the Canadian-designed CF-100, a long-range jet fighter now in production at Avro Canada at Malton. On-

Canada at Malton, Ontario.

### HEAVY COST

Mr. Howe is represented as being impressed with the heavy cost incurred by Canada in the development of the CF-100 into which was built the extreme range needed for the defence of Canada's northern approaches.

He is now quoted as feeling that this country would be better off to leave to the U.S. and Great Britain the expense of designing any new planes of this type. Canada could then manufacture them on licence.

Those who believe Canadian aircraft scientists may be tinkering with a flying saucer argue that Mr. Howe is a hardy realist who has never "flinched" at expense before when it was required for the country's security.

It is also noted that nearly half of Canada's 2,225,000,000 dollar Defence Budget for 1953 has been labelled for the Air Force.

The feeling of the country

**The feeling of the saucer believers is that Canada may be robbing the orthodox jet Peter to pay the saucer Paul. Statements of Defence Production Department officials do little more than throw a mantle of confusion over the whole question.—(Reuter).**