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News conference on reported discovery of Avro Arrow prototype LIVE



Search crews say they have found a test model of the Avro Arrow on the floor of Lake Ontario. Photos and video footage of the discovery are expected to be revealed

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Is the era of manned aircraft over?

The Bomarc missile casts a shadow over the Avro Arrow as Canada enters the missile age.

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Replica could take to the skies after decades of work

Avro Arrow was scrapped nearly 60 years ago

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MacKenzie talks jets

Retired Maj. Gen. Lewis MacKenzie discusses his support for using an update to the CF-105 Avro Arrow as Canada's next round of fighter jets

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Missiles haven't finished the RCAF, says robot

A robot named Electro is at the 1960 Canadian National Exhibition, trying to recruit young science-minded folks to the RCAF by explaining what the air force is all about these days



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Would it be fun to be an astronaut?

Razzle Dazzle asks: Do you think it would be fun and interesting to be an astronaut?

July 16, 2019



The Avro Jetliner

CBC-TV looks back at the Avro Jetliner, a groundbreaking commercial jet that was discontinued in 1956.

February 3, 1983



Metric conversion error almost ends in plane disaster

An Air Canada Boeing 767 runs out of gas and lands under no power in Gimli, Man.

July 29, 1983



In a leadership convention thick with drama, John Diefenbaker is humiliated when Conservatives vote to dump him as leader in 1967. Aired Sept. 9, 1967 on a CBC Television news special.



September 27, 2017

Total triumph for John Diefenbaker's Tories in 1958

"Not a landslide, not an avalanche but an earthquake," reports CBC Television. Aired on CBC Newsmagazine on April 6, 1958.

January 10, 2019



Hail and farewell to John Diefenbaker in 1967

Dalton Camp, president of the Progressive Conservative party, beats Dief the Chief in the battle for a leadership review. Aired Sept. 9, 1967 on a CBC News TV special.



September 13, 2017

Diefenbaker and the Indigenous vote

In 1960, Canada's Indigenous peoples are finally granted a 'no-strings-attached' right to vote.



October 11, 1971