

ARROW SUCCESS ON FIRST HOP DELIGHTS PILOT

The supersonic Avro Arrow flew successfully today on its first flight. Chief experimental pilot of Avro Aircraft, Jan Zurakowski, took the delta-wing aircraft off the Malton runway at 9.51 a.m. and landed again 35 minutes later.

A thrilled witness to the flight was Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Liberal leader.

His chartered TCA plane was held up 45 minutes for the test.

"It was a tremendous thrill to see the Arrow take off," Mr. Pearson said. "The plane is a great tribute to Canadian skill in air design and development."

Zurakowski said the 30-ton interceptor "handled nicely — very easy to fly." He said he lifted the Arrow from the ground when it reached 160 knots and climbed at 3,000 feet per minute to an altitude of 5,000 feet. At this point, he retracted the undercarriage and with his two chase planes on either side, he took it to 10,000 feet and cruised around for almost a half-hour.

The flight was the climax of four years of research and building. On it was pinned the hopes of more than 600 separate companies who had built parts for this machine which will fly at more than 1,200 mph. The employees of Avro Aircraft and hundreds of others were out on the field this

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