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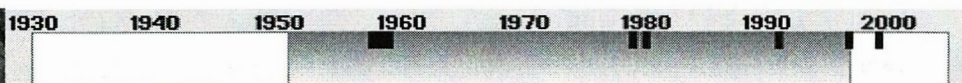
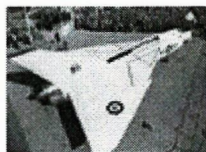
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## The Avro Arrow: Canada's Broken Dream



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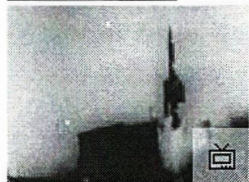
It's the closest thing Canadian industry has to a love story and a murder mystery. The Avro Arrow, a sleek white jet interceptor developed in Malton, Ontario in the 1950s, could have been many things. It might have become the fastest plane in the world, our best defence against Soviet bombers, the catalyst to propel Canada to the forefront of the aviation industry. Instead, it became a \$400-million pile of scrap metal, and the stuff of legends.

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**The RCAF needs a new plane**

To catch Soviet bombers, the Royal Canadian Air Force puts out the call for a jet that will fly faster, higher and further than anything on the market. (TV; runs 2:33)

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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. (TV; runs 2:46)

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**Political reaction to the Arrow's cancellation**

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**Unveiling the Arrow**

The first sleek white Avro Arrow is unveiled in front of a crowd of 12,000 at the Avro Plant in Malton. But the Russians unveil something of their own. (TV; runs 0:34)

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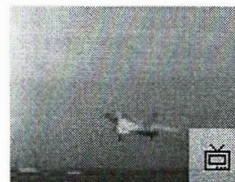
**Crawford Gordon reacts to blow to Arrow program**

Prime Minister John Diefenbaker has some bad news for Avro, but Avro president Crawford Gordon puts on a brave face. (TV; runs 0:57)

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**Avro workers react to massive layoffs**

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**The Arrow's maiden flight**

Canada's first supersonic fighter plane makes its triumphant first flight. (TV; runs 4:06)

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**Diefenbaker announces cancellation of the Arrow**

Shocking Parliament and Avro employees, Diefenbaker announces the Arrow and Iroquois engine programs are cancelled immediately. (Radio; runs 5:54)

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**The Arrow is destroyed**

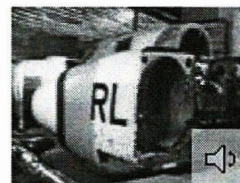




Despite the huge impact the Avro Arrow's cancellation will have on Canadian industry and defence, opposition leaders won't criticize the decision. (Radio; runs 2:18)



14,525 shocked Avro workers are terminated at once. As they leave, they express their anger to CBC reporters. (Radio; runs 3:13)



In an astonishing act of devastation, all traces of the Avro Arrow are ordered destroyed. (Radio; runs 1:48)

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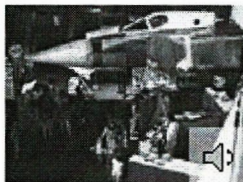
#### **Brain drain to the United States**



In the months following Black Friday, Avro's team of world-class engineers find jobs south of the border. (TV; runs 1:17)

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#### **Arrow mania**



More than three decades after the Arrow's first flight, the doomed plane is suddenly popular again. (Radio; runs 8:14)

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#### **Debating the Arrow's legacy**



Historian Michael Bliss and broadcaster and former Avro employee Elwy Yost go head to head on what the Arrow meant to Canada. (Radio; runs 10:07)

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