

# RCAF CONSIDERS BAN ON LOW LOOP IN AIR DISPLAYS

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Senior RCAF officials are considering today whether to outlaw loops in low-level aerobatic displays such as that which took the life of Sqdn. Ldr. Ray Greene at the national air show Saturday.

Airmen say the danger to the public from such accidents is negligible, but slight errors of judgment in diving out of loops have caused accidents before, and their value from the spectators' standpoint is doubtful. A wing commander who saw Saturday's display commented: "There are other aerobatics just as interesting where the danger factor is less."

An attempt to loop the Avro Canada Jetliner, which was to have been a surprise act in Saturday's show was cancelled. The four-jet airliner had been already looped successfully last week.

Jan Zurakowski was persuaded to abandon his own aerobatic display in a CF-100. This was to have climaxed the show. Zurakowski argued that weather by that time was perfect for aerobatics. He flew a single, low pass and then rolled three times straight upward until he vanished in cloud at 8,000 feet.

There were adverse comments later that he should have been allowed to perform. The tragedy was the result, experienced pilots at the show suggested, of murky weather combined with an error in judgment. Said one: "Greene may have been confused by the crab light conditions. Usually a loop in a Sabre gives you more height than you need to recover."

"But he may have tightened it up in the initial stages so that he was getting too much G-force at the top of the loop. Then, tired, he may have loosened up at the resultant dive to relax pressures on his body. He could have still used his dive brakes. They should have helped him land. We can only guess at what happened in those last split seconds."

Mayor Lamport said Saturday's crash confirmed the wisdom of a decision made two years ago to move the air show from Malton airport to the waterfront.

"If that aircraft had crashed at Malton," he said, "there would have been dozens of persons killed or injured by the wreckage. This unfortunate accident emphasizes that no precaution is too great when thousands of people are gathered for a public exhibition where hazard is involved."

## Avro Jet Fighter Goes Backward At Air Display

Farnborough, Sept. 7 (Reuters).—Sqdn. Ldr. Jan Zurakowski, Polish-born Battle of Britain pilot, made his jet fighter go backwards in a spectacular display of aerobatics during the third day of Britain's big air show here.

Zurakowski, a test pilot for Avro Canada Ltd., lives in Toronto.

He climbed vertically in his CF-100 twin-jet fighter and kept in the vertical position until he slid backwards before dropping into a spin. The CF-100 is built by Avro Canada and is taking part in the Farnborough show for the first time.

The English Electric supersonic P-1 interceptor was prevented from taking part in the show today because of a "minor unserviceability."