

Unexpected Return Significant

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OTTAWA — Avro's top brass returned unexpectedly to Toronto last night—their talks with the Government on alternative work to replace the abandoned Arrow program apparently having ended in failure.

There is a possibility, however, that a Government proposal may have been submitted to Mr. Gordon and Mr. Smye which they want to discuss with other officials in Toronto.

Late yesterday it had been indicated by both Government officials and A. V. Roe executives that discussions would be continuing today.

But at 11 p.m. both Crawford Gordon, A. V. Roe president, and Fred T. Smye, vice-president, checked out of the Chateau Laurier Hotel and left for Toronto.

The Prime Minister's office did not know whether any more talks would be held in the next day or two.

Neither did Defense Minister Pearkes nor Defense Production Minister O'Hurley.

It was becoming increasingly apparent yesterday, after a meeting between the Government and the Avro officials ended, that the discussions were getting nowhere.

After four days, all avenues to keep Malton plant operating had been explored.