A.V. ROE CANADA

"When A.V. Roe Canada (Avro) was formed in December 1945, it would have been difficult to imagine that in little more than a decade, Avro would have designed, built and flown, the Jetliner, the Canuck fighter, the supersonic Arrow interceptor; the Orenda and Iroquois engines; produced almost 800 Canucks and more than 3,500 Orenda engines, and would have a research group working on supersonic transports and space vehicles.

Could it ever happen again? - Maybe, but it would require the incredible enthusiasm and talent that drove the teams at Avro and Orenda to such remarkable achievements.

We now have to look to our young Canadians to spark the future of technical excellence – nothing is impossible.

For those of us who were privileged to have participated in the trials, tribulations and glory of the Avro Canada era, it is sufficient to know that "We were there".

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