

# Deny Arrow Led to Simonds Quitting Army

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Ottawa, March 1—In informed quarters here it is flatly denied that the former Liberal government's continuance of the Arrow program was a factor in the retirement of Lt.-Gen. Guy G. Simonds as chief of staff in 1955.

Gen. Simonds' statement, made in Toronto Friday night, was branded as a post facto rationalization of the position in which he found himself when he had completed his tour of duty as chief of staff.

An alternative course open to the Government at that time, it is said, would have been to promote him to the chairmanship of the chiefs of staff committee, a post held then and now by Gen. Charles Foulkes.

Apart from the fact that personal relations between Gen. Simonds and Gen. Foulkes had been somewhat strained, the Government is said to have had no desire to end Gen. Foulkes' service.

It is also observed that Gen. Simonds had the reputation of being first and last an army man who invariably opposed appropriations for any fighting service other than his own. The Arrow development was, of course, an RCAF program.

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