

# Arrow Main Reason

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Lt-Gen. Guy Simonds said last night the Avro Arrow was destined to be obsolete before it was started.

"The Liberal Government's decision to go ahead with it was a principal reason for my resignation," said the former chief of the Canadian General Staff.

When Gen. Simonds left the Army in 1955 the Liberal Government said he retired because he had served the usual four-year term in office.

Speaking at the regimental dinner of the Governor General's Horse Guards last night, he listed two other reasons as "contributing factors."

One was the Liberal Government's lack of a comprehensive

defense policy. The other was its refusal to introduce compulsory military training, he explained.

"The Liberal Government had no defense policy of comprehensive variety," he said.

"It had fallen under the spell of senior air force officers who followed the hideous example set for them by the officers of the U.S. air force.

"These officers, impressed with the overwhelming strength of the allied air forces in 1944-45, completely overlooked the fact that this force no longer existed."

When the Liberal Government decided to push ahead with the Arrow program, therefore, he "strongly disagreed."

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