

The Avro Arrow

A story of Love, The Mistresses and Murder



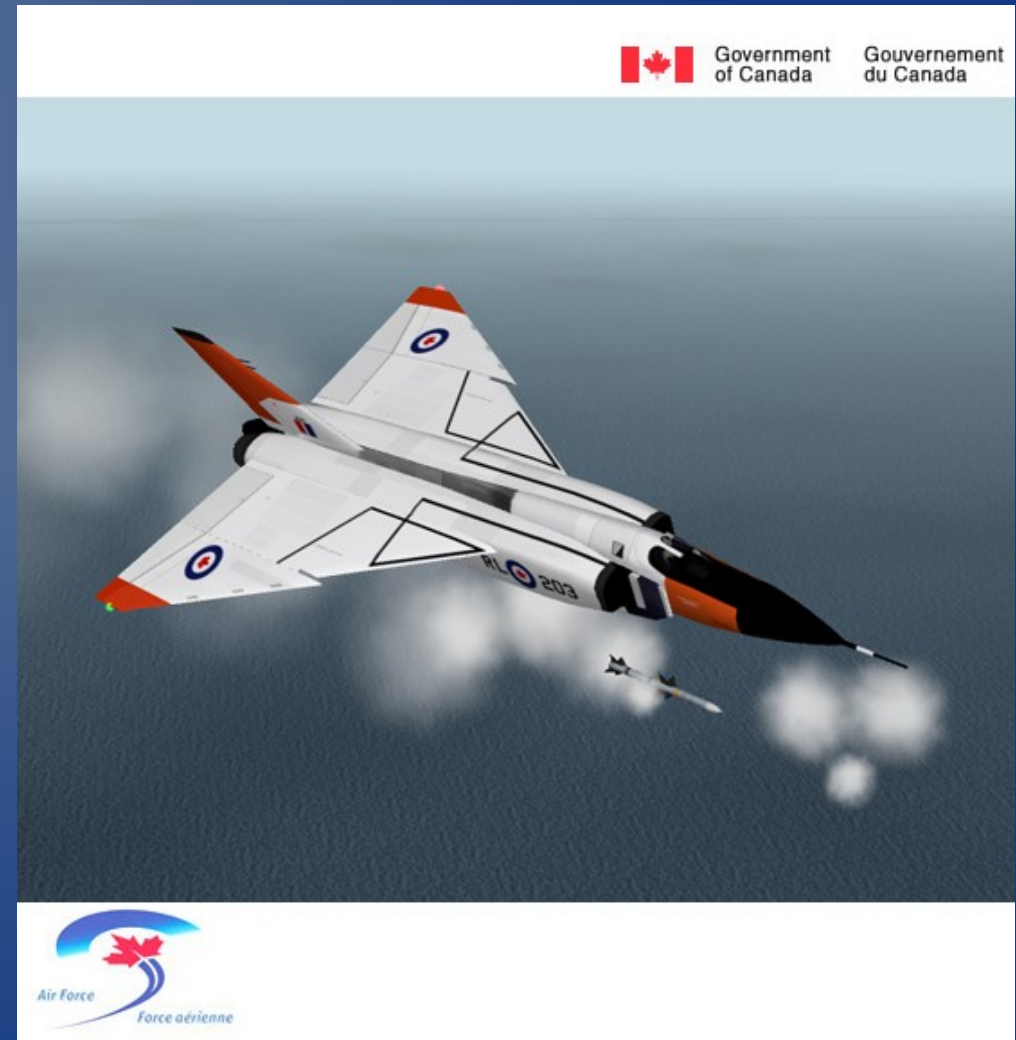
How the Love Affair Began - Why Canada? Why the Avro Arrow?



- Canada began building planes in WW2
- It continued to invest in manufacturing after the war
- In July 1953, our government began to invest in the Avro Arrow (A.V. Row Co.)

The object of Affection

- A super-sonic military aircraft (say that 5X's fast !) was designed protect Canada's arctic against Soviet bombers.
- It could reach up to Mach 2 (2, 450 km/h)



The Mistresses - Sputnik 1 and The Missile



- When Canada launched The Avro Arrow it was supposed to be exciting but Russia launched the Sputnik 1 satellite the same day.
- Missiles also became more popular than aircraft.

The Murder

- Bombers, like the Arrow were being replaced by missiles.
- P.M. John Diefenbaker cancelled the project on Feb. 20th 1959



The Clean Up



- All evidence of the Arrow was destroyed
- Canada lost something that no one else had done before and a potential for power.
- Loss of jobs (14,000), brain drain to US to work on Space Technology