Canada from ~1950 to 1963

- Canada went through its ups and downs, but mostly we had a period of sustained growth
- war couples had lots of kids ("Baby Boomers") and the economy flourished

- Canada's PM Mackenzie King was responsible for founding the United Nations
  - through **collective security** they would look out for each other
  - 5 countries on the Security Council – they are the ones who can start/stop wars
    - caused tension in the Cold War b/c the US and USSR each had a veto
      - would simply veto each others' ideas

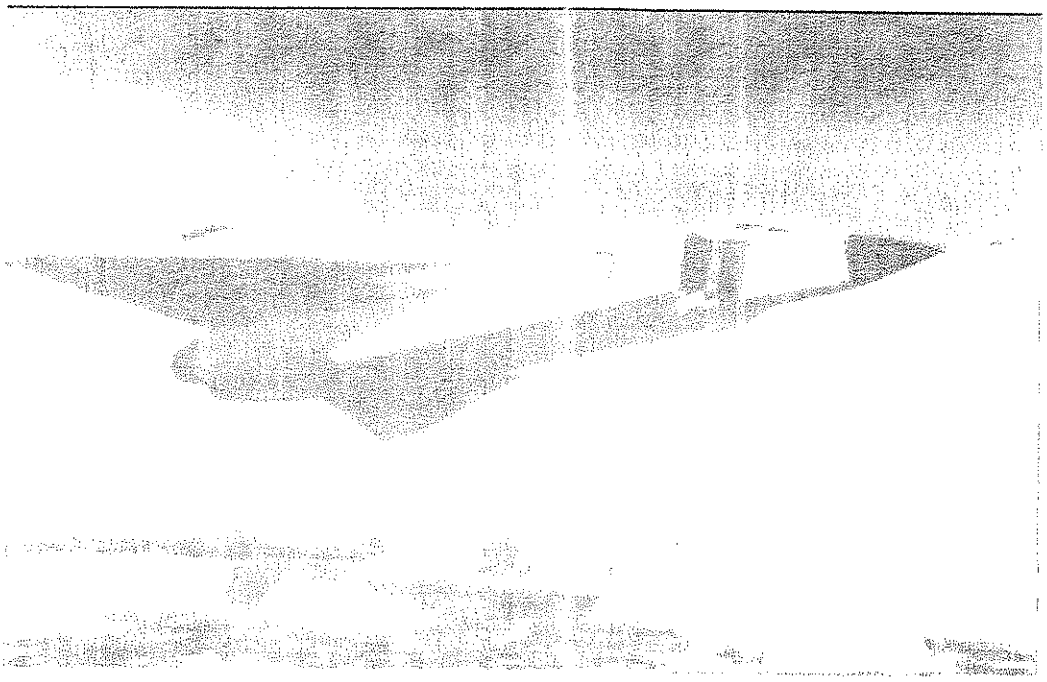
- goal is to look out for everyone else in the world and to stop aggression (like Hitler) from ever happening again

- the **Korean War** (1950-53) saw CDNs in action
- North Korea (Communist) invaded the south, and the UN went in to stop them (M*A*S*H?)
  - USSR was absent at that meeting, hence no veto
- a US led UN force went to liberate, which they did, except they pushed into the North, aggravating the Chinese
- so, for nearly two years, the UN fought China in Korea, and it was a touchy situation
  - raised tensions in Cold War
- a ceasefire was reached in '53, but not a peace (technically N. and S. are still at war, even today)

- the **Suez Crisis** (1956) saw tensions rise in the Cold War
- Israel (backed by France and Britain) invaded Egypt (backed by the USSR)
    - fighting for control of the Suez Canal
- raised tensions even more…

- in **Cuban Missile Crisis** (1962) saw tensions max out
- the US had spotted Soviet nuclear missiles in Cuba (Communist) via spy planes
- JFK was close to nuking Cuba and facing all out war with the Soviet Union
- JFK and Nikita Khrushchev had a literal battle of wills, and Khrushchev backed down at the last minute
    - was the closest the world had ever come to nuclear war in its history

- domestically, John Diefenbaker was our PM
- he had us involved with **NORAD**
    - US led nuclear defense systems through the CDN arctic
    - b/c the USSR would launch missiles over the pole, we helped in collective defense
        - made us a target, and put us even closer to the USA?
    - allowed us to store US Bomarc missiles in Canada
        - again, we are not an aggressive country, but at this point in history, we were prepared for the worst

- on the whole
- was very popular, but is remembered mostly for one of his negative dealings…
- the **Avro Arrow** was a CDN supersonic jet fighter that was arguably the finest plane in the world
- surprisingly, and without notice, Diefenbaker scrapped the project, destroyed plans, and destroyed planes
  - most of the Avro engineers moved to the USA to companies like Boeing and NASA
    - believed that the US put pressure on Canada to stop building planes that were better than theirs
    - others believe the project was too expensive to continue

- in 1963, JFK was assassinated which added to Cold War tensions, but the Russians were (apparently) not to blame