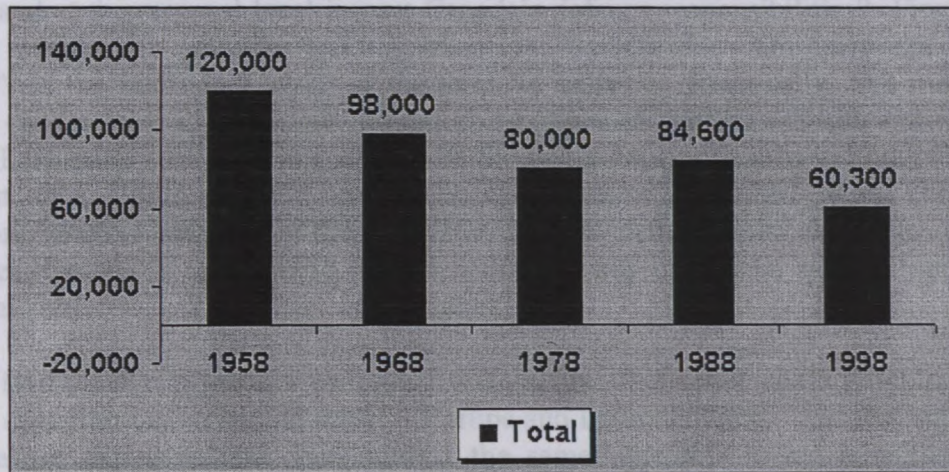


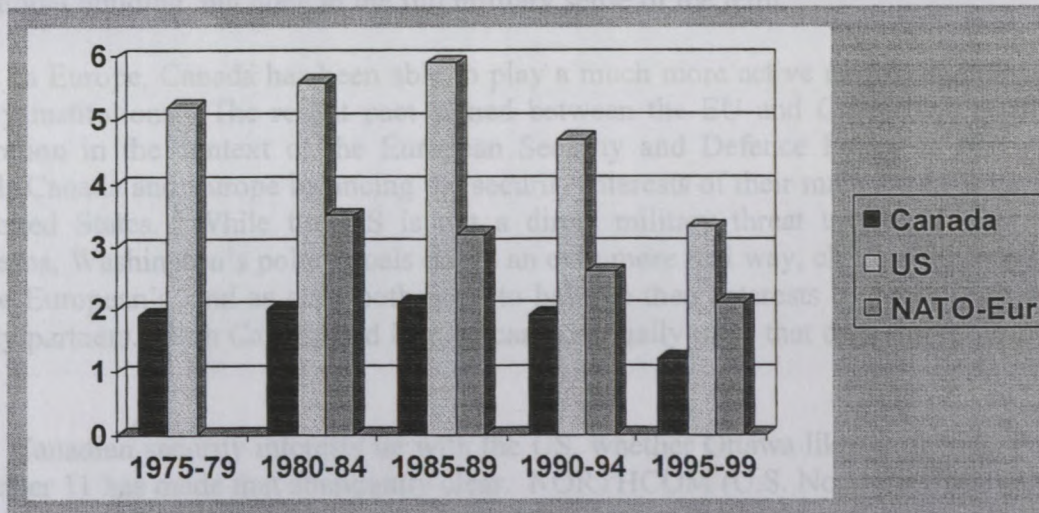
Military vs. Economic Balancing: Rhetoric vs. Substance

Looking at both military and economic relations, does Canada balance or bandwagon? In military relations, since 1945, Canada has clearly bandwagoned with the United States. The rapid demobilization of the Canadian military establishment after the Second World War and the relative decline of military numbers (in the way of budget allocations and size of forces) during the Cold War gave proof to this reliance on the presence of US military forces both at home (but of course remaining firmly planted south of the border) and overseas to provide the first line of defence in any possible hot war.

Canadian Regular Force Size 1958-1998²



National Defence Expenditures 1975-1999
(% of GDP)³



This continuing reliance on "others" to provide security was only heightened with the end of the Cold War and the superpower rivalry between the US and the USSR. The