

# NATO

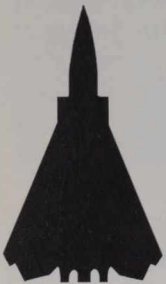
Eastern Canada, the United States and western Europe surround the same sea and are concerned in common defence. Canada has been part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization since it began in 1949, and a significant part of Canada's military force (5,000 military personnel) is directly attached to NATO. A mechanized brigade group and an air group are stationed at Lahr and Baden-Soellingen, Germany, as part of NATO's Central Army Group and Fourth Allied Tactical Air Force, respectively.

The first will be equipped with 57 Leopard

tanks next winter. They replace the 30-year-old Centurions, which had long been obsolescent and were about to be obsolete. The new ones are manufactured by Krauss-Maffei of Munich. They are part of a purchase of 128 tanks at a cost of \$187 million and are generally considered to be better tanks than any other model now deployed. They can, for example, move along highways at 40 miles per hour.

The air group will get new equipment of a yet undetermined kind in 1983. The Department of National Defence is currently making a pains-

## Contending Fighter Designs



**F-14 Tomcat**  
Grumman



**F-15 Eagle**  
McDonnell Douglas



**F-16**  
General Dynamics



**F-18 Hornet**  
McDonnell Douglas and Northrop



**F-18L**



**Toronado**  
Panavia

