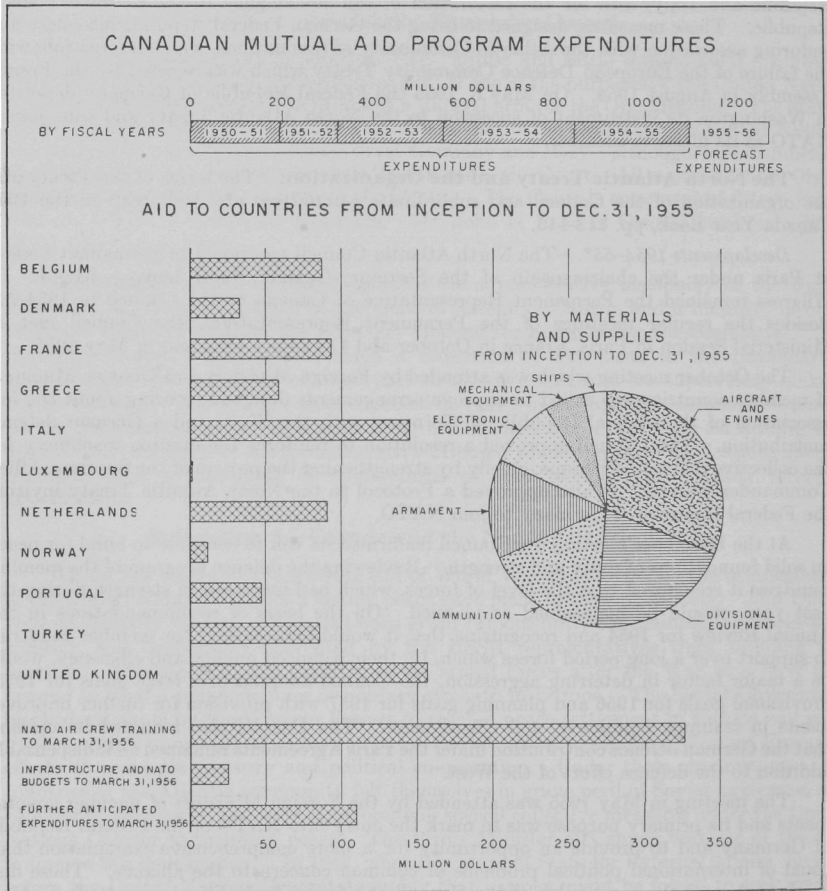


Canadian Contributions to NATO.—Canada continued in 1954–55 to support NATO with contributions of armed forces to the unified NATO commands, with end-item assistance to other NATO countries and with financial contributions to common budgets.

The 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade which is stationed in the Soest area of Germany kept its place in Europe alongside the forces of Canada's allies. It is expected that on completion of its two year tour of duty towards the end of 1955 the 1st Brigade will be replaced by the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade. The Canadian air contribution of 12 jet fighter squadrons to SACEUR remained unchanged. The Royal Canadian Navy had 43 ships earmarked for the defence of the Canada-United States area and for the protection of convoys under the control of SACLANT.



Between Apr. 1, 1950 and Mar. 31, 1955 arrangements under the Canadian Mutual Aid Program provided for the transfer by Canada of military aid to the non-North American members of NATO to the extent of an estimated total of \$1,100,400,000. The main elements in the program are: (a) training in Canada of aircrew for other NATO countries; (b) transfers of equipment from service stocks or from current production for the Services; (c) direct transfers of equipment from current production; (d) contributions