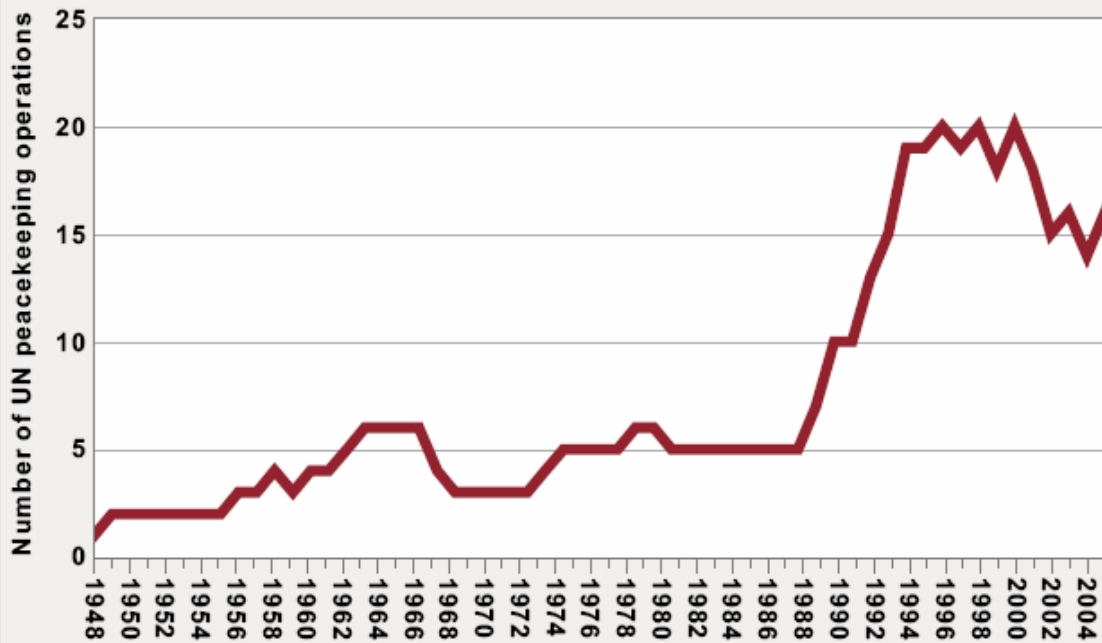


**Figure 5.6 UN peacekeeping operations,
1948–2004**



Source: Human Security Centre, 2005³⁸

The end of the Cold War led to a steep increase in UN peacekeeping operations. Peace operations now play a critical role in rebuilding war-shattered societies and in preventing peace agreements from breaking down.

35. Based on data from the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, <http://www.un.org/Depts/dpko/dpko/index.asp> (accessed 22 July 2005).