

situation. What's wrong with this reasoning? Nothing. It is totally practical and accurate. If anything, it is simple common sense, and it is exactly the reason why SDI is imperative and must be put into place.

On the basis of the reasoning above, the U.S. and U.S.S.R. signed the new ABM (anti-ballistic missile) treaty in 1972, which outlawed any defense against ballistic missiles. Each country agreed that it would not undertake to protect itself from a missile attack by the other. Sounds peaceful and rosy doesn't it? Well, this is exactly where the "destabilization" comes in, because if anything is "dangerous", it is not President Reagan's SDI proposal — but the following:

At the present moment the United States has absolutely no way to intercept incoming Soviet nuclear missiles. Why? Well because it has dismantled all of its ABMs (Anti-Ballistic Missiles) to comply to the ABM and Salt I treaty. How about the Soviets? Well, the Russians have, in their inherent goodness, kept all their ABMs and anti-satellite weapons they have had since signing Salt I. They are now far ahead of the U.S. in the testing and possession of effective space weapons. They have two generations of anti-satellite weapons, the U.S. has none. The Soviet anti-satellite system has been tested more than twenty times and has been operating for years.

We know now that the Soviets have tested out every component of the "Star Wars" system. They know exactly how to set it up. The only reason they are not installing it is because they lack a space transportation capability and they are unable to mass produce micro-miniaturized components.

The Kremlin has been fighting viciously against the "Star Wars" idea because it has spent the last twenty years trying to create a first strike capability with long range ballistic missiles. "Star Wars" has created a way of cancelling that whole first strike theory altogether. So what do the Soviets do for now? Well, exactly what they have been doing since Reagan announced his SDI proposal in 1984. That is to pretend that they are against "militarizing space", even though the latter is already a reality since long range ballistic missiles are space weapons.

So what or where is the logic in the anti-SDI case? Apparently there is none. The Soviets will be

against Reagan's S.D.I. proposal until they will be capable to put a similar system into place. The anti-S.D.I. activists in the Free World will be against it until they run into the many unavoidable aspects of life (i.e. facts).

The critics of my previous article want to destroy the "Star Wars" proposal. "We want peace" say the anti-SDI activists, "We do not want to be incinerated." But the weapons that threaten to incinerate us are not located in the plains of North Dakota, U.S.A., but along the Trans-Siberian Railroad. What is it that will keep them forever in their silos?

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## Amazing doors

By **JEAN J. LeBLANC**

IN THE TWO AND A HALF years I have been at Dalhousie the doors on campus have continued to amaze me. Can anybody explain why there are six doors in front of the Arts and Administration building and everyone squeezes through one?

For some unknown reason the doors, beside the main door are always locked. It is not just the A & A building that has locked doors; other doors around Dalhousie are always found locked. There are many locations with two doors, only one of which is unlocked. I've often wondered why this situation exists in so many places. My worst worry concerning all these locked doors is their potentially dangerous nature in case of fire. Locations with only one unlocked door could prove hazardous in attempting any evacuation from buildings.

Dalhousie's fire doors are also a

problem, and the Life Sciences Centre is the worst offender. Fire doors are open in a number of locations. You could argue that the LSC is constructed of concrete and cannot burn. This could be true, but the Titanic was also thought unsinkable. It must also be remembered that there are many flammable materials strewn about in the LSC, allowing the fire doors some purpose in fire prevention. Sadly, the LSC open door policy is not an isolated incident. Fire doors can often be seen open in the chemistry building and the A&A.

It is rather ironic that the A&A's fire doors are open while regular doors in the A&A are locked shut, forcing people to squeeze through one door, instead of comfortably passing through two doors. Luckily we are in a centre of higher education. I would not like to see the situation in other locations, where intelligence could not come to the rescue of common sense.

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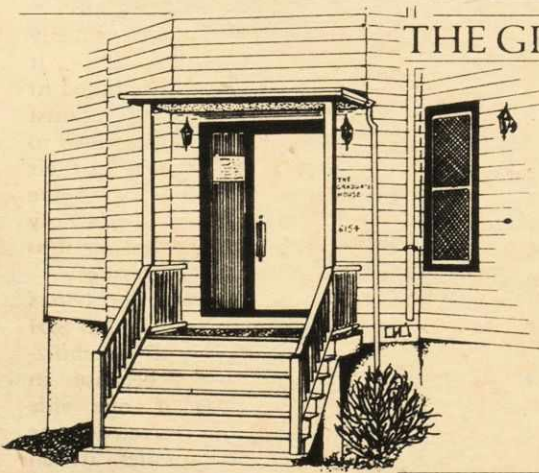
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