

and comprehensive test ban. In the event that the Soviet moratorium expires before the the U.S. has reciprocated, Canada should urge that the U.S. subsequently announce its own unilateral moratorium, urging the Soviet Union to reciprocate.

Freezing the arms race begins at home.

**Recommendation 4-4:** That Canada suspend further testing of the cruise missile.

### B) Star Wars

We continue to regard Star Wars as the most irrational and destabilizing new development in the arms race. We believe Canada should do more than decline to participate. Canada must campaign to stop this bizarre and dangerous program, as much to help the Americans as friends in a time of confusion as to help ourselves and the planet.

Star Wars means, very simply, the end of deterrence for the Soviets. It strips the Soviets of their assured retaliatory strike. The rules of deterrence virtually dictate to the Soviets that they not agree to any limitation on weapons so long as Star Wars remains a possibility. Star Wars is the death of all reasonable hope of progress in arms control. This is reason enough for Canadians to be outraged.

But one of the most destructive aspects of strategic defense has yet to really emerge in public debate, and that is its effects on the environment, even if it works 100 per cent as intended. Hundreds, perhaps thousands of kilograms of plutonium--a substance so toxic that a single ounce could poison many millions of people--would rain down on Canada.

As Canada has already given its blessing to the research phase, opposing Star Wars now would require a politically delicate reversal of position. However, the findings of a study on the consequences of strategic defense to the North American environment would undoubtedly give us the grounds for a change of position. Canada could not be expected to maintain support for a defense system that saves the U.S. by destroying Canada. The study might well also show that even with Star Wars, the U.S. would suffer unacceptable environmental destruction.

Since Star Wars could not be put into operation without free U.S. access to the Canadian Arctic, Canada has an effective veto over Star Wars.

**Recommendation 4-5a:** That Canada undertake a study to determine the environmental consequences that would result from a theoretically 100 per cent successful missile defense of North America using the technologies envisioned by the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative.

**Recommendation 4-5b:** That Canada step up its efforts to work for a ban on all weapons for use in space, such effort to include also initiatives aimed at achieving an agreement prohibiting anti-satellite weapons.