

Proceeding with SDI research, he said, would be contrary to the entire basic post-war Canadian foreign policy -- of maintaining support for the western alliance while simultaneously striving to reduce East-West tensions and promoting arms control. SDI represents not a shift from offensive to defensive strategy but an effort to expand the existing offensive strategy, supplementing it with a parallel defensive system. Thus SDI would destabilize the existing balance of power.

Two-year commitment

Strategic Analysis Group (Nicholas Stetham, managing director) said Canada should commit itself to two years in SDI research in order to understand the system and be part of the new technology. He also felt that the U.S. should not have to bear the moral burden of such a project alone.

Canada cannot lag behind

Mr. Wayne Broughton said Prime Minister Mulroney should visit President Reagan to say that Canada will participate in SDI research, and Canada should urge European countries to join the SDI venture too. SDI research was important in stopping the Russians from preparing for world take over. He said the Soviets already have massive nuclear superiority over the West as well as more combat vessels and conventional war weapons.

He said SDI could save the collapse of our ailing western economies, create jobs, eliminate the budget deficit, and provide funds to aid Third World countries.