

Canada should pursue independent policies even if this led to problems in relations with the US, and 74 per cent did not think Canada pushed its own point of view strongly enough.

In regard to "Canadian sovereignty" 56 per cent of those polled were aware of the phrase and nearly all could define it in terms of independence and control. Of these respondents, 60 per cent perceived threats to Canadian sovereignty (about 33 per cent of the total number polled) and 56 per cent perceived the threat as emanating from the US. The US was perceived by 58 per cent of respondents as threatening Canada's "legal right" to the Canadian Arctic while 37 per cent perceived the USSR as doing so.

### International Affairs

Canadian opinion on a number of global concerns was recorded by pollsters during the year. In a Macleans-Decima poll, Canadians were asked:

What if the choice came down to being governed by  
the Soviet Union or risking a nuclear war?

In response, 42 per cent chose nuclear war, 50 per cent chose Soviet rule, and 7 per cent had no opinion. To a similar question asked in 1962 by Gallup, 65 per cent of respondents chose nuclear war, 11 per cent Soviet rule, and 24 per cent were undecided.

In a question related to the Reagan-Gorbachev October Summit in Reykjavik the Maclean's poll asked respondents to gauge the outlook for an arms control agreement. Forty-nine per cent felt an agreement was more likely following the Summit while 48 per cent believed it was less likely. Asked whether the President should have given up the Star Wars project in order to get an arms-control pact, 40 per cent replied yes and 55 per cent said no.