

industry and universities to identify appropriate technology areas within an SDI program in which Canada should carry out research.

At the conclusion of the research program Canada should then consider whether to participate further if the United States decides to proceed with development.

Mr. Simons counselled that Canada could not afford "to sit idly by" and be left out of the technological developments flowing from SDI research. SDI would dramatically advance certain technologies such as communications, computer technology, robotics, artificial intelligence and remote sensing. Canadian firms were engaged in many of these areas.

L'Union des Pacifistes du Québec submitted general statements in support of peace initiatives with appended articles opposing the SDI research program.

Principle unassailable

Canadian Coalition for Peace Through Strength (Philip Traversy, Director, and Miroslaw Matuszewski, Chairman) suggested the U.S. mutual assured survival strategy stands a good chance of moving the world away from nuclear holocaust. "We can assure our survival or we can move inevitably toward the day of mutual assured destruction."

The moral principle of a purely defensive system could not be challenged. The coalition urged the committee to resist the wellorganized and financed anti-SDI lobby.

Miroslaw Matuszewski, coalition chairman, said it was possible the Soviet Union had launched a similar research