

The Manitoba Educators for Social Responsibility warned that the involvement of Canada would further "erode the sense and order of security that students have."

The educators attacked several aspects of the SDI plan and said that money could be better used toward health, education, social services, foreign aid and peace discussions. "We would be selling our brains and economic strength and we fear for our Canadian souls."

The educators accused the CIA and American government of distorting the Soviet research program with their "anti-Communist paranoia." They warned Canadians of being mere "puppets" to the United States in forging ahead with the program, saying that Canadians would lose their reputations as "honest brokers" on the international scene. Canadians should have nothing to do with SDI and should urge the U.S. to abandon the proposal and concentrate on peace talks with the Soviet Union.

Paul Buteux (Professor of Political Studies, University of Manitoba) said that Canada should take a cautious approach and review and examine further some fundamental issues before committing itself.

Professor Buteux said it is unknown what path SDI will take since the program is in an early and uncertain stage. He was uncertain of the nature of the research that Canadians might be called upon to do.

He suggested that Canada should co-operate in SDI research on an ad hoc basis and work within a framework of existing defence production sharing arrangements and defence agreements (NATO).