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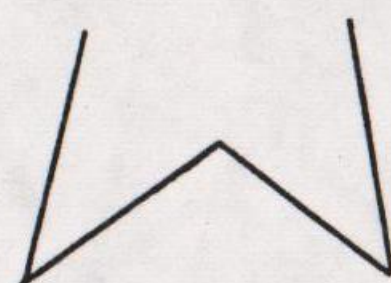


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It can't defend us and they know it.

No-one involved in developing the US Strategic Defence Initiative believes that a vast 'leak-proof umbrella' is feasible. This means that a proportion of incoming nuclear weapons would penetrate through to the West, with appalling results. Even a relatively small number of such weapons could cause a 'Nuclear Winter'.

To be of defensive value, it would have to be over 90% effective. But the controlling computer programme would have to be so complex that untested it could not be relied on to be that effective. The only way to test it would be to start a Nuclear War.

2

It means more nuclear missiles

To put enough Lasers in space, plus the fuel to power them, to counter a possible missile attack would take 125 years of space shuttle flights. The Americans are therefore putting most of their research into X-Ray lasers powered by a nuclear explosion. These will not be maintained in space, but will be placed on the end of missiles to be fired if the Americans believe they are under attack.

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The treaties it breaks.

Before the SDI system could be properly developed, the Americans will have to break the 1963 Partial Test Ban treaty which bans nuclear explosions in the atmosphere and in space.

SDI will also break the Anti Ballistic Missile Treaty signed in 1972. This important treaty came into being precisely because it was widely understood that an 'anti-missile' system would make 'first strike' policies much more tempting to the great power which possessed it.

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Turning the screw on the arms race.

If the Americans do develop this system, the USSR will feel that they will also have to respond. The world will inevitably be drawn into another crippling escalation of the Arms Race.

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The Nimrod/Westland lesson.

In both of these recent crises, dominance over the technology being acquired by the British Government has passed to the United States. Their government closely controls modern technology to prevent military and economic competitors from gaining access to it. In a 'high-tech' world, the nation with the technological lead has a considerable advantage. The SDI programme was deliberately designed to use what the Americans felt was a technological advantage to overcome the USSR militarily and its Western trade rivals economically. It means that Britain's technological development will be restricted in certain areas, as UK research resources are diverted to this Pentagon programme.

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American control over technology.

Britain spends more of its government funded Research and development on military research than any other of our European or Far Eastern competitors. This is one of the reasons why Britain is rapidly losing its ability to compete as a manufacturing country. If this goes on, we will be reduced to an industrial desert. As the SDI programme is encouraged by the British Government, a larger part of our research facilities will be drawn into military work – a situation which will be aggravated by a drain of our scientists leaving to work in America, the homeland of SDI projects.

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Vital campaign.

Trade Unionists should be implacably opposed to any such participation. The Labour party is already on record as advocating UK withdrawal from the current SDI agreement with Washington. 2,500 British Scientists have signed a declaration refusing to have anything to do with it. A great deal is being done to prevent us being sucked further into the programme. This vital campaign needs your support.