
LaRouche Policy Committee Statement

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A Unified Mission for the Common Aims of Mankind

May 3—On April 24, China celebrated its first official National Space Day. Russia celebrated Yuri's Night, honoring Yuri Gagarin, the first man to fly into space, on April 12. But despite America's former leadership in space exploration, the United States has no national day of recognition for our entry into the Space Age, marked by Alan Shepard's historic space flight. Shepard was the second human being and the first American to fly in space, on May 5, 1961, soon followed by John Glenn—flights that led to the realization of President John F. Kennedy's vision to land a man on the Moon and return him safely to Earth.

No, in the United States we don't have a national space day, we just have Americans who are spaced out. The fact that there is not an adequate fight coming from the scientific community and the American people to demand the immediate removal of Obama—for his continued policies that destroy our space program and the future of our nation—shows that the people have given up on the vision for a true future for our nation and the generations to come. That commitment must be restored now!

China and Russia are not celebrating their respective national space days just because they want to celebrate the achievements of a single person or event; no, these days reflect the achievements of a nation and its commitment to the future, the commitment to those not yet born, to advances in science, and the discoveries that still await us.

The deputy commander of China's Manned Space Program, Lt. Gen. Zhang Yulin, announced on China's National Space Day that China plans to land astronauts on the Moon by 2036. Zhang remarked, "China must



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Here, standing in front of the statue of Confucius in Houston's Rose Garden on April 24, LaRouche Policy Committee member Kesha Rogers congratulates China for establishing a national day to celebrate its entry into the Space Age.

raise its abilities and use the next 15 to 20 years to realize manned lunar exploration goals, and take a firm step for the Chinese people in breaking ground in the utilization of space.”

Seize the Opportunity for Mankind

China's President Xi Jinping encouraged scientists and engineers on National Space Day to “seize the strategic opportunity and keep innovating to make a greater contribution to the country's overall growth

and the welfare of mankind.” That day, China made a point, a very important point, of inviting the United States to collaborate in the development of space, as it had also done in the offer to cooperate in the development of the Silk Road and what Xi has called a policy of “win-win.”

Instead of accepting this offer of cooperation, Obama—on behalf of the British/Saudi empire, whose murderous policies he continues to defend—is escalating the drive towards nuclear war and total chaos. Not only is the Obama Administration continuing to escalate with military exercises in the South China Sea, bringing future increased tensions between the United States and China, but it is also instigating an insane NATO policy of heightening tensions with Russia as our forces move nearer to its borders, provoking the threat of war.

Stop the FBI, Restore JFK’s Vision

For the decades since the assassination of President Kennedy, but going back even further to the death of President Franklin Roosevelt, the people of the United States have been held in a choke hold by the thuggish tactics of the FBI to frighten people into submission, going after anyone who tries to put up a fight for creativity and discovery. The policy of the FBI and the British has been to destroy any remaining commitment in the United States to real scientific progress and to force those in the scientific community to accept the idea that they are impotent and without any means to fight for a true mission for our nation in the exploration and development of space.

The advances and creative discoveries of mankind in space exploration are our strongest and most vital achievements in securing the potential for peace among nations, an idea which President Kennedy truly understood and expressed in his inaugural address when he said,

So let us begin anew—remembering on both sides that civility is not a sign of weakness, and sincerity is always subject to proof. Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate. Let both sides explore what problems unite us instead of belaboring those problems which divide us. . . .

Let both sides seek to invoke the wonders of

science instead of its terrors. Together let us explore the stars, conquer the deserts, eradicate disease, tap the ocean depths, and encourage the arts and commerce.

Let both sides unite to heed in all corners of the earth the command of Isaiah—to ‘undo the heavy burdens . . . [and] let the oppressed go free.’

And if a beach-head of cooperation may push back the jungle of suspicion, let both sides join in creating a new endeavor, not a new balance of power, but a new world of law, where the strong are just and the weak secure and the peace preserved. . . .

Now the trumpet summons us again—not as a call to bear arms, though arms we need—not as a call to battle, though embattled we are—but a call to bear the burden of a long twilight struggle, year in and year out, ‘rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation’—a struggle against the common enemies of man: tyranny, poverty, disease and war itself.

Today, the only chance we have to restore peace among all nations is to remove Obama now and shut down the Empire and its bankrupt trans-Atlantic and Wall Street system that is destroying the possibility of progress. We must restore the principles of true scientific progress, which our American system of economy was founded on, under Alexander Hamilton. Those are the principles which China has adopted as it leads in the exploration of space, starting with its remarkable mission to explore and develop the far side of the Moon, leading to potential breakthroughs in such areas as the mining of helium 3 and radio imaging of the universe.

We ask again today, as President Kennedy first asked, “Can we forge against these enemies [tyranny, poverty, disease, and war] a grand and global alliance, North and South, East and West, that can assure a more fruitful life for all mankind? Will you join in that historic effort?”

The answer to that question, my friends, depends on you. A unified mission for advancing the common aims of mankind and the development of the creative powers of all children, must be brought into being now. That is the intention and purpose for which mankind pursues the exploration of space.