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FREEDOM IN THE SPACE AGE

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International
C.A.P. AIR CADET EXCHANGE PROGRAM

20 Countries

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I am honored to salute
the Civil Air Patrol today
for its International Air
Cadet Exchange Program. The
participants in this program
represent many nations; you
come from all parts of the
world. But through this

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program, through your contacts
with this nation and your
fellow cadets of other nations,
you now share a new understanding
of the bonds which unite us.

write
us -
tell us!

We are united not by controls
or domination or centralized
power, but by basic, human
values of the dignity of man
and his rights to freedom.

My text today was suggested
by a broadcast I heard a few
nights ago. The commentator
paid tribute to the recent
Soviet achievement of placing
a man in orbit around the earth

*And it was and is a spectacular
+ amazing achievement*

for 24 hours. He mentioned
the tremendous cost paid by
the Soviet Union since 1945
to pursue its space program.

*Soviet
intense
Research!
1945*

And he noted that 1945 was
the same year in which the
United States launched a
massive program of foreign aid.

Mutual Assistance

Perhaps some of us felt
a bit let down or a bit em-
barrassed at word of the Soviet
Union's achievement. Perhaps
~~most~~ *many* of us were concerned about
being second-best to the Soviets

in space. But let us put
things in proper focus. *Great Achievement*
Yes,

While the Soviet government
since 1945 put top priority
upon science, space development,
rockets and satellites, the
United States has placed its
emphasis on improving life here
on earth. *much of our* We have channeled
our resources and funds into
helping the helpless, feeding
the hungry, healing the sick,
clothing the naked, aiding the
underdeveloped nations and at-
tempting to bring about greater

order, stability and progress
for the people of this world.

Since 1945, the United States has spent more than \$97 billion on foreign aid, funds which could have placed many men in orbit many years ago. The first Soviet foreign aid was extended in 1954 -- 9 years after our program started -- and since then the Soviets have extended less than \$5 billion in foreign aid.

The cost figures are not

as important as the relative values they represent. Perhaps we speak too much about "catching up with the Russians" in outer-space. Let's challenge them to "catch up with us in service to mankind" ~~and~~ ~~to~~

↳ Achievements in science and successful space exploration are important, and we will reach them. I have no doubt about that. But the real test of a people and a nation is not scientific excellence, but rather

a sense of justice and humanity.

The real test of a nation is not the penetration of outer-space, but the fulfillment of freedom here on earth.

Our important contribution to the world is not the penetration of ^{the Heavens} ~~outer space~~, but the constant practice of spiritual truths -- truths not formed with a slide rule, but with the Golden Rule. The oppressed people of the world -- the downtrodden, the helpless -- do not aspire to a trip to the moon. They seek a safer and

better journey through life.

There is a great conference underway now in Latin America, in the country of Uruguay. This is possibly the most important conference since the establishment of the organization of American states. Its purpose is to develop plans, programs, policies and projects that will lift the standard of living of the peoples of Latin America.

The headlines of the American Press tell us that our

Latin American program would involve a \$20 billion investment in the next ten years. I regret to see a price tag placed upon our ^{alliance for Progress} good neighbor policy. The important issue is not the amount of money that will be required. What people want to know and what they must know is the sincerity of our desire to be a working partner, a good neighbor, a friend in a time of need. Our neighbors in Latin America want

to hear ~~of~~ and know real
hope for progress. They want
to hear of land reform, of
hospitals and medical care,
of jobs with a living wage,
of books and schools, of happy
communities where opportunity
exists for young and old. I
think we miss the mark when we
constantly interpret the American
foreign aid program in terms of
dollars. That program should be
understood in terms of human
values, of goods and services,

of opportunities and responsibilities. We are not just cost accountants and budgeteers.

We are people; we are families; we are communities; we are nations. We are God's children.

A foreign policy for this day and age must be based upon something more than the power of the Pentagon or the gold reserves of Fort Knox, or the loans and grants of a rich and powerful United States. Our foreign policy must express the spirit of our people, and that spirit

is to be found in such tangible symbols as you have seen -- a house in which to live warmly and safely, a neighborhood that provides wholesome environment for the young, a hospital for the sick, decent care for the elderly, jobs for those who seek work, education for those who hunger for knowledge, and recreation and culture for those who understand the true meaning of the good life.

Our twenty year plan is not

one based upon free rent,
free food, free bus rides.
Our twenty year plan is
based upon man's freedom -- his
freedom to work, his freedom to
speak, his freedom to worship,
his freedom to move *and think*.

Let me conclude with this
thought. Our freedom is not
"free." It is priceless. It
was won at great cost ~~of effort~~
and sacrifice by great men and
enlightened peoples who lived
before us. And our freedom
requires eternal vigilance and

dedication to sustain it.

That is your duty as citizens of free nations. Each of you and all of us must serve the cause of freedom -- with warm hearts, with understanding minds, with dedicated will and with hard work and strength of purpose.

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