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# SYMINGTON URGES ONE SPACE AGENCY

## Present Council a 'Farce,' He Says on Coast, but Cites Progress by U. S.

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 15—

Senator Stuart Symington proposed today that the United States' space program be unified under a single head.

The Missouri Democrat called for a coordinated policy combining both military and civilian uses of space. He also suggested abolishing the present space council, which he termed "a farce."

Senator Symington, a leading foe of the Administration's space program, told a luncheon of the World Affairs Council.

"The exploration of space is America's new Manifest Destiny. It must be treated as more than another Government program. It must be treated as the opening of a new frontier."

### Changes Suggested

The undeclared aspirant for the Democratic Presidential nomination suggested these changes:

1. There must be one over-all program—not two or more—combining military and civilian plans.

2. Authority, funding and responsibility should be placed under one man.

3. The space chief should be a member of the National Security Council, and should report directly to the President.

4. The Space Council in the



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hopeless, if we'll get down to work. We have made more progress than the Soviets in instrumentation; also in communication from satellites.

"What happens in space will greatly influence our security and our position in the world."

Senator Symington's speech was warmly, but not ecstatically, received by some 500 persons. The World Affairs Council is a nonpolitical forum. Its members come mainly from the Los Angeles business community.

Earlier, at the University of California at Los Angeles, the Senator addressed a small group of students, shook hands with several, and informally answered questions.

A Symington aide said that the Senator, despite a heavy cold, was pleased with the results of his three-day California visit.

White House should be abolished.

5. A regular flow of information about the space program should be authorized to include everything not adversely affecting the national security.

"In a democracy, the people have the right to know all truth which will not help the possible enemy," Senator Symington said.

He declared that the Administration was "unrealistic" and "has fallen flat on its face" in its efforts to divide civilian and defense aspects of space.

He reiterated that the United States was falling farther behind the Soviet Union in rocketry. But he went on:

Our situation is far from