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# reaction

Dear Editor,

Although Space Journal is a young magazine, I feel that my letter is old or late, or both. Your publication is filling a basic need, that is supplying the latest information on rockets and space travel to those who have a need for such information. The biggest problem is to create enthusiasm and interest in the magazine to the readers. This can be accomplished by having the magazine available to those most closely affected by space. Where I'm employed there are a respectable number of us employed in rebuilding rockets, but I can count on my fingers those who are genuinely interested in rockets and rocket development. I think its a crime that this situation exists, particularly because of the terrific waste of tax money due to this disinterest, but the free-loaders and goldbricks sure do put on a good show. Astronautics is such a fascinating field that this condition just doesn't make sense.

The following is a suggestion as to how you may help rectify this situation. A few months ago I took a few copies of Space Journal along to work. Some of the men began to show some interest. My suggestion is for you to donate to our section a copy of Space Journal, perhaps for a year. A magazine such as yours coming to us with the compliments of the editor will make the men feel just a little more proud to be in the missile program.

The following are a few ideas I'd like to see in Space Journal.

1. A list of books available on Astronautics and the Sciences.
2. Diagrams on propulsion systems and airframes.
3. Articles on components (Regulators, Gyros, Relief Valves, etc.)
4. Job availability for missilemen.
5. Technical information of foreign rockets.
6. Running course in Astronomy and propulsion units.

7. More technical information.
8. More detailed articles on the problems of space travel and development.

I hope my suggestions will help.

Letterkenny Ordnance Depot  
Electronics Branch  
Guided Missile Section

William Hough  
Chambersburg, Penn.

**Your suggestions can do nothing but help, Mr. Hough. What our missile program needs is a thousand more William Houghs'. We hope the copies of Space Journal will help. Thanks for letting us help you. Editor**

Dear Editor,

If the articles I have been reading in the newspapers are for the most part correct, and we are behind the Russians as much as five years, I have a question that may not be to your liking. What are you so complacent about? Your last editorial was a milksop!! You have yet to take a stand on any vital issue. You either don't believe that the United States missile lag is dangerous, or you don't care!

I will do you a favor if you will do me one. I will continue to read Space Journal if you will put some editorial guts in what is otherwise a fine publication.

If toes in Washington need stepping on, then let them have it. There must be some member of your staff who is not afraid to call a spade a spade. I have spent most of my life in the federal service, and am presently at Vandenberg Air Force Base. If I will risk my neck for you, is it too much to ask that you quit hiding behind the metric system.

Vandenberg AFB (name withheld)  
Lt. Col. USAF

**We have no defense, but will try to improve with age. Thank you for a frank letter. Editor.**