

Big Men on Campus

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During the 1960s and 1970s, TRW was visited by a surprising number of political figures. Some were guests of the company's Good Government committee, here to shake hands and stump for votes. Others took tours of the company or spoke at special events. Pictured are some of our notable guests.



In 1959, a group of senators dropped by to admire our Ballistic Missile Program. Can you pick out **Strom Thurmond**? (Hint: he was a mere 57 years old.)



Mayor **Sam Yorty** was allowed to practice (simulated) lunar landings in 1963,



Ten years later Mayor **Tom Bradley** was an honored guest during Black History Week.



Ronald Reagan, not yet an elected official but a major spokesman for conservatism, appeared in May 1964 to discuss issues with a thousand interested fans. Two years later, he was elected governor of California.



In May 1968, only one month before his death, **Robert Kennedy** spoke to 5,000 people in Space Park.



In October of the same year, the Democratic nominee for president, **Hubert Humphrey**, pressed the flesh.



Another Democratic hopeful, **George McGovern**, showed up in 1972.



Republican Vice Presidential candidate **Bob Dole** addressed the crowds in 1976.