



FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN AND MAYOR JOSEPH ALIOTO  
A solemn moment at the ecumenical service of thanksgiving

# Warren's Moon Surprise --A Question of Priorities

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Former Chief Justice of the United States Earl Warren called yesterday for a reappraisal of this Nation's space program, with more emphasis on domestic problems.

Warren chose as his forum an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving at Grace Cathedral honoring the successful flight of Apollo 11.

Scheduled on the program to give merely a "greeting," Warren surprised the crowd of about 1200 — including several NASA officials from Ames Aeronautical Laboratory in Sunnyvale, when he said:

"Now that we have pierced outer space to the moon, would it not be wise to reappraise the space program?"

**URGENCY**

"Surely, we must continue to expand our knowledge of

the universe, but does the same urgency exist as to further exploration?"

"On the other hand, our domestic problems have increased geometrically.

"If they are to be put in manageable shape, the time to do it is now."

**MISTAKE**

Warren had been under the mistaken belief the service was to have been held yesterday morning.

When informed it was to begin at 5 p.m., he apparently took the day to write his five-page speech to substitute for what had been planned as a one-minute greeting.

Of the Moon flight, the former Chief Justice said:

"This was not an expedition of the heart. It was an expedition of the mind. The first orbit of our earth by sputnik excited our fears and our pride and was such a

challenge to our ingenuity that our late beloved President Kennedy announced to the world we would put a man on the moon within the decade.

**CRISIS**

"... But during the years of this race to the moon, many of our domestic problems have grown to the crisis stage — city slums, poverty, crime and pollution of the environment."

Of the money and effort spent on Apollo 11, Warren said:

"Given the same direction of purpose, the same dedication of effort, the same appropriations and the same national purpose, this Nation has the ingenuity to accomplish in this area of human relations what we have today witnessed in the field of scientific endeavor.

"In this fast changing world... there must be constant reappraisal and adjustment of priorities, and the ones that have been most submerged in recent years are our human relations."

He added, however, that "this serious suggestion that I make need not distract in the slightest from the joy and pride and thanksgiving of this occasion. On the contrary, it is in furtherance of those sentiments."