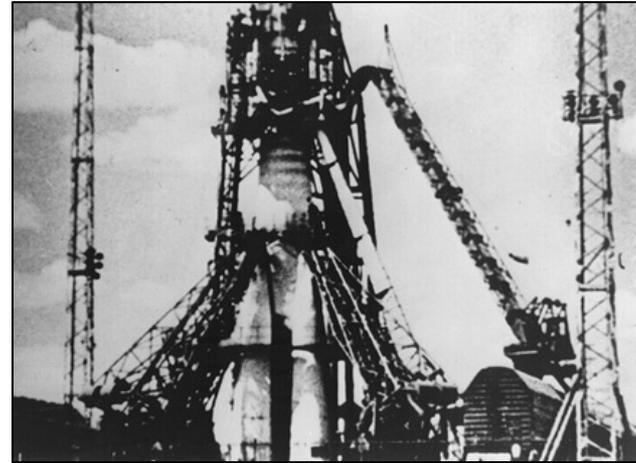


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Launch of Sputnik 1. Baikonur, USSR.

*The Space Race greatly contributed to the creation of the NDEA. Sputnik raised questions about the ability of the nation's education system to compete. Congress responded with the National Defense Education Act of 1958. \$840 million was appropriated to improve the teaching of **mathematics, science, and foreign languages.***