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The Americans are coming! The Americans are coming!

Councilman Leon Williams gives Elizabeth Thompson an official send off before her departure to witness the launching of the Russian Soyuz spacecraft as it lifts off from Russia to dock with the American Apollo craft this week. Mrs. Thompson is director of the Elementary Institute of Science, 608 51st St., in Southeast San Diego. She was invited to attend the Russian launching by the California Museum of Science and Industry. In making the presentation, Williams said Mrs. Thompson will be making history of her own. She is believed to be the first Black woman ever to witness a Russian space shot. The certificate awarded by Williams was "In grateful recognition of the valuable service she has contributed to the community and to the City of San Diego."