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**THE BACKGROUND**

This cartoon was published on November 4<sup>th</sup> 1957, after the Soviet Union launched a rocket carrying a dog into space. The purpose of the mission was to see the effects of space travel on an animal, and this was the first time an animal had traveled into space.

The man holding the picture is Nikita Khrushchev, leader of the Soviet Union.

Describe what is happening in the cartoon?

Why are all the men in the pictures famous? (Find out what each one did)

Why is Khrushchev putting the picture of a dog up with these men?

What, then, is this cartoon's message ?