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The man was so full of himself that I decided to frost his tongue. I said, "You don't speak English like a Russian and you obviously aren't American. Who are you?" He was somewhat befuddled and slowly said, "I am English. I came to Russia many years ago and decided to stay." It was obvious that he was a Russian "Spook." I had enough of this charade and I told him, "I think you were a spy for the Russians. You escaped from Britain and you can't go back because they will hang you!" With that, I left him standing with his mouth agape! In closing, we have witnessed the destruction of America's Manned Space Program in the elimination of our flying machines and the launch sites we used to launch and recover them! However, there is one more concern that I wish to bring up. The NASA has assembled the greatest group of highly trained, dedicated, intelligent and courageous Americans in our American Astronaut Corps. What are we going to do about utilizing this wonderful resource? Well, Golly Gee! Nobody said anything about them! Can't the Russians take care of them? Yes! They can deliver one American Astronaut to the Station every four months but what do the rest of them do in the meantime? Here is a thought. We currently have no means of delivering them to the Space Station. However, we do have work going on creating new vehicles that can. In the meantime, can't we convert NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston into a National Science Center capable of investigating and resolving the many diseases, disasters and major issues confronting our Nation today? To be led by these Astronauts, supported by the brightest engineers, scientists, doctors in the Nation and constantly to be invigorated by the very best young people coming out of our schools. This is Ed Rusinek with **The Last Word!**