

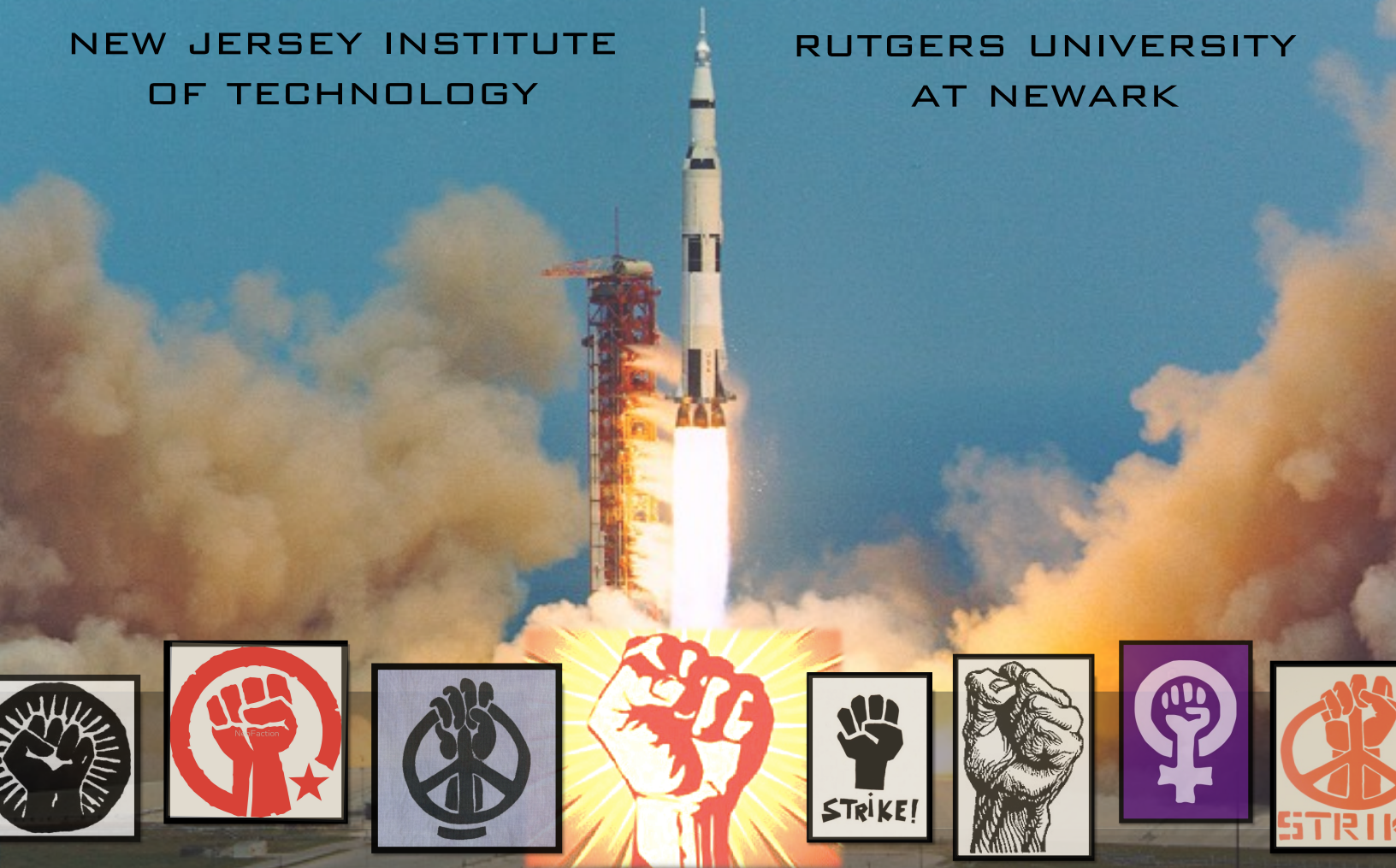
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*The New Left and the Space Race  
during the Vietnam War*

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In the mid-1960s, NASA began building space technologies for the war in Vietnam. Students from the New Left vigorously protested against the space agency, which responded in the early 1970s by scrapping several of its military projects and instead developing satellites that could collect useful ecological data on natural resources around the world. Soon scientists, engineers, and politicians from Latin America, Africa, and Asia—including South Vietnam—were cooperating with the US government to acquire satellite data about their countries' natural resources. The Soviets did similarly with their own space technology and developing communist nations. The result was a more subtle, but still hegemonic, superpower rivalry.



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