

## Re: Manned Space Programs

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"Henry Spencer" wrote ...

> In article <25464-418EE6F2-428@storefull-3155.bay.webtv.net>,

> Richard Alger <daikaiju@webtv.net> wrote:

>>It seems to me rather curious, that so many nations have the ability to

>>launch equipment to space, but only three have manned space programs. I

>>wonder why Japan and the European Space Agency haven't developed manned

>>launch vehicles.

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> Basically, because NASA talked them into participating in the space

> station instead of proceeding with separate manned-spaceflight programs.

And because /demonstrated/ manned-spaceflight has been darn expensive.