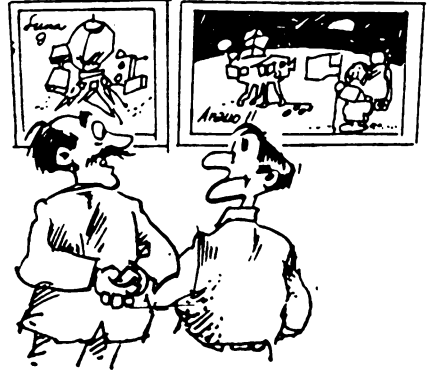
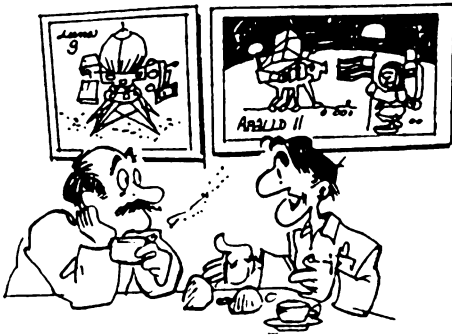


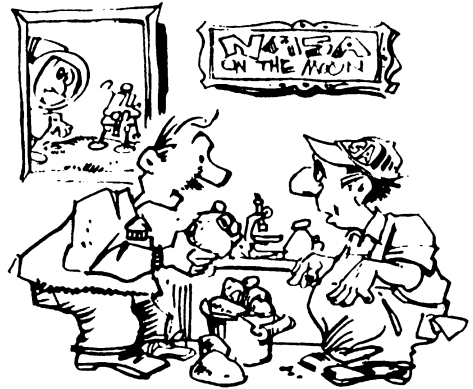
"Our first moon shot is nearly ready. We've developed a lunar crane to pull the first lander out of the 50 feet or so of dust that Asimov and the scientists say it will fall into."



"We've spent millions on trips to the moon, and not once have we been able to find hardly any dust."



"Boss, maybe we could fill the cargo bay of a space shuttle with dust and dump it by a moon lander. Then we could say the moon is old."



"We've spent \$3 million an ounce on moon rocks—and everywhere we find short-lived radioactive isotopes that prove the moon is only a few thousand years old. Take them back and dump them on the moon!"



"Soil mixing, solar winds, and lunar gases! Don't worry about such things. The public is too dumb to know better; just tell them the moon is millions of years old."



"But boss, if the Earth is older than 20,000 years, the moon would have been so close it would have fallen on top of us!"