

MAN IN SPACE PROGRESS

The head of the U.S. space agency, Dr. Keith Glennan, takes a look at progress toward sending a man into space. At the Michigan Ordnance Missile Plant, operated by Chrysler, special transportation is needed to cover the vast floor area. With the latest Soviet lunar traveler spotlighting the race to put a man on the moon, these films show Dr. Glennan witnessing at firsthand how the initial phase is coming along. Here, Redstone missile boosters are being built for Project Mercury, which is designed to carry the first human into orbit. A model of the complete missile, including its life-capsule, brings the huge project down to convenient size for study. There, a doll-figure of the first astronaut shows how his life-size counterpart will travel. Redstone-powered flights will, to begin with, carry Mercury astronauts in ballistic trajectories to an altitude of more than a hundred miles. Later, the big leap to the moon!