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man in the moon

RUSSIAN scientists are now working on a rocket capable of landing men on the planets, the official Soviet News Agency Tass said yesterday. Powered by a new super-fuel, it will be able to reach the moon in 10 hours, travelling at 6.8 miles a second.

Conditions in which the crew will live would be known as a result of the information now being obtained from the dog in Sputnik II. Moscow Radio reported last night that its pulse and breathing were still normal.

Professor Baclin, director of the Moscow Institute of Astronomy, was quoted in a Vienna message as saying that the dog will return to earth "within a week," and land on Soviet territory by parachute.

Cost £666m.

A French Foreign Office spokesman said he had been told unofficially that the second Russian satellite was believed to have cost about £666 million and the first about £415 million.

According to Soviet Professor Issakov, Russian scientists may well spend the 50th anniversary of the October Revolution on the moon, "just as now, on the 40th anniversary, some are spending it on the Sixth Continent (Antarctica)."

United States coastguards reported yesterday a brilliant flying object about 200 miles south of the mouth of the Mississippi.

They retained radar contact for about 27 minutes, during which time it was visible to the naked eye for three seconds.