

## THE EXPLORATION OF MARS

When Willy Ley and Chesley Bonestell finished work on "The Conquest of Space" it was announced that their next joint publication would be "A Trip to Mars." In the five years since "Conquest" was published (and what a wonderful book it is!) these two men have had so many calls on their time—films, magazine features, etc.—that the Mars project had to take second place. However, in recent months, the material for a new book has been received and production is well under way for publication in the autumn. "The Exploration of Mars," which we have looked at over odd shoulders, will be one of the most important publications connecting with the IGY.

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## Galactic Griselda

The fellow in the corner seat ribs us occasionally about science fiction which he knows is all about rockets and that lark. "You'll be out of a job when they get to the moon," he says laughs, and gets back behind the tall headlines and broad pictures from which he came. But we can stand a lot of that sort of shooting—after all it's blank ammunition he's using. And in a way we get a certain smug satisfaction from it, knowing one day we'll be able to say "Look now."

This train of thinking was triggered by a BBC programme we heard recently. Now it happens that one of the earliest bits of sf gadgetry was the moving pavements in the city of the future. In the course of the said programme someone mentions moving platforms in underground stations as well as moving staircases and declares that they could be done now. Well, dog bite us, in our youth we never imagined we were walking on the pavement, but were being carried along smoothly and, what's more, being turned smartly into the employees' entrance of that ragtime print shop where we served what seemed a life sentence. But to get back to the point. In France science fiction is called "Anticipation" and how right that is! For