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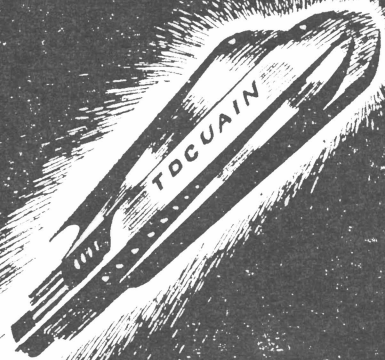
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READING THESE PAGES  
AND DREAMING - YES,

**YOU -**



**- YOU**

**WILL SEE IT HAPPEN!**

*For it is very close, now...  
Those letters on the spaceship  
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AND INTERPLANETARY NAVIGATION**

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