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2,000 M.P.H. ROCKET RIDE

American Air Force scientists prepare two white mice for a trip into outer space, and Albert the monkey is going with them. They will travel higher and faster than any living creature ever has before in the specially-constructed rocket-head. Compartments for the mice are made of glass so that records of the creatures' behaviour can be made by this movie-camera - now the rocket is fired!

The camera shows the mice have survived so far, and back in the control room graphs keep an exact check of Albert's heart-beats as the rocket zooms into upper space at almost two thousand miles an hour.

Thirty eight miles above the earth, the mice and a ball float free, for the earth exerts little gravity pull at this height. Now a parachute bursts open and the rocket's head spins free. The mice and the ball are pulled to the bottom of their container as they fall earthwards.

A helicopter follows the shell to its landing place in the New Mexico desert to recover the monkey and the mice - all alive and unhurt. Research such as this speeds the time when humans will make rocket journeys into space. Meanwhile the mice show no ill-effects, and Albert the Monkey is not afraid to return to the rocket and seems all ready for the next ride.