

Collier's 1952-54 Man Will Conquer Space Soon! (1952-54)

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Quite a few more people make these articles possible, including the Horizons team listed on page 2. Thanks to all involved!

We continue reprinting this superlative series of space articles on the following pages. Collier's used eight issues of the weekly magazine from 1952 to 1954 to publish these articles. We are on schedule as we work to use eight consecutive issues of Horizons to reprint *Man Will Conquer Space Soon!* This is our fourth installment.

This February 28, 1953 issue of Collier's used the front cover, a paragraph about the cover on its table of contents page

(That paragraph is presented on the next page.), and nine consecutive pages (no advertisements) in the middle pages of that issue. We follow roughly that same format in this issue.

Scott Lowther keeps our copies of all of the scanned pages we need to reprint this entire series of two years (1952 to 1954) and about 89 pages. Scott allowed us to use his five issues of Collier's, the original magazines. John Sisson

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"Man Will Conquer Space <u>Soon!</u> " in 8 Issues of the Weekly Magazine Collier's 1952-54		Cover Image	Page Count
1	March 22, 1952: Man Will Conquer Space <u>Soon!</u> What are we Waiting For? pp. 22-23, The Editors Crossing the Last Frontier, pp. 24-29, 72, 74, Dr. Wernher von Braun A Station in Space, pp. 30-31, Willy Ley The Heavens Open, pp. 32-33, Dr. Fred L. Whipple This Side of Infinity, pg. 34, Dr. Joseph Kaplan Can We Survive In Space? Pp. 35, 65-67, Dr. Heinz Haber Who Owns the Universe? Pp. 36, 70-71, Oscar Schachter Space Quiz Around the Editor's Desk, pp. 38-39	Yes	25
2	October 18, 1952: Man on the Moon Man on the Moon, p. 51, The Editors The Journey, pp. 52-58, 60, Dr. Wernher von Braun Inside the Moon Ship, pg. 56, Willy Ley	Yes	11
3	October 25, 1952: More About Man on the Moon The Exploration, pp. 38-40, 44-48, Dr. Fred Whipple & Dr. Wernher von Braun Inside the Lunar Base, pg. 46, Willy Ley	No	10
4	February 28, 1953: World's First Space Suit Man's Survival in Space, 10 Contributors & 3 Artists, edited by Cornelius Ryan pp. 40-41 Picking the Men, pp. 42-48	Yes	10
5	March 7, 1953: More About (Continuing) Man's Survival in Space Testing the Men, pp. 56-63	No	8
6	March 14, 1953: How Man Will Meet Emergency in Space Travel Concluding Man's Survival in Space: Emergency! pp. 38-44	Yes	9
7	June 27, 1953: The Baby Space Station: First Step in the Conquest of Space Baby Space Station, pp. 33-35, 40, Dr. Wernher von Braun with Cornelius Ryan	Yes	6
8	April 30, 1954: Can We Get to Mars? / Is There Life on Mars? Is There Life on Mars? pg. 21, Dr. Fred L. Whipple Can We Get to Mars? pp. 22-29, Dr. Wernher von Braun with Cornelius Ryan	Yes	10

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Above: *Man Will Conquer Space Soon!*, a series of articles from 1952 to 1954, from the weekly magazine Collier's.
Source for most of the table: Wikipedia, *Man Will Conquer Space Soon!*, an article first written by John Sisson.

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son (Dreams of Space blog) scanned two of his copies for Horizons, and Ron Miller (Black Cat Studios) scanned one of his copies for Horizons.

Once all of the required scanned pages were in Scott's possession, he cleaned up the scans where required. That was a big job.

Every two months our Horizons team publishes another issue, knowing that for eight consecutive issues, we have this excellent content from 1952 to 1954 for Horizons. It is not often the volunteer team

of AIAA Houston Section takes on such a long term project.

In addition to the Horizons team noted on [page two](#) of every issue, we have our Horizons Collier's team to thank, as noted on the [prior page](#). They contribute most of our advertising for now, and we thank them again for that.

The Collier's series in eight issues of that magazine presented a spectacular first issue, followed by two issues titled *Man on the Moon*, three issues titled *Man's Survival in Space*, an issue titled *The Baby Space Station*, and finally

an issue titled *Can We Get to Mars? / Is There Life on Mars?* It was tempting to present all three issues titled *Man's Survival in Space* in this issue of Horizons, shortening time span for this all volunteer task. For now, we stay on course, with eight consecutive issues of Horizons devoted to reprinting the contents of those eight issues of Collier's.

Once we complete our reprint series in this manner, we can reprint the entire Collier's series in a single publication, another ambitious volunteer project already in work.

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The Cover

The first man to enter space will wear an outfit like the Navy pressure suit on this week's cover. In fact, he could wear that one: it's a real space suit, fully equipped for rocket travel. The cover picture, and the two others made for this issue of Collier's by photographer Ralph Royle, are the first ever permitted of the new space uniform. For the story of the suit—and of all the related problems of *Man's Survival in Space*—read *Picking the Men*, page 42.



Issue 3 of 8:
The cover image is not related to *Man Will Conquer Space Soon!*



Issue 5 of 8:
The cover image is not related to *Man Will Conquer Space Soon!*



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