
Red 'Moon' Launching Predicted

MOSCOW, Sept. 17 (UP).— Russian scientists indicated today that the launching of the Soviet Union's first earth satellite might be imminent.

"The assault on the universe has begun" was the slogan in reports published to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Russian rocket pioneer Konstantin Tsiolkovsky.

The Russians assert it was Tsiolkovsky who first explored the possibility of a man-made "moon" for the earth.

A Radio Moscow broadcast said Soviet scientists "will shortly take the first step into cosmic flight by launching an artificial earth satellite."