

Men on Mars 'w

within ten years'



Craters again—but this time it's Mars

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MAN could walk on Mars within the next decade, a top National Aeronautics and Space Administration official said here.

Shortly before scientists received man's closest-ever picture of Mars—beamed back to earth by Mariner 6—Thomas Paine said the U.S. had the rocket

power to launch a two-year round trip to the planet.

The crew would leave in mid-August to spend three months on the surface of Mars—compared with the four hour maximum of Armstrong and Aldrin on the moon—and come back to earth by way of the neighbourhood of Venus, Paine suggested.