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HERMANN OBERTH IN BERLIN 1929 – HIS STUDIES, EXPERIMENT AND THE UFA-ROCKET

Abstract

The story of this period was first written down by Willy Ley in his Book “Rockets” 1944, the story of a contact, of 9th July 1929, between Hermann Oberth and Fritz Lang/Universum Film Company to build a liquid fuel rocket to be launched on the day of premiere of the movie “Woman in the moon” by mid October 1929. New documents allow giving a new timeframe of what had happened and additional details. It reveals that in the contract was no word about a rocket to be launched on the day of premiere, only pre-experiments for getting a liquid propelled small combustion chamber running was the original goal. In the first half of September Oberth was asked strongly by Director Lehmann, of the Ufa-Board of Directors, if he could try to build some kind of rocket to be launched within a month time span of September.