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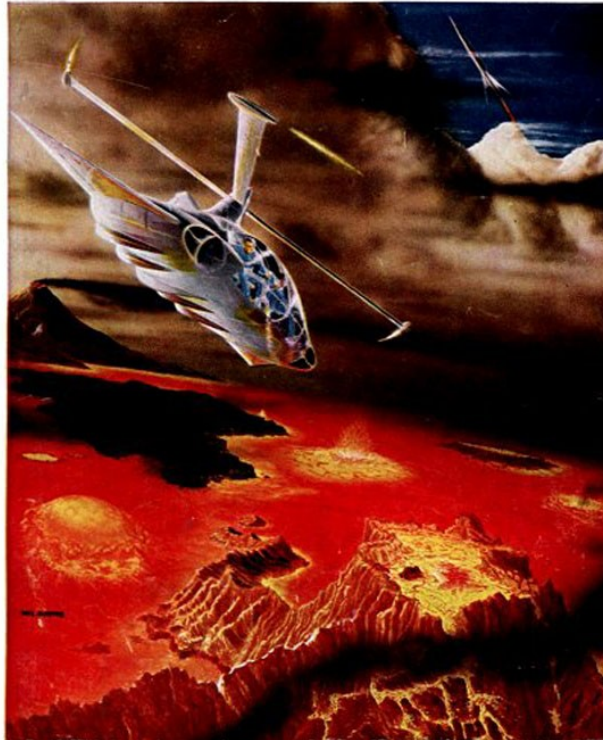
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These two stories by Kurt Vonnegut were written over a decade apart but they are definitely connected. The *Big Trip Up Yonder*, published in *Galaxy Science Fiction* January 1954 is a comical yet scary description of what over population was going to do to society after aging was conquered and a simple daily dose of "anti-gerosone" would keep you forever the same age. Would Gramps EVER take 'That Big Trip Up Yonder', or would his hordes of descendants be stuck with him forever in a tiny apartment!? *2 B R 0 2 B*, published in *Worlds of If*, January 1962 takes this basic situation many years into the future and a solution has been found. The population of the US has dropped from 80 billion to 40 million. Not what everyone would call a pretty solution, or the best solution, but nevertheless a solution to the population problem. I believe this is the type of story it is best to listen to, not describe, so enjoy. (Summary by Phil Chenevert)

Read by Phil Chenvert. Total running time: 0:46:36

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