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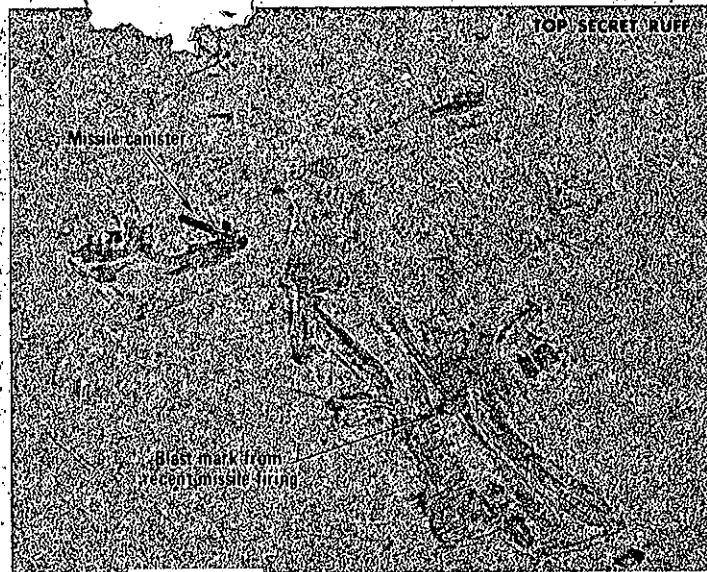
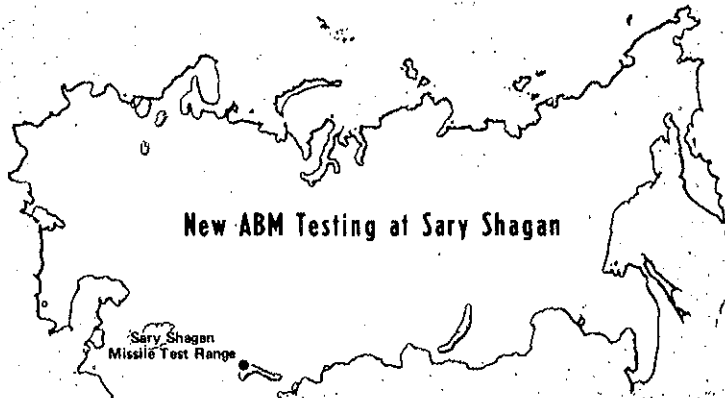
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The Soviets are conducting initial tests of new defensive system components at the Sary Shagan missile test range. Recent satellite photography of one of the two launch sites at a new ABM facility there showed burn scars at one launcher and a canister similar to the one used for the Galosh ABM at another launcher.

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[Redacted] New launchers, much smaller than those used for Galosh, have been emplaced at the second launch site, but are not yet in use.

Near the second launch site a new radar has been assembled some time during the last six months. The new radar has two antennas, and possibly a third, one of which may be a square phased array. Its size is sufficient to suggest that it could track incoming ballistic missile warheads and provide guidance for ABM interceptors during an engagement.

It is too early to say exactly what kind of system the Soviets are developing and what its capabilities will be. The Soviets may be developing a system having ABM capabilities that does not require large missile site radars which take years to construct. Whether these new radar and missile components will be able to function independently of large, long-range acquisition and tracking radars like Dog House or whether they will be integrated into the Moscow ABM system is not yet known.

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