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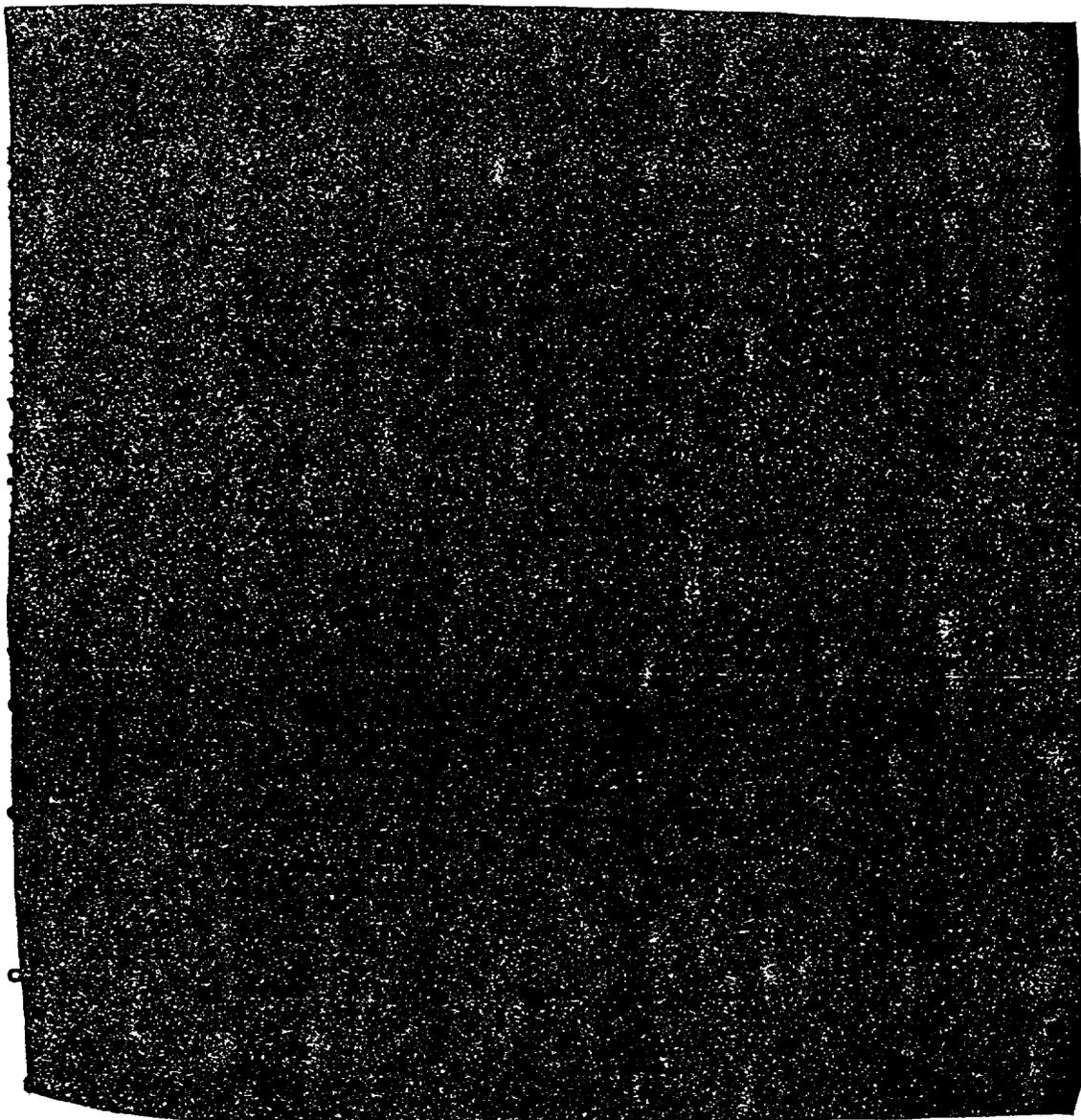
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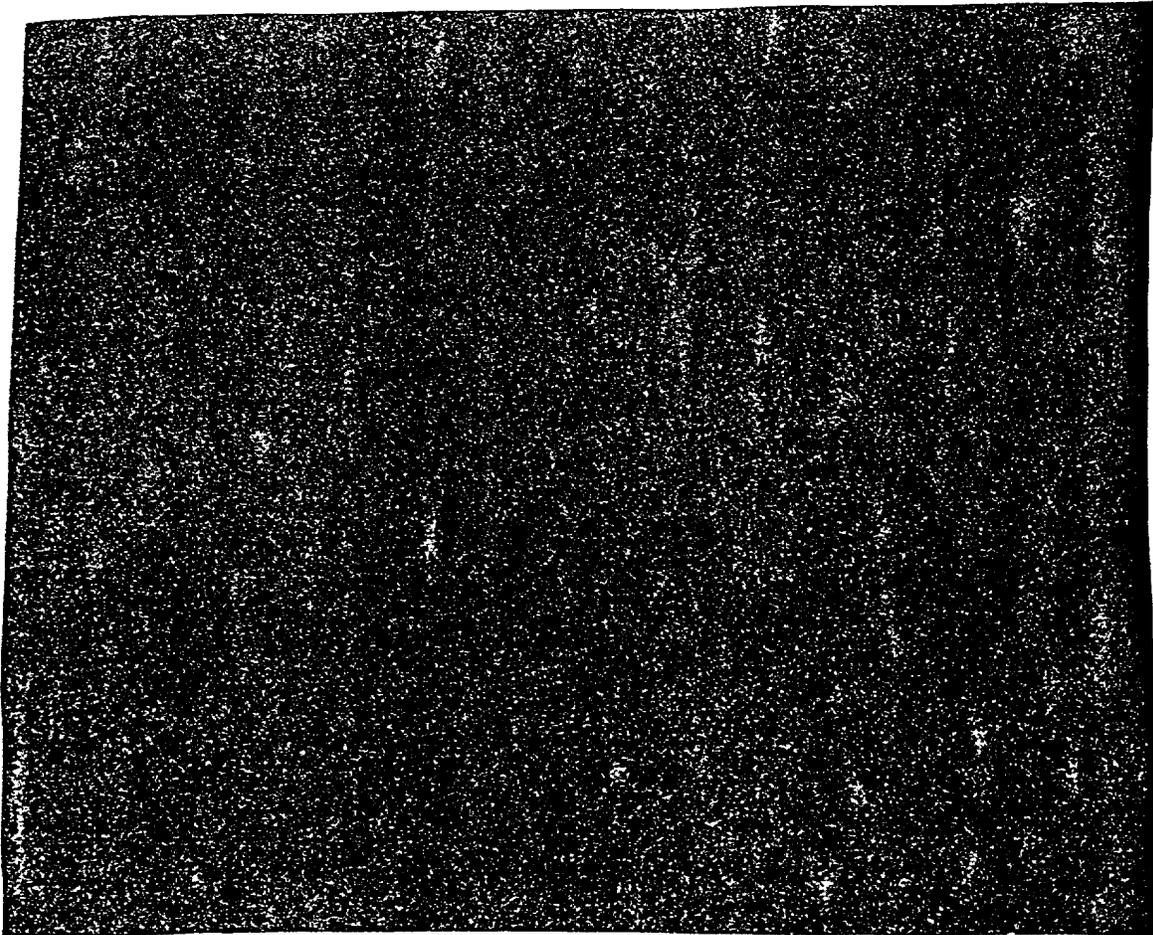
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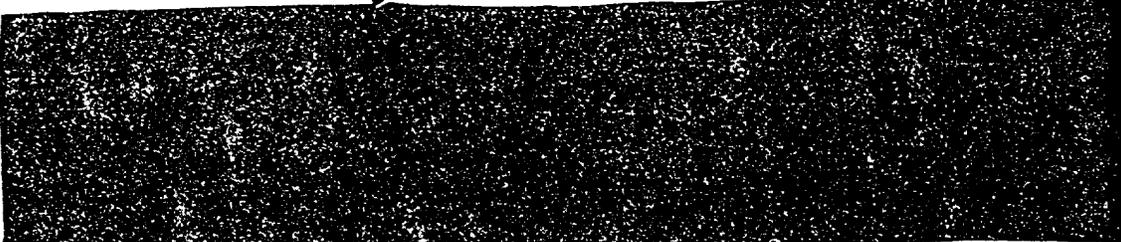
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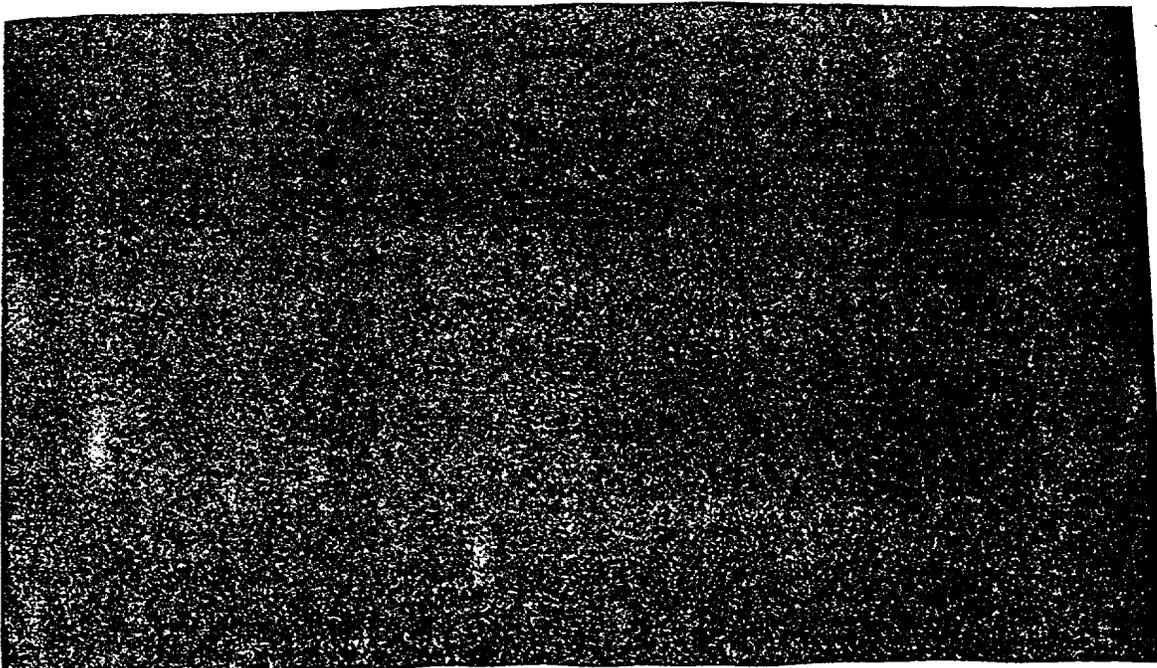
Czech Team Reports Nerve Gas Traces in Saudi Desert

According to today's press, members of a Czechoslovakian chemical detection team found and confirmed the presence of nerve gas "trace elements" in the northern desert of Saudi Arabia several days ago. The Czechs stated that the level of nerve agent presented no danger to coalition troops and theorized that these traces were carried downwind from damaged Iraqi chemical warfare facilities.



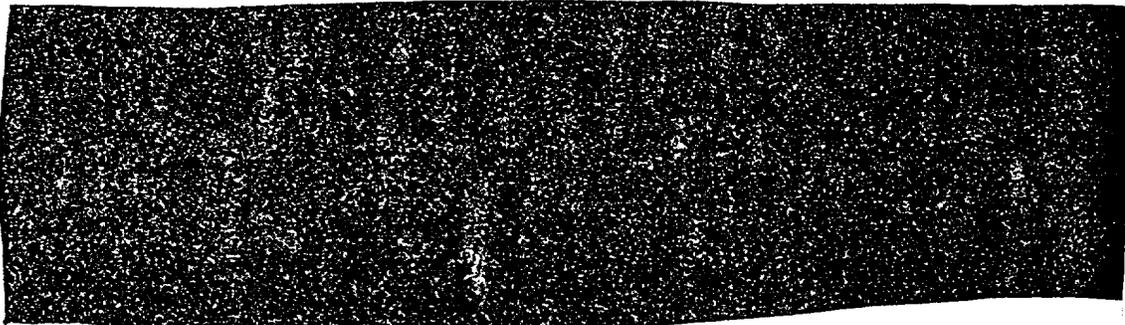
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Bonn Reveals New Aid Package

The Kohl government, anxious to restore German credibility in Washington, approved a comprehensive aid package yesterday (29 Jan) for the anti-Iraq coalition. A government spokesman told reporters that Bonn will pay \$5.5 billion to the US to defray war expenditures over the first three months of 1991. Germany also will "immediately" deploy to NATO ally Turkey Roland and Hawk air defense missiles--a move officials said was designed to defend German and other air units of the ACE Mobile Force deployed there. Unconfirmed German press reports, say 580 Bundeswehr troops will accompany the missiles. Germany will also provide anti-CW equipment to Israel, and German media speculate that the FRG aid might also include Patriot and Hawk missiles, Fuchs antichemical agent detection vehicles, and NBC protective gear.



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