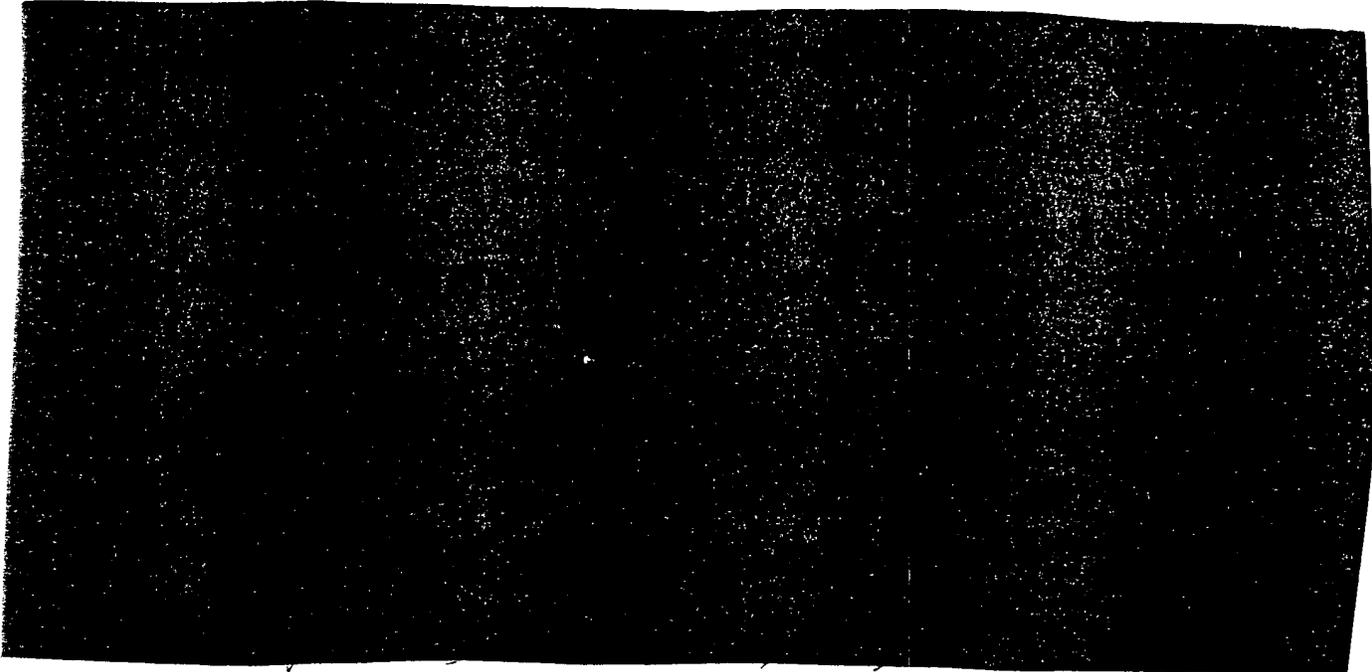


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ESRO SPACE PROGRAM SLIPPING

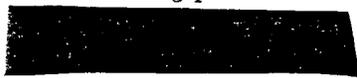
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ESRO, the European Space Research Organization, probably will not meet its announced plans to launch its first sounding rocket in the summer of 1964. ESRO has been in operation for several years, although the treaty was not formally ratified until May 1964. In March 1964 it was advertising for a "senior engineer or physicist" to direct its sounding rocket program. If this position has been filled, ESRO's sounding

rocket schedule need not slip excessively. ESRO's satellite orbitings scheduled to begin in 1967 also may be delayed since the organization is advertising for an engineer to take charge of this effort. ESRO has a history of schedule slippages, having originally planned ten sounding rocket launches for 1963, none of which took place. In the current program, 12 launches are planned for 1964.



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