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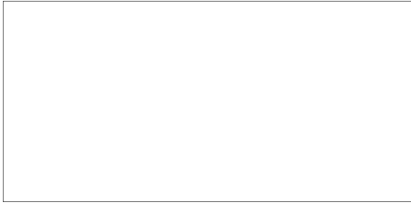
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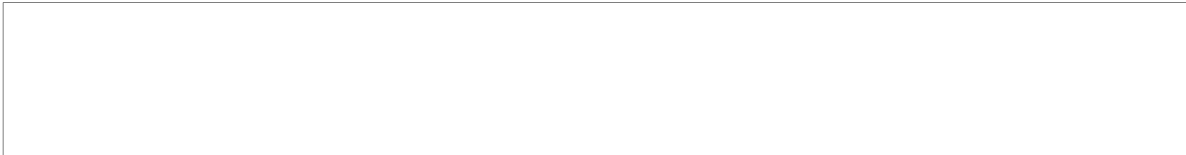
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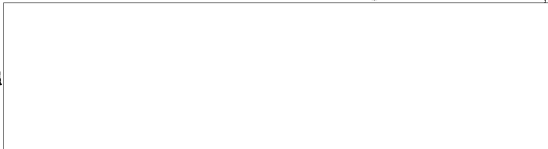
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1. The description given of the new interceptor plane is that of the Soviet YAK-21 rocket plane. None of these have been seen in the Soviet Zone so far, but practice flights have been carried out in East Prussia.
2. Originally this was intended to be a crewless plane, but the attempt to operate it by remote control has been abandoned. Apparently these planes were only produced experimentally. The whole project was allowed to drop because, according to report, the Soviets have a very good defense rocket.
3. The YAK-21 is launched in the manner described (from a ramp with curved ascending rails) but its launching from a carrier aircraft has also been observed.
4. The plane name Valona means nothing. The YAK-21 was built in Kursk and Moscow until August 1952. Experiments conducted by the navy on Lake Ladoga with the YAK-21 and catapult installations were a failure. The idea apparently was to launch it from ships against enemy formations. What the exact results were is not known, but production of the plane in the Kursk works has been stopped.

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