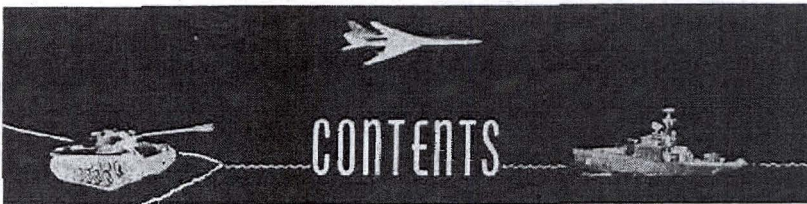


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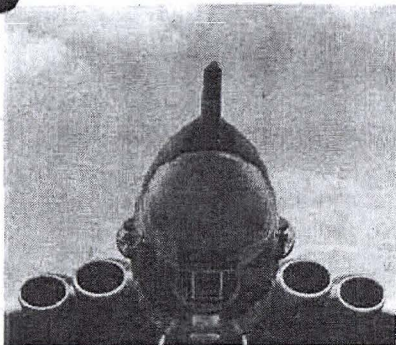
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BISON C, one of the many aircraft shown during 1967 Moscow Air Show, makes an impressive stand. The Soviets staged a spectacular review of new, modified, and old aircraft on 8 and 9 July. This is their first major military air show in six years, and the display again provides evidence that

Soviet development programs continue to be directed largely toward operational usability rather than basic research. A preliminary rundown of the aircraft is shown on page 2 and again in a pictorial display beginning on page 24. [S]

FOREWORD

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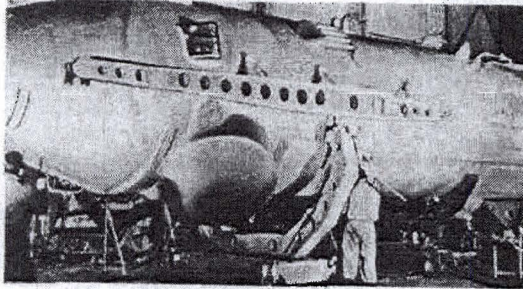
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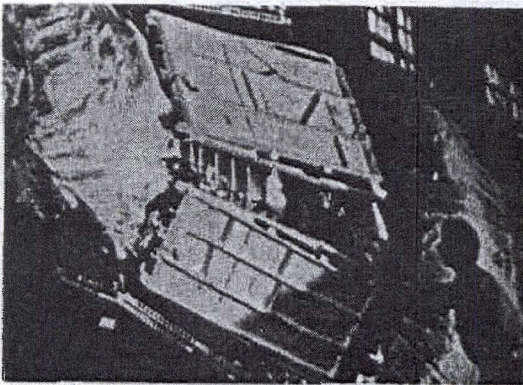
PHOTOGRAPHY displayed at the Paris Air Show depicting the final assembly of the Molniya satellite provides evidence that the space vehicle probably was produced at the same facility that produced the Voskhod spacecraft—the Moskva Missile and Space Development Center, Kaliningrad 88 (MMSDC). Final assembly of both boosters and spacecraft evidently takes place at that location.

MMSDC has long been regarded as the principal design facility and probable producer of Soviet space systems, including the payloads. The continued expansion of the facility—more than three million square feet of floorspace now available—could be related to the variety and number of vehicles demanded for space exploration.

A Soviet engineer who has participated in the Cosmos-series project recently confirmed that the Soviets series-produce many of their space vehicles. And because of the numbers needed, the vehicles probably are assembled at a facility such as MMSDC. [S]



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