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--Birrenbach, who arrives in Washington today, complained that he had not been able to see Brandt when he was preparing for the trip. He said that as a result he would be representing Kiesinger's viewpoint rather than the coalition's. He claimed the coalition was in a parlous state, and he made it clear he hoped it would not be reconstituted after the elections. He said he felt that if Brandt returned as foreign minister, most of West Germany's foreign policy resources would be harnessed to Brandt's eastern policy, rather than to more important tasks such as the construction of unity in Western Europe.

SOVIET AFFAIRS

Recent satellite photography shows that the second of two launch pads for the Soviets' huge new space booster is nearing completion at Tyuratam. A booster has been erected for the first time on this pad, located at Complex J.

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