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THREE STORY SATELLITE -- Surrounded by scaffolding, the NOAA-B weather satellite undergoes final test at RCA Astro-Electronics, Princeton, N. J. To be known as NOAA-7 when it is orbited in May, the satellite will provide detailed information for the nation's weather forecasts. NOAA-B follows 27 TIROS/ESSA/ITOS/NOAA weather satellites, all built by RCA, that have been successfully orbited since the first weather satellite, TIROS-1, was launched on April 1, 1960. NOAA satellites are operated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Procurement and launching are managed by NASA.

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