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SKYLAB 1 & 2 LIFTOFFS—A composite of two photographs showing the launches of the Skylab 1 (on left) and Skylab 2 missions. Four components of the Skylab space station were the payload for the unmanned Skylab 1 space vehicle. The Skylab 2 space vehicle launched the Command/Service Module with the three crewmen aboard into Earth orbit. The CSM is the fifth major component of the space station. The Skylab 1/Saturn V space vehicle was launched from the Kennedy Space Center on May 14, 1973. The Skylab 2/Saturn 1B space vehicle, with Astronauts Charles Conrad Jr., Joseph P. Kerwin and Paul J. Weitz aboard, was launched from KSC on May 25, 1973. Note the launch escape tower on the manned Skylab 1 space vehicle.