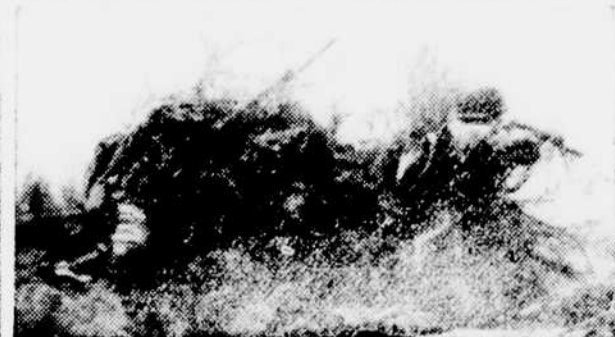


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# RED ARMIES ROLLING ON TOWARD WARSAW

### Race Issue In Georgia Ballotings

Fuel Upon Flames For Democratic Meet In Chicago July 19

(By The Associated Press.) The race question popped up again for Democrats today in a primary election in Georgia, with efforts of Negroes to vote in it one more factor in the "white supremacy" issue being readied for southern argument at the party convention in Chicago July 19.

Georgia Democratic leaders had given the rule that only whites could vote in the party primary, but Negro leaders went ahead with plans for "token" voting attempts to lay legal grounds for an appeal to the courts.

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### Tokyo Declares Americans Raid 2 Bonin Islands

(By The Associated Press.) Tokyo reported that aircraft from a naval aircraft force this morning attacked Iwo Jima and Chichi Jima, in the Bonin Islands, less than 500 miles southeast of Japan, and declared that "at present heavy fighting is in progress."

There is no immediate Allied confirmation of this report, but on June 15 planes from an American task force delivered a heavy blow to airfields on the two islands.

The Tokyo broadcast, recorded by The Associated Press, said the attacking planes returned to Iwo Jima this morning after a preliminary attack yesterday. The broadcast asserted at least thirty of the planes were shot down.

### New Jersey Blast Does Big Damage

Bedford, N. J., July 4.—(AP)—The terrific blast which shattered thousands of windows within a 70-mile radius, rocked scores of homes and created panic in many communities late last night was caused by the explosion of seven and one-half tons of dynamite, George E. McClellan, manager of the John B. Varreck Company, said today.

At the same time the Boston office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation announced that agents already were at the scene attempting to determine what set off the stored explosives.

McClellan said the dynamite was a "40-60" mixture and was kept in a large masonry warehouse. The dynamite was owned by the DuPont company and distributed by the Varreck organization.

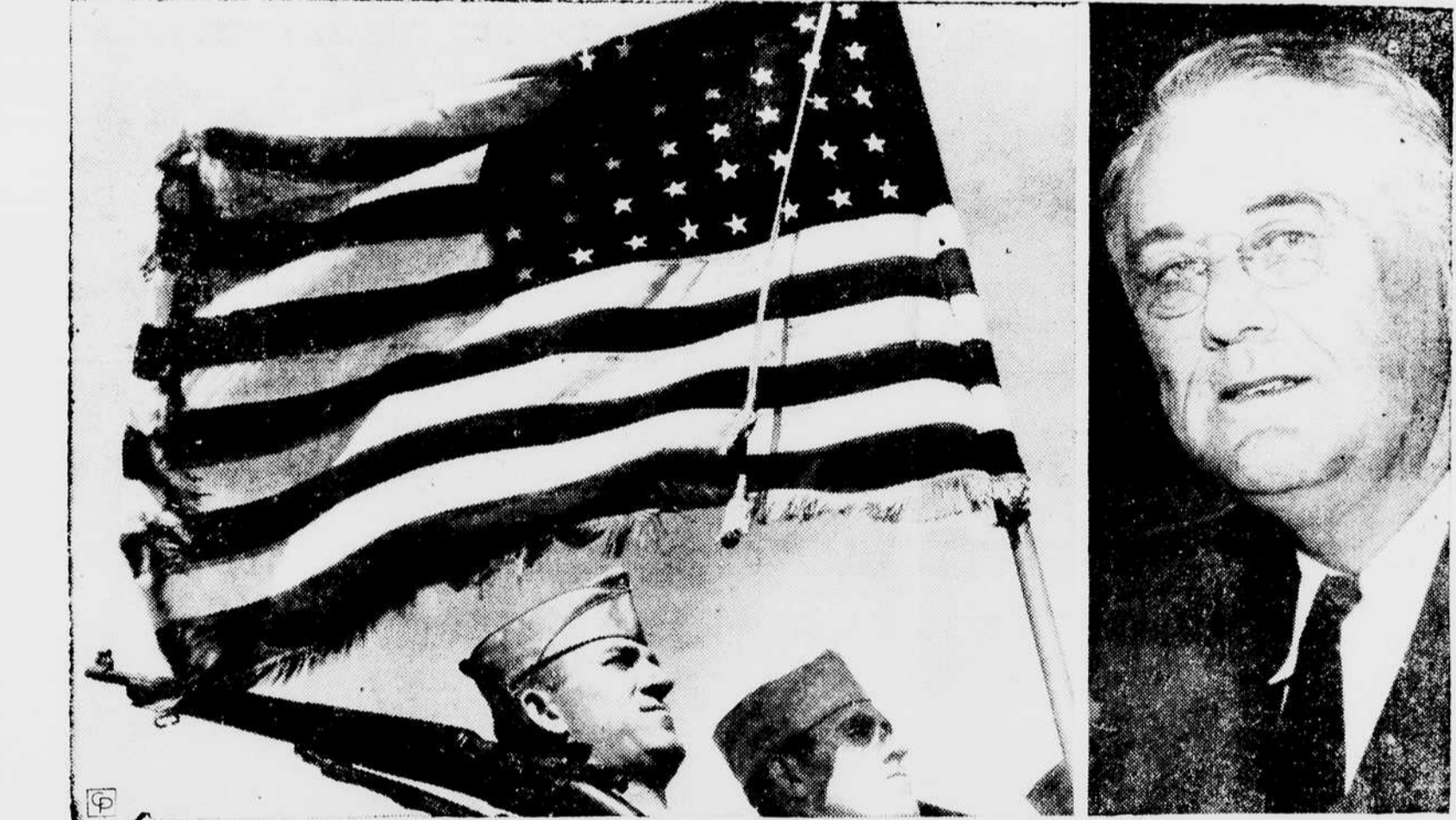
The warehouse went up in a sudden spurt of flame, followed by a terrific concussion, according to witnesses.

Many persons in Bedford and nearby Manchester were out by flying glass, and at least a dozen people received hospital treatment. No one was reported injured fatally.

### These Seven Led Americans Through Perils of War



George Washington 1789-1797 Revolutionary war James Madison 1809-1817 War of 1812 James Knox Polk 1845-1849 Mexican war Abraham Lincoln 1861-1865 Civil war William McKinley 1897-1901 Spanish-American war Woodrow Wilson 1913-1921 World War I



SEVEN UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS have led the American people through the perilous days of war, six while holding the presidential office. George Washington, as commander-in-chief of the Colonial forces during the Revolutionary war, was virtually leader of the American people, too. Later he became civil leader of the United States when he became first president of the Union in 1789. (International)

### Five Killed In Santa Fe Train Wreck

Flagstaff, Ariz., July 4.—(AP)—At least five persons were killed and 26 injured in a wreck of the Santa Fe westbound "Chief" 18 miles west of here shortly before midnight, railroad officials said today.

The locomotive and twelve cars were derailed and some of the cars were teleported.

John O. Edwards, fireman, of

### Holiday's Deaths Arc 317, Far Under Safety Estimates

(By The Associated Press.) Deaths of five persons, early today, in an Arizona train wreck hosted the nation's toll of fatalities over the Independence Day week-end to 317. Although the figure exceeded that of last year by a small margin, it remained far below the 1,000 accidental death total which the National Council of Safety estimated for the four-day holiday week-end.

Traffic accidents, despite restrictions on gasoline and tires, were the primary cause of deaths, with 138 victims. Eighty-five persons drowned and 91 succumbed to miscellaneous causes.

Meanwhile, transportation officials expected a record-breaking volume of traffic tonight as excursionists returned home.

### Normandy Front Flares Anew At Both Ends Of Battle Area

#### Brilliant Victory By Canadian Army In Heavy Fighting

Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force, July 4.—(AP)—The Normandy bridgehead roared into action at both ends, at dawn on this American Independence day, with Canadians capturing Carpiquet, three miles west of Caen, matching the United States offensive down the Cherbourg peninsula, which was closing in on La Haye du Puits, on a 20-mile front.

Field dispatches said the Canadians were fighting at close quarters for the Carpiquet air field. British troops struck forward with momentum, winning ground south of Carpiquet. The Canadian attack chopped at the heart of German defenses about Caen, but there was as yet no indication that Montgomery had ordered a general all-out offensive on the city.

Canadian Press Correspondent Ross Munro, in a front dispatch, said "this was the first major Canadian action since mid-June, and it was a great achievement to have cracked into Carpiquet, considering it is one of the strongest points on the Caen perimeter, and one of the keys to Caen itself."

With the British-Canadian offensive, the Germans were engaged at both ends of the bridgehead.

American columns were converging on La Haye du Puits from the north, east and west. One column

### Bombings Resume As Weather Clears Up

London, July 4.—(AP)—The British American heavy bomber force today struck German air targets for the second consecutive day today with an equal force from Britain against air targets at German airfields in France.

United States heavy bombers flew under an escort of Mustang, Lightning, and Thunderbolt. The day over the English channel hummed with sound of many engines, but clearing out after having been held in check for days by miserable weather over the continent.

Fatches of clouds hung over the Normandy battle area, and the ceiling was no more than 3,000 feet in some places, but still the day brought the Allies their best flying weather since reached high ground controlling German arteries two and a half miles from the town.

(Today's German communiqué acknowledged the Allies had made several penetrations on the western wing of the Normandy bridgehead, but claimed most assaults in that

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### Soviet Forces Are Forty Miles Beyond Fallen Minsk City

Russians Report 125,000 Prisoners Taken; Prussian Frontier Only 150 Miles Away

Moscow, July 4.—(AP)—Russian armies rolled swiftly west of captured Minsk toward Warsaw and East Prussia, less than 150 miles away, when their Soviet forces captured the last German defense in Poland, opening the way to East and Lithuania on the Baltic.

After capturing a strategic and Polish industrial city, the Red Army had captured Minsk and pushed ahead farther west. A spokesman for the Soviet command said Russian vanguards in some places already were nearly fifty miles west of northwest of Minsk, into East Prussia.

The Russian command said the Prussian front started a new general attack against the Russian positions between Sommerhausen and Koenigsberg, with heavy artillery, tanks and airplanes supporting the infantry.

Since the fall of Minsk (229,000 population), Pabusk (72,000) was the largest Russian city left in German hands. The German hold on Prussia Russian had dropped to an area less than that of Massachusetts.

Continuing the pressing front at Minsk, the Russian press said captured by the 12-day offensive that crossed the central front area extended to well beyond 120,000 and 10,000. Two German divisional headquarters were captured yesterday, raising to 21 the German general officers killed or captured by three weeks in Russia and Prussia.

With the collapse of German defenses at Minsk yesterday, before two hard-driving Russian armor and tank divisions, Russian captured a number of important new objectives far ahead for the Red army's main effort.

Continuing between the banks of the Prussian front, the Russians were fighting toward communication lines and border line along the Soviet Baltic coastline and threatening the Baltic Sea. The Red positions on the Prussian coast of the southern Baltic Sea.

### Churchill Plans Report On Robots

London, July 4.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill plans to make a statement Thursday on the German flying bomb attack on the southern England. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the House of Commons today.

There had been some speculation that the prime minister might deliver a report on the time today.

### Another Island Taken In New Guinea Region

Port Moresby, New Guinea, July 4.—(AP)—Allied forces today captured another island in the New Guinea region, the 100-mile sweep toward the Philippines.

Headquarters announced today that one of the sixth army under Lieut. Gen. Walter Krueger landed on Noemano's western coast Sunday at 8 p.m. Within two hours, the green-clad infantrymen overcame slight enemy opposition and captured Kiriwina airstrip, a 3,000-foot landing field badly cratered by Allied bombs.

At last reports the invaders were pushing toward the island's two remaining airbases, one of them three miles away.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Fair to partly cloudy with little change in temperature to night and Wednesday.