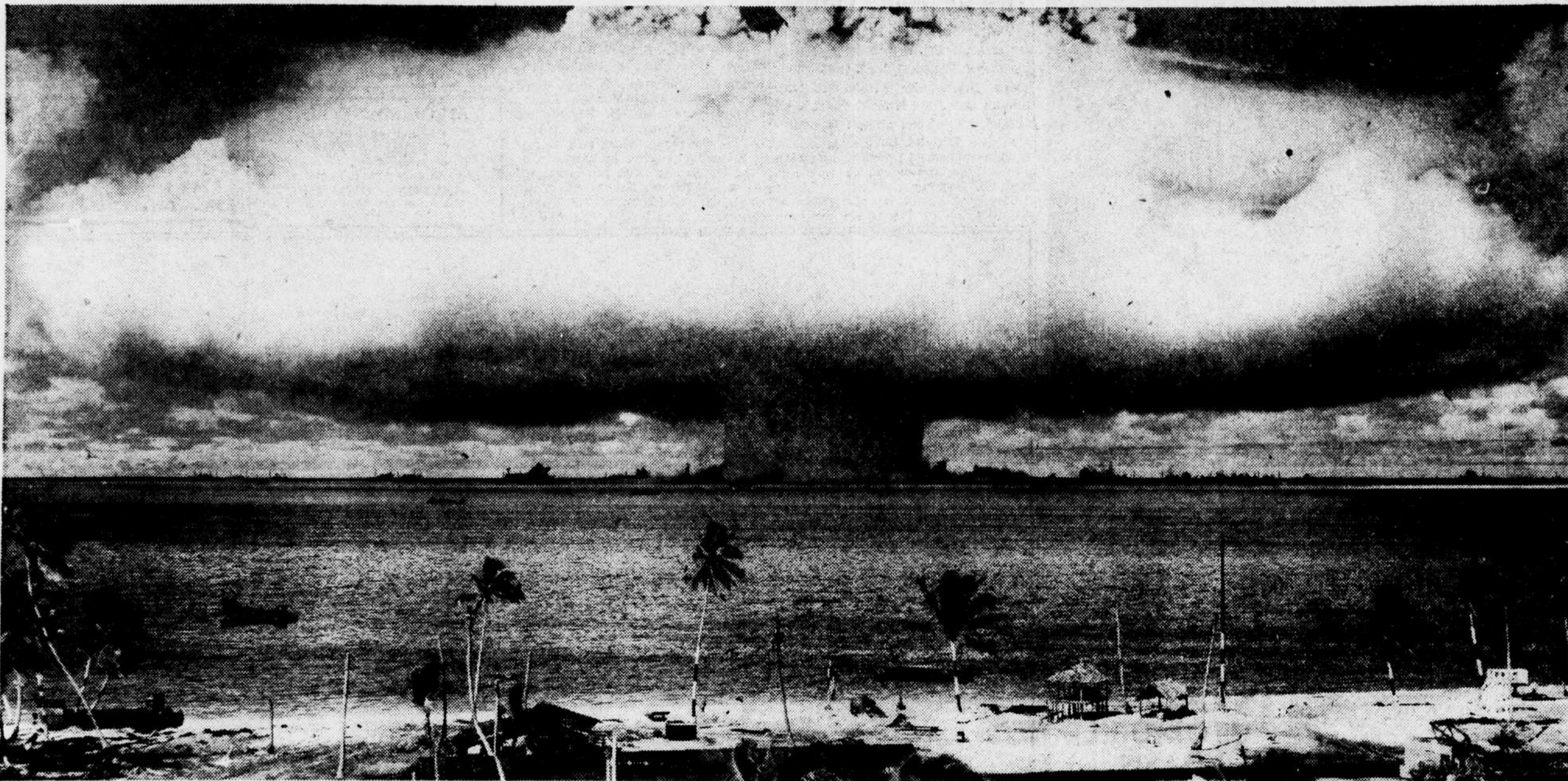


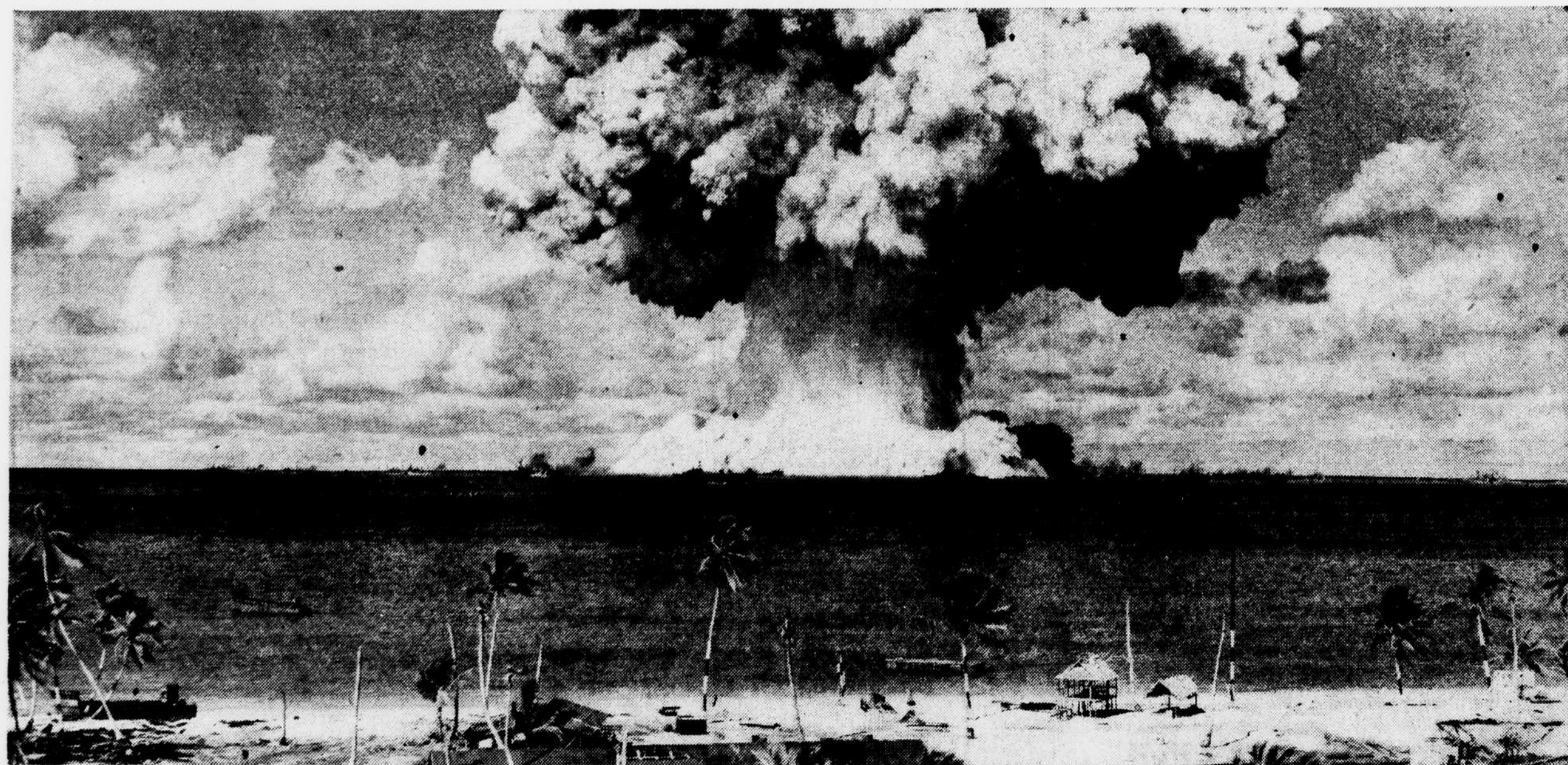
Spectacular Underwater Atom Bomb Blast Dwarfs Battle Fleet at Bikini Atoll



In this first of a series of three spectacular pictures of the underwater explosion of the world's fifth atomic bomb in Bikini Lagoon, July 25, the rising column of water and atomic energy enters the first phase of its mushroom characteristic. At the base of the column (left foreground) is the cruiser Salt Lake City, and in the right foreground, the Jap battleship Nagato, both appearing to be toy ships, dwarfed by the gigantic formation. This picture, studied aboard the task force ship Appalachian, caused speculation whether the battleship Arkansas was inside the mile-high waterspout. The 26,000-ton battlewagon disappeared in the blast. At one side of the column a dark void can be noted. Experts said this was over the spot where the Arkansas floated.



Here, the second of the series, atomic cloud and geyser have apparently reached a peak before disintegrating from the mushroom shape and before the tons of water thrown skyward began to fall back into the lagoon. The pictures were made with special wide angle lens cameras set up in protected sites on Bikini Atoll, the beach of which appears in the foreground in each of the photos.



Last of the series, taken as the atomic force began to billow out into a gigantic cloud. Below it the falling water appears to be about to engulf the parts of the fleet. Because automatic controls were used on the cameras, the pictures were taken at a much closer range than it would have been possible for photographers to venture. In all photos the waters of the lagoon, except in the area of the explosion, appear to be calm. —Joint Army-Navy Task Force 1 Photos.

Only Jet Plane Crash Survivor Expected to Aid Army Research

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 3. — The wreckage with nothing worse than a cut head.

The crash occurred yesterday before 20,000 spectators at an Army Air Force day show at greater Pittsburgh airport.

Maj. Wiehrdt said he "knew exactly" what caused the engine failure which resulted in the crash but that it was restricted information.

Col. Albert Boyd, chief of the flight test division at Wright Field, who came here to meet Maj. Wiehrdt, said the pilot's experience will be invaluable in preventing similar accidents.

Army sources said they did not

know of any other pilot who survived a jet-plane crash.

Maj. Richard Bong, noted war ace and a "very close friend" of Maj. Wiehrdt, was among the top Army pilots killed at jet-plane controls.

It was Maj. Wiehrdt's first crash in 2,600 hours of flying, in 104 combat missions in Europe and as an instructor at Phoenix, Ariz., and Richmond, Va. He said he felt "very lucky" to survive but added he was ready to fly a "jet job" again, although his primary urge is to see his wife, Mrs. Charlotte Wiehrdt, former Army Air Force evacuation nurse, and their 3-month-old daughter in Dayton.

"That was not an ideal crash landing," Maj. Wiehrdt said, "but it was the best I could do under the circumstances. I was thinking fast figuring out how to land and miss the crowd."

The speedy plane shot into a concrete runway for a belly landing, skidded its mile length, leaving a comet-like trail of friction-generated sparks, leaped upwards at the end of the runway and finally crashed in a cabbage patch nearly a mile from the airport.

MacArthur Says Korea Wants U. S. to Remain

TOKYO (Sunday), Aug. 4. — The breakdown of the American-Soviet conferences for unification of Korea, Gen. MacArthur reported today, has led the people of the American occupation zone to have an "increasing desire for continuance of the American Military Government."

"A sampling of public opinion indicates an almost unanimous awareness that the American position was in defense of the principle that Koreans had the right to be heard in the formation of their own government," said Gen. MacArthur's monthly report.

"With this attitude is a prevail-

ing mood of disappointment bordering on despondency with prospect of independence more remote than ever."

Gen. MacArthur called attention to a statement by the Soviet delegation to the conference that expressed criticism of the joint trusteeship of Korea should be considered an opponent of the Moscow decision. He stressed that the American delegation held that such an attitude denied freedom of speech.

A deteriorating food situation for Korea was reported, due to poor prospects for the rice crop, substandard production, the growing number of people dependent on the government for supplies and the influx of Korean repatriates.

It was estimated that only two-thirds of the 18,000,000 people in the American zone could live on their own food products.

Little Rock Man Named To Young Democrat Post

Miles Scull, Jr., Little Rock, Ark., a former Air Forces major who served in the China-India-Burma theater, has been appointed executive director of the Young Democratic Clubs of America. It was announced yesterday by Democratic National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan.

Mr. Scull, who is 36, was an Arkansas newspaperman before the war. He succeeds Sidnev A. Carraway, who now is assistant to the treasurer of the national committee.

Atom Worker Killed By Chemical Blast

By the Associated Press
LOS ALAMOS, N. Mex., Aug. 3. — A premature explosion of pyrotechnic chemicals at the Los Alamos atomic bomb project resulted in the death today of Joshua T. Schwartz, 21-year-old technician of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Two other men were injured in the blast which occurred yesterday. Mr. Schwartz' father, Paul Schwartz, and a brother, Nathaniel, were reported en route from Brooklyn.

The accident occurred when a smoke smudge pot which the men were preparing to study local air currents exploded prematurely.

The smudge pot, the Army said, was composed of standard pyrotechnical chemicals, and no flammable material nor radiation was involved.

Injured were:

Robert Huffins, 35, technician, Dallas, Tex., serious eye injury, fractured right leg, lacerated right hand, burns and cuts; condition serious.

William E. Bibbs, 25, technician, Drew, Miss., serious eye injury, serious burns; condition fair.

A fourth man working with the group, Arthur B. Conard, Jr., 29, Memphis, Tenn., was knocked down 200 yards away by the force of the explosion. He gave first aid to the injured men and summoned assistance.

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