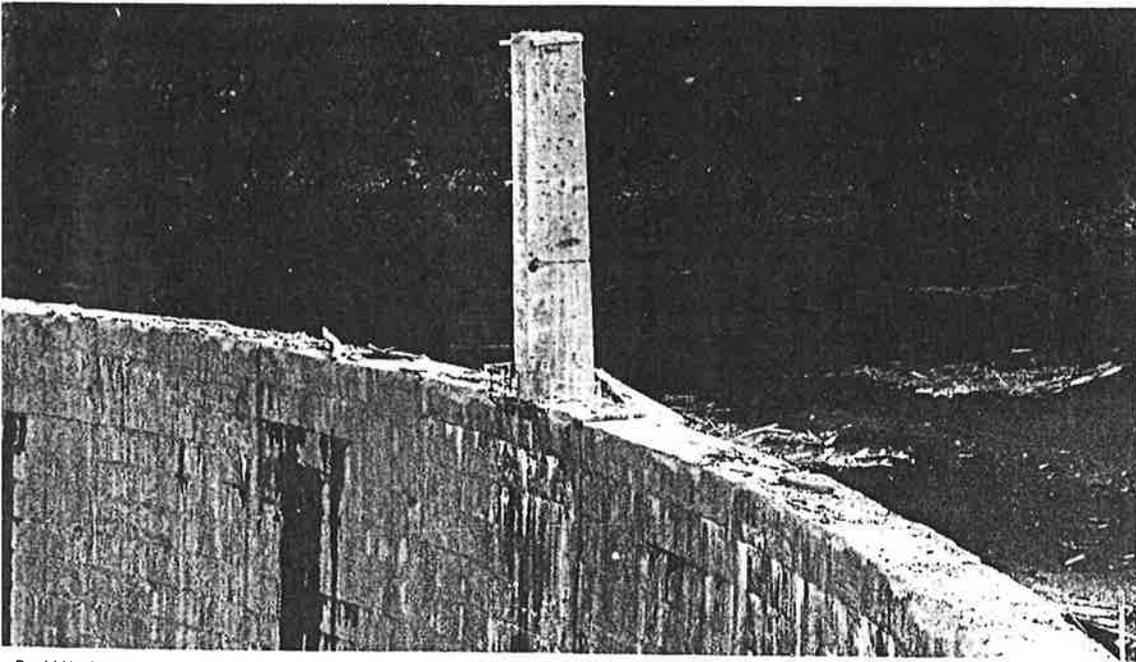


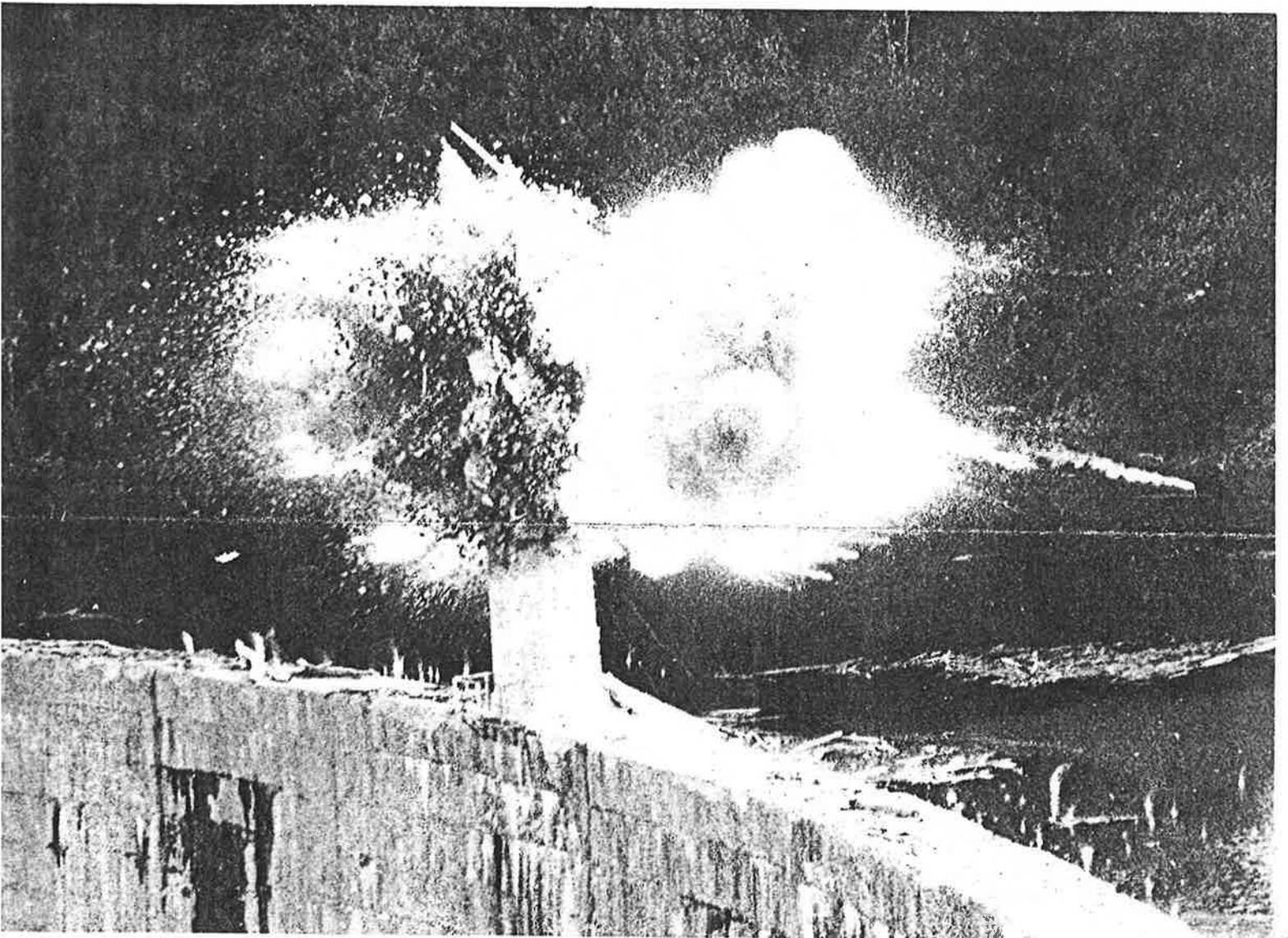
# Big blast will help water flow freely

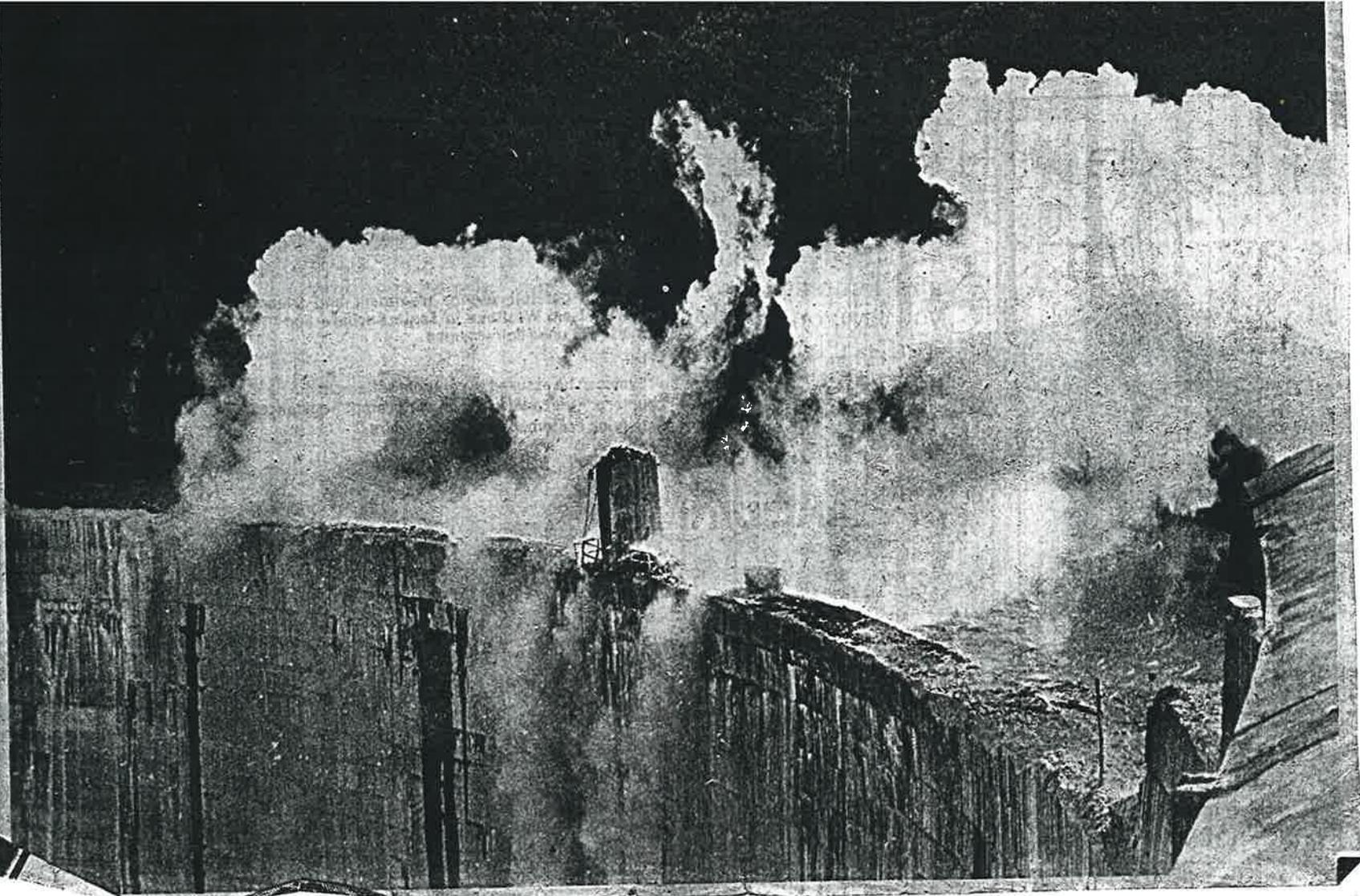
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A no longer-functional cement structure on top of Matilija Dam, left, is destroyed by a dynamite blast, below. The blasting is part of repair work being done by the Ventura County Flood Control District that will allow workers to release water through the dam without having to walk out to the cement tower that once supported bridges and mechanical equipment.

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