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BASTILLE DAY in PARIS
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Parisians were already dancing last night in Paris in preparation of Bastille Day celebrations. Large crowds thronged the city's Bals populaires which will go on tonight and all the night through.

Yesterday night also, the ceremonies began by a torch lit ceremony at the Arch of Triumph where Veterans and troops laid a wreath to the Unknown soldier and allwar victims.

The Parade this morning included more than 9,000 soldiers with units of all troops, colorful colonial troops and the various military academies, latest motorized and armored equipment, paratroopers etc.. of the French Army.

Starting from Etoile, the Troops paraded down the Champs Elysées and were passing in front of the official Grand Stand with President of the Republic René Coty standing at attention. Members of the Government, diplomatic corps and Military attachés from all nations were also present.

In the evening all Paris monuments were illuminated and fireworks closed the official rejoicing of Bastille Day.