



Hiroshima and Nagasaki, 71 Years Ago: One of the Worst Terrorist Acts in World History

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In May, Barack Obama became the first US president in history to visit the memorial of the American atomic bombings of Japan in Hiroshima. However, in true American fashion, he offered no apology.

“We have a shared responsibility to look directly in the eye of history. We must ask what we must do differently to curb such suffering again,”

The location of Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park was once the city’s busiest downtown commercial and residential district. However, the devastating atomic blast from the U.S. bomb that killed over 100,000 innocent civilians left the clearing in which the monument now sits.

The United States, with the consent of the United Kingdom as laid down in the Quebec Agreement, dropped nuclear weapons on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, during the final stage of World War II. The two bombings, which killed more than a hundred thousand innocent civilians, remain the only use of nuclear weapons for warfare in history.

The United States holding the largest stock of nuclear weapons in the world is as ironic as it is terrifying.

On August 6, the U.S. dropped a uranium gun-type atomic bomb (Little Boy) on the city of Hiroshima. American President Harry S. Truman called for Japan’s surrender 16 hours later. Truman then told the Japanese, in psychopathic fashion, to “expect a rain of ruin from the air, the like of which has never been seen on this earth.”

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The New York Times

LATE CITY EDITION
Partly cloudy, less humid today.
Cloudy and warm tomorrow.
Temperature Today—High, 72; Low, 64.
Forecast Tomorrow—High, 72; Low, 64.
Friday, Aug. 4, 1945.

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FIRST ATOMIC BOMB DROPPED ON JAPAN; MISSILE IS EQUAL TO 20,000 TONS OF TNT; TRUMAN WARNS FOE OF A 'RAIN OF RUIN'

HIRAM W. JOHNSON, REPUBLICAN DEAN IN THE SENATE, DIES

Isolationist Helped Prevent U. S. Entry Into League—Opposed World Charter

CALIFORNIA EX-GOVERNOR

Ran for Vice President With Theodore Roosevelt in '12—In Washington Since '17

Special to the New York Times.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Senator Hiram Warren Johnson of California, isolationist leader who helped prevent this country's "entry into the League of Nations" and fought all "foreign entanglements" through a second World War, died in his sleep this morning at Bethesda Naval Hospital, nine days after, it had constituted, he had gained his vote against ratification of the United Nations Charter. Death was caused by a thrombosis of a cerebral artery, Mrs. Johnson was with him when he died.

Jet Plane Explosion Kills Major Bong, Top U. S. Ace

Flier Who Downed 40 Japanese Craft, Sent Home to Be 'Safe,' Was Flying New 'Shooting Star' as a Test Pilot

By the United Press.
BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 6.—Major Richard Bong, America's greatest ace, died today in the flames of a jet-propelled fighter plane which crashed while he was testing it.
Only 24 years old, he wore two of the decorations including the nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor. He had survived countless air battles and shot down forty Japanese planes without a scratch.
The knowledge he gained in these battles was too valuable to lose, so he was brought home to the States today when his P-51 "Shooting Star" hurtled over a cloud of trees and burst like a bomb in a field.
Witnesses did not agree on the cause of the crash. One Army flier said that Major Bong overrode the landing gear. Another witness, a lieutenant of the United States Army, would report that he saw something fall out of the plane's tail.

KYUSHU CITY RAZED

Kenney's Planes Blast Tarumizu in Record Blow From Okinawa

By FRANK L. KLUCKHOHN
Special to the New York Times.
MANILA, Tuesday, Aug. 7.—More than 400 fighters and bombers, operating at altitudes up to 10,000 feet, blasted the city of Tarumizu in northern Kyushu in the heaviest single attack launched by the United States Army Air Force in the Pacific to date, heralding a new phase in the island campaign and signaling a new era in air warfare.
The attack was the first of a series of attacks on the island of Kyushu, supported by a B-24 Liberator carrying big bombs.
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REPORT BY BRITAIN

'By God's Mercy' We Beat Nazis to Bomb, Churchill Says

By CLETON DANIEL
Special to the New York Times.
LONDON, Aug. 6.—The British secret details of the grisly race between Germany and the Allies to find a weapon as destructive that it would insure absolute victory—a race not only between scientists but also between under-cover agents—were recounted in London tonight after it had been disclosed that the first atomic bomb had been dropped on Japan.
"By God's mercy British and American science outpaced all German efforts," said a statement

Steel Tower 'Vaporized' In Trial of Mighty Bomb

Scientists Awe-Struck as Blinding Flash Lighted New Mexico Desert and Great Cloud Bore 40,000 Feet Into Sky

By LEWIS WOOD
Special to the New York Times.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—A blinding flash many times as brilliant as the midday sun and a massive, multi-colored cloud billowing up 40,000 feet into the air accompanied the first test firing of an atomic bomb on July 16, three weeks ago today. Set in the remote desert lands of New Mexico, the experiment was again a wild success.
On the instant that all was over these men leaped to their feet. The atomic session ended, they shook hands, embraced each other and shouted in glee. Behind their triumph was utter concentration of the spirit.
A steel tower from which the atomic weapon being vaporized had just been fired, the only structure of the war left standing in the area, stood up to the new hour of the explosion at 8:30 A. M.
The scene of the great drama was the Alamogordo Air Base, 200 miles southeast of Albuquerque. Here the scientists strove to unlock the secret upon which 12,000,000,000 had been spent. Graphs and pictures of the blast were shown to the world.

NEW AGE USHERED

Day of Atomic Energy Hailed by President, Revealing Weapon

By SHIRLEY SHALLET
Special to the New York Times.
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—The White House and War Department announced today that an atomic bomb, possessing more power than 20,000 tons of TNT, a destructive force equal to the blast of 1,000 B-29's and more than 2,000 times the blast power of what previously was the world's most devastating bomb, had been dropped on Japan.
The announcement, first given to the world in official statements by President Truman, made it plain that one of the scientific landmarks of the century had been passed, and that the "age of atomic energy" which ran to a

MORRIS IS ACCUSED

Accused of Spying for Russia

CHINESE WIN MORE

Victories in the Pacific

ROCKET SITE IS SEEN

125 B-29's Hit Japan's Toyokawa Naval Arsenal in Demolition Strike

Roosevelt Aid Cited

Raiders Wrecked Norse Laboratory in Race for Key to Victory

ATOM BOMBS MADE

Trains Canceled

Three days later, on August 9, the U.S. dropped a plutonium implosion-type bomb (Fat Man) on the city of Nagasaki. Within the first two to four months of the bombings, the acute effects of the atomic bombings killed 90,000-146,000 people in Hiroshima and 39,000-80,000 in Nagasaki; roughly half of the deaths in each city occurred on the first day.

During the following months, large numbers died from the effect of burns, radiation sickness, and other injuries, compounded by illness and malnutrition. In both cities, most of the dead were innocent civilians, including tens of thousands of children.

While the Japanese monument in Hiroshima was specifically built to remember the horror of America's nuclear bombs and the murderous devastation left in their wake, Japan is quite literally covered in lesser known silent monuments from dozens of firebombings carried out on its cities by the United States military — before the atomic blasts.

One bombing campaign, in Tokyo alone, killed nearly as many innocent civilians as the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

On the night of March 9, 1945, four months before the nuclear attack, the U.S. launched one of the most murderous and horrifying bombing campaigns in the history of the world.

That night marked the beginning of a several weeks-long wave of firebomb and napalm attacks across more than 60 Japanese cities. Many of these bombings were just as bad as the two atomic bomb attacks. However, when adding the sum total of innocence slain by U.S. bombs, the deaths in those five dozen cities eclipses the total deaths in both atomic bombings by several magnitudes.

While Hiroshima and Nagasaki have been deeply engraved on the consciousness of humanity and commemorated in monuments, museums, films, novels and textbooks, the firebombing and napalming of civilians of many other Japanese and Asian cities has largely

disappeared from consciousness, except for the victims.

In Tokyo alone, U.S. bombers dropped 300,000 incendiary bombs, completely destroying 16 square miles of neighborhoods — killing more than 100,000 people, mostly civilians. Some survivor accounts detail flaming napalm seeping into bomb shelters and burning entire families alive.

One of the reports from the bombers stated that the firestorm was so vast and hot that it caused a B-29 bomber weighing 60 tons to be thrust upward by 600 meters as it flew over.

Tokyo was one of more than 60 cities in which hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians were burned alive as they sought cover from the death raining down from above.

During what some historians refer to as [*The Forgotten Holocaust*](#), the U.S. dropped millions of incendiary bombs, napalm, and even fastened bombs to live bats that were trained to fly up underneath roofs to explode and set houses on fire.

Some historians have calculated the total dead from the U.S. bombing campaigns in Japan to upwards of one million innocent civilians. It is no wonder you've never heard about these attacks in your high school history class as it shows the true face of American terror.

In 2003, Errol Morris won an Academy Award for his documentary film, *The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara*. The film consisted mostly of interviews with Robert McNamara, one of which described his role in the bombings.

McNamara was an American business executive and the eighth Secretary of Defense, serving from 1961 to 1968 under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson, during which time he played a major role in escalating the United States involvement in the Vietnam War.

Following that, he served as President of the World Bank from 1968 to 1981. McNamara also consolidated intelligence and logistics functions of the Pentagon into two centralized agencies: the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Defense Supply Agency.

So, when this well-connected military industrial complex insider talks about U.S. war crimes, you should listen.

Apparently knowing that he could not be prosecuted for his previous war crimes in World War II and Vietnam, McNamara spoke candidly in the film about strategizing with General Curtis LeMay to, quite literally, set Japan on fire.

In the brief excerpt from the documentary below, McNamara explains how LeMay said that "If we'd lost the war, we'd all have been prosecuted as war criminals."

"And I think he's right," says McNamara. "He, and I'd say I, were behaving as war criminals," McNamara continued.

"LeMay recognized that what he was doing would be thought immoral if his side has lost. But what makes it immoral if you lose and not immoral if you win?" pondered the now deceased McNamara.

McNamara was unapologetic in his testimony, and it seemed as if he really believed that

since the U.S. 'won' the war, their horrifyingly murderous track record was somehow just. By this same logic, had Hitler 'won,' history should revere him as a hero instead of a murderous sociopath.

Sadly, McNamara is right — had Germany been successful, they could very well be written into history by themselves as the saviors of the *free* world.

“Who controls the past controls the future; who controls the present controls the past.” — the political ideology of the totalitarian government of Oceania in George Orwell's dystopian *1984*.

Below is that powerful video in which McNamara compares the Japanese cities' sizes to that of American ones to illustrate the sheer size of destruction. To put the initial bombing of Tokyo into perspective, it would have been the equivalent of burning half of New York City, and all of its inhabitants, to the ground.

Please share this article with your friends and families to let them know the real history behind America's 'exceptionalism.'

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