

# August 2007: 72 years ago, the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on two Japanese cities



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U.S. President Truman threatening further attacks on Japan if it did not surrender after the U.S. atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Aug. 9, 1945.

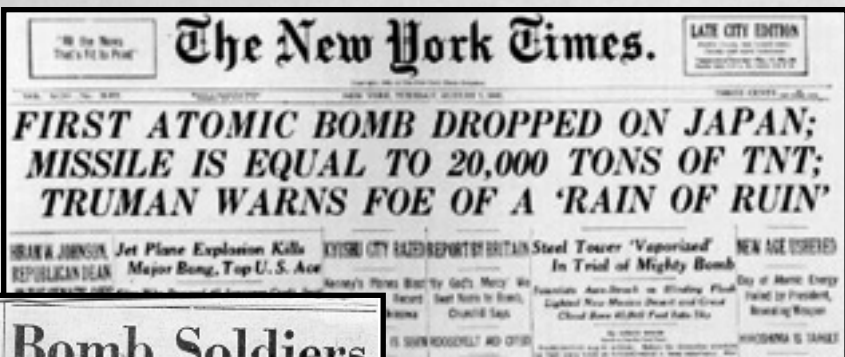
Over half a century ago, U.S. President Truman ordered the dropping of two atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, murdering 140,000 people...in a matter of seconds.

For the survivors, hell had come to earth.

By the end of that year, 1945, another 60,000 died a slower, more painful death from radiation sickness and other effects of the atomic bombs. And after 5 years, an estimated 140,000 more died from cancer and other long-term effects.

“Houses and trees were leveled as far as the eye could see, and fires began breaking out in the ruins. At the roadside I saw the corpse of a man who had been leading a horse cart, still on his feet, with his hair standing on end like wire.... The river was filled with the dead and half-dead; burned children were screaming, ‘Mommy! Mommy!’ and mothers searched for their children, calling their names in faltering voices.”

—Ms. Hide Kurokawa, Nagasaki



**Bomb Soldiers Given Plaque At Los Alamos**

Six From Santa Fe Among 70

**Atomic Bomb Is Cheap If It Cuts War By Few Days**

Banner headlines in the U.S. triumphantly announced the devastation. Articles touted the financial benefits of the atom bomb and calculated the amount of nukes needed to literally wipe out all Japanese people.

“Even if the atomic bomb shortens the war by only nine days, its money cost will have been more than justified.

President Truman announced the project has cost \$2,000,000,000.

Treasury experts said today this represents the cost of less than nine days of war, at the present rate of spending.”

- The Daily Times News, 8/7/45

Each of Truman’s successors has stood atop the pile of these weapons of mass destruction, and issued warnings, made threats, and pledged to always be first in the balance of nuclear terror.

Not once has any even PROMISED not to use them...first.

So when the current resident of the White House speaks in outraged tones and rails against nuclear outlaws, first ask these simple questions.

**Who keeps the most massive nuclear arsenal? Who are the only ones who have actually used the bomb....twice? Who are the real monsters?**

“Hiroshima, Nagasaki...and Tehran?”  
From A World to Win News Service. See article on page 15 of this newspaper.



Atomic bomb victims in Hiroshima, Aug. 7, 1945.

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A victim of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, Aug. 7, 1945.

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**To this day not a single leading political figure in the U.S. has condemned this as a crime.**



Japanese soldier, shortly before he died from radiation exposure from the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

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Hiroshima, a month after the dropping of the U.S. atomic bomb.

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