

MAN-MADE DISASTER: NAGASAKI BOMBING JAPAN

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Nagasaki was the third official nuclear bombing on Japan. It was the peak of World War 2 warfare. It was dropped in Nagasaki and killed a mass of Japanese people. This disaster was one of the worst in Japan's history and cost a fortune in damage. Doctors were put to the ultimate test.

THE EVENT:

On 6 August 1945, a terrible event took place in Japan, Nagasaki. 3 days before the first bomb had been dropped by the American army in Hiroshima. This one was dropped on Nagasaki and ordered by Truman. It was meant for Kyoto in Japan but was too cloudy. So they flew over and dropped the bomb on Nagasaki but this was also cloudy so they missed the drop point. It hit the valley but still killed a majority of people and caused a massive amount of damage. The bomb was called the Fat Man because the bomb was slightly bigger than the Little Boy, the first bomb and the plane was called Bockscar.

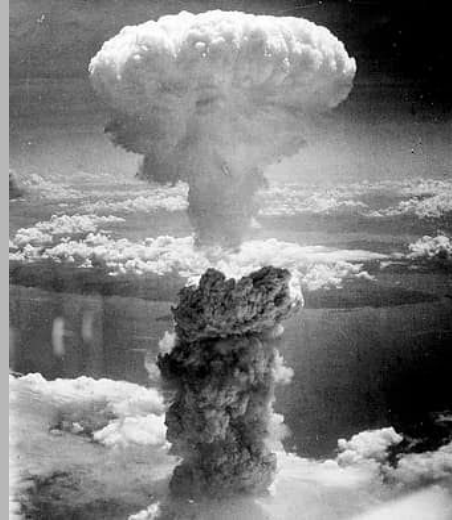


Survivors walking a lonely road.

SOCIAL ACTION-WHAT'S BEING DONE:

After the bombing, the Americans realized that this weapon was too dangerous, so in 1968 a treaty was signed called the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. It was signed to stop nuclear energy getting into the wrong hands. The countries that signed it were the UK, USA, the Soviet union and 59 other states. A thing called damage control is monitoring the amount and use of nuclear weaponry. Many countries are going nuclear-free like New Zealand.

The nuclear cloud after the drop.



THE EFFECTS:

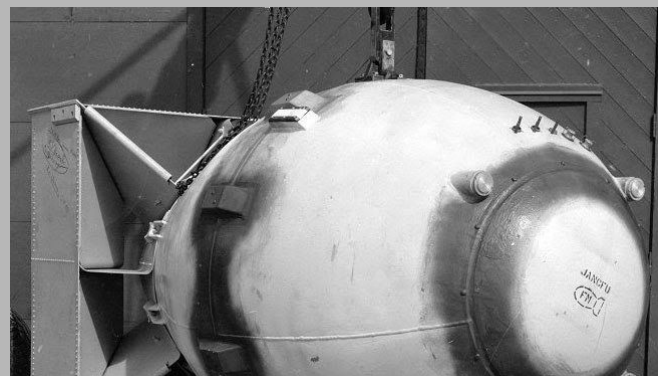
The effect was devastating. The total death was 80,000 dead. Around 40,000 died in the first minute, the rest died in the hospital, the wreckage, wandering or even drinking. A whole city was destroyed. These are just some of the people's thoughts on the bombing, "I was walking among dead people...it was like hell", 17 year old, "Everybody was crying out loud. I don't know how many times I called begging that they would cut off my burnt arms and legs" Fifth-grader, "No matter where I looked there were burnt people all around", a first-grade girl. A girl was offering thirsty people water but the radiation had contaminated the water so much that they died right in front of her. The Japanese counsel argued whether to surrender or not. After that had been made official they were to surrender. After the war, they were about to demolish the tree stumps when two trees blossomed by a church, the Japanese favourite tree. Everybody came to wonder at this marvellous site. The Japanese had surrendered.

MY OPINION:

I think that this was a horrible event and hope that this weapon is never used again. But although it was used with the intentions to make the Japanese surrender and end the war, I still think this is a horrific event that killed millions. Now that the world is evolving the weapon is becoming more abundant and stronger, therefore a nuclear war is more worse and imminent. If this weaponry got into the wrong hands all it would take is a rude comment to drop a bomb. So when we activated the first bomb did we inevitably doom our planet, maybe but there are bunkers around the world and it is unlikely that a small country like New Zealand would be bombed. But you never know.

THE CAUSE:

It was World War 2 and the war was coming to an end. Hitler had just committed suicide but the armies were still coming. The Americans wanted to make a weapon that could kill millions. So they set out on their mission. In their study Einstein gave them the equation $E=mc^2$ and many more discoveries were made. Then the bomb was done. Trinity was the test. It was done to make the Japanese surrender but at the first bombing of Hiroshima. Japan did not surrender so the second bomb was constructed, the Fat Man was made, then the bomb was dropped.



The Fat Man ready for dropping.

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