

# WWII IN ASIA

## 1. Japanese aggression and US strategy

- **Turning point battles** 
  - Coral Sea
  - Midway
  - Leyete Gulf
  - Iwo Jima and Okinawa 
- **Potsdam Conference**---July 1945 
  - Atomic bomb
    - **Hiroshima and Nagasaki**---Aug. 1945 
  - Japan surrenders---Sept. 1945
  - **WWII ends in Asia**
    - **VJ-Day**---Victory in Japan 

# **ATOMIC BOMB**

## **Arguments for use**

- **Japanese refused to surrender.**
- **Estimated an invasion similar to D-Day was needed to end war.**
- **Estimated Japan's empire would last 2 years.**
- **Estimated Allied casualties at 1 million or more men with huge Japanese losses.**
- **Japanese leadership was told of the destructive power of the bomb**
  - **Offered a period to surrender but declined.**

## **Arguments opposed**

- **Atomic bombs were untested and their destruction unknown**
- **Hiroshima and Nagasaki were not major military targets.**
- **Those killed in the attacks would be Japanese civilians.**
- **Radiation poisoning would have negative effects on the population.**
- **Nuclear weapons would set a precedent that using weapons of mass destruction was allowable in war**

# Sample of Japanese leaflet dropped by US warning the Japanese people the destructive power the bomb and to evacuate the cities.

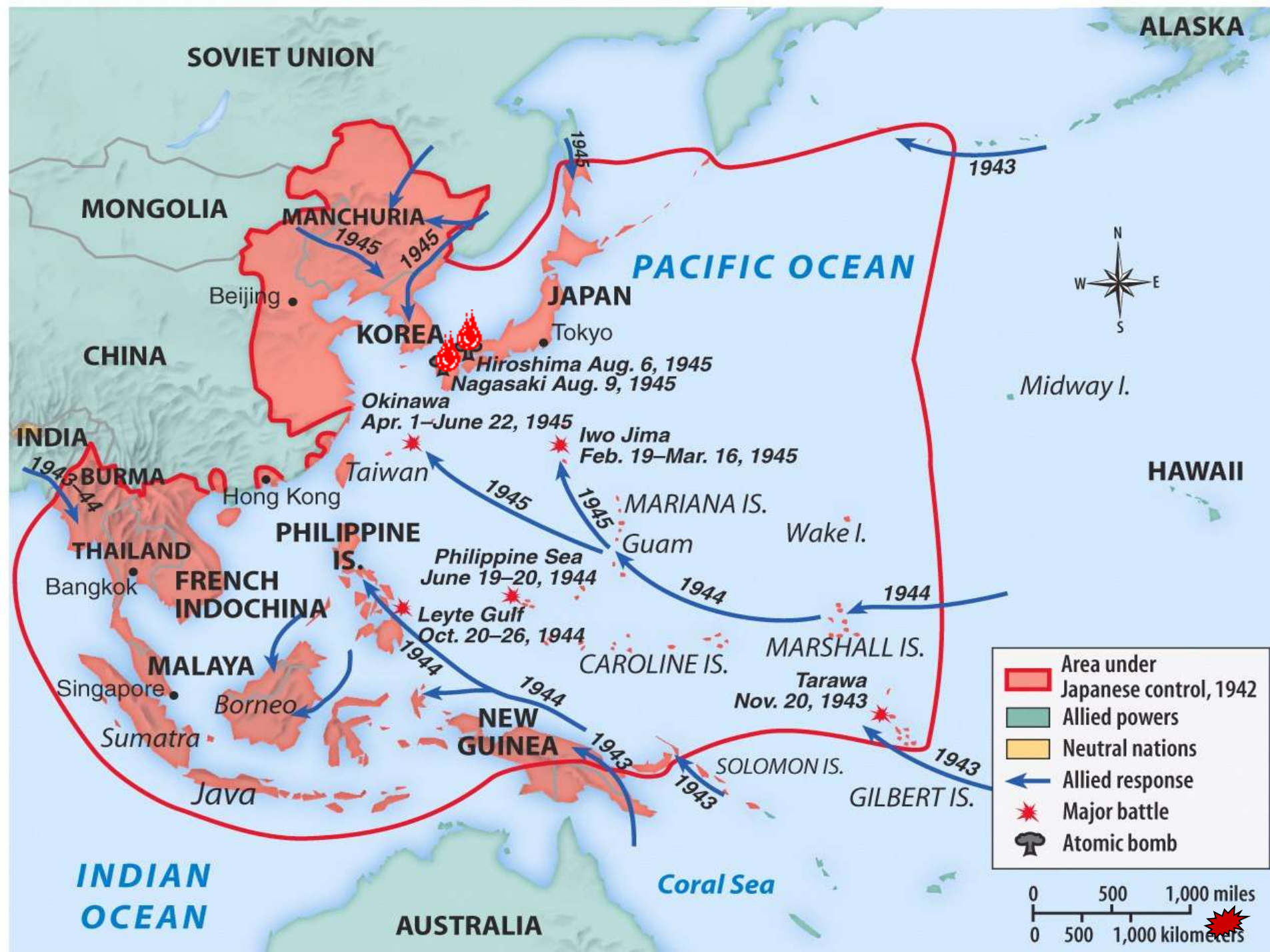
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**Sample of Japanese leaflet dropped by US warning the Japanese people the bomb and the translation in English**

**which has enslaved the Japanese people.**

**The peace which America will bring will free the people from the oppression of the military clique and mean the emergence of a new and better Japan. You can restore peace by demanding new and good leaders who will end the war. We cannot promise that only these cities will be among those attacked, but some or all will be, so heed this warning and evacuate these cities immediately.**





# **MANHATTEN PROJECT**

**A joint Allied Project consisting of Canadian, British and U.S. scientists to build an atomic bomb.**

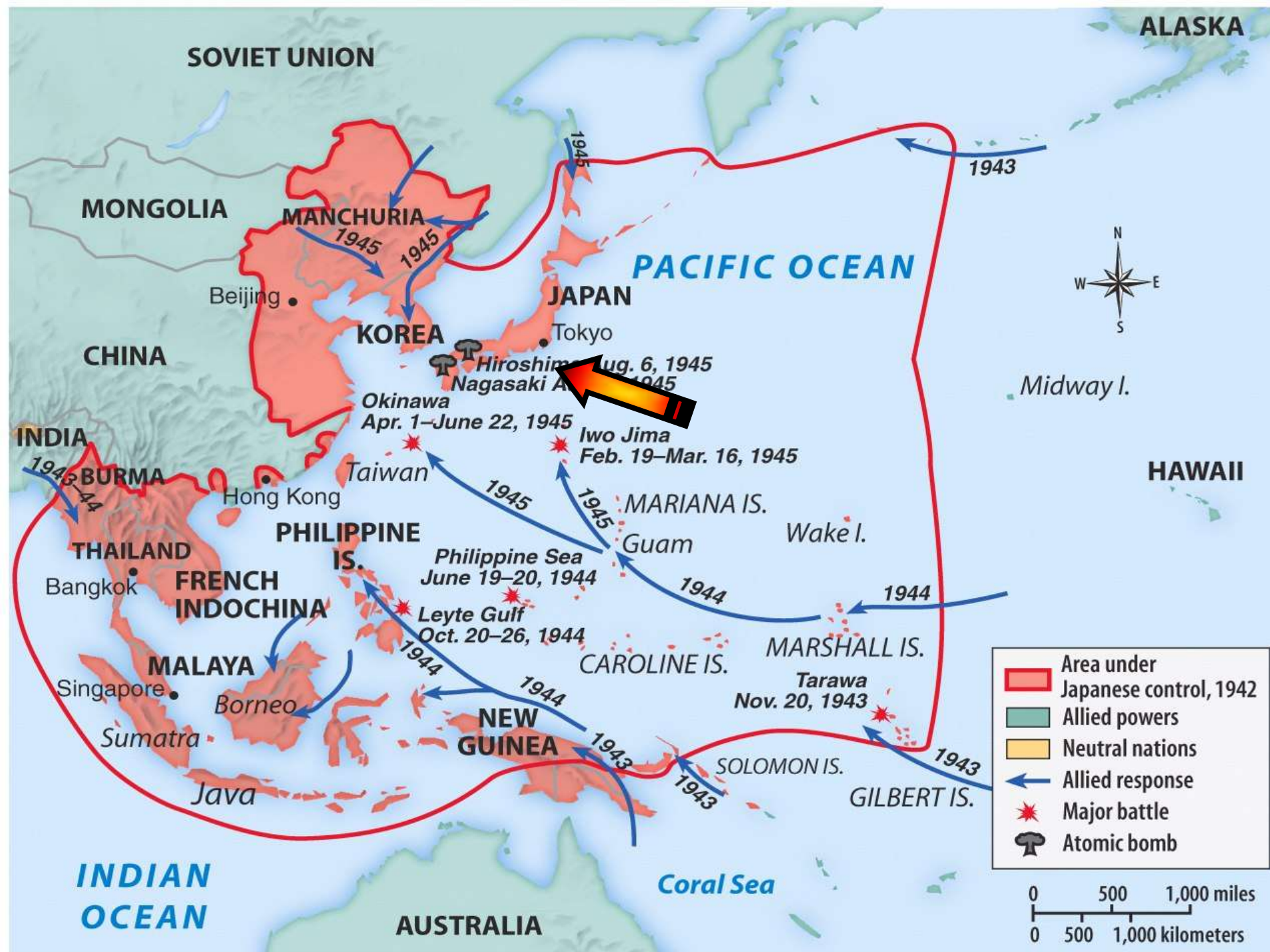
**Started in 1940....**

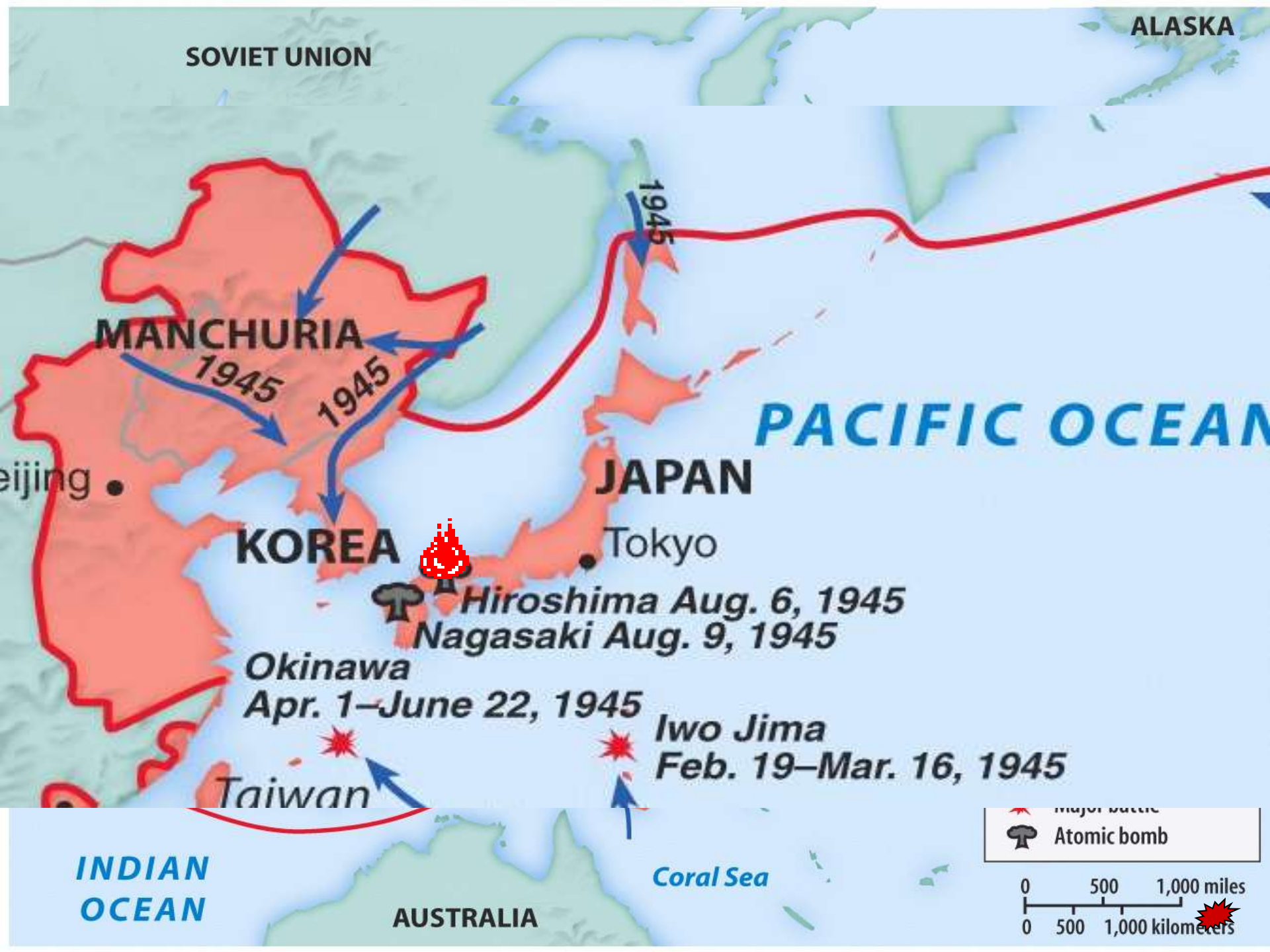
**By July 1945, 3 bombs had been built.**

**1 bomb = 20,000 tons of TNT**

**One would be set off in New Mexico successfully.**

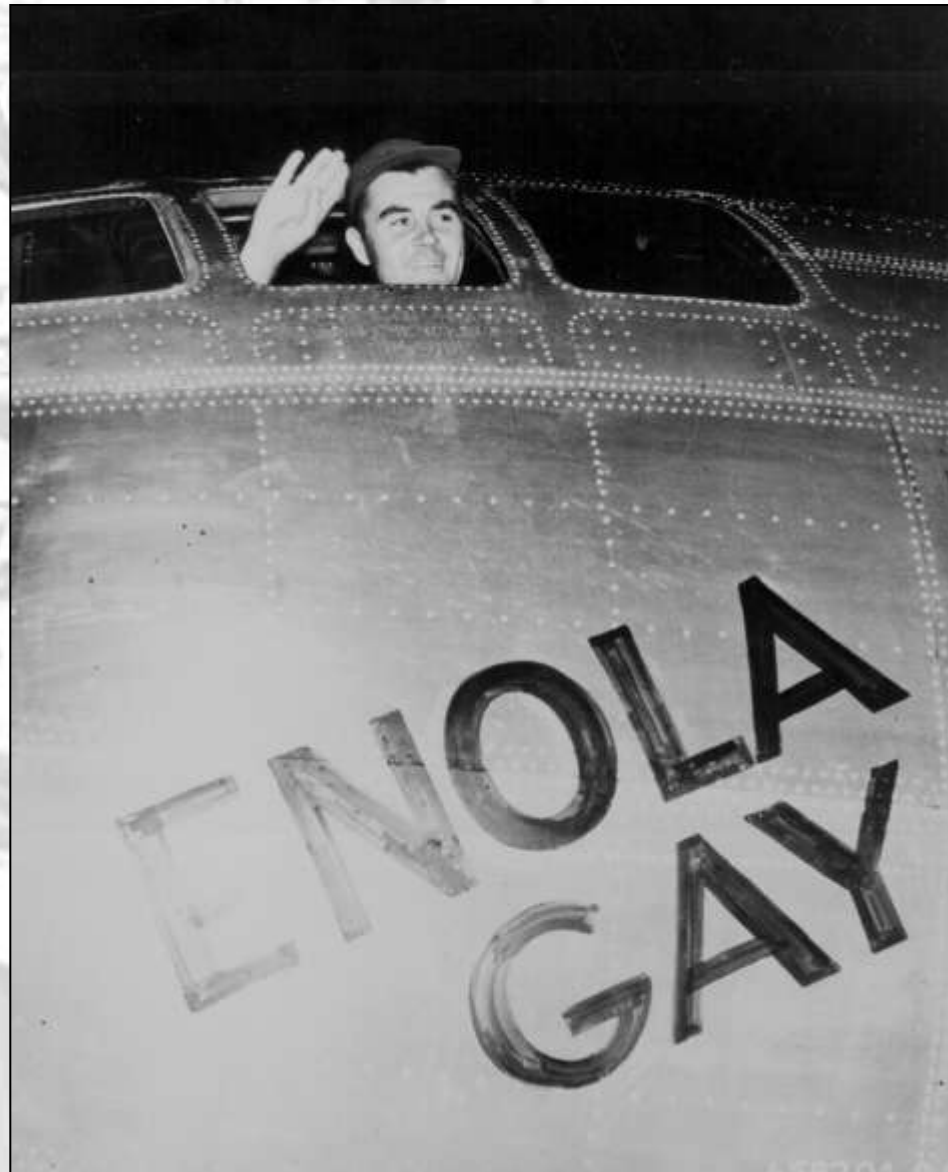




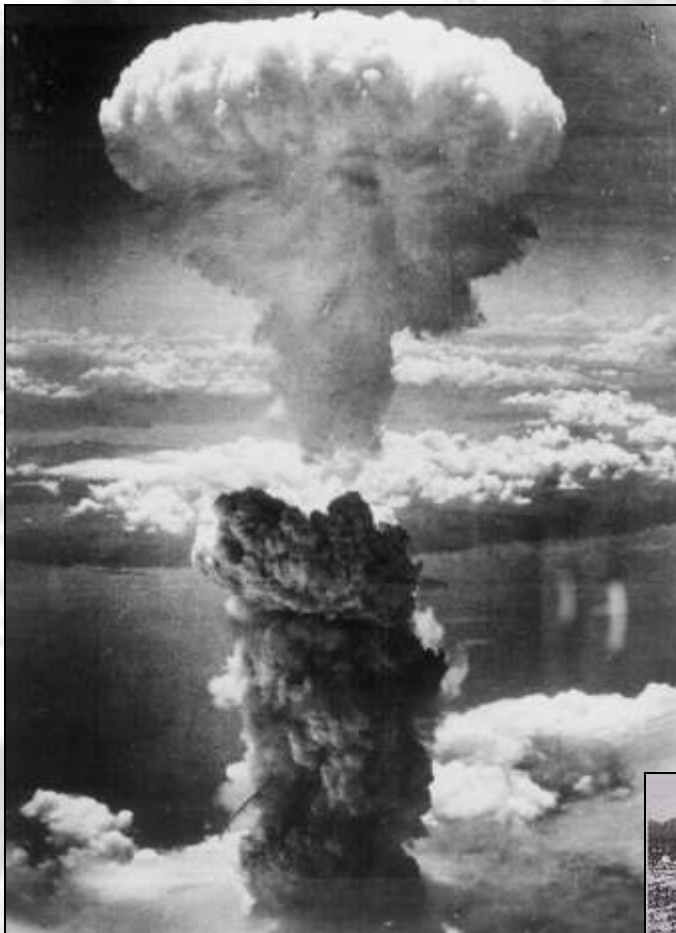




# Col. Paul Tibbets & the A-Bomb

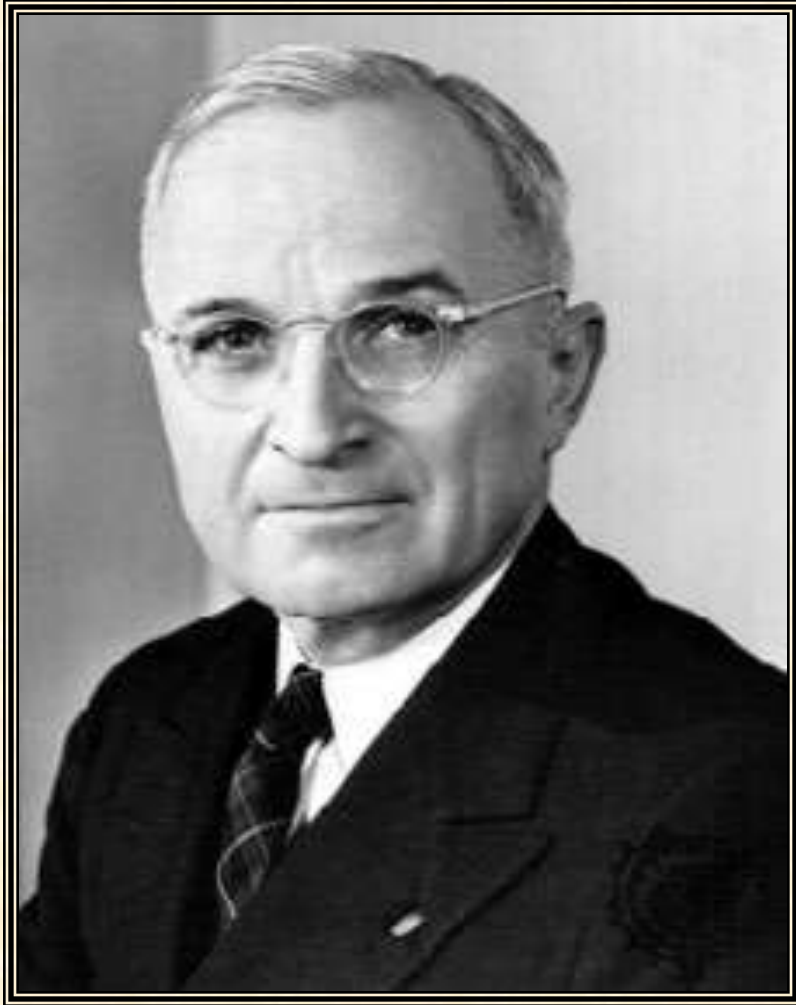


# Hiroshima – August 6, 1945



- 70,000 killed immediately
- 48,000 buildings destroyed.
- 100,000s died of radiation poisoning & cancer later.

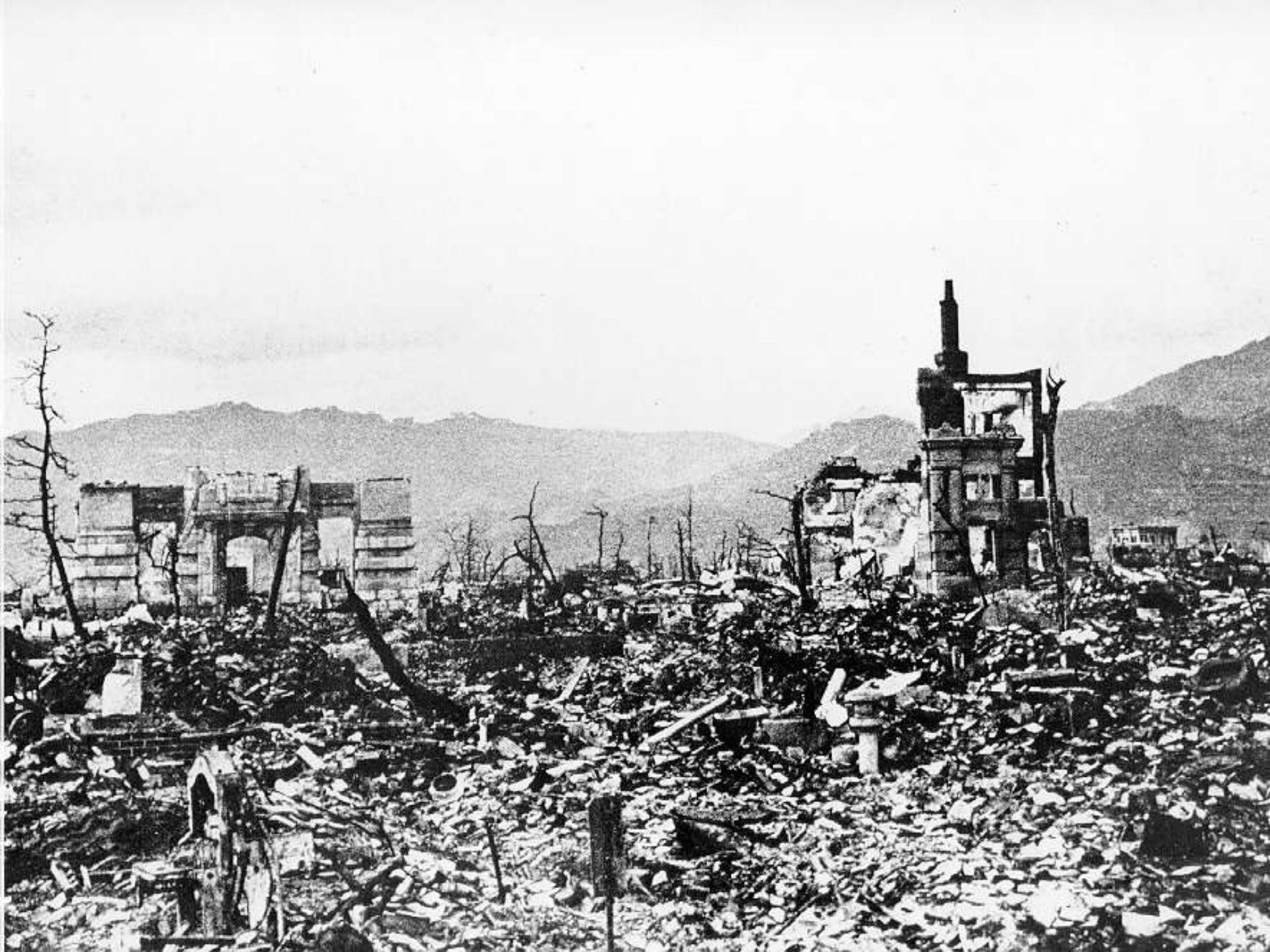




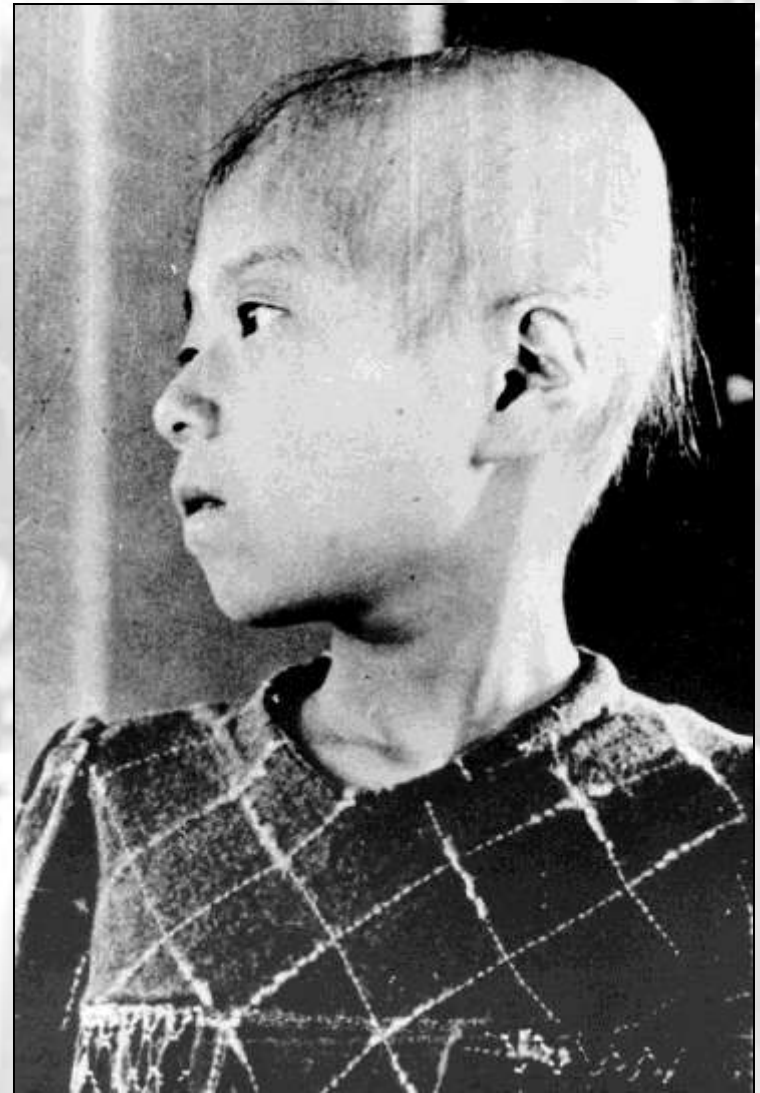
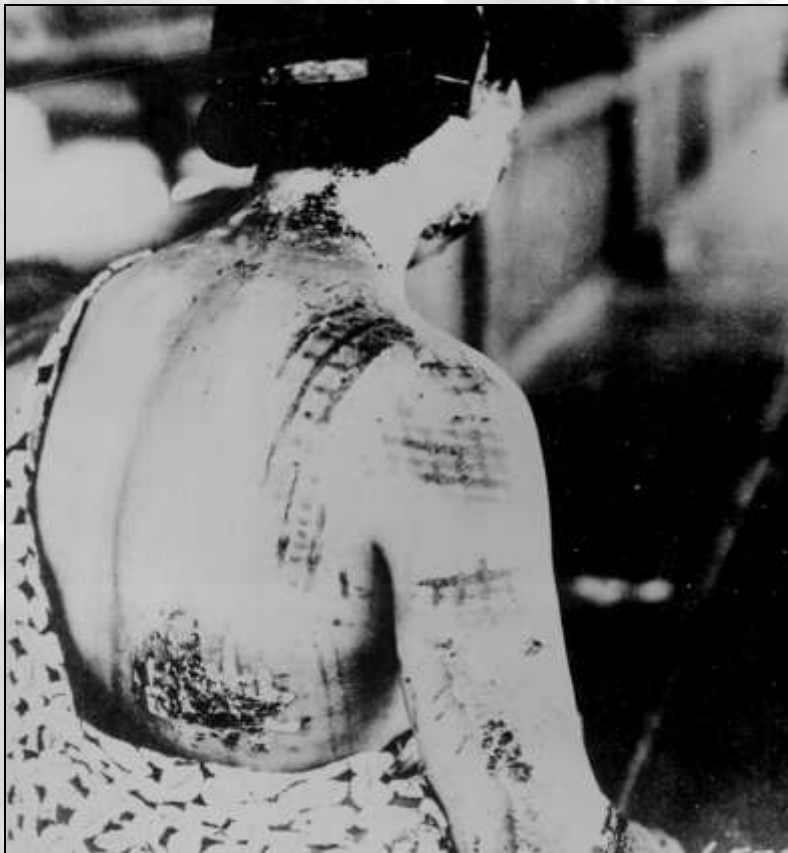
**President Harry  
Truman**

- **My fellow Americans, the British, Chinese and United States governments have given the Japanese people adequate warning of what is in store for them.**
- ***The world will note that the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, a military base. If Japan does not surrender, bombs will have to be dropped on her war industries and unfortunately thousands of civilian lives will be lost.***
- **I urge Japanese civilians to leave industrial cities immediately and save themselves.**





# Japanese A-Bomb Survivors



# The Beginning of the Atomic Age

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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**

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

**CALIFORNIA EX-GOVERNOR**

Ran for Vice President With  
Theodore Roosevelt in '32  
—In Washington Since '33

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

Pilot Who Downed 40 Japanese Craft, Sent  
Home to His 'Sole,' Was Flying New  
'Shooting Star' as a Test Pilot

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—  
Major Robert Bong, America's greatest  
jet ace, died today in the flaming  
wreckage of a jet-propelled airplane  
which crashed while he was  
testing it.  
Bong, 39, was one of the top three  
jet ace downed today in the crash  
of his highest speed, the Douglas  
P-51B, at Wright Field near  
Columbus, Ohio. He had just  
completed a series of maneuvers  
which would have been fatal  
if he had not been so young and  
strong.

**KYUSHU CITY RAZED REPORT BY BRITAIN**

Kennedy's Planes Blast 'By God's Mercy' Mr.  
Tanizaki in Record  
Blow From Okinawa

**ROCKET SITE IS SEEN**

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

By HERMAN A. SWICORD

**Steel Tower 'Vaporized'  
In Trial of Mighty Bomb**

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

By SENIOR WRITER  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—  
The atomic bomb, which  
has been called the most  
powerful weapon ever  
invented, was tested today  
in a series of experiments  
which were being watched  
by thousands of scientists  
and engineers. The tests  
were being conducted at  
the Los Alamos laboratory  
in New Mexico. The  
bomb was dropped from  
a B-29 bomber at 10,000  
feet and exploded at 3,000  
feet. The explosion was  
seen from a distance of  
40 miles. The bomb was  
called the "Fat Man" and  
it was the first of a series  
of tests which will be  
conducted over the next  
few days. The tests are  
being conducted to determine  
the power of the bomb and  
to see how it can be used  
in war.

**NEW AGE USHERED**

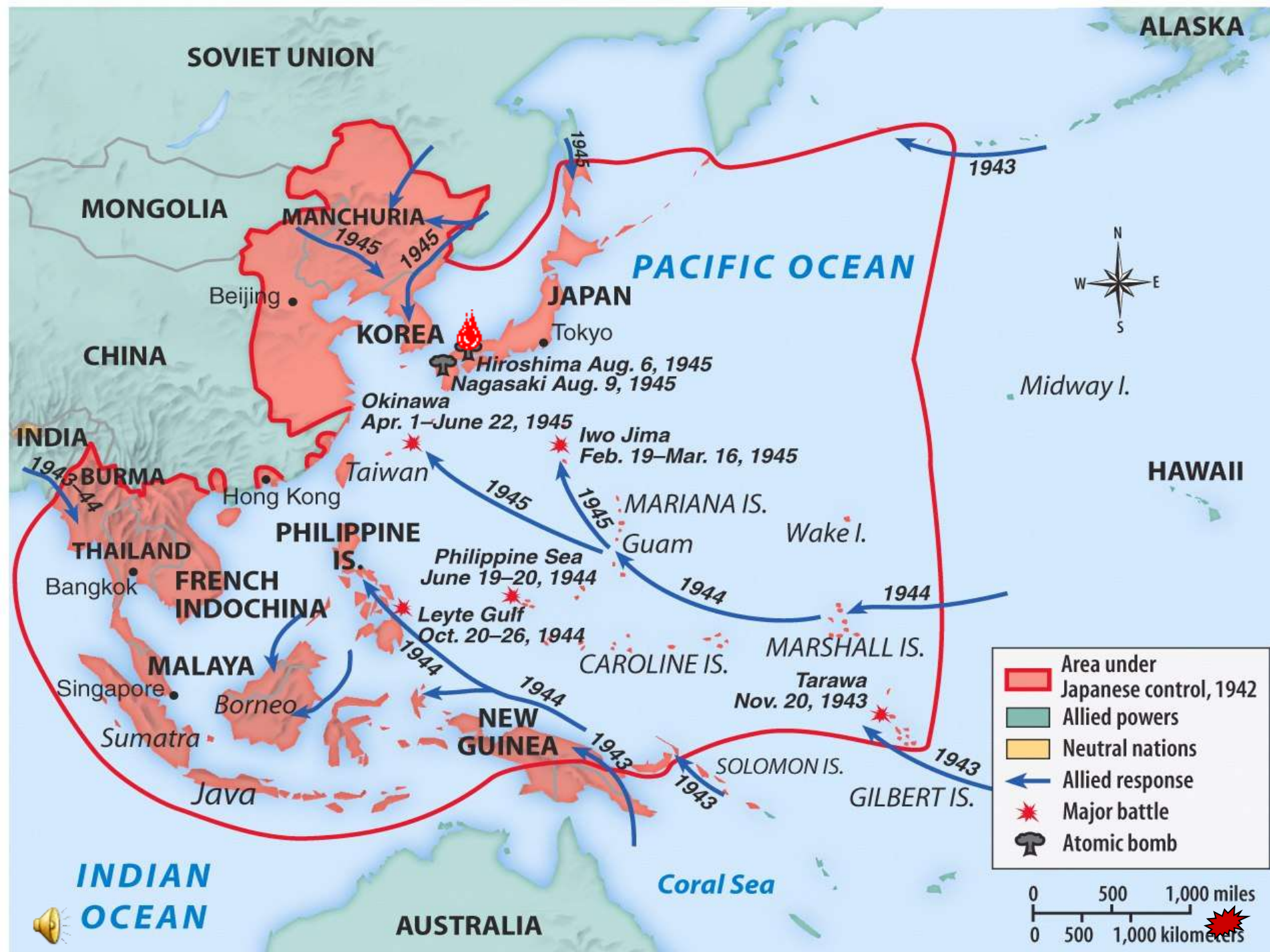
Day of Atomic Energy  
Hailed by President,  
Revealing Weapon

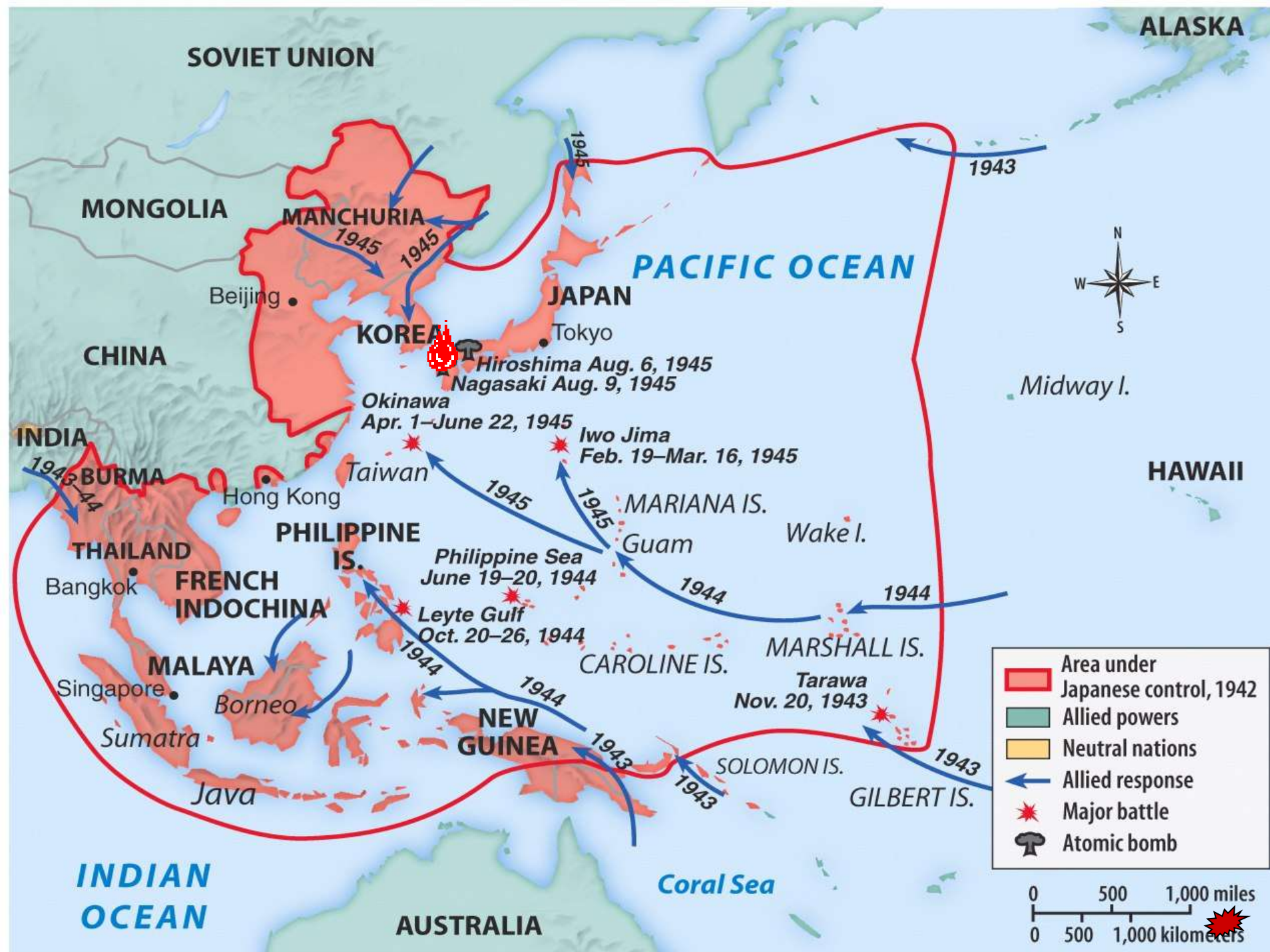
**HIROSHIMA IS TARGET**

'Impenetrable' Cloud of  
Dust Hides City After  
Single Bomb Strikes

By SENIOR WRITER













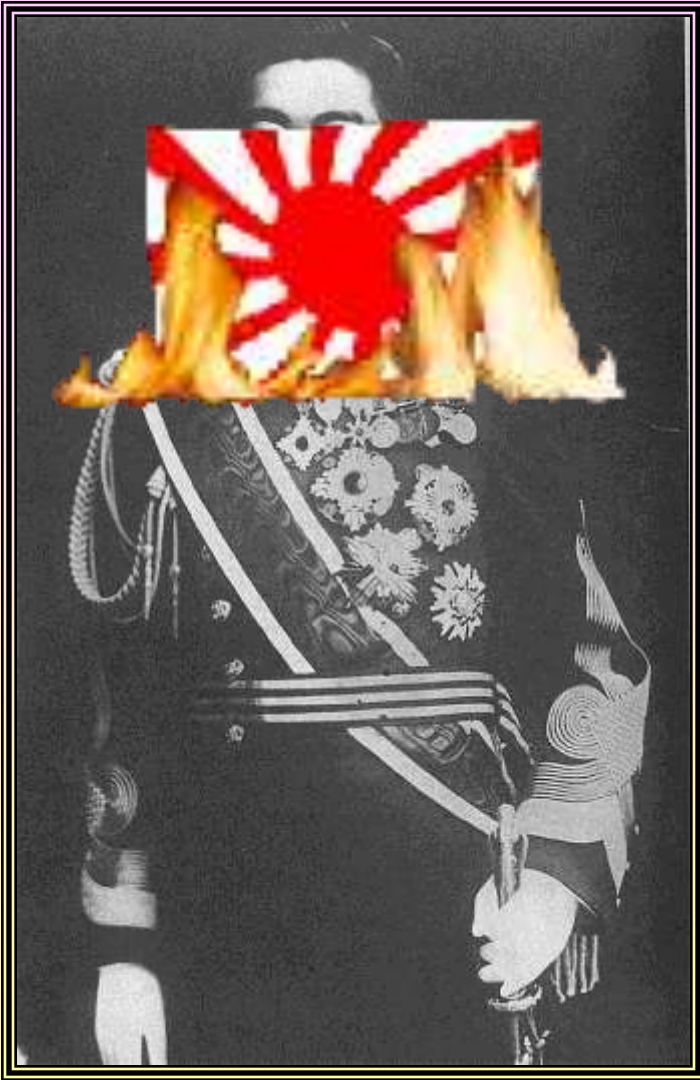
# Nagasaki – August 9, 1945



- 40,000 killed immediately
- 60,000 injured.
- 100,000s died of radiation poisoning & cancer later.



# TOTALITARIAN DICTATORS



**Emperor  
Horhito**

- After the Nagasaki bombing, Emperor Horhito surrendered to the Allies to end WWII in Japan.
- “The time has come to bear the unbearable”.
- Japan surrenders on Aug 14, 1945.
- Official surrender ceremonies were held on Sept. 2, 1945 aboard the USS Missouri near Tokyo Bay.



# **JAPANESE SURRENDER**



**Japan surrenders on Aug. 14, 1945.....Official  
surrender ceremonies were held on Sept. 2, 1945**











Photo # USA C-1189 Signing Japanese surrender on USS Missouri, 2 Sept. 1945







# **INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER**



*e, acting by command of and in behalf of the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, hereby accept the provisions set forth in the declaration issued by the heads of the Governments of the United States, China and Great Britain on 26 July 1945, at Potsdam, and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which four powers are hereafter referred to as the Allied Powers.*

*We hereby proclaim the unconditional surrender to the Allied Powers of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and of all Japanese armed forces and all armed forces under Japanese control wherever situated.*

*We hereby command all Japanese forces wherever situated and the Japanese people to cease hostilities forthwith, to preserve and save from damage all ships, aircraft, and military and civil property and to comply with all requirements which may be imposed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by agencies of the Japanese Government at his direction.*

*We hereby command the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to issue at once orders to the Commanders of all Japanese forces and all forces under Japanese control wherever situated to surrender unconditionally themselves and all forces under their control.*



# **INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER**

*We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives deemed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be proper to effectuate this surrender and issued by him or under his authority and we direct all such officials to remain at their posts and to continue to perform their non-combatant duties unless specifically relieved by him or under his authority.*

*We hereby undertake for the Emperor, the Japanese Government and their successors to carry out the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration in good faith, and to issue whatever orders and take whatever action may be required by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by any other designated representative of the Allied Powers for the purpose of giving effect to that Declaration.*

*We hereby command the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters at once to liberate all allied prisoners of war and civilian internees now under Japanese control and to provide for their protection, care, maintenance and immediate transportation to places as directed.*

*The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers who will take such steps as he deems proper to effectuate these terms of surrender.*

Signed at TOKYO BAY, JAPAN at 0904  
on the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, 1945.

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By Command and in behalf of the Emperor of Japan  
and the Japanese Government.

梅津美治郎

By Command and in behalf of the Japanese  
Imperial General Headquarters.

Accepted at TOKYO BAY, JAPAN at 0908  
on the SECOND day of SEPTEMBER, 1945,  
for the United States, Republic of China, United Kingdom and the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and in the interests of the other  
United Nations at war with Japan.

Douglas MacArthur

Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.



W. Minisz  
United States Representative

W. K. E.  
Republic of China Representative

Bruce Fraser  
United Kingdom Representative

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Provisional Government of the French Republic Representative

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Kingdom of the Netherlands Representative

Edward H. Smith  
Dominion of New Zealand Representative





**V-J Day response**  
**by Americans in**  
**New York City**

