

Hiroshima: A "Military Base" according to President Harry Truman

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79 years ago. The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima "A Military Base" according to Harry Truman.

The collateral damage concept had yet to be defined. 100,000 civilians were killed in the first seven seconds of the explosion.

Michel Chossudovsky, Hiroshima Day, August 6, 2024

The dangers of nuclear war are not an object of debate and analysis by the mainstream media.

Public opinion is carefully misled. " All options on the table". Nuclear weapons are portrayed as peace-making bombs.

Did you know that tactical nuclear weapons or so-called mininukes with an explosive capacity between one third and six times a Hiroshima bomb are considered, according to scientific opinion, on contract to the Pentagon as "harmless to the surrounding civilian population because the explosion is underground".

It's a lie.

The US has a vast nuclear arsenal capable of blowing up the planet several times.

The World commemorates the 79th anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (August 6, 9, 1945)

Did you know that Hiroshima was a "military base", and that when the first atomic bomb was dropped on two of Japan's heavily populated areas in August 1945, the objective was, according to president Truman to save the lives of innocent civilians.

"The World will note that the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima a military base. That was because we wished in this first attack to avoid, insofar as possible, the killing of civilians.." (President Harry S. Truman in a radio address to the Nation, August 9, 1945, starts at 05.15).

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The first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945; the Second on Nagasaki, on August 9, on the same day as <u>Truman's radio speech to the Nation</u>, starts at 05.15.

Unpunished crimes against humanity, "collateral damage".

In the words of President Harry Truman in his Diary (emphasis added):

"We have discovered the most terrible bomb in the history of the world. It may be the fire destruction prophesied in the Euphrates Valley Era, after Noah and his fabulous Ark.... This weapon is to be used against Japan ... [We] will use it so that military objectives and soldiers and sailors are the target and not women and children.

Even if the Japs are savages, ruthless, merciless and fanatic, we as the leader of the world for the common welfare cannot drop that terrible bomb on the old capital or the new. ... The target will be a purely military one... It seems to be the most terrible thing ever discovered, but it can be made the most useful."

(President Harry S. Truman, Diary, July 25, 1945)

To this date, the US government has not apologized to the people of Japan, nor has the mainstream media acknowledged that Harry Truman was a liar and a criminal.

Truman's <u>July 25 diary entry</u> (see above), suggests that he was not aware that Hiroshima was a city.

Had he been misled by his advisers that Hiroshima was a military base and that it was ok to bomb, or was he lying to himself?

Was he stupid and uneducated?

Everybody in the high ranks of the U.S military knew that Hiroshima was a populated urban area with approximately 350,000 inhabitants (1945).

The complete text of the radio address entitled <u>Radio Report to the American People on the Potsdam Conference</u> is contained in the Harry Truman Library and Museum, *Public Papers of Harry S. Truman, University of Missouri.*

The reference to Hiroshima and the atomic bomb was mentioned by Truman at the very end of a long <u>radio address largely focussing on Germany and the Potsdam Conference.</u>

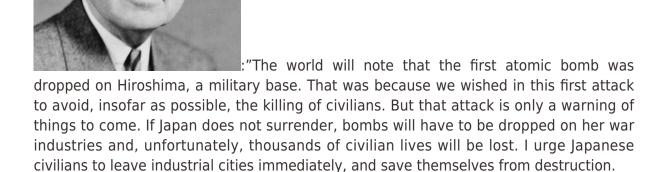
It is worth noting that the US chose to drop the atomic bomb on Hiroshima at the height of peace negotiations in Berlin.

The second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki upon Truman's return to Washington.

(<u>Listen to the Audio of Truman's Radio Report from Potsdam August 9, 1945, speech, Hiroshima audio video</u>)

Excerpt regarding The Hiroshima bomb, starts at 05.15

Here is the transcript of Truman's radio address pertaining to the atomic bomb (emphasis added):



I realize the tragic significance of the atomic bomb.

Its production and its use were not lightly undertaken by this Government. But we knew that our enemies were on the search for it. We know now how close they were to finding it. And we knew the disaster which would come to this Nation, and to all peaceloving nations, to all civilization, if they had found it first.

That is why we felt compelled to undertake the long and uncertain and costly labor of discovery and production.

We won the race of discovery against the Germans. [Amply confirmed Nazi Germany never contemplated the development of nuclear bombs]

Having found the bomb we have used it. We have used it against those who attacked us without warning at Pearl Harbor, against those who have starved and beaten and

executed American prisoners of war, against those who have abandoned all pretense of obeying international laws of warfare. We have used it in order to shorten the agony of war, in order to save the lives of thousands and thousands of young Americans.

We shall continue to use it until we completely destroy Japan's power to make war. Only a Japanese surrender will stop us.

The atomic bomb is too dangerous to be loose in a lawless world. That is why Great Britain, Canada, and the United States, who have the secret of its production, do not intend to reveal that secret until means have been found to control the bomb so as to protect ourselves and the rest of the world from the danger of total destruction.

As far back as last May, Secretary of War Stimson, at my suggestion, appointed a committee upon which Secretary of State Byrnes served as my personal representative, to prepare plans for the future control of this bomb. I shall ask the Congress to cooperate to the end that its production and use be controlled, and that its power be made an overwhelming influence towards world peace.

We must constitute ourselves trustees of this new force-to prevent its misuse, and to turn it into the channels of service to mankind.

It is an awful responsibility which has come to us.

We thank God that it has come to us, instead of to our enemies; and we pray that He may guide us to use it in His ways and for His purposes."

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