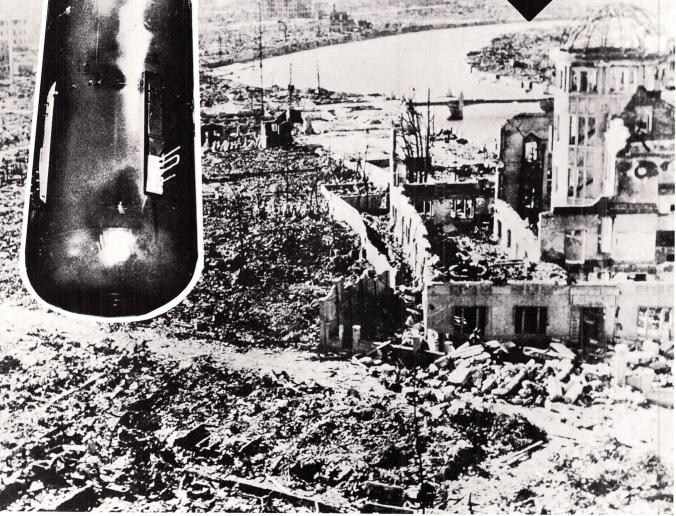
1,000,000 HIROSHIMAS...

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The atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 was several thousand times more powerful than any previous weapon. It caused horrific human suffering and physical devastation. But by today's standards it was little more than a toy. The five nuclear states now have enough weapons to produce more than a million Hiroshima-sized explosions. Try to imagine it – *one million* Hiroshimas.

This small bomb, just 3 metres long, caused this devastation

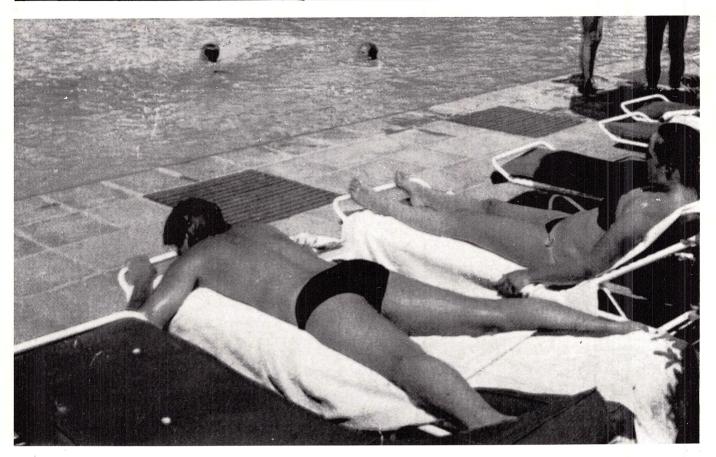


Hiroshima, Japan, 6 August 1945. At 8.15 am a US bomber crew exploded an atomic bomb nicknamed 'Little Boy' 510 metres above the centre of the city.



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The searing heat of the explosion was 600 times hotter than the sun on a bright day.



Almost immediately, 75,000 people died – incinerated, vaporised or crushed to death. Those who suffered deep burns lay still, breathing faintly, until life ebbed away.





Blast and fire from the explosion reduced more than 50,000 buildings to rubble and ashes.