

Nagasaki A-Bomb Damage Rebuilt Quietly; Quickly

Nagasaki — (U.P.) — This A-bomb city that the world forgot is quickly rebuilding its big factories and shipyards without the fanfare and publicity of Hiroshima.

Any mention of the terrifying birth of the atomic age 10 years ago immediately suggests Hiroshima. It was Hiroshima that declared itself the peace city, that each year holds huge international rallies against nuclear weapons and that sent 25 well-publicized women to the United States for plastic surgery.

But Nagasaki, famed as the home of Cho-Cho San, heroine of Puccini's opera, "Madam Butterfly," has taken a back seat in displaying the horrors of atom bomb warfare.

"We don't like publicity," Mayor Tsutomu Tagawa said. "We are a gentle people with a mild outlook on life."

For centuries when Japan was all but closed to the West, the military dictators permitted limited trading with the outside world through Nagasaki. With one of the finest natural harbors in Japan, trade was opened in

1571 with the arrival of a Portuguese ship.

Missionaries, particularly Catholics, followed, and to this day Nagasaki is the center of Christianity in Japan.

These long contacts with the West, Mayor Tagawa said, gave Nagasaki people a tolerant spirit, and they met the atom bomb without rancor.

No More Wreckage

On Aug. 9, 1945 — three days after a uranium bomb killed at least 78,000 persons in Hiroshima — a more powerful plutonium bomb was dropped in a heavily populated Nagasaki valley. The white-hot searing blast hurtled down the valley toward the harbor, burning and splintering some 18,000 houses and buildings and killing an estimated 74,000 persons.

The proud industrial city — much of it built by the fabulous Mitsubishi wealth — was reduced to twisted steel girders, sickening pieces of flesh and tons of brick and stone rubble.

Today, 10 years later, there is no wreckage.

Mitsubishi rebuilt its shipyards, and Nagasaki vessels are

sailing on every sea. New factories are making induction and direct current motors, turbo-generators, hoisting machines, forged products, winches, steel plate, high-grade steels and a popular tourist item, tortoise shell ware.

"The city has now almost recovered from its disaster," said Mayor Tagawa.

"We are firmly convinced that with their old traditions and rich experience in foreign trade, the traders of Nagasaki will in time make our city one of the most important trading ports in western Japan."

Nagasaki faces the same major problem plaguing all Japan, loss of the China market. Because of its location in western Japan, Nagasaki before the war was a major port of trade with the China mainland and southeastern Asia. But the once vital China trade is now a trickle.

Nagasaki does most of its business with Singapore, Hongkong, India, West Africa and Burma.

Despite its long historic association with the West, only about 70 Americans and Europeans

live in Nagasaki, a city of 300,000. Twenty-nine are Americans most of them medical scientists connected with the atomic bomb casualty commission which is studying nuclear radiation effects on Hiroshima and Nagasaki bomb victims.

"The anti-war feeling," one Japanese newspaperman said, "is very strong, but there are no indications pointing to its connection with anti-Americanism."

"The Communist party's organization and strength in Nagasaki are weak. Registered party members number only about 200 and there are 1,000 fellow-travelers."

In a recent election for city assemblymen, only one Communist ran and he received only 1,000 votes.

Are Nagasaki people jealous of the attention given to Hiroshima?

"There have been some complaints this year," said a Japanese newspaperman, "that the money given for treatment of A-bomb patients in Nagasaki was small compared with what Hiroshima received."

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Long Engagements May Be Bad Or Good For Couple

In the past, a reasonably long engagement of six months to a year was considered "proper." However, as the trend has been toward shorter and shorter engagements, a long one can be a problem for those involved.

(Q) "I am 21 years old and have just announced by engagement to a young man of 24 who has completed his army service and has gone into business for himself. He said that he did not feel he could be married for a year because he is putting everything he has into this new business until it gets started. He has told me that we may have to delay our marriage even beyond the year if his business doesn't work out well."

"I agree that this is wise, but my family and friends are making things difficult for me. They keep asking when I will be married and seem surprised, if not actually shocked, when I tell them I do not know but

not for at least a year. My mother thinks we should be married by next June and, if necessary, I should keep on with my job until the business is on a good basis. She maintains that a long engagement is not good. Is she right?"

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(A) A long engagement can be "good" or "bad," depending on how the engaged couple feels about it. As both you and your fiancé agree that it is best to wait until he can devote more time to you and your new home, I cannot see why a long engagement would be harmful in any way and it should be beneficial.

During this period, you can get to know each other and your families better. You can get to know your fiancé's friends and he, your friends. You can work out all kinds of problems that are likely to arise and try to solve them before they become

Mother and Sons Reunite After 17-Year Separation

Omaha, Neb. — (U.P.) — Mrs. Alice Crosby has been reunited with two sons who were taken away from her 17 years ago and left in a boys' home in Iowa by their father.

Mrs. Crosby, who worked hard to support five other children from a previous marriage, said she never had the oppor-

tunity to trace the boys, who were two and four years old when they disappeared.

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