

Less than a Mile Ground Zero
--Testimony from Atomic Survivors
A Free Event September 16



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SURVIVORS FROM HIROSHIMA
TELL OF THE WORLD'S FIRST ATOMIC ATTACK

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In a free lecture, Southern Californians will get a rare opportunity to listen to two women who survived the US nuclear attack on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.

The event will take place at **7 P.M. September 16 on Santa Barbara City College's West Campus at the Fe Bland Forum (721 Cliff Drive)**. The lecture is free and open to the public.

"As we were looking at the plane together, it dropped the A-bomb, which exploded 600 meters above the ground. The house where we were was 1.3 kilometers from ground zero."

--- Junko Kayashige. She was six years-old when the atomic bomb was detonated over Hiroshima.



Junko Kayashige, aged 69, and Miyako Yano, 78, will tell their personal stories of the devastation wrought by nuclear weapons during the September 16 program. Nuclear Age Peace Foundation President David Krieger will then act as moderator and the audience will be able to ask questions. Here is a map: <http://santabarbarahumanists.org/Maps/febland.html> .

"Many of us Hibakusha (survivors of the atomic attacks) do not want to tell our stories of unhealed pain in our minds and bodies. But we must tell the world what has happened and what we have gone through. Hibakusha are aged now, and there are fewer and fewer of us who can tell you stories of our experiences. We Hibakusha strongly hope for a world where no one ever should experience the pains that we have experienced. The only way to achieve this is to abolish nuclear weapons. If we cooperate with the people all over the world, it is possible to make a peaceful world without nuclear weapons."

-- Junko Kayashige

More than 200,000 people died in the atomic attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



*Suddenly I was blown into the air with the tatami mat I was on, as if I had been thrown up by mighty power from underground. The floor was destroyed, and furniture, fittings and flowerpots in the garden blew off . . . I rushed outside and saw a big pine tree in the garden toppled from its roots . . . I looked up to the sky, having no idea about what happened, and I saw there a indescribably strange fireball floating up in the mid-air, colored in red, yellow, orange, purple and other colors.-
- **Miyako Yano. She was 14 years-old when the Bomb hit.***

This public lecture is one of several events the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation is sponsoring during the week -- including sessions bringing these two *Hibakusha* together with local high school students and an appearance before the UC Regents in Irvine to ask the University of California to get out of the business of creating nuclear weapons. (The UC manages the labs that design and develop nuclear weapons.)

For more information on the University of California's management of the U.S. nuclear weapons laboratories, please visit: www.ucnuclearfree.org

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