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Most say U.S. was right in dropping A-bomb

This week, Oral Quarrel asked readers: Had you been President of the United States in August of 1945, would you have used the atomic bomb on Japan? Explain why or why not. Following are the responses.

No, I would not have used the bomb. I think it only adds to destruction.

Very definitely yes. I had many friends that would have died going ashore. It would have cost us half a million to a million people. No question about it, you do what you have to do.

I would have used the bomb only as a device to stop World War II.

Yes, I would have used it. If he didn't use it, it would have killed a lot more people than it did and a lot more Americans.

Yes, I would have dropped them sooner. I couldn't have waited so long. Look what they did to our boys in Pearl Harbor. These protesters don't even think about that. All they think about is protesting, protesting. I would have dropped it four or five times.

from our readers

Paper rates 9, reader claims

To the editor: I would like you to know that we (my family) receive the Farmington Observer and have for the five years that we have lived in Michigan. I am writing you as a person who cares about the paper.

Overall, on a scale of one to ten, I give your paper a nine. I feel, quite often, the front page of the paper is not carefully planned out. Therefore, it does not have the full potential it should have. I believe the front page helps a potential customer decide whether or not to buy and read the paper. It should capture the reader's attention quickly and make that person keep on reading.

kids in Farmington Hills simply playing in the mist of a fire hydrant. I feel something like that should not be put on the front page of the newspaper. This was in last year's July 14th issue. I'm sure you can recall it in your records. I distinctly remember this because some kids I knew were in the picture.

Another example of this point was in the recent June 21st issue. The picture was of two children sitting in the public library playing in the downstairs area. The point of that story was the construction of some new play equipment. Now let's be sensible. Is that something that belongs on the front page of the Farmington Observer. I would really like to hear your views on this subject

oral quarrel

Yes, If it wasn't for that bomb some of those demonstrators wouldn't be with us today. Their fathers would have been killed in an extended war in the Pacific.

Your question is totally unfair because you are talking about two different time frames in history. To make a judgment today on what occurred 39 years ago under different circumstances of life in the world. I may be alive today, the father of a fine family

paying taxes, loving my country because in '45 we were poised to invade Japan and were probably spared death by the bomb. In war it is your life or that of your enemy.

On having fought and being wounded on Okinawa twice, I would have been on the invasion force that would have went into Japan and I was very, very happy they used the bomb and I would have had it if I were the president.

Nobody can answer that question unless they have had an M-1 rifle in their hands and the enemy was in front of them shooting at them. I am an ex-marine. I would not have used it twice, I probably would have used it 10 times turned around, and we probably should have used it in Europe. When it is American lives at stake, the bomb doesn't count.

Only those over 50 can answer this question because they know what it was like during the Second World War but if I was president I would have done the same as President Truman.

Yes, I would have used the bomb in 1945 like President Truman did. I feel it probably saved many, many thousands of American lives in view of the Japanese were entrenched on their home island.

Yes, I would have used the bomb. Just think of how many American lives it saved.

Yes, Japan started the war. Young people today don't realize the pain, emotional and physical, they inflicted on Americans. These people were innocent also. If you are ever at Pearl Harbor and see those sunken ships with dead Americans still there and feel the anguish it caused loved ones, then you don't forget or forgive.

The answer is yes, I would approve. Had you participated in Gilbert, the Marshalls, the Marianas and the Ryukyus and then were poised on Okinawa waiting for the invasion of mainland Japan, there would be no question in your mind in my mind what the decision should have been. We saved millions of lives on both sides by using the atomic bomb.

Indeed I would have used the bomb and one of the reasons was I was in Germany in the 2nd Armored Division and my next stop would have been the Pacific. I would have given anything to stop that war and I am glad it was used.

Yes, I definitely (would have) used the atomic bomb in 1945. It saved countless American lives.

Yes, I would have used the bomb if I were President Truman. To know was

to have been there. If you want some positive answers ask the guys who would have gone into Japan to end the war. Ask the survivors of Okinawa.

My answer would be yes. There were three reasons why. One would be the innocent people that were killed by the Japanese aggression. Two would be the stubbornness of the Japanese to not give in when they were in defeat and three would be the extended outlook for a long war with the Japanese.

Yes, because use of the bombs shortened the war and saved the lives of thousands of Americans including possibly my own.

Yes, I would have used the atomic bomb because in the long run it saved lives on both sides by ending the war.

Absolutely I would have used it. My husband spent three long years in the Pacific. I feel he might have been there longer if the bomb had not been used on the Japanese. To this day, I never buy anything made in Germany or Japan. The Japanese got exactly what they gave us at Pearl Harbor.

In this particular situation I probably would have. It would have been a very long war without the bomb and it saved many lives.

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