

The moment—the flash and blast



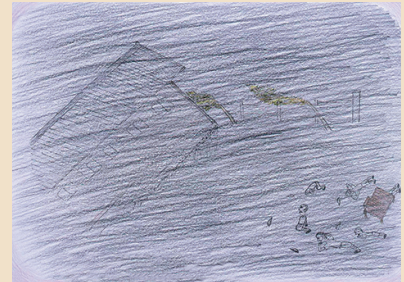
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③8/6 ④Yoshijima-higashi/nishi

I felt an intense pain as if I got a strong stroke of a wet whip.



①Hiromu Morishita ②14→71
③8/6 ④Tsurumi Bridge

It was like we 70 students were thrown into a giant, red-hot blast furnace.



①Sadao Hirano ②12→69
③8/6 ④Hijiyama-hon-machi

A huge blast turned everything dark and lifted the school building into the air.

Mushroom Cloud



①Takako Tsujioka ②18→47
③8/6 ④Kan-on shin-machi 4-chome

Some sort of orange cloud or smoke was roiling upward and spreading out. The roof of the factory on the opposite bank of the river was blown away by the blast.



①Mutsuo Yanagimoto ②18→48
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An impetuous cloud of smoke rising into the sky. (I did not know anything about the atomic bomb and the mushroom cloud at that time.)



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A giant pillar of smoke rose rapidly into the sky, creating a thundercloud that piled on itself as it spread. Within its billows, orange, red, and blue sparks shot in all directions like streaks of lightning. As this bizarre configuration expanded, it shaped itself into a mushroom.