

Doomsday Clock turns 70

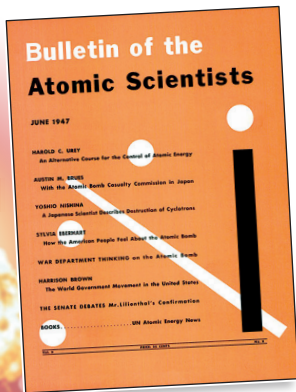
The June 1947 issue of *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* (right) introduced the “Doomsday Clock” to the world – its hands set at seven minutes to midnight – as a graphic warning against the proliferation of nuclear weapons

END OF WWII AND BEYOND...

■ **1945:** U.S. conducts first nuclear test in New Mexico and drops two nuclear bombs on *Hiroshima* and *Nagasaki*, Japan

■ **1947: Cold War** begins as U.S. foreign policy pledges to aid nations threatened by Soviet expansionism

■ **1949:** Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.) begins nuclear weapons tests in Kazakhstan



2007: Clock redesigned

2017: Two and a half minutes to midnight



ADJUSTMENTS TO DOOMSDAY CLOCK

0 minutes to midnight (*doomsday hour*)

