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(Later, a sequence is introduced by this title. The last congressman to deliver his opinion on seeing the H-bomb tests says "makes one realise just how insignificant a human being is"): 
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