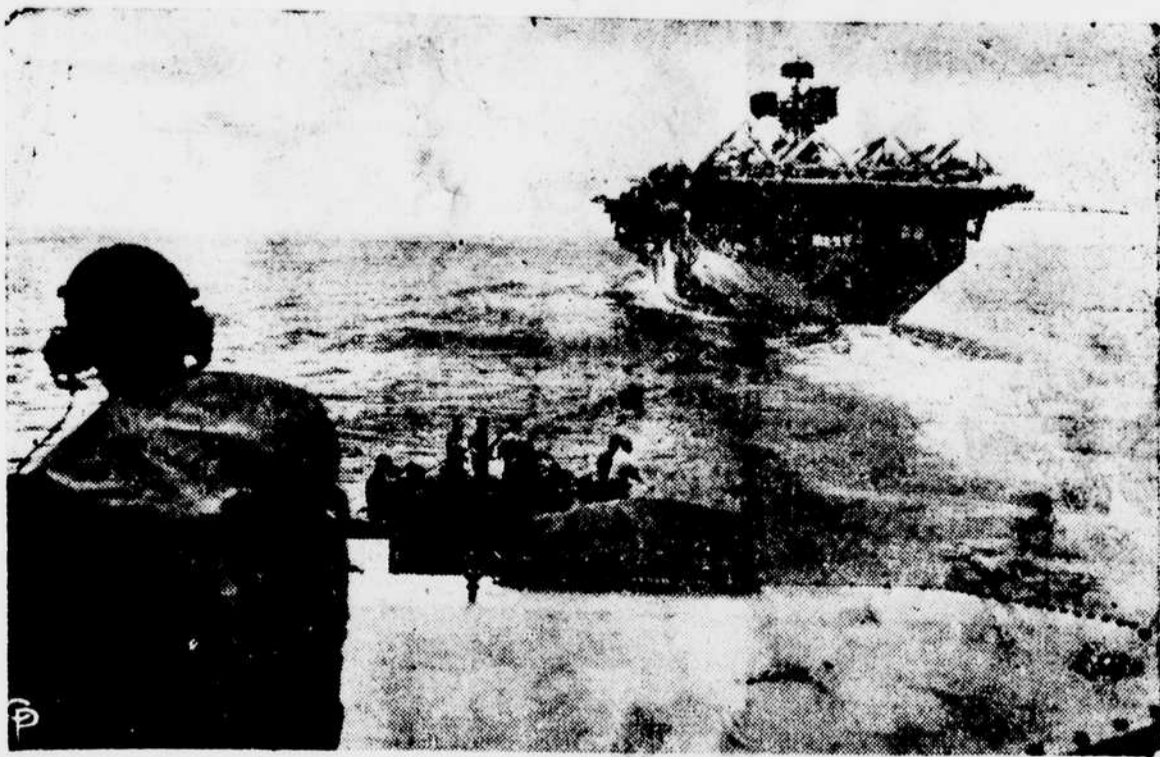


## AS U. S. CARRIER HEADED FOR MANILA BAY BATTLE



THIS ESSEX CLASS CARRIER, loaded with airpower, is shown heading for the terrific attack on Manila Bay where the U. S. Task Force 58 struck its first blow in the second battle of the Philippines. In the foreground is the deck of a destroyer approaching a carrier of Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's famed task force, operating as part of Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet. Official U. S. Navy photo (International)

# U. S. Attack Upon Philippines Intensified By Land and Sea

## Hurricane Hits Inland In Florida

Norfolk, Va., Oct. 18.—(AP)—F. B. Whitney, in charge of the United States Weather Bureau here, today said that Norfolk need have no fear of a visitation from the hurricane that is now striking the Florida coast. There is some indication, he added, that after the storm has spent its force it would be felt here as a low-pressure area, bringing considerable rain.

Miami, Fla., Oct. 18.—(AP)—Hurricane winds up to 140 and 160 mile an hour in gusts lashed Havana today before a severe tropical storm moved out into the Gulf of Mexico and sent advance gales sweeping the Florida keys.

A 10 a. m. Weather Bureau advisory said that full hurricane winds probably would be felt along the entire string of exposed keys, stretching backward from the Florida mainland in a short time. Very high tides were forecast.

All of south Florida was braced for gales, expected during the late morning or early afternoon.

A radio report to Pan American Airways here said that a number of homes were blown down in Havana. There was no immediate word, however, of any casualties.

The tide of inland winds, which was raked with full force yesterday, still was without commotions.

## Mackall Pair Face Trial In State Courts

Raleigh, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The State Supreme Court today dismissed the appeal of two Camp Mackall soldiers who had asked that they be allowed to stand trial before an army court on charges of highway robbery and rape, allegedly committed in July in Lee county, instead of being tried in State Superior Court.

The two paratroopers, Privates Dewey Inman and Russell Stark, of the 317th parachute infantry division, had been held in the Lee county jail since their arrest early in June on rape charges, and Judge Walter J. Bone, of the superior court, had denied their request to be turned over to military authorities for trial.

The prisoners appealed to the Supreme Court on the ground that the defendants "are in danger of being deprived of their rights, liberties and possibly life, by action of a court without jurisdiction."

They contended that an original request by the military for release to an army court had, in effect, released the State superior court from jurisdiction in the case.

The original military request was denied by a justice of the peace sitting as a magistrate.

Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell, in ruling in the case, said that "it does not appear from the evidence that the time of the defendants' arraignment any military court had taken cognizance of the crime alleged to have been committed, or that any such was contemplated."

## His Rebel Yells Unnerved Germans



Sgt. Roy C. Russell is shown in this photo made by his mother at their home, Kruhh, N. C., farm before he went to the European battlefield. Covered by fire from his comrades, Roy attacked a Siegfried line pill box alone, grabbed an enemy machine gun and led them in shooting and snoring killed four and captured 18 prisoners. His rebel yell kept the Germans awake all night and completely unnerved them, comrades said. (AP Photo)

## Ask Cutback For Food If War Is Over

College Station, Raleigh, Oct. 18.—Extension horticultural specialists at State College and general attention to the recent report of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics suggesting a cut of 10 percent in the acreage of fresh vegetables in 1945 and a cut of about 15 percent in vegetables for processing, if hostilities in Europe have ended by next spring.

"With present high levels of acreage and production, prices for truck crops, which reached a peak in 1943 and will average about ten percent lower in 1944, are likely to decline still further in 1945," says the report. It points out that a reduction in the output of war goods will probably be accompanied by a reduction in consumer income and expenditures in the demand for truck crops.

As to prices the report says that "prices for potatoes, sweet potatoes, beans, and peas are expected to continue to reflect at least 90 percent of parity under price-supporting programs."

Commenting on local conditions, the State College specialists called attention to the fact that marketing of sweet potatoes are heavy all along the Eastern Seaboard and that North Carolina growers will probably be able to market their potatoes at good prices after the first of the year, if they are properly cured and stored. Many growers are converting tobacco barns into sweet potato curing and storage houses and blue prints for the conversion are being supplied by the Department of Agricultural Engineering at State College.

## New Landings In Western Carolines Reported by Nimitz

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The steady drone of United States carrier planes over the Philippines and a continuing rain of bombs formed America's answer today to Tokyo's radio boast that the fleet had been dealt an "annihilating" blow, and invasion of those islands had been set back two months.

Admiral Nimitz indicated the American force has no present intention of breaking off the Philippine attack, by announcing last night, without the limitations of a date.

Carrier aircraft of the Pacific fleet are continuing to attack objectives in the Philippines.

Simultaneously Nimitz let out a military secret—that American troops of the 94th division landed unopposed September 20 and 21 in the western Carolines, on the Ulithi atoll, whose lagoon forms a good naval base. He did not say anything about it sooner because he had reason to believe the Japanese did not know about it. Ulithi is about halfway between American invasion forces on Guam and in the southern Palau.

Nimitz did not specify the Philippine targets, but Tokyo radio reports have focused attention on the Manila area. General MacArthur announced today that his fighter planes have flown from southwest Pacific bases northward all the way across Mindanao to wipe out a Japanese convoy of 62 trucks and six staff cars, bloodily dispersed a cavalry troop and shot up air fields.

Actually the Japanese lost more than 300 aircraft to American carrier forces. Then, Nimitz said, the only part of the invulnerable fleet that ventured out of hiding turned and fled when it found Admiral Halsey's powerful third fleet task force still intact, despite sorties by land-based Japanese bombers and torpedo planes.

### REPORT ON TRAFFIC

Durham, Oct. 18.—Traffic Patterns of the United States and "Technological Developments in Transportation" are the titles of two reports which Dr. Charles E. Landon, professor of economics in Duke University, recently prepared for the Board of Investigation and Research. The board was created by the Transportation Act of 1940. Dr. Landon's report on traffic discusses both freight and passenger traffic patterns and indicates the relative importance of the different transport agencies.

# Civilian Goods Manufacture Is Being Authorized by WPB

Washington, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Civilian goods production has been authorized in more than 750 plants under the "spot authorization" plan, War Production Board officials estimated today, with new applications arising at about 500 a week.

The plan by plant authorization may prove to be the main bridge between war and peacetime production, some officials believe, if the European war runs into the winter, and if business men continue to use the program as a cushion for war contract cancellations.

# Drive on Cologne Next After Aachen Is Taken

## Candidates Will Outline Foreign Plan

Dewey to Speak Tonight and FDR Saturday Night

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 18.—(AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey may make his final interpretation of the Republican party's stand on foreign policy for the November 7 election in a speech tonight in New York City, three days before President Roosevelt sets forth the Democratic viewpoint on the same issues.

Speaking on the New York Herald-Tribune forum in a nationwide broadcast from 9:30 to 10 p. m., the Republican presidential nominee is expected to expand upon his party's platform declaration for "responsible participation" by the United States in a cooperative international organization to preserve future peace.

Dewey has urged bipartisan consideration of questions arising out of efforts to form an international security organization, but has reserved the right to discuss the administration's handling of foreign affairs. He did this critically in his St. Louis speech Monday night when he charged that American representation in vital areas abroad was "on the brink of chaos."

Whether any sharp differences of opinion will develop between the two presidential candidates over fundamental issues of foreign policy, or whether any disagreement they may have will be limited largely to those other methods, is likely to be demonstrated by the two speeches.

Mr. Roosevelt, who declined an invitation to address the Herald-Tribune forum, will speak Saturday night before the Foreign Policy Association in New York.

Neither the President nor Governor Dewey thus far has given any answer to a demand by Senator Joseph Ball, Minnesota Republican, that the two candidates approve a course under which this country might join in a forceful preservation of world peace without a congressional declaration of war.

## Stocks Still Edge Upward

New York, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The stock market today extended the quiet advance of the previous session, with motors and an assortment of high priced investment issues in the lead.

Up fractions to around a point near midway were General Motors, United Aircraft and Westinghouse.

Rail loans led an upturn in the bond market.

## Cotton Sags After Start

New York, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 15 to 20 cents a bale higher. Noon prices were 15 cents a bale lower to five cents higher, December 21.84, March 21.78, May 21.77.

	Ps. Close	Open
December	21.83	21.87
March	21.81	21.85
May	21.78	21.82
July	21.51	21.54

## CRISIS AS HUNGARY SEEKS TRUCE



LAST EUROPEAN ALLY of the besieged Reich, Hungary (A) seeks desperately for a truce with the Allies even as the Russians push ahead on a 200-mile front toward the "back door" of Berlin. In Hungary, Admiral Horthy has asked an armistice while a new pro-German government clings tenaciously to Budapest. In the north, (B) meanwhile, the Red army follows up its success at Riga, with renewed pressure against East Prussia and to the South, the outskirts of Belgrade have been reached. Withdrawal of Hungary would mean a vital speeding up of the drive to Vienna and "back door" of Germany. (International)

## German Strongholds Bombed By Soviets

London, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Moscow announced today a succession of heavy bombing attacks on German strongholds along highways leading westward into the heart of East Prussia, the route along which Berlin declares a new Red army offensive is thrusting.

Although the Russians did not directly mention such an offensive, these appeared little doubt it was in progress. The German radio declared it sprung forward on a 25-mile front on the Lithuanian side of the border, a dozen miles from the East Prussian frontier.

Berlin said the offensive, supported by heavy artillery preparations and swarms of low-flying bombers, began Monday. A German broadcast said last night the Russian had reached the frontier at one unexpected point, and reported fighting near Nauenstein, in Lithuania, just across from the East Prussian town of Schlober.

The Russian bombing raids reached as far as Interburg, 37 miles inside the Junkers' homeland, toward which the land drive appeared to be aimed.

## Horthy Asks Truce



THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT of Adm. Miklos Horthy has asked the Allies for a truce. It is reported that while the Russian armies drove across Hungary's central plains toward Budapest, the Germans and pro-German elements seized the capital. Horthy was seized by the Gestapo and taken to Germany. (International)

## Rail Center Of Vernay Is Captured

Americans Hold On Or Advance Along Entire West Front

London, Oct. 18.—(AP)—British troops captured Vernay, important rail and road junction five miles west of the Maas, today as General Hodges' American first army, slowly squeezing Aachen into submission, prepared for a new assault, when Berlin said would be aimed at Cologne.

All along the front, progress slow, methodical progress—carried out in many cases by engineers, was reported.

From Breskens, a German strong point before the already liberated port of Antwerp, to Belgium, this was the picture.

1. General Cota's Canadians have re-attacked Hazelebroek, six miles south of Breda, pressing hard on the newly-tormented defense line of the suicide German troops within the narrowing pocket. Supreme Allied headquarters reported bombers had attacked the sea dyke at West Kapelle on the nearby island of Walcheren.

2. In northern Holland, where Berlin has reported the Allies have marked 1,500 tanks for a drive into the Rhine-Ruhr valley, General Dempsey's British second army took Vernay after bitter house-to-house fighting and plunged on two miles southeast of the town, which itself is eight miles from the Rhine frontier.

3. General Eisenhower's communications describe the fighting on the first army front as a mop-up procedure.

The German radio, finally acknowledging Aachen has been captured, described the fighting there as surpassing everything that has gone before in this war, and said that General Eisenhower is planning an all-out offensive on Cologne after capturing Aachen.

4. U. S. third army infantry advanced nearly a mile north of Nanyev-Moselle to within four miles of Metz, another big fortress industrial city. Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher said only light opposition was encountered.

5. In the Vosges foothills, the Allied communique reported progress just south of the road junction and northeast of Le Blot, despite stubborn enemy resistance and strong counter attacks.

## Wide Claims Are Made By Two Parties

Washington, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Democratic and Republican camps vied in claiming change today on the make-up of the next Congress, which, with Mr. Roosevelt or Thomas E. Dewey, will handle the problems—come next January—of shaping America for peace and prosperity.

Like two prize fight managers before a championship bout, the congressional campaign committees had this to say:

Representative Dewey, Virginia Democrat: "Reports coming in from all over the nation indicate the Democrats will pick up 20 to 40 seats in the House."

Representative Hales, Indiana Republican: "Things are really moving for the Republicans. I see chances to pick up 75 seats now held by Democrats, while no more than 12 or 15 Republican House members seem to be having any serious difficulty."

Democrats now barely cling to control of the House organization, with but 215 seats to 212 for the Republicans. There are four minor party members and four vacancies.

On the Senate side the Democrats have a more comfortable margin, with 53 seats to 37 for the Republicans, and one Progressive. Thirty-five seats—three more than the grand number, due to two deaths and one resignation, will be at stake. Of the 55, Democrats held 22 and the Republicans 13. To take control of the reorganization in that body next year, the G. O. P. would have to cover a net gain of seven.

However, Senator Bridges, New Hampshire Republican, said Republicans and anti-Roosevelt Democrats will control the next Senate, as the House in recent months has been under control of Republicans and dissident Democrats on many legislative arguments. Senator O'Mahoney, Wyoming Democrat, says Bridges is wrong.

## 32 More Jap Vessels Sunk By U. S. Subs

Washington, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Destruction of 32 Japanese vessels, including seven warships, by American submarines was reported today by Navy Secretary Forrester.

The secretary also announced that 905 enemy ships have been sunk or damaged by the third and fifth United States fleets in the last four and one-half months. Planes and anti-aircraft guns of the third and fifth fleets since last June have destroyed 3,080 Japanese planes, including 1,827 shot out of the air, and 1,253 destroyed on the ground, he told a press conference.

The latest bag of the American submarines, he reported, included three destroyers, three escort vessels and a mine layer, in addition to 25 merchant vessels of various types.

This raises to 956 the number of Japanese ships of all types destroyed by American submarines since the war began.

Forrester, in disclosing the huge damage inflicted by the third fleet under Admiral Halsey and the fifth fleet commanded by Admiral Spruance said it covered the period from attacks on Japanese bases in the western Pacific beginning June 6 and including assaults on October 16 on Formosa.

## WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and mild tonight and Thursday; except for increasing cloudiness in east portion Thursday.