

26 Major Jap Ships Knocked Out

Russians Effect Breakthrough North Of Warsaw

Sea Victory May Change Whole War

Japan May Easily Be Through Now As Naval Power

Washington, Oct. 26 (AP)—The crushing defeat handed the Japanese navy in Philippine waters brought to Washington and the nation to lay the emphasis on thought that the whole course of the war may now be changed and victory brought within reach.

The great concentration of ships in the sea area of the Pacific will be the greatest ever known.

A Japanese defeat of this magnitude reported in West dispatches would mean that Japan is through as a naval power—that powerful American task forces which have been feared engagements with the enemy would be relieved of any trouble from sea-borne aid.

However, some naval observers are inclined to check the preliminary reports of damage against estimates of the size of the Japanese fleet. They point out that Japan has been credited with at least a dozen each of battleships and first line aircraft carriers.

Admiral Ernest J. King, navy commander-in-chief, before announcement of the American victory, had to recognize that "practically all" of the Japanese fleet was involved in the Philippines action.

Hull Claims FDR Well Equipped For Preserving Peace

Washington, Oct. 26 (AP)—Secretary of State Hull today said that the United States is well equipped to preserve peace and to meet any challenge that may come.

The statement, made in the Senate, was the first of a series of addresses by the secretary of state since his appointment in July. He said that the United States is well equipped to preserve peace and to meet any challenge that may come.

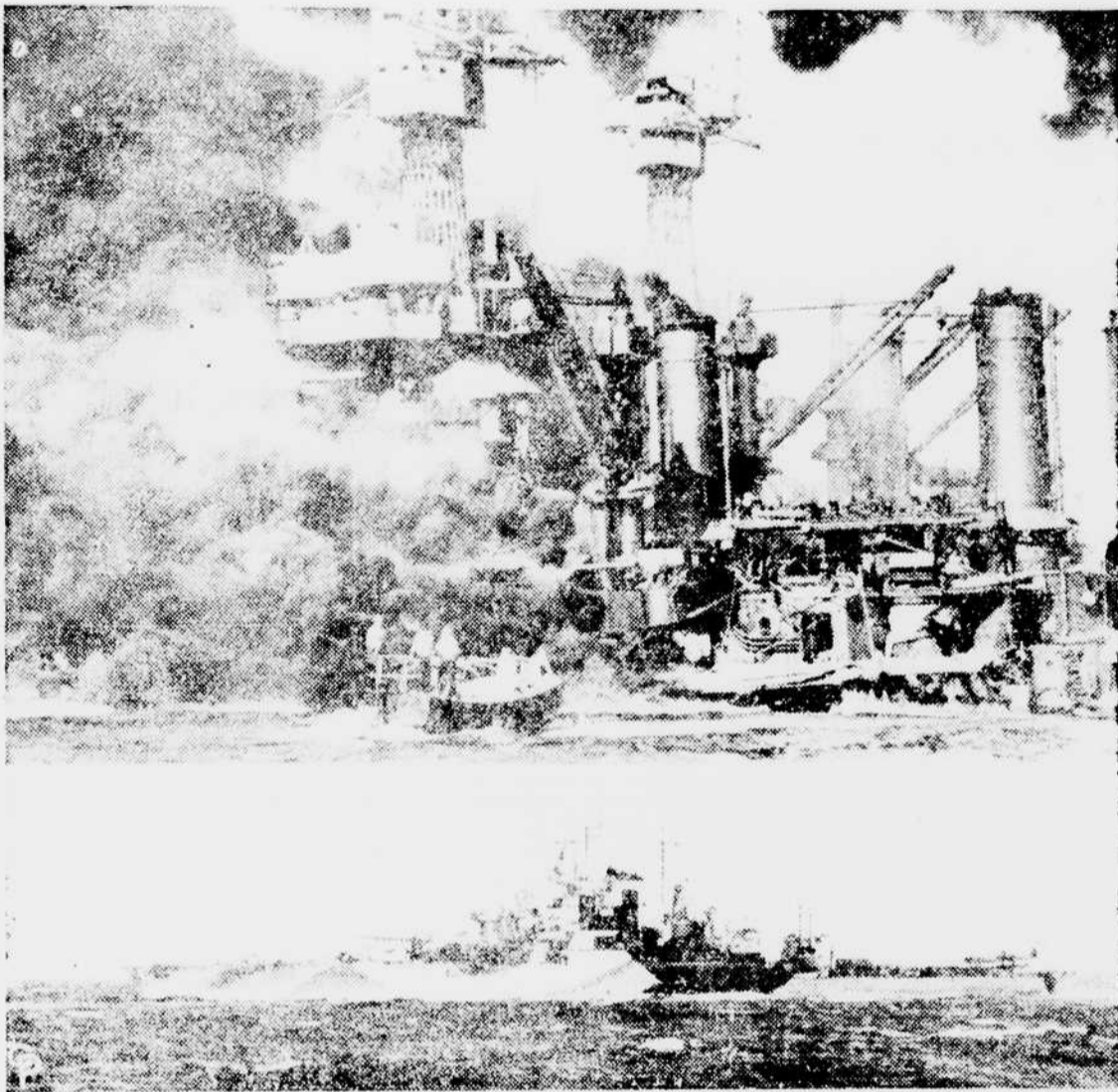
Government Will Sell Development In Richmond Area

Richmond, Va., Oct. 26 (AP)—The city of Richmond is to be developed as a center for the defense industry, according to a plan announced by the War Relocation Authority.

The land may be bought without the usual restrictions and the houses may be built without the usual restrictions.

The houses are being built together in the four sections and can be occupied and reconstructed with little cost.

RESURRECTION AND REVENGE OF THE WEST VIRGINIA



MOVING ALONG in her deck, deceptive coat of camouflage, the U. S. S. West Virginia (bottom) heads for a sea area, shortly after being ordered after being sunk at Pearl Harbor by the Japs. Resurrection for the vessel was obtained at Leyte, Philippine Islands, where the vessel poured tons of shells into enemy ships. At the top is shown burning after the infamous raid. Navy photos. (Internationally)

River Approaches To Antwerp Almost Cleared By Canadians

London, Oct. 26 (AP)—Canadian troops closed in on the last big German gun fortification in the area of Antwerp by Allied convoys today and British air forces have been ordered to launch operations on Walcheren Island, northern guardian of the sea approach to the port.

The statement, based on the S. C. I. report, is the first of a series of reports on the progress of the campaign in the West.

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Barfield Claims No Company Gets All Best Tobacco

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Two Out of Eight Japanese Warships Manage To Escape

Alfred Admiral Daniel Battersby, U. S. Navy, said today that two out of eight Japanese warships managed to escape from the Leyte district.

Eighth Army Makes Gains Near Bologna

Rome, Oct. 26 (AP)—The eighth army of the United States has made gains near Bologna, according to a report from the front.

AFL Defies Labor Board In Decision

Washington, Oct. 26 (AP)—The American Federation of Labor has rejected a decision of the National Labor Relations Board.

Princess Beatrice, Queen Victoria's Daughter, Is Dead

London, Oct. 26 (AP)—Princess Beatrice, daughter of Queen Victoria, died today at the age of 82.

Old Capital Philippines Defeat Outflanked May Have Shortened The War By Months

German Garrison May Be Encircled; New Prussia Peril

Moscow, Oct. 26 (AP)—Russian and Polish troops, still being crowded the Germans in the Warsaw area, have moved in a coordinated attack on the city.

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Jap Fleet is Probably Unable Now To Defend China Coast or Japan

U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Japanese fleet, which was reported to have been defeated in the Philippines, is probably unable now to defend the coast of China or Japan.

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Casualties Of Battle Reach 472,779 Total

Washington, Oct. 26 (AP)—The total number of casualties in the war has reached 472,779, according to a report from the War Relocation Authority.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair and mild tonight and Friday.

Yanks Tighten Grip Upon Japs In Leyte District

General MacArthur's headquarters today announced that the American forces in the Leyte district have tightened their grip upon the Japanese.