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In the course of the session the initiative on many fronts passed into the hands of the United Nations. The Axis advance in North Africa, which had regained for Hitler's forces much hard-won ground, including the long-besieged Tobruk, was finally stayed, and the offensive launched by the British Eighth Army late in October resulted in a smashing defeat of the forces of Marshal Rommel. This action, so gratifying to all of the United Nations, was but a prelude to the main offensive in North Africa which followed the landing of both United States and British Forces at various points in Morocco and Algeria. This expedition represented the most impressive demonstration of planning and co-ordinated action of modern times. More than eight hundred vessels, many of which crossed the Atlantic, made up this largest Armada of modern times. After some resistance by French forces in occupation, the whole of French North Africa passed into Allied hands; and this accession of strength to the cause of the United Nations was shortly reinforced by the very acceptable collaboration of forces in French West Africa as well.

The battle against the Axis in Tunisia - the last main Axis stronghold on the African continent - still continues.