

# Monty "tweaked Yankee noses": Bradley's charge

New York, Thurs.: Gen. Omar Bradley, baring his version of his bitter wartime squabble with Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery, today accused him of "tweaking Yankee noses."

The accusation was made in Gen. Bradley's account of Allied action to thwart the Germans' Ardennes offensive—the Battle of the Bulge—in December, 1944.

Lord Montgomery had been reinforced with two United States armies for attack from the north against the Germans.

It was during the battle's critical stage that, on December 19, 1944, Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters told Gen. Bradley of a decision to move two armies to the 21st Group.

What happened then was told by Gen. Bradley in the fourth and final instalment of his memoirs published in "Life" magazine.

Gen. Bradley, now

chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, admitted that if Lord Montgomery's had been an American command he would not have objected to the change-over, which would have been the logical thing to do.

### Allied 'ruckus'

"Had the senior British field commander been anyone else but Monty, the switch in command could probably have been made without incident, strain, or tension," wrote Gen. Bradley.

"Certainly, it would never have touched off the Allied ruckus (row) if subsequently did, but Lord Montgomery could not resist the chance to tweak our Yankee noses."

Gen. Bradley accused Lord Montgomery of delay in launching the counter-offensive from the north, while Gen. George Patton's US 3rd Army was attacking towards Bastogne from the south.

He said Lord Montgomery, on the eve of Gen. Patton's attack, radioed saying he would defer the companion attack until he had "tidied up" his front.

### "Good" Monty

"It was not until 12 days later that Lord Montgomery completed his primping and attacked."

Gen. Bradley said meanwhile he had tried to persuade Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters to "goad" Montgomery into action, but they had been "over-

whelmed with apprehensive estimates" from Lord Montgomery's headquarters of the Germans' power, Gen. Bradley said. His view was that the Germans had reached high-water mark and would begin rearing soon.

"No sooner had the time of danger ended than the period of recrimination began," wrote Gen. Bradley.

"For, once the enemy had been turned back, Lord Montgomery was depicted as St. George come to save the American command from disaster."

Gen. Bradley particularly attacked Lord Montgomery for a statement he made at a news conference on January 7, 1944.

## N.Z. LABOR CONDEMNS DOCK STRIKE

Wellington (NZ), Fri.: Following the resumption of work at a number of secondary ports yesterday by newly formed waterside unions, a Federation of Labor conference held here has condemned the strike.

This action confirms the stand taken by the executive of the federation, and is expected to indicate clearly to the strikers that they lack the support of other organized labor.

However, the action of the federation in no way directs the future action of watersiders, as they belong to a breakaway organisation, the Trade Union Congress.

Meanwhile work continues at all ports, although it is necessarily restricted at some.

A flow of essential supplies is being maintained, but some items are now in short supply.—AAP-Reuters.

## X-ray shoe sets in S.A. 'controlled'

Health authorities had complete control over the use of X-ray fitting machines in shoe stores, a spokesman for the Central Board of Health said today.

[It has been reported that the machines may be banned in Victoria unless a qualified operator is in charge.]

The Adelaide spokesman said the board had the co-operation of all stores.

The output of machines must not exceed 12 rontgens (measure of the amount of X-rays given out by a machine).

The period of exposure must not exceed five seconds. No person could be examined more than three times in one day or more than 12 times in one year.

Machines in Adelaide were inspected three years ago, and it was intended to hold another inspection this year.

Effects of over-exposure could result in burns (necrosis), growth of the feet, and interference with the cells of the body.

## 5DN's BIG POLLING COVER

Using a hook-up of 50 radio stations extending from Perth to Brisbane, the Macquarie Broadcasting Network will provide a fast and comprehensive election service through 5DN-RM from 9 o'clock tomorrow night.

Mr. Geoffrey Clarke, MP, will relay the South Australian figures to the network, and 5DN will rebroadcast similar information from other States.

Mr. Alf Paddison, a well-known figure in political circles in Sydney, will provide summaries of the over-all position throughout the Commonwealth.

To enable the local service to begin at 8.30 p.m., "Radio Canteen" will be on the air at 7.15 instead of 8.

## PAY INCREASE FOR WOMEN

Adult women working in the timber industry will receive a margin of 14/- a week from the first pay period in May by a decision of Conciliation Commissioner J. V. Dwyer.

State secretary of the Timber Workers' Union (Mr. H. S. Duke) said today the margin would apply to women working in plywood and veneer factories and working on the manufacture of small wooden articles and sporting goods.

Previously the women received no margin.

Throughout Australia about 500 women would benefit, including about 20 in S.A.

## BIG CHILD POPULATION



## BABY BORN EVERY OTHER DAY

A migrant baby is born every other day at Woodside migration centre.

This has been going on for the past two years.

"Look out for children. Speed 10 m.p.h." is what the sign says as you drive into the centre.

It is certainly needed — there are 1,600 people at the camp and a lot more than half of them are children.

900 migrant children divided among 400 migrant women are the latest statistics.

Today there was another birth. It was the 351st since the first shipment of new Australians arrived at the centre in May, 1949.

### Part of town

More than 5,000 migrants have passed through the centre since then. They are now part of Woodside, a sprawling township of galvanised iron huts hidden in the undulating farm country.

About 200 of the younger children attend kindergarten, where they are given an introduction to the English language.

275 attend the primary school.

FIRST thing obvious to a visitor to Woodside migration centre is the large number of children there. More than half of the 1,600 people at the centre are children. ABOVE — With expression in their hands and faces, these children (from left) Slavko Sywak, Vira Ohrin, Irena Pakula, and Zbignjev Bendeh say "Glad to see you" in English for a visitor. RIGHT—Vladimir Schnackowbic, wrapped in winter woollies, gives Mac, the camp dog, a biscuit. BOTTOM — Walentin and Stanislaw have a friendly fight behind the kindergarten teacher's back.



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