

AMERICA GREETES MONTY

Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Deputy Supreme Commander of NATO forces, arrives in New York aboard the "Queen Mary." Many pressmen gather round to question him, but Monty won't talk - he's reserving that for later when he will discuss NATO defence problems with United States service officials in Washington.

When Monty arrives in the capital by air, General Omar Bradley is there to greet him. A salute of seventeen guns and a Marine guard of honour drawn up for his inspection are gestures of America's admiration for the Field Marshal. Later, at a press reception, Lord Montgomery complains that NATO's chief weakness is the absence of clear political guidance. At the moment, he claims, there is serious disunity between the free nations. He suggests that a new political organisation, wider in its scope than NATO, should be formed to direct the world's struggle against Communism. America quickly finds out that Monty doesn't mince matters when he means business.