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Collection Summary

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Summary: Army officer. Addresses, statements, and articles written by Bradley while he served as chief of staff of the army and chairman of the joint chiefs of staff.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the LC Catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically.

People

Bradley, Omar Nelson, 1893-1981.

Organizations

North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

United States. Air Force--Pay, allowances, etc.

United States. Air Force--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.

United States. Army--Finance.

United States. Army--Pay, allowances, etc.

United States. Army--Pay, allowances, etc.

United States. Army--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.

United States. Career Compensation Act of 1949.

United States. Department of the Army. Office of the Chief of Staff.

United States. Joint Chiefs of Staff.

United States. National Security Training Commission.

United States. Navy--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.

United States. Selective Service Act of 1948.

Subjects

Draft.

Economic assistance, American.

International cooperation.

Korean War, 1950-1953.

Military assistance, American.

Military pensions--United States.

Mutual security program, 1951.

Technical assistance, American.

Places

Greece--Foreign relations--1935-1967.

Turkey--Foreign relations--1918-1960.

United States--Armed Forces--Pay, allowances, etc.

United States--Armed Forces--Recruiting, enlistment, etc.

United States--Armed Forces.

United States--Foreign relations--1945-1953.

Titles

North Atlantic Treaty (1949)

Occupations

Army officers.

Provenance

The papers of Omar Nelson Bradley, army officer, were given to the Library of Congress by Bradley in 1955.

Processing History

The papers of Omar Nelson Bradley were arranged and described in circa 1955. The finding aid was revised in 2011.

Transfers

Tape recordings and motion picture films have been transferred to the Library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division where they are identified as part of the Omar Nelson Bradley Papers.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Omar Nelson Bradley is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Omar Nelson Bradley are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Omar Nelson Bradley was born February 12, 1893 in Clark, Missouri. As a U.S. Army senior field commander of the Twelfth Army Group, he helped ensure the Allied victory over Germany during World War II. Bradley served as the first chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, 1949-1953. He died April 8, 1981, in New York, N.Y.

Scope and Content Note

The papers of Omar Nelson Bradley (1893-1981) span the years 1948-1953 and consist of addresses, statements, and articles by Bradley, May 30, 1948 through July 24, 1953, the period during which he was chief of staff of the United States Army (1948-1949), and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1949-1953). The documents are mainly in print or near print, with occasional carbon copies and photostats. Included are several commencement addresses, a number of statements before committees of the Senate and House of representatives on such subjects as the Career Compensation Act of 1949, the army budget, the North Atlantic Treaty, the Military Assistance Program, unification of the military services, continuation of the Selective Service Act and universal military training, the Korean War, the admission of Greece and

Turkey to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and the Mutual Security program. Included also are addresses before such organizations as the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, the Jewish War Veterans, and the National Press Club.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged chronologically.

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| BOX 1 | 1949, Feb.-June Feb. 4, Address at the Third National Industry-Army Day Conference, Boston, Mass. Feb. 26, Article in <i>Collier's</i> , "What you Owe Your Country" Mar. 21, Statement to the Senate Armed Services Committee on the Army-Air Force Authorization Bill (HR 1437) Apr. 5, Address before the Jewish War Veterans Banquet, New York City May 3, Statement before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the North Atlantic Treaty, Washington, D.C. May 24, Address before the students of the National War College on the role of the army in future warfare May 31, Address before the Political Study Club of Washington, Washington, D.C. June 16, Statement to the Armed Services Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, United States Senate, on the Army Budget for Fiscal Year 1950 June 19, Commencement remarks, Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. June 23, Statement to the Armed Services Committee, United States Senate |
| BOX 1 | 1949, July-Nov. July 3, Statement published in <i>This Week Magazine</i> , New York <i>Herald Tribune</i> , "Brave Words" July 8, Statement before the Committee on Armed Services, House of Representatives, on the National Security Act Amendments of 1949 July 29, Statement before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the Military Assistance Program Aug. 10, Statement before the Committees on Armed Services and Foreign Relations, United States Senate, on the Military Assistance Program Sept. 22, Remarks before the Women's Advisory Council, at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. Sept. 28, Remarks in response to an introduction at the luncheon of the National Security Industrial Association, New York City Oct. 11, Remarks at the meeting of the Inter-American Defense Board, Washington, D.C. Oct. 12, Address before the American Forestry Association, Akron, Ohio Oct. 15, Article in the <i>Saturday Evening Post</i> , "This Way Lies Peace" Oct. 19, Statement before the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives, on unification Oct. 26, Address before the National Guard Convention, Montgomery, Ala. |

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- Aug. 22, Statement before the Senate Committee on Armed Services, on National Security Training Act of 1951
- Sept. 17, "Notes for Remarks" before the National Press Club Luncheon, Washington, D.C.
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- Sept. 27, Remarks at the National Press Club, Washington, D. C.
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- Feb. 26, Statement before the House Armed Services Committee on HR 2811
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Mar. 11, Article in *Look*, “There is No Military Clique . . . Civilians Are in Charge”
Mar. 13, Statement before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, on fiscal year 1953 Mutual Security Program
Mar. 27, Remarks before the Council of Delegates, of the International Defense Board, Washington, D.C.
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