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## Italy and The Balkans

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With the fall of Sicily virtually assured, the United Nations may now look forward to the strategic exploitation of their conquest. Political as well as military objectives stand before the conquerors.

Italy's defection from the Axis would have enormous repercussions in the Balkans and it is there rather than in Italy that mortal blows can be struck against Germany. Moreover the fall of Fascism after the loss of but a single province to the enemy cannot be without significance for the German people. For the future these political considerations outweigh any military use we might make of our positions in Italy.

Still the conquest of Sicily has not been without important strategic results. First among these is freedom for our shipping in the Mediterranean. Once more the great sea route from Gibraltar to Suez may be safely plied by our convoys.

Everywhere along the route land-based aircraft can patrol the skies while the dread passage between Sicily and Tunisia has been robbed of its terrors. The gain in the effectiveness of our merchant tonnage and the increased ease of supplying our middle eastern armies and our ally, the Soviet Union, are of incalculable benefit.

From a newly won foothold in southern Italy the invasion of the Balkans would not be easy. The main communication lines in Yugoslavia (the Morava and Vardar Valleys) are not exposed to thrusts made from the west. Invasion of Greece by way of Albania is feasible but the transportation facilities are abominable. Nevertheless such a drive into Greece would flank the powerful Axis

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## Rear Admiral Buckmaster Visits Pre-Flight Activity

Rear Admiral Elliott P. Buckmaster, USN, came aboard Friday morning with members of his staff to inspect this Pre-Flight activity.

Admiral Buckmaster, who was Commanding Officer of the Yorktown at the Battle of Midway last year, is now Chief of Naval Air Primary Training with headquarters at Kansas City, Kan.

The visit was his third to this Pre-Flight School.

## 12 Enlisted Men Are Advanced

Twelve enlisted men received advancements and another was attached to this activity during the past week.

Advancing from PhM3c to PhM2c were William Edwin Ashcraft, Dean Harold Walton, Elmer Herbert Crosby, and Donald

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## Officers, Families To Picnic Today At Hogan's Lake

Pre-Flight officers and their families will picnic this afternoon at Hogan's Lake, starting at 1630. Dress will be informal—sport clothes, slacks, etc.—and a charge of 50c per person covers expenses, including the evening meal and cold drinks.

Hogan's Lake which is located 5½ miles northwest of Chapel Hill may be reached by proceeding along highway No. 86 and following signs posted along the route. Bus transportation will be provided for those without other means of getting there.

Recreational activities will include swimming, fishing, horse-shoes, softball, badminton and ping pong.

## Navy Band To Give Series of Concerts

The first in a series of Sunday afternoon public concerts will be given by the Navy Pre-Flight band tomorrow in the outdoor Forest Theatre opposite Navy Hall starting at 1630.

The music will be of the semi-classical and popular variety. Guest artists scheduled to appear are Isadore Ogelsby, lyric tenor from North Carolina State College for negroes in Durham who was formerly soloist with the famous Hampton choir, and Miss Nannie Bridgeford, lyric soprano from Fisk Conservatory. Miss Bridgeford and Ogelsby have been collaborating in entertaining at USO and other service shows.

An added attraction will be the Quartones, a popular girl quartet from Durham whose vocalizations are on the swing and torchy side.

Similar concerts, featuring guest artists, will be held on alternate Sundays during August and September.

## Wednesday Evening Movies

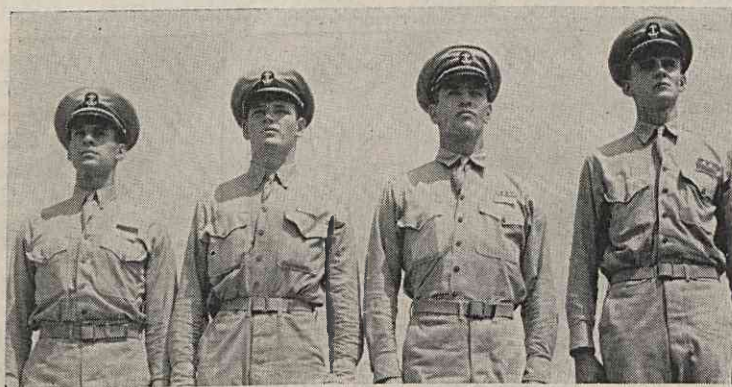
The series of films on Japan will continue at the Pre-Flight showing in Memorial Hall next Wednesday evening when "Japan—Dream of Empire" will be unreel. Other films scheduled for that evening are "Identification of U. S. Cruisers" and "History of Naval Aviation." As usual, group singing will precede the movies, starting at about 1920.

## Movie Schedule

Aug. 15—Free movie at Village Theatre, "The Amazing Mrs. Holliday" with Deanna Durbin and Edmund O'Brien. Show starts at 1553, 1930 and 2116. Complete show one hour, 46 minutes.

Aug. 16—Free movie at Village Theatre, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" with James Cagney and Joan Leslie. Show starts at 1310 and 1520. Complete show two hours, six minutes.

## New Cadet Regimental Officers



THE NEW CADET regimental officers selected from members of the senior 27th Battalion are (left to right) Eugene Udell, Philadelphia, Pa., regimental petty officer; John C. Weadock, Washington, D. C., regimental sub-commander; Spencer D. Moseley, Highland Park, Ill., regimental commander, and John K. Sands, Wawa, Pa., regimental adjutant.