

COMMENTARY

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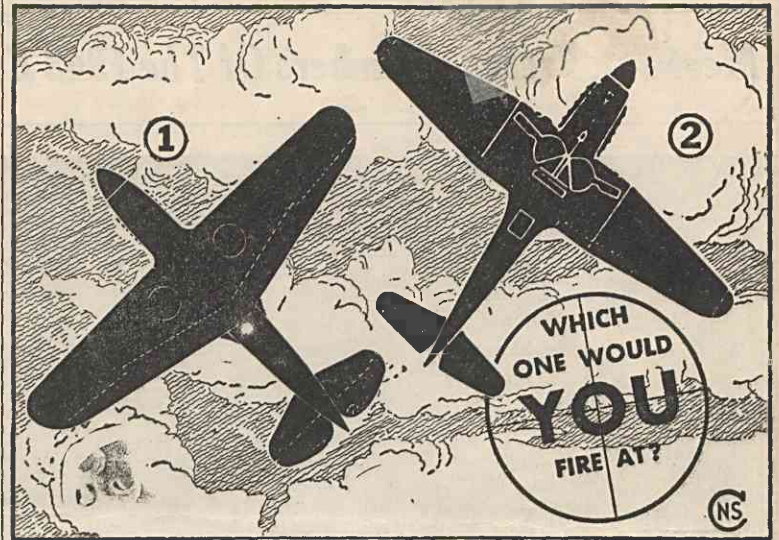
standing, Switzerland has preserved its neutrality through two World Wars. The Swiss were spared because the Germans have twice preferred the route through the Low Countries. More than that Switzerland is useful in economic warfare. Dummy corporations can be set up to foil the British *Navicert* system. And what is not insignificant is that the Nazi leaders find the Swiss money market useful for investing some of their ill-gained loot. It should be added that it is from Sweden or Switzerland that Goebbels' "news plants" and "inside stories" originate. Even propaganda unfavorable to the German war effort is sent out deliberately to weaken the war will of the United Nations.

Germany's failure to invade Turkey in 1941 may be accounted one of the great errors of her strategy. After the collapse of the Balkans and Greece a blow through Turkey at the middle east might have brought England down. If the Russo-German war was inevitable the routes through

Turkey would have aided a drive on the Caucasus. Whether Turkey will ever enter the war on our side is very doubtful. There are few important territorial concessions that we can make and at the moment the Turks are wary of growing Soviet military power.

Since 1702 Portuguese political interests have been identical with those of Great Britain. In fact Portugal has been virtually a British protectorate for that length of time. Consequently, Portugal is the only neutral of whose unwavering loyalties we are assured. During the past week there have been rumors that Portugal will enter the war, if only to gain the armament for defense against her dangerous neighbor to the east.

Franco's assertion that Spain is a "moral belligerent" and his presumptuous announcement as late as the summer of 1942 that the Axis had won the war, indicate clearly enough where his sympathies lie. During our campaign in Africa his troops in Spanish Morocco were a constant threat to our rearward communications. A very important reason for the



NOT AT NO. 1! It's the Army Air Force Curtiss P-40F "Warhawk," a low-wing, single-seat fighter powered by an in-line engine. It has a pointed nose and long fuselage. Leading edges are straight—trailing edges sweep forward. The tailplane tapers to rounded tips. It has a single fin and rudder.

FIRE AT NO. 2! It's the Nazi Heinkel He. 113, a low-wing, single-seat fighter powered by an in-line engine. The fuselage is rounded with a pointed nose. The outer panels of the wings taper to rounded tips. Both edges of the large tailplane are tapered and it has a single fin and rudder.

Memorandum To All Hands

Subj: The Surrender of Italy.

1. The Surrender of Italy is cause for justifiable pride in the outstanding performance of the United Nations Armed Forces, and must be an inspiration to all hands to "keep the ball rolling" and not to relax for one moment in the furtherance of our part in the drive for Total Victory.

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initial slowness of that campaign was the urgent need for safeguarding French Morocco from invasion. Now that the tide of war is running strongly against the Axis, the British government through its ambassador, Sir Samuel Hoare, has requested Franco to adopt a more truly neutral attitude. This is to include the recall of the Blue Division of "volunteers" from Russia.

Laff o' the Week

Bradley Field, Conn. (CNS)—The following notice ran in a mimeographed bulletin at this Base: "LOST—Pair of pants (tropical worsted). Reward is offered due to sentimental value. Call Capt."

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WRITERS

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ing which cadets in Naval aviation from their districts undergo while here. No one part of the program has been emphasized.

Among the writers already here are Mr. Jack Sell of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Mr. Stephen White of the Boston Herald-Tribune; Mr. LeRoy J. Mumpton of the Worcester Telegram-Gazette; Mr. Joseph W. Nutter of the Providence Journal-Bulletin; Mr. Arthur McGinley of the Hartford Times; Mr. William Cox of the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot; Mr. Bloys Britt of Associated Press; Mr. Richard Brown of the American Pilot, and Mr. Ed Pollock of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. Others are expected to arrive over the week end.

Sports writers from Naval districts other than the first, third, fourth and fifth are visiting one of the other Pre-Flight Schools this week.

Latest Picture Of U. S. Navy Pre-Flight Glee Club



THE PERSONNEL may change, but the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight Glee Club continues to receive praise wherever it performs. The Chaplain's column in this issue is devoted to the work and purpose of the club.