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U.S. "SURVIVAL SCHOOL"

Prison camp conditions staged at a U.S. Air Force school near Rome, with the object of teaching airmen who may become prisoners of war, have hit the world's headlines and started a fierce controversy in the American press; Interrogators wear what are described as "hostile uniforms" Third-degree questioning and "brain-washing" are part of the course.

"The hole" is one of the torture devices installed to teach students to be ready for anything if they are captured. The victim is put in solitary confinement, eight feet deep, and a trap-door is closed on top of him.

The cramped "sweat-box" is another fixture of the camp, through which 29,000 U.S. airmen have passed. Now public criticism has raised the question: should the Air Force "soften up" its tough school of survival.