# HISTORY OF THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (CIF-SS) 


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JAPANESE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES
DURING WORLD WAR II AND FOLLOWING THE WAR

Football at Camp Manzanar.... 1943
Photo by Ansel Adams


The start of World War II caused the relocation of Japanese American families to the ten different relocation camps around the nation. Many Japanese Americans had settled in Southern California and were successful and contributing members of their communities. Japanese American high school students were active on their local high school campuses and participated in numerous sports. Those students and families lost their homes and were forced to leave their schools in the middle of their studies and sports. Many never received their high school diplomas and missed out on numerous extra curricular activities. Camps, like Manzanar, attempted to create a high school atmosphere including academic classes, high school sports, yearbooks other activities. But, those students were never allowed to leave their camps and sports were of an intra-mural nature. When World War II ended the families moved back to their home towns and began their lives over again even though many had lost all of their possessions. Burbank
 High School became a relocation high school while families established new homes. It is interesting to see how the CIFSS handled this situation in a very enlightened way. The CIFSS had amended many of their resident and transfer rules to deal with the war years and returning veterans.


# C. I. F., SOUTHERN SECTION <br> $\mathbb{M O} \mathbb{N} \mathbb{H} \mathbb{H} \mathbb{I} \quad \mathbb{B} \mathbb{U} \mathbb{I} \mathbb{I} \mathbb{I} \mathbb{I} \mathbb{N}$ <br> 9 DECEMBER, 1945 

# JAPANESE BOYS CREATE PROBLEM 

November 16, 1945
"Mr. Seth Van Patten
C.I.F. Commissioner

1955 Fremont
So. Pasadena, California
Dear Van:
With the return of a considerable number of Japanese boys to Southern California, it will be necessary for the C.I. F. to come to some decision regarding the eligibility of these boys for next semester.
In checking with these boys, I find that the federal government closed down the government schools attended by Japanese in June of last year. The schools were not re-opened this fall and the Japanese children have missed one-half of the first semester's work. Burbank Senior High School has established a policy of not allowing these pupils to take any academic subjects because it would be impossible for them to make up the nine weeks' work that they have missed. To make it possible for these students to make some credit this semester, they are being placed in two hours of non-academic subjects; i.e. a boy will be placed in two hours of Machine shop for the remainder of this semester. Providing he does satisfactory work, he will receive one-half unit of credit at the end of the semester.
Since Burbank Senior High School has six periods a day, the maximum amount of credit that a student could earn would be $11 / 8$ credits although he would be in full attendance for ten weeks, six hours a day. According to the C. I. F. ruling, a boy to be eligible must have passed in three subjects and gym. These students will have met the residence requirements but will have passed in only two subjects and gym.
A number of Japanese boys have asked whether they would be eligible for athletics next semester. I have told them that under the present ruling they will not be eligible. This problem should be of interest to a number of high schools in Southern California. Since the majority of the students who are in Burbank probably will be transferred to other high schools in the next few months, Burbank is a re-location center and the parents of these students will stay here only until they can find a permanent location.

Yours very truly,
(Signed)
Theo. Kopp
Registrar and Asst. Principal Burbank Senior High School."

This problem will be referred to the Council at its meeting on February 2.

# C. I. Fo, SOUTHERN SECTION MONTHIITI $\mathbb{B} \mathbb{U} \mathbb{I} \mathbb{I} \mathbb{I} \mathbb{I} \mathbb{I N}$ 

FEBRUARY, 1946

## Japanese Boy's Reinstatement

Mr. Theodore Copp of the Burbank High School stated to the Council that a number of Japanese boys had enrolled in the Burbank High School about the end of the first ten weeks of this school year. The Federal Government had closed the schools for the summer vacation in June and had not opened them again in September. The boys had not been able to earn 20 hours of credit during the first semester and therefore could not compete this semester if rule (e) page 14 of our 1945 Blue Book is followed.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Hamilton that boys who were in good standing and who were kept out of school by Federal Government orders shall be considered in good standing if they return to school as soon as possible when the government restrictions are lifted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Don McIntosh and seconded by Mr . Berlin that boys ruled eligible by the above motion be counted eligible as long as they continue to keep their grades up in 20 semester hours of work. Carried.

# THE SPORTS PARADE 

Al Maloney Believes Japanese
Athletes Have Future as
Football Players
BY BRAVEN DYER
Al Maloney, the uttle fire-ball who scurried about in the Trojan backfleld several ycars ago, returns from the Ortent, full of pralse for Japanese sporte fans. It was Al who managed the trouple of American
 jootball players who gave Japan its Irsi squint at the gridiron game. Maloney's squad traveled 15,000 milles, quite the longest football trip in history. Al says the enthusiastic reception accorded football in Japan was amazing considering that half the games were played in driving rain. The squad was wined and dined 50 steadily that onlyone practice session was held during the la vasion. At one game in Tokio eleven members of the royal family sat through a drenching rain until the battle ended. The schedule included ten football games, two Rugby contests and four short gridiron exhlbitions. Three football clashes with Meljl University resulted in scores of 72 to 6,73 to 7 and 47 to 0 . The Japanese were very light, averaging only 130 pounds per man, but excelled at forward and lateral passing. On running plays they had little chance against such bulky boys as Bob Erskine, Cal Clemens, Chuck Mucha, Chang Artman and other гacus cuast suars. maioney belleves that their proficient use of tr: lateral pass would enable them to scose on most any team they woul meet. The Japanese are great fighters, quick thinkers and combin speed with a natural ablity for athletic competition. They have bee playing the game only four months and Maloney thinks that within fiv playing the game only our months and tarms with invading teams be cause of their skill at the whde-open type of attack.

The trip was not a flnancial success, but sponsors in Japan wer well satisfled, estimating thet 100,000 people saw the games, $3,000,00$ read about them and more than $10,000,000$ heand them over the atr. Th American Ambassadior was loud in his praise of the trip as a mesn af promoting much good wlll between the two countries. Maloney say American athletes thoroughly enjoyed their experience and that the in't soon forget the splendid treatment accorded them by Japanes rans and officials.

Few Japanese Ready to Return as Ban G
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## Few Japanese <br> Ready to Return <br> as Ban Goes Off

Only three Japanese, two of them schoolgirls, $y e s t e r d a y$ elected, on the first day such preference was permissible, to return to Southern California from War Reldcation' Authority centers to which they were removed shortly after the outhireak of war, it was announced vesterdav.
An additional nine received permission to make brief business visits here, following which they will settle permanently at Welby, Colo., W.R.A. officials sald.

Minds Not Made Up
Paul D. Robertson, W.R.A: area supervisor for Southern California, sald the reason so few Japanese were found desirous of coming here was that they have not yet made up their own minds following the Army's surprise lifting of its "out-of-bounds-to-Japanese" order affecting the Pacific Coast combat zone.
From Manzanar, in the Owens Valley, Ruby Mitsuka Hori, 19, graduate of Roosevelt High School, will come to live with friends while attending the Los Angeles campus of the Univer-
C.I.F. Play-off Final Set for Coliseum or Rose Bowl

CARL BLUME
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# C.I.F. Play-off Final Set for Coliseum or Rose Bowl 

BY CARL, RLEME
Coach Art Badenoch's much- teammates call him, is a tip-in improved Inglewood High School footballers-as witness their surprise 7.0 victory over a highly fapred San Diego High eleven last Saturday-are gunning to make it two upsets in a row by bowling over Coach Clarence Schutte's powerful Santa Barbara Dons in the C.I.F. play-off semifinal game at Inglewood's Sentinel Field Friday night.
The game will start at 7:30 oclock, and the victor wins the right to tangle with the mighty Moors of Alhambra High for the Bracket A C.I.F. crown.

## ONE OR OTHERR

Seth Van Patten, head of the Southern Section C.I.F., an nounced yesterday that the finals will be held elther at the Collseum or at the Rose Bowl a week from Saturday. If Santa Barbara beats Inglewood, which it. is expected to do, then the game will most likely be staged in the Pas adena oval. But if the Sentinels win, then there is a strong possibllity that it will be rield in the Colisanm
Friday night's game will feature the Dons' great all-Southern California halfback, Charley Sylvester. This southpaw ace is a real honest-to-gosh triple-threater. His kicking is terrific, his passing dangerous and he is a clever, hard runner. He started the season rather slowly because of Injuries, but. Is going great guns now, according to reports. The Dons also boast a terrific end in Willie Peters, big colored lad. He, too, is being boosted for an all-Southern Callfornia post this year.

## MAY BE TOUGGH

The Sentinels, who earller in the season were walloped by San

## Educators Ad On Japs Retuirn

SACRAMENTO, Jam. A. (A)Dr. Walter F. Dexter, State Superintendent of Publle Instruc. tlon, lorday sald he is "unalterahily opposed" to the re-establish. ment of Japanese-language schools in Callfornla.
At a meeling of counly school superintendents called to discuss the returr of Japanese students to classroome, he rate the state school system should be able to assimilate them.

Blvargent Vlows
Divergent views on the return of the Japancse were expressed by the superiniendente, but bex. ter mald after an hour and a half's dilschssion:
"I feel it is the sense of this meeting that you want me to tell cor. Warren that the State's school superintendents and leachirs will co-operate fully with the drmy in recognialing the rights of the returning Japunese."
Feeling is running high agalnat the Japanese in Imperlal County, sald a representatfve from there, and he wanted to know What to do If local requests for segregation of Japa. nese in classrooms are made.
"The policy of the Stato De. partment of Fiducation is agalnsi segregation," Dexter replled,


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TURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 26, 1942
SANTA ANITA INTERNEES SENT ON WAY TO ARKANSAS
More Japs Leave Arcadla


## More Japs

 Leave ArcadiaTransfer of 500 so Arkaneas Cuts Camp Population Under 8000

Moving witn smooth efijo ciency aftained ithrough months of handling the Japanese problem in Southern Califorma. Federal authori. ties have segregated and started another 500 inmates of the Santa Anita Assembly Center by train to Rowher. Astc, where they sill ramain for the duration of the war.
The latest of thrice-weekly de-
ures reduced the Arcadia
cer's population to less than swo-somewhat below 50 per. cent of its maximum four montas ago.

Except for the slanted syes and flat noses of nearly all the evasvees, the departure could easily have been that of an equal number of Amerlcans of Caucasian blood.
Sot a word of Japanese was heard, except among the small proportion of Issel, or first-gen-eration Nipponese. Ail the wisecracks in the good-natured crowd were in the American sdiom.
The Japanese youths wore the nondescripe garb of American high school and college students, the girls wore slacks and sweat ers. In almost every instance the names called bonteringly back and forth as the passengers hoarderi a special traln on the race track slding were "Joc," "Par," "Betty," "Rose" and the lise.
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As pretty 3argaret hobayashl, 1\%, of Whittier, expressed it, "I've never seen кo many Japanese in my life as I have since I've been here. Myself, I'm an American!
On the other slde of the picturn was venerable S. Tsuchida,
$r$ Inglewood nurseryman.
ow's before shaking hands, and who, since Pearl Hiarbor, has let his beard have its own way as a sort of penance for the actions of his countrymen in the homeland.
"I not shave," he confided, "un[\} war over." Tsuchida conined his opinions about who will win the conflict to:
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## Belmoni Studenis <br> Select Japanese

Tad Mukaihata, a 17-year-0 senior honor student, was elec ed president of the Belmont Hig School student body yesterda by what was described as a coi siderable margin. Tad is a American-born Japanese,
Figures in the election wer sot available but Principal E. § Whedon declared that ifukaiha ta's closest opponents were Clevi ta's closest opponents were Clew
Burke, 17, and Marvin Marsh. 16 Burke, 17, and Marvin Marsh. 16
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Los Angeles rimer ( 8886 -Current File): Scp 29, 1944:

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. seneauteu for two rocal afdresses, Dllion S. Nyer, nation. al director of the War Reloca. ton suthorsey, is dut to arrive at Union Station over the Santa Fe today at 11:45 a.m.
The question of the return of: Japanese-Amerlcans to their for. mer homes when peace comes, now a major issue In Pasadena where prolests have been lodiged over the recent return of a Japanese girl student, will be dis. cussed by Myer conight at a meeting in the Pasadena Public meeting in the pasadena Pubilic peak before an Interfalth min sterial group Mionday at $2 \cdot 30$ m at the tiday woming Club Both meedings are undes aus plces of the Pacific Coast Com. lite on Amarican Principles and Fair Play.


During the cadaba season, fwo girls' loaguos wore formod in
addition to six boys' loagues with tho games boing played on clay addition to six boys' loagues with the games boing played on clay
and dirt courts. In action are two top-notch toams, the Duaty
Chicks and Just-A-Meres.

