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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

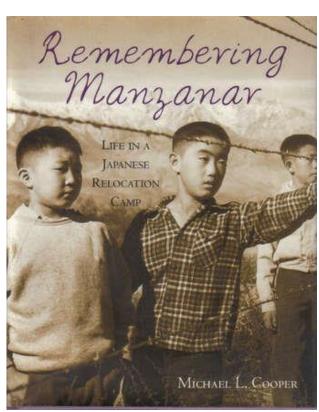






The start of World War II caused the relocation of Japanese American families to the ten different relocation camps around the nation. Many Japanese Americans had settled in Southern California and were successful and contributing members of their communities. Japanese American high school students were 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

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JAPANESE BOYS CREATE PROBLEM

November 16, 1945

"Mr. Seth Van Patten C.I.F. Commissioner 1955 Fremont So. Pasadena, California

Dear Van:

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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 1 1/8 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.F., SOUTHERN SECTION MONTHLY BULLETIN

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 little fire-ball who scurried about in the Trojan backfield several years ago, returns from the Orient, full of praise for Japanese sports fans. It was Al who managed the trouple of American



nearing from the Officia, and a place in a place in a place in a place in a coordail players who gave Japan its first squint at the gridiron game. Maloney's squad traveled 15,000 miles, quite the longest football trip in history. At 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 so steadily that only one practice session was held during the invasion. 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 exhibitions. Three football clashes with Melji 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 the buttle between the lateral passing. Comments of the content of

Bob Erskine 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 cas, Chuck Mucha, Chang Artman and other lateral pass would enable them to score on most any team they would meet. The Japanese are great fighters, quick thinkers and combin speed with a natural ability for athletic competition. They have bee playing the game only four months and Maloney thinks that within fly years they'll be able to compete on even terms with invading teams be cause of their skill at the wide-open type of attack.

The trip was not a financial success, but sponsors in Japan wer well satisfied, estimating that 100,000 people saw the games, 3,000.00 read about them and more than 10,000,000 heard them over the air. The American Ambassador was loud in his praise of the trip as a mean of promoting much good will between the two countries. Maloney say american athletes thoroughly enjoyed their experience and that the art soon forget the splendid treatment accorded them by Japanes rans and officials.

Few Japanese Ready to Return as Ban Ga Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Jan 4, 1945.

Few Japanese Ready to Return as Ban Goes Off

Only three Japanese, two of them schoolgirls, yesterday elected, on the first day such preference was permissible, to return to Southern California from War Relocation Authority centers to which they were re-moved shortly after the out-break of war, it was announced vesterday.

An additional nine received permission to make brief busi-ness visits here, following which they will settle permanently at Welby, Colo., W.R.A. officials

Minds Not Made Up

Paul D. Robertson, W.R.A. area supervisor for Southern California, said 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 Roosevell High School, will come to live with friends while attending the Los Angeles campus of the UniverC.I.F. Play-off Final Set for Coliseum or Rose Bowl CARL BLUME Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Dec 6, 1939 ng. 25

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

BY CARL BLUME

from Saturday. If Santa Barbara beats Inglewood, which it is ex-pected to do, then the game will pected 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 possi-bility that it will be held in the Collection

Friday night's game will feat-ure the Dons' great all-Southern California halfback, Charley Sylvester. This southpaw ace is a real honest-to-gosh triple-threat-er. His kicking is terrific, his passing dangerous and he is a clever, hard runner. He started the season rather slowly because 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 California post this vear.

MAY BE TOUGH

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

Coach Art Badenoch's much teammates call him, is a tip-in Coach Art Badenoch's much improved Inglewood High School footballers—as witness their surprise 7-0 victory over a highly favored 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 is semifinal game in the coaches the Norman five, are the stars of the Beverly Hills High Petrovich. the C.I.F. play-off semifinal game Petrovich, great Alhambra High at Inglewood's Sentinel Field Friday night. o'clock, 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 OTHER

Seth Van Patten, head of the Southern Section C.I.F., announced yesterday that the finals will be held either at the Collesum or at the Rose Bowl a week from Saturday. If Santa Barbara The game will start at 7:30 play football for the Moors three o'clock, and the victor wins the seasons ago. Now his dad is his right to tangle with the mighty greatest rooter. Its no wonder

Educators Act On Japs Return

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 4. (A)-Dr. Walter F. Dexter, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, today said he is "unaiterably opposed" to the re-establishment of Japanese-language schools in California.

At a meeting of county school superintendents called to discuss the roturn of Japanese students to classrooms, he said the State school system should be able to assimilate them.

· Divergent Vlows

Divergent views on the return of the Japanese were expressed by the superintendents, but Dex. ter said after an hour and a half's discussion:

"I feel it is the sense of this meeting that you want me to tell Gov. Warren that the State's school superintendents and teachers will co-operate fully with the Army in recognizing the rights of the returning Japa-ness."

nese."
Feeling is running high against the Japanese in Imperial County, said a representative from there, and he wanted to know what to do if local requests for segregation of Japanese in classrooms are made. "The policy of the State Department of Education is against segregation," Dexter replied.

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or Amueles Times (1886-Current File); Sep 26, 1942;

More Japs .eave Arcadia

Transfer of 500 to Arkansas Cuts Camp Population Under 8000

Moving with smooth efficiency attained through months of handling the Japa-nese problem in Southern California, Federal authorities have segregated and started another 500 inmates of the Santa Anita Assembly Center by train to Rowher, Ark., where they will remain for the duration of the war.

The latest of thrice-weekly deures reduced the Arcadia ter's population to less than 8000—somewhat below 50 per cent of its maximum four months

NO JAPANESE SPOKEN

Except for the slanted eyes and flat noses of nearly all the evac-uees, the departure could easily have been that of an equal num-ber of Americans of Caucasian blood.

Not a word of Japanese was heard, except among the small proportion of Issel, or first-gen-eration Nipponese. All the wise-cracks in the good-natured crowd were in the American idiom.

The Japanese youths wore the nondescript garb of American high school and college students; the girls wore slacks and sweat-ers. In almost every instance the names called banteringly back and forth as the passengers hoarded a special train on the race track slding were "Joe," "Pat," "Betty," "Rose" and the like.

SHES AMERICAN

As pretty Margaret Kobayashi, 17. of Whittier, expressed it, "I've never seen so many Japanese in my life as I have since I've been here. Myself, I'm an American!"

On the other disc.

American."

On the other side of the picture was venerable S. Tsuchida,

r Inglewood nurseryman.

pows before shaking hands,
and who, since Pearl Harbor, has let his beard have its own way as a sort of penance for the ac-tions of his countrymen in the homeland.

"I not shave," he confided, "un-til war over." Tsuchida confined his opinions about who will win

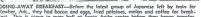
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SANTA ANITA INTERNEES SENT ON WAY TO ARKANSAS



they begin a new adventure. Five hundred were r







Belmont Students Select Japanese

Tad Mukaihata, a 17-year-o senior honor student, was elec ed president of the Belmont Hig School student body yesterda by what was described as a considerable margin. Tad is a American-born Japanese.

Figures in the election wer not available but Principal E. S Whedon declared that Mukaihata's closest opponents were Clevia Burke, 17, and Marvin Marsh, 16

There are approximately 200 pupils at the school, of whom approximately 200 are American Japanese.

Japanese.



Every member of party going east from assembly center has been checked to keep "strengers" from mixing with them along journey.

Relocation Head Will Speak Here Los Angeles Times (1886-Current File); Sep 29, 1944;

Relocation Head

Will Speak Here

... scheduler for two local andresses, Dillon S. Myer, national director of the War Relocation Authority, is duq to arrive at Union Station over the Santa Pe today at 11:45 a.m.

The question of the return of Japanese-Americans to their for mar homes when peace comes

mer homes when peace comes, now a major issue in Pasadena now a major issue in Pasadena where protests have been lodged over the recent return of a Japanese girl student, will be discussed by Myer tonight at a meeting in the Pasadena Public Library at 8 p.m. He also will speak before an interfaith ministerial group. Monday at 2:30 p.m. at the Friday Morning Club. Both meetings are under auspices of the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.



JAPANESE JET—Ralph Kubota, Compton High's amazing back who's rambled for 1007 yards on the ground this season, will lead Tarbabe offense against Fullerton in CIF prep championship game today in Coliseum. Kubota is bullet-like starter,

IN A SMALL PACKAGE ...! COMPTON'S RALPH KU STANDS 5'4" AND WEIGHS BUT 137 LBS., YET THIS NIMBLE NIPPONESE HAS ROLLED 1007 YDS. ON THE GROUND THIS SEASON!

During the casaba season, two girls' leagues were formed in addition to six boys' leagues with the games being played on clay and dirt courts. In action are two top-notch teams, the Dusty Chicks and Just-A-Meros.