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## EMPLOYMENT CUT TO 4,575 BY SEPTEMBER 1 - BENNETT POST SEGREGATION JOB OUTLOOK GOOD

Project Director L. H. Bennett, announced last night that the employment rolls will have to be cut to 4,574 workers by Sept. 1 from the present total of 5,000 plus.

Bennett explained that as a result of studies made by a special WRA investigator, funds for wages had been reduced to the extent that the cut became necessary if full wages were to be paid workers.

As it is, Washington figures for employment remain at 4,200, and the 375 extra workers are retained only because of acute need, he said. The project officer has sent in a request to Washington with supporting justification for increase in the quota up to project estimates.

Following are some of the requested quotas for the various divisions and sections; community management division-951, operations division-1,690, farm section - 680, motor transport and maintenance section-250, internal security section-135, health section - 429, engineering section - 648, administrative management division-1,725, mess section-1,591, and employment division-70.

## Inoculation For Dogs To Start

Dogs will get anti-rabies inoculations 8:30, Saturday morning at the 64 rec. hall in Butte and 9 a.m. Monday at the police station in Canal. Inoculations are free.

For dogs missed this time, owners must make appointments later at the Butte hospital.

Dogs are not immune until three weeks after inoculation, said Chief Fred Graves.

Employment prospects after segregation look very promising, said Bennett. Since this center is not receiving any transfers from Tule Lake the population will be cut considerably. There will be job openings for practically everyone left on the Project.

## ARMY

## WAC OFFICER IN CANAL TODAY

Lieut. Elizabeth Holman WAC recruiter, today shifted her recruiting efforts to the girls in Canal after spending the last two days in Butte.

She spoke to a group of women in Butte and Canal Tuesday evening, explaining the qualification and fundamentals of the WAC.

Nisei WAC will be treated equally with the regular WAC, with no segregation, and promotions as fast as one meets the qualifications. Pay ranges from \$50-\$138 a month for a non-commissioned officers, with 10% more for oversea duty for officers, 20% for enlisted WACs.

## NISEI WOUNDED IN ACTION; IS RECOVERING NORMALLY

T/S Kazuo Komoto, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshikazu Komoto of 9-8-A in Canal, was wounded in action in the Southwest Pacific July 15, and is now "recovering normally."

This is the latest message that reached the Komoto barrack Tuesday, almost three weeks after the first "wounded in action" notice had been wired.

The laconic message tells the official story of Sergeant Komoto's injury, but it doesn't tell of the three-week waiting

## TREND

## Rivers Faces Meat Shortage

Honestly and bluntly Project Director L. H. Bennett apprised block managers of a critical meat situation facing the project residents last night.

Said Bennett, "Except for 25,000 lbs. of pickled spare ribs due this weekend, meat and pork are unavailable."

Only the livestock project on the farm and the purchase of fish, also scarce, offers relief from a low protein diet. Slaughter of fattened cattle and hogs on the farm are stymied for the time by lack of a needed OPA approval. Present livestock population is 593 hogs, 4,025 chickens, 1,015 beef cattle, 100 beef calves, 15 milch cows, 5 heifers, and 18 calves.

The director pointed out steps which must be taken to insure meat, eggs and milk several months from now: (1) immediate increase in livestock employees to construct adequate housing facilities for poultry and hogs, (2) purchase of more beef cattle, (3) purchase of more hogs and chicken after housing is available.

period that elapsed at the Komoto home between the "wounded in action" notice and the "recovering normally" assurance.

The Sergeant's mother, Hisano Komoto, was spared the anxiety of waiting, for her older sons, Tetsuo in Chicago and Ted in Canal, kept the news from reaching her.

When the story finally could be told and she was informed, Mrs. Komoto had nothing but appreciation for her sons, both abroad and at home.

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### editorial

## CINCINNATUS LIVES UP TO NAME

The Ohio State convention of the American Legion recently produced results which remind one too strongly of the California Legion. They seek the return of all released persons of Japanese ancestry to relocation centers.

A Cincinnati Post Column, Cincinnati, which has been consistently just towards loyal evacuees and believes in the worth of the resettlement program, takes issue with the Ohio Legion. It states in the August 13 column:

"Cincinnati can't go along with the American Legion (in convention here yesterday) which wants all Americans of Japanese ancestry sent back to concentration camps.

"The Legion, in resolutions, suggested that all people with Japanese blood in them were treacherous and away with them. This is like Japanese saying that all Americans are gangsters, on account of Al Capone, and that all Americans should be locked up in Alcatraz.

"Or it is like saying that since Nazis are awful people, all Americans of German descent should be locked up. Nobody ever thinks of being that absurd.

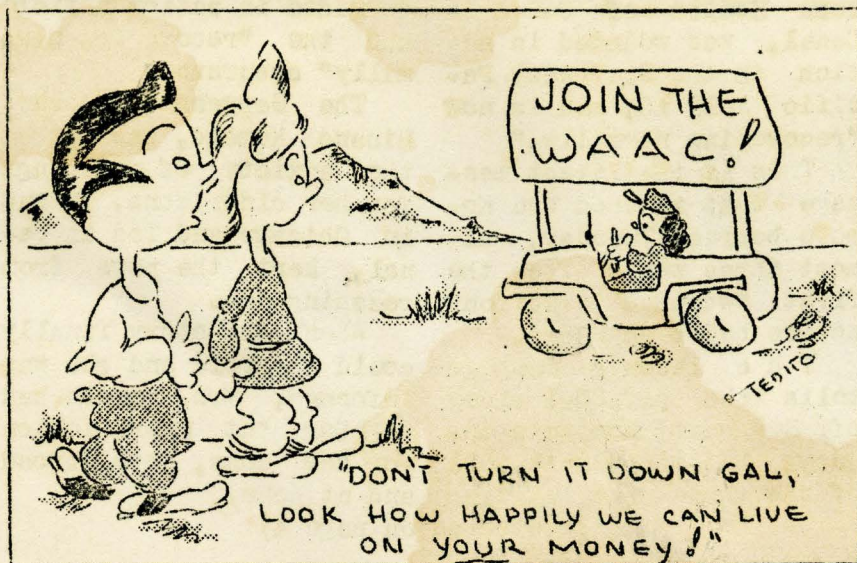
"A number of Americans of Japanese descent are working here now. Cincinnati hears that their employers speak well of their fidelity. Their fellow-workers, after being suspicious, have come to respect them. They see that Americans of Japanese descent do not differ from other Americans of the many races that make up America."

Cincinnati writes of a successful resettler: "Would people understand that he was not at all different from all other Americans who are descended from a large variety of racial stocks?"

"He said his experience has been most creditable to the intelligence of the people of this city. He has found nobody despising him. Some people have gone out to their way to be friendly, as if to show him they weren't of the kind that ties up all the people of a group in one bundle of contempt. He thought this was evidence of advanced civilization. Judging every man by his own faults or merits is the way of civilized people."

## LITTLE GUS

## TED ITO



## NEW YORK CITY UNION WELCOMES EVACUEE HELP

New York's AFL culinary Local #6 (Hotel and Club Employees Union,) largest in the United States took a vigorous stand in the defense of the right of Japanese Americans to work beside all other restaurant and hotel workers in the July 24 issue of its official publication.

This stand was a dissenting one from the parent union (Restaurant Employers International Alliance and Bartender's International League of America) whose President Flore stated that he "would not willingly agree to the invasion of our industry by evacuated Japanese, and would protest their placement in any hotel or restaurant under contractual relations with the International Union."

The New York Local #6 has not only dissented but has welcomed evacuee workers into the industry. Every food local in New York which has been contacted by the JA committee for Democracy on the question of jobs for issei and nisei has responded favorably.

The article in the official publication states:

"Our democracy is based, not on color, but on equal rights and equal responsibilities...we are all fighting and doing our bit to win the war so that all people who love this country as we do, whether or not they were born here, will be able to call themselves Americans..."

"We, as a progressive and enlightened, anti-Fascist, militantly pro-war Union, should not be misled into taking the position of excluding loyal Japanese from our industry, which would help the Fascists in fighting our country."

## CHURCH PICTURE

All those who placed their orders for the church picture taken in Canal July 25 are asked to get it from either George Baba or Art Matsuura. The price is \$1.01.



## Monetary Gift Sums Over \$270.

Recent contributions from both communities for gifts to the nurses aides of the Rivers Hospital totalled \$271.75. Canal contributed \$106.75 and Butte \$165.

The entire contribution has been used to buy books for the nurses aides, student nurses, and evacuee graduate nurses.

The nurses aides will receive the "Textbook of Attendant Nursing" and the student and graduate nurses will receive "Nurses in Action."

The books have already been ordered from a publishing firm in Denver and should arrive soon.

In behalf of the hospital personnel, Dr. William Furuta, sanitation head, expresses appreciation for the generous donations given so unselfishly by residents of both communities.

## 'A YEAR AT GILA'

Extra copies of the Gila anniversary booklet are on sale at 5¢ a t Butte and Canal administration buildings.

Those who wish to send them to friends should buy booklets and mail them early.

## HOMETOWN GIRL MAKES GOOD; EVACUEE IN PHILADELPHIA

Sachi Anraku, former Rivers resident who won wide recognition several months ago for her actions in returning a lost purse and refusing any reward for doing so, hit the newspapers again, this time for distinction of being the first evacuee to work in Philadelphia.

After a look at Sachi's picture in the Inquirer, the Evening Bulletin, another Philadelphia paper, with the largest circulation of any evening daily in the country, found her so photogenic that they also snapped pictures of her.

Sachi is working as secretary to Henry C. Patterson, relocation officer in Philadelphia.

## SUPERMAN HAS IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR EVACUEES WATCH FOR SATURDAY'S COMIC STRIP

### LIMITED

## FAMILY REUNION AT CRYSTAL CITY

A limited number of families may again be recommended for transfer to Crystal City, Texas, according to word received from the Department of Justice.

The needs for reunion of each family have to be carefully scrutinized. Cases which will receive preference will be as follows: 1. Women with no children or children under school age. 2. Families who requested repatriation. 3. Families which have serious emotional problems (continued on page 4)

## Revised Pamphlets Expected Shortly

Segregation pamphlets prepared at the Denver conference and scheduled to be distributed to residents of relocation centers has not arrived yet because they contain erroneous statements which are being changed.

The revised pamphlet is expected to arrive here shortly and will be mimeographed for the public.

The Superman comic release this Saturday, Aug. 21, will "contain a statement which should prove a stimulating tonic," WRA office in Washington revealed this week.

Creators of Superman, cartoonists Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, are running a Japanese episode which have thrown in unfavorable light on evacuees. A protest lodged by the Rev. Royden Susu-Mago of Gila (52-1-A) elicited the response that the creators nor the distributing syndicate had no malicious intent. They also indicated that they would release a favorable strip. Saturday's strip which will end the "Japanese episode" is the answer.

## MILK SUPPLY MINIMIZED 30%

The milk shortage in Rivers is part of a nationwide shortage which resulted in the rationing of milk in some areas, announced Dr. Collier, chief medical officer.

The milk supply has been cut 30% and adults must have permits from the hospital before they can receive any milk.

Those who have applied for permits and have not received them yet are asked to be patient, said Collier.

Tucson, also hard hit by the milk shortage, already has a milkless day every week.

## YWCA MEMBERSHIP CARDS AVAILABLE

Canal YWCA membership cards are now available at the CAS office for 25 cents. These cards will be of great advantage to anyone contemplating relocation.

## CHURCH SCHOOL IN FULL SWING

With a large enrollment of children and a competent staff of teachers, the Canal Christian Daily Vacation Church school is now in full swing. Meeting everyday, this school

will continue for three weeks.

Activities include Bible Study, handicraft and recreation. Credit is due to the teachers for their careful supervision.



## ANNIVERSARY A YEAR AGO YESTERDAY

A year ago yesterday, August 18, the first Project journal, a two-page weekly, was edited and published within the colony by co-editors Mike Iwatsubo and Tsuneo Shinmoto, under the nomenclature, Gila Activities News. Out of the jaws sprang the GILA NEWS-COURIER, the present official news organ of the community.

In those days when the budding community had but a fraction of its present population, it served a valuable purpose in quelling rumors and bringing the current news to the residents. Co-editors Iwatsubo and Shinmoto worked under great handicaps with only a minimum of supplies, workers, and printing materials.

## Anniversary Hop Saturday Night

Celebrating the average Gila's first year in Gila since their arrival, the "Y" Working Girls are sponsoring an "Anniversary Hop" Saturday, August 21, at Club 41, starting at 8:30 p.m.

This informal affair will feature novelty dances, with decorations of banners with names of the various assembly centers. Couples, 25 cents.

## REUNION

### CRYSTAL CITY READY FOR MORE

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which reuniting will help remedy.

Recommendations from Gila and the nine other centers will be reviewed by the Washington office. Fifty families from all the ten centers together will be recommended to the Department of Justice for transfer approval. The Justice Department will have the sole decision as to which families will be admitted. Families who are accepted or rejected will receive notice by letter.

This applies particularly to those who applied before July 1.

## Lamour And Co. Hit Road Again

Another of the successful series of the "roads" pictures starring Bob Hope, Dorothy Lamour, and Bing Crosby, the "Road to Morocco," will be shown on the Butte screen tomorrow, and Saturday for Canal. Added short subjects will also be shown.

GR District II, the "Winonahs," will collect donations for Butte.

## 'THREE DAYS' FOR DISTURBING PEACE

Arraigned before Project Director L. H. Bennett on a charge of disturbing the peace, a resident was sentenced three days in the Pinal County jail, and will be sent to the Leupp Center and eventually to Tule Lake.

During the course of the hearing the defendant requested that he be transferred to another center. He has applied for repatriation to Japan.

## WAR

### KOMOTO INJURED IN BATTLEFIELD

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"I guess they were scared the shock would be too great for me," she said. "That was why they kept it from me and from the papers. But I heard Kazuo's name mentioned over the radio and I suspected before they told me."

Born in Sanger and reared on the Parlier grape ranches, Sergeant Komoto is the eldest son of a typical California farming family. There are four other brothers in the family. Three younger brothers, Ted, Kiyoshi, and Susumu, are living in Canal and attending school. Tetsuo, second son, is working in Chicago and planning to attend school.

Sergeant Komoto was drafted into the army in March, 1941. As a PFC., he entered Camp Savage, Minn., in May of last year and graduated in November. He was sent to the Southwest Pacific in January of this year and injured on July 15.

## JOB OFFERS

**FISH PROCESSORS**--Detroit, Michigan--Hamilton Fish Co. is in urgent need of two men experienced as fish processors. Wages--\$40 per week, for a 40-hour week, with time and one-half for overtime.

**WELDERS**--Cleveland, Ohio--Immediate placement for two experienced welders. Welders are needed on a night shift. Those who work on this shift, will receive a 10% bonus in addition to wages of 90 cents per hour, with time and one-half for over 40 hr. per week.

**LUBRICATION MAN**--Lakewood, Ohio--Opening for one auto lubricator-grease trucks. Experience is preferred but not required. 85¢ per hour for 50 hr. working week.

**TRUCK DRIVER**--Cleveland, Ohio--Opening for a truck driver with experience of at least one year driving a ton or a ton and one-half truck. Duties include loading and unloading butter, eggs, cheese and milk and delivering these products to stores. \$63 for the first 15 days and \$156 per mo. thereafter.

**PRACTICAL NURSE**--Romeo, Michigan--Opening for one practical nurse capable of caring for the physical needs of children for work in private school. \$80 per month with board and a small separate cottage, comfortably furnished.

**AUTO WRECKERS**--Cleveland, Ohio--Immediate openings for 3 to 4 men with some experience in auto wrecking. \$35 per week to start for a 48 hr. week.

**DOMESTIC**--Romeo, Michigan--One couple. Duties include cooking, laundry work, care of furnace yard and cleaning sidewalks in the winter. \$150 per month plus room and board for couple.

**ACCOUNTANTS**--New York City--30 openings for accountants with specialized training (men and women.) Graduates of Stanford, University of So. Calif. & University of California preferred.



## COMING-GOING

### COMING DEPARTURES

August 20, Friday

COLORADO, Crowley: Hideo Ishimine, Isamu Itomura, James Tokunaga, Sanzo Saito, Tom Miyamoto, Sayu Kosuga, Isamu Matsui, Kenichi Iwata, George Fukuzawa, Henry Fukuzawa, Ichiro Takenaka, Kiyoshi Masuda, Tanno Fukano and Genjiro Suzuki.

DEPARTURES August 14-16.

TEXAS, Camp Walters: PVT. Akira Yamamoto.

Ft. Bliss: Cpl. Misao Sakaye, PFC. Masao Haroda, PFC. Tom Yataoka, and PFC. John Ozada.

KANSAS, Ft. Riley: Sgt. Yukio Tashiro.

ARKANSAS, Camp Robinson: PVT. Masato Yagami.

SOUTH DAKOTA, Ft. Meade: PFC. Yoshito Yamada and PFC. Tamiki Mayeda.

ARIZONA, Poston: Ren Toki Ogasawara and Rosemary Miyoko Fujimoto.

NEW MEXICO, Santa Fe: Sakae Morodomi and Shotaro Hikida.

ARRIVALS August 14-16.

ARKANSAS, Rohwer Relocation Center: Saichiro, Kikayo, Hitoshi and Koiko Matsukuma, 73-4-B.

MONTANA, Hardin: Jimmy Yoshio Ono, 28-10-D and George Taguchi, 22-14-A.

VISITORS August 14-16.

ARIZONA, Mesa: Mr. and Mrs. K. Nakatsu and Mr. and Mrs. K. Fukamoto.

Glendale: Sam Kanemura and Miko Tanita.

ILLINOIS, Rockford: Mary Shigeko Hiroto, 52-5-A.

Camp Grant: Sgt. Freddy Hiroto, 52-5-A.

## Lawson Joins Hospital Staff

Dr. Grace Lawson, regarded as one of the nation's most noted authorities on food and meal planning was added to the hospital staff as dietician.

A colorful figure, she is a personal friend of Eleanor Roosevelt, has traveled in about 56 countries, and speaks five languages.

She was formerly the director of the Market Basket Cooking Schools.

Dr. Lawson received her PhD in nutrition.

## ARIZONANS FIND NISEI GIRLS TYPICALLY AMERICAN

"I don't know how I could hate another Japanese after knowing you," wrote a Caucasian girl in the autograph book of one of the ten Rivers GR Girls who went to the YMCA summer camp near Prescott recently with their counselor, Midori Morooka.

This reflected many of the feelings of the other 72 Caucasian fellow GR campers, who decided nisei girls were just as any American girl during the

one week spent there in the cool, high elevation situated camp, where they hiked, swam, played games, etc., leaving Rivers girls enthusiastic over the "super time" they had.

Upon reaching Phoenix on the return trip, the girls proudly introduced their newly found nisei friends to their parents, and one boasted, "I didn't know any Japanese before, but I know eleven now."

--J. Y. N.

## DOUCHA NEEDS MORE WORKERS

Hog and poultry farm construction are being held up due to lack of men, says John C. Doucha, assistant project director of operations.

About 30 additional men are needed immediately to do carpenter and general construction work. All interested are asked to report to the employment office.

## MEDICINE

### SULFA DRUGS VS. PNEUMONIA

Mrs. Luther Hoffman, wife of the Deputy Project Director is on her feet instead of being bedridden thanks to modern medicine, the sulfa drugs, and the efficient medical staff of the Rivers Community Hospital.

Early last week she suffered a touch of pneumonia which seemed as if it might become an overwhelming infection.

"It felt," said Mrs. Hoffman, "as if hundreds of bricks were on my chest."

Dr. Collier and his staff worked over her all night treating her with shots of sulphanalimide and checked the rapidly spreading infection.

The next morning she was safely out of danger. "I felt much better and I was able to breathe easily once more."

Six days in the hospital, with periodic treatments of another sulfa drug, sulfathiazole, and she was ready to go home.

## FISHING

### Brush Up On Tall Tales, Bud...

Fishing for fishes may become a reality if enough fishermen are interested in volunteering to dig a fish pond, states John C. Doucha, assistant project director of operations.

This pond will be used to raise fishes such as perch, carp and bullhead, after which they will be transferred into ditches for those with licenses to fish. If all interested would report to their block managers, a site will be selected to commence the digging of the pond.

## GOOD JOB OFFERS IN MICHIGAN

Job offers for 22 girls and three men to work in the Sarah Fisher Home near Farmington, Michigan, has been received by the employment office. The Home is a Catholic Institute caring for children six years and under.

The jobs for the women range from housemaid to student child nurses, and porter to chauffeur for the men. Room and board will be provided.

The wages range from \$20 a month for the student nurses to \$120 a mo. for a senior nurse.

## CANAL PING-PONG CONTINUATION ON

The Canal CAS ping pong tournament which was left unfinished last Sunday will be continued this Sunday afternoon, August 22, at 1 o'clock in mess 13, it was reported.



## RYONO, HOMES, HURL VIKINGS TO WIN

Vikings toppled Hino-de's 5-2 last Tuesday night in a Canal inter-camp tussle.

Chucker Paul Ryono had a relatively easy task in CAS ACKNOWLEDGES SOFTBALL GIFTS

The Canal CAS wishes to acknowledge the donation of five dozen softballs from the Baseball Commission for the coming Jr. League.

## BLOCK 26 MEETS

## 24 SOFTBALLERS

Block 26 will meet Tojo Hata's Block 24 in a Canal Softball League clash tonight from 6:30

## '28 Bees Wallop

## YMBA Bees 16-10

## PACERS BATTLE

## LOMPOC BEES

Block 22 Bees downed YMBA Bees 16-10 last Tuesday night. '31 Pacers meet Lompoc Bees tonight and '65 Peppers versus '72 tomorrow night at Field 58 from 6:15. '30 Gaels face Guadalupe Bees Saturday night.

## INTER-CAMP SUMO TOURNAMENT SUNDAY

The inter-camp Sumo Tournament, which was postponed last Sunday will be held this coming Sunday, August 22, at 8:30 p. m. announced the Canal CAS.

## STANDINGS

FINAL 2CAC BEE LEAGUE				
Team	W	L	T	PCT.
Old Timers	8	1	0	.889
Panthers	5	3	1	.625
Black Jacks	3	5	1	.375
Ochi's	1	8	0	.112

FINAL SOUTHWESTERN LEAGUE					
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
Don Babes	9	1	Blk. 49	5	5
K' Klubber	7	3	Clowns	0	10
L' Wolves	6	4	Cubs	0	10

Result:

L' Wolves, 18, K' Klubber, 3

## Southwestern League finishing

Southwestern Softball League put on its finishing touches last Tuesday night while Don Babes finished first.

Members of Head Coach Hido Tanaka's and Coaches George Toyoda's, Bill Mori's and Chug Saito's champion squad are: Player-Manager Joe Nishiyama, Johnnie and Haru Kagawa, Charlie and Yosh Yamaguchi, Masa Saito, Harry Horii, Shig Kawata, Hido Kurakusa,

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this upset. Hurling beautiful ball, he also batted 2 for 4, bringing average well over .400. Determined in the third frame, he slouted a four bagger, bring in 3 tallies for the Vikings to jump

into undisputed lead. Following the sixth, the game all Vikings.

For the final week of play, the Black Jacks tangled with the Panthers tonight. Block 31 meet Old Timers tomorrow.

## LOMPOC STOPS PASADENA 5-1

## Kaname Matsuno In Two-Hitter

## Major League Leadership Tied

## MANAGERS TO SELECT ALL STAR TEAM

Kaname Matsuno's 2-hit hurling paved the way for Lompoc's 5-1 triumph over Pasadena White Sox last Monday night.

Coach Min Taira's fastballer yielded two runs-learners from the bat of Seirin Ikeda.

All tallies except two from losing hurler Lefty Nishimura were unearned. Nob Oki's three singles took batting honors.

This loss put Pasadena in a tie with YMBA and if Firemon has defeated Block 28 last night, it will put a three way deadlock for Major League's second half title.

Because all managers were not present for the meeting last Tuesday night, plans on how to play off between the tied teams were undecided.

Among things decided however was a resolution urging the Butte People's Community Council for support in bringing the San Jose Zebras of Heart Mountain here. Word was said that the team could not get "accomodations" here.

Another meeting was called for last night and how to conduct the play-off for the second half crown was to be decided.

If it was a two-way tie, it was to be a one-game play-off and if a three-way tie, a three game play-off. If it turns out that first-half-winning Guadalupe takes the second half



title too, they will be champions with no need of the play-off series scheduled for Sunday or possibly Saturday.

Managers are expected to select an All-Star team through all-opponent selections soon. The regular positions including three pitchers, two catchers and an utility infielder and outfielder is expected to be chosen, discloses League Director Ken Zenimura.

The Individual Batting Crown winner will be given an award and a "Most Valuable Player" may be selected, it was said.

The play-off between the teams is not expected to start tomorrow night.

If it is a three way tie, the play-off for the second half crown is expected to start tomorrow night.

2CAC Baseball Commission Chairman Harry Kono reveals that Rough Riders which took two 2CAC Crowns wants a play-off with the winners for Rivers crown.

Also disclosed was that Cards are after an exhibition game for Saturday with a Major League club.

Score by innings: R H E Lompoc....001102010-5 10 2 Pasadena...000100000-1 2 8 Batts:K. Sakanashi, Matsuno; Inouyo, Nishimura.

## PLAYERS ONLY

Major League Director, Ken Zenimura has put forth a reminder to managers that dugouts are for team members only--players, coaches and two bat-boys.

## HOW THEY BATTED AS A TEAM:

Team	Games	PCT.
Cubs	3	.227
King Klubbers	9	.267
Block 49	7	.251
Little Wolves	6	.221
Don Babes	7	.219
Clowns	6	.212