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POSTON I SOFTBALL -- TEAM AND LEAGUE ORGANIZATION

Intro-
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Softball apparently appears to be one of the earliest sports to find expression in the early developing stage of the community of Poston. In view of the peculiar conditions and environment existent in Poston about two months ago when the community was just being populated with evacuees from the various districts in California, softball was naturally appropriate as a form of recreation for the young and old boys and girls as well as the Issei group. Baseball is so ideally adapted to the wide and level plain that to date there have been eight full fields developed to meet the increasing interest and demand of the baseball minded public and playing units. Even these eight ball fields appear to be insufficient for the increasing number of scheduled games being played by the 83 organized softball teams now existing. Many nights there are eight ball games going on the same time. Besides the night games there are many games playing during the day. Consequently the ball field becomes one of the most popular stamping grounds of the youth and old alike. Many people who have seldom or never played softball before are playing softball now as a means of keeping occupied; or as a means of diversion from the day's work, or even as a means of the pure fun and enjoyment they get from it. And so it has some element of boosting morale of the people (players as well as the people in general) by providing recreation, team and district rivalry and competition, and diversion from the possible brood-

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ing over the entire evacuation program and the peculiar psychological as well as physical problems that it has brought with it.

Softball team competition was initiated almost immediately after the first arrival of the Japanese here in Poston, which was May 9th. There were several organized ball teams and these informally challenged each other in the beginning. Of course in the very beginning; Poston development there were no ball fields so as soon as there were constructed more and more ball games were staged. The very first teams were solely composed of older boys, who had playing experience. The girls, young boys, and old mens' teams all came into being afterwards when the Recreational Department became more definitely established.

The Recreational Department was one of the earliest active departments to function. The Department covered not only outdoor and indoor sports program but included various seemingly unrelated activities as sewing, Religious education, pre-school children education, cooperative education, etc. Ever since the inauguration of the Department there has been a constant revision and changing of the jurisdictional power and inclusiveness of the departments--that to date there are twenty-two separate sub-departments carrying on various forms of activities with the Recreational Department(a list of the sub-departments is filled).

Generally speaking the entire outdoor sports program appears to be very well coordinated and directed. There are provisions for the older boys' group, the younger boys' group,

old men's group, and the girls' group. All these groups are not in one general division. On the contrary, with the exception of the old men's group, each of the groups are entirely independent of each other. At the present time the old men's program is included in with the older boys' sports program which is under the direction of Mr. Yozo Kobayashi. All young boys' activities are under the direction of Mr. George Chida. All girls' activities are under the direction of Miss Maki Ichiyasu; and the softball program specifically has been under Miss Tee Mikami's supervision. To get a better picture of the organization of the softball activities for the different age and sex groups, each group shall be described separately.

I. OLDER BOYS' OUTDOOR SPORTS DIVISION.

This division is directly under the supervision of Mr. Yozo Kobayashi, a young man who has had quite a bit of experience in sports activities. All indications point to the fact that he is discharging his duties and responsibilities very efficiently. Mr. Kobayashi was extremely patient and cooperative with the interviewers in the two interviews that took about two or three hours. He explained that he had not had actual experience as an organizer or executive, but he stated that through suggestions from his staff members and what little knowledge he had in organization he built up the present older Boys' Sports Division. From Mr. Kobayashi and other members of his staff, the following information was obtained.

Set-up. The Older Boys' Sports Department has upon its own initiative and without official recommendation and sanction by the administration, officially set itself up as the "Poston Community Athletic Association". At present this organization officially includes only the older boys and men sports division. It is the hope of Mr. Kobayashi and his staff to have this association include all sports activities in Poston. The various sports division segregated by sex, age, or activity would have equal representation in this association. This is only a suggestion at present and no compelling effort has been made to forcefully include the various sports divisions into this association. It is felt by the Older Boys' Sports Department that if this is done, the various sports activities would be more harmoniously and closely coordinated. Mr. Kobayashi has approached few other divisions and they have expressed themselves in favor of such an inclusive association. (This matter was discussed in a meeting of the staff on August 12th and minutes of the meeting is attached to report). There is an informal council of the present P.C.A.A., which formulates policies and programs. Six members who are staff members of the Department make ^{up} ~~up~~ this staff, including Mr. Kobayashi who is acting chairman. Mr. Kobayashi explained that the council is informal in that no set meetings have been held and as most of the council members are usually in the Department headquarters almost every working day, policies and programs are formulated by casual and informal person to person contact. The council is represented by every sub-division heads of the Department.

Program. The Older Boys' Sports Department conducts sports activities for boys 15 to 35 years of age. Because of the numerous sports that are possible, the activities of the Department have been divided in two--major sports and minor sports. The major sports are coordinated under Mr. Kobayashi's supervision and include such sports as softball, baseball, basketball, football, soccer, track, and volley ball. The minor sports are coordinated under Mr. Harley Osari as supervisor and include swimming, badminton, tennis, and various other sports. (Possibility of including judo, sumo, wrestling, and boxing to go in the minor sports division).

At present there is no definite and set program as to the date of the various sports season but probably this will follow closely to the national sports seasons. Right now softball is the major and seasonal sport.

Because of the great interest so spontaneously shown and in order to meet the demand for organized league competition, the softball teams have been carefully divided into several organized leagues.

"A"
League

The "A" league, which consists of teams which are ranked the highest as far as playing ability and strength are concerned, is subdivided into two leagues, namely the American League and the National League. Each league has ten organized teams in it, or a total of twenty teams for both leagues. (The official league standing as of August 9 is filed).

"B"
League

The "B" league, which was organized on about June 30th, 1942

and which consists of teams that are inferior in strength to the "A" league teams, is also sub-divided into two leagues, namely, the Northern League and the Southern League. There are ten teams in the Northern League and nine teams in the Southern League. The ranking of the teams into "A" and "B" leagues was done arbitrarily by the staff members of the Boys' Department in the formative stage of the leagues. Only a very few are teams that were formerly organized and played as a unit. Quite a few of the teams are teams whose members come from the same block. Various districts in California are represented. Competition and interest are very keen among the various teams. (The standing of the teams as of August 10th is filed with report).

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Most of the teams in the "A" and "B" leagues are teams that have been organized after coming to Poston. Only a few of the teams have been organized ball teams before coming to Poston. (Reports on some of the "A" and "B" league teams are attached herein).

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The "A" League officially began about June 15, 1942 with 20 organized teams. The "B" League officially began about June 30th, 1942 with 19 organized teams. The League competition was practically over for both leagues at the time research was made, and a playoff between league champions and runner-ups is just being conducted. In two weeks the champions of the two leagues will be determined. The "A" league teams play an average of about 13 to 16 games per week. The "B" league teams play about an equal number of games weekly. Many nights the

eight ball fields available in Poston One are all occupied by league teams. At least every night of the week several "A" and "B" league games are being played.

League
Systems

Each team in each of the leagues play the other teams in its respective league once only. The team with the largest number of wins and the minimum of losses in each league obviously becomes champion of its league at the end of the scheduled league competition. As each of the "A" and "B" leagues are divided into two sub-leagues, it becomes necessary to have a play-off between the sub-league champions to decide the respective league champions. The system employed by the Department to decide league champions is the Shaughnesy System which is slightly complicated. In this system the runner-ups in each of the sub-leagues have an equal chance of winning the league championship as the champions of the sub-leagues themselves. The final league standing of the "A" league has already been determined (August 11, 1942). In the sub-leagues the champions and runner-ups respectively are: American, Riverside and Orange County; National, Vista and Golden Bears. In the next two weeks Riverside is to play the Golden Bears (National League runner-ups) in a best two out three game series. Vista (National League champions) will play Orange County (American League runner-ups) in a similar series. The two winners of these two series will face each other in a best two out of three game series to determine the champion of the "A" league. The "B" league tournament is still not completed but the same system will be instituted to determine the champion of the League.

(The "B" League standing of the teams as of August 11, 1942 is still uncompleted.)

Future
Plans.

At the conclusion of the play-off series in the "A" League it is the plan of the Department to formulate what will be called the "AA" League, which will include the five top teams in the present American and National Leagues of the "A" League. This will provide greater competition in this proposed new league and consequently stimulate keener interest among the league teams as well as the baseball-minded public.

The scheduling of all "A" and "B" league games have been done almost entirely by Mr. Ray Furuta, who is an assistant to Mr. Kobayashi. The league teams had nothing whatsoever to say in the matter of game schedules, although they were directly involved. There have been no complaints or criticisms from the teams, however.

Initial
Games.

During the very first stages of the development of Poston beginning with the arrival of the first group of evacuees on May 9th, 1942, the Recreational Department's sports program was not yet coordinated, however, organized ball teams possessing their own softball equipments staged informal challenge games with each other. These organized ball teams represented different districts in California. Some of them were: Orange County, Riverside, Vista Panthers (San Diego Co.), Oceanside (San Diego Co.). There were about four other pick-up teams in the very beginning. On about June 15th, 1942, all the present league teams were formally inducted into respective leagues and provided a schedule of competitive games. The formation of the different leagues was largely the efforts of the Problems. Recreational Department. There was a large amount of sectional rivalry between the various teams and this was also fostered

by the interested public. Team members were especially selected on the basis of district origin. Now, however, a large number of the members added to teams are based on playing ability. On the other hand, there is an increased amount of sectional rivalry among the baseball-minded public and large numbers of people, old and young alike, turn out to cheer their favored team on to victory. The Department in the very beginning attempted to formulate teams on a block basis, but this inevitably became impossible in view of the large numbers of already organized ball teams.

Equip-
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Problem.

From the very beginning the Department has been without and sufficient equipment, especially softball equipment. As many of the organized ball teams had their own equipment, the situation was eased a bit in the beginning, but with the formation of a vast number of new ball teams here in Poston, the problem of equipment shortage was acutely felt. The first and only financial contribution received by the Department for equipment was \$50.00 received from the Business Enterprise Division through Mr. James efforts. This money was usurped long ago. In the meantime a supply of equipment was received from the Government. This supply was most gratifying to the hard-pressed Department. Originally the supply was specifically for Camp One's use, but in the recent past equipment has been loan freely to Camp Two and even Three. On August 11th the Department felt the existing supply of softball equipment would not last for more than two or three weeks. Consequently the equipment is being carefully rationed.

Functions. The Boys Outdoor Sports Division of the Recreational Department serves many functions. For one thing it is the central headquarters or custodian for all sports equipment. The Girls Department, Boys Club Department, Issei Department, and various other departments have to see the Boys Outdoor Sports Department for any loan of equipment. It appears, however, that the Boys Division which includes teams of the "A" and "B" Softball Leagues have definite priority over all equipment. Very probably this condition is not too well received by the other Departments which need equipment just as badly as the Boys Department. Probably a more satisfactory plan would be to ration sports equipment to the various sports division according to some fair arrangement of distribution.

The Department serves in another function, more unofficially, that is of providing man-power for the various other sub-departments within the Recreational Department. This is to say that the Boys Department assist other departments providing in manual labor as in the preparation of some big event. The Boys Department staff members are always readily available and so far have been rather cooperative in this effort. When the Sewing Department staged a big fashion show about two or three weeks ago, the Boys Department assisted in preparing the hall for the occasion by moving benches and tables, cleaning and decorating the place, and doing other odd tasks. They greatly assisted the Music and Drama Departments in the staging of the Water Festival of some time ago by providing man-power.

The Department attempts its best to coordinate its activities with the other sports activities as wrestling, sumo, judo, boxing, etc.

Several of the staff members of the Department are serving as playing managers of various teams and almost all of the staff members are players on some teams. In the "A" League there are about 5 team managers who are also staff members, while in the "B" League there are 3 team managers who are staff members.

Admission of teams into the different leagues is made upon application for admission by the team manager, who fills out a form listing the names and positions of all of the team members. The Department upon previous and present knowledge of the team evaluates the strength of the team and places it into the respective league.

Criticism. The Boys Department is slightly indignant over the criticism heard from some sources that its department is the laziest of all. Mr. Kobayashi explained that the work of the Department is directly concerned with providing a sports program for boys between 15 and 30 years of age, and much of the work is done at odd hours as in the daily evening games. Playing is their work and must not be construed to mean that they are lazy and neglecting their work. There are about 20 on the staff now, but it is the hope of Mr. Kobayashi to increase this to meet the increasing demand of the public for a more extensive recreational program. The greatest problem of the Department right now is that of securing adequate sports equipment, as they are faced with an acute shortage in the very

near future. Besides providing equipment for the present eighty three organized ball teams in Poston One, equipments are loaned out to Poston Two and Poston Three.

II. ISSEI SPORTS ALIVISION.

Set-up. The Issei sports program is very closely coordinated with that of the Boys Department. In fact the Issei Sports Department is directly within the jurisdiction of the Boys Department. Mr. Sekizo Yoshikawa serves as the head of the Issei Department but he receives advice from Mr. Kobayashi. The Department is still in its formative stage, and the softball league has just been started. Although it is the aim of the Issei Department to provide a sports program for Isseis, it does not exclude the older Nisei members. Any male above 35 years of age is eligible to participate in any softball game.

League. The Issei softball league is officially called the "Grandpa League". As in the case of the "B" League, this league is divided into the Southern League and the Northern League, each league having 5 teams in it. The 10 teams are all organized on a block basis with the teams being called as Block 54, Block 45, etc. None of these teams have ever played before as a unit and they represent strictly pick-up teams being organized since coming to Poston. It is reported that many of the players on different teams have never played softball before, although a large number have had some playing experience. Consequently, it would appear that this activity is being provided purely for relaxation and recreation.

The "Grandpa League" was inaugurated about August 4, 1942. Sensing the need for such a league Mr. Yoshikawa went to every Block Manager in Poston One and suggested to them the possibility of such a league. The response from the Block Managers was very favorable as indicated by the ten teams which was spontaneously organized, and now members of the League.

League
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Make-up.

In the Southern Division, Blocks 54, 59, 45, 35, and 43 are represented. Block 54 has 10 players and players hail from Brawley, Oceanside, and Los Angeles. Block 59 has 11 players and most of them come from Calexico and a few from Los Angeles. Block 45 has 10 players who hail from Los Angeles. Block 35 has 15 players who hail from Los Angeles. Block 43 has 15 players and most of them hail from Oceanside.

In the Northern Division, Blocks 30, 26, 14, 18 and 22 are represented. Block 30 has 15 players and these players hail from Los Angeles. Block 26 has 16 players who presumably hail from Imperial Valley region. Block 14 has 13 players who hail from different districts as Dela and Los Angeles. Players from Blocks 2, 27, and 28 are on this Block 14 team. Block 18 has 11 players who hail from Salinas. Block 22 has 11 players who represent Orange County.

On about August 25th the league competition is expected to end. For the championship of the "Grandpa League" a play-off between the winners of the Northern and Southern Leagues will be conducted. The League games are scheduled for Tuesday and Saturday evenings of the week. The average age of the players is 40 years.

Aid.

The Boys Department directly assists the "Grandpa League"

by providing all the equipment, playing field, umpires, and other necessary services. At present each team takes its own score and reports this to the headquarter.

Need. Mr. Yoshikawa felt that the Issei sports activities should independent of the Boys Department, although he felt it essential to have a close cooperative relation between the two departments. He felt a need to expand the Issei sports program to facilitate all Isseis desiring to participate in some sports activity.

III. BOYS CLUB DEPARTMENT.

Nature. The Boys' Club Department under the direction of Mr. George Chida, works in very close cooperation with the Boys' Department and provides a program of sports activities for young boys between the ages of ten to fifteen years. The Boys' Club Department, however, is an entirely independent department and headquarters is at Block 11 Recreational Hall, the same building as that of the Boys' Department. At the present time the Boys' Club program emphasized softball competition. However, the Boys' Club Department provides all kinds of activities for boys between the ages of ten and fifteen enrolled in the department. In fact, at the present time as the Boy Scout movement is not yet established, the Boys' Club Department is extending its activities into the program of the Boy Scouts, by including such activities as hiking, nature study, handicraft, wood craft, soap carving, and many other activities.

Very soon a pingpong tournament will be staged. There are thirteen boys' clubs organized at the present time. As softball is the major emphasis at the present time, the team has been organized into a league called the Midget League. As in the "B" league, the Midget League is separated into a Northern League and a Southern League. The Northern League has a seven club team and the Southern League has a six club team. Very interestingly, the names of the teams are all, with the exception of two, taken from Indian tribal names. The Midget League was formulated officially on about July 7th, 1942. Originally there were three other club teams in the league but these dropped out from active competition due to their relative playing weakness. All of the teams have their own uniforms which consists solely of "T" shirts with the name of the respective team printed on them. It was explained that "T" shirts were bought by the players themselves and for the small fee of twenty-five cents per team, the Sign Department printed the names of the "T" shirts. The team members take great pride in wearing these "T" shirts for the "T" shirts distinctively establishes them with an organization or a club in this case. At least the shirts have a psychological element in keeping the club as even a closer unit. None of the clubs were organized before coming to Poston. The major, and perhaps the sole reason that drew members of a team together in forming a particular club was the fact that they formerly or since coming to Poston have associated very closely with each other. Since the

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organization of these form of clubs, the members of the unit always go about as a unit and one can easily distinguish a club by the printed "T" shirt that members most always wear.

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Rally.

Mr. Chida informed that a Boys' League rally will be held on August 22nd, 1942 in which all the boys' clubs will be represented by their members. At this rally each club will put on a few stunts and skits and prizes will be weighed to the best stunts or skits. Five hundred youngsters are expected to attend this rally. Mr. Chida explained that he tried to get \$10.00 from the Community Enterprise to defray the cost of refreshments for this rally but the Community Enterprise refused him this money. He was told that many other organizations need financial assistance and all the organizations could not be financially accommodated by the Community Enterprise Division. Mr. Chida said the boys will go without refreshments at this rally. Mr. Chida hopes to plan for some program which will provide competition in some sports activity between the youngsters of Poston I, and of Poston II. The Northern Division of the Midget softball league have seven teams as follows:

Make-up
of
Teams.

(1) Iroquois--this team has fifteen players and who hail from Salinas. As a ball team, they are a strong aggregation as a number of the team members have played softball before. It is reported that the star pitcher of the team has been selected to play for the Golden Bears "A" league team.

(2) The Incas--this team has sixteen members and they represent several districts but most of the players come from Bakersfield. All of the players come from Block 6.

(3) The Sioux--there are fifteen members in this team and they come from Delano.

(4) The Kiowas has fourteen players who come from Bakersfield.

(5) The Flatheads have thirteen players and they are a mixed group, most of the players coming from Los Angeles and El Centro.

(6) The Pawnees have fifteen players and who come from Orange County.

(7) The Navajos have fifteen players and who come from Salinas. This is one of the few teams which was organized into units as the members were on the sidelines watching some ball games being played by already organized teams.

The Southern Division of the Midget League has six teams as follows:

(1) The Mohicans has fourteen members who come from Los Angeles.

(2) Apaches has sixteen members and represents El Centro.

(3) The Cherokees has fifteen members and represents Oceanside.

(4) The Comanches have twelve players and represents Salinas.

(5) The Torres has thirteen players and represents Coachello.

(6) The Cheyennes have fourteen players and represents Los Angeles.

Each of the ball teams has an adult manager. These managers are selected by the Department and they do not necessarily have to come from the same place as the members of the teams.

Staff. Working with Mr. Chida, there are seven staff members, all older boys who supervise and directs the various ball games and activities. These seven staff members with Mr. Chida constitute a council of the Boys' Club Department and a meeting is held every Saturday morning. There is keen Conflict.interest and rivalry among the teams. In fact, there is a strong evidence of cliquishness among the clubs. Consequently, the supervisors have difficulty in having the members of one team associate with the members of the other teams. Also once a group has been organized, the group find it very difficult to admit new members. All softball games are played in the morning between the hours of 8:00 and 10:00. This schedule of games did not interfere with the Christian Vacation Schools which was held between 10:00 A.M. and 11:30 A.M., however, when the Buddhist Vacation School, which held school from 9 to 11 was started, the schedule of the Boys Club games caused the Buddhist school some conflict. This conflict is still prevalent but it has been reduced to a minimum. The present softball league is to end on about

August 15th, 1942. A new tournament will be inaugurated after August 22nd, which is the date of the Boys' Rally, The Boys' Club Department is also confronted with the problem of lack of equipment. (The Midget League standing as of July 30th, 1942 is filed with report.)

IV. GIRLS' OUTDOOR SPORTS.

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Set-up.

The sports activities of the girls come under the department of Health Education which is under the direction of Miss Tee Mikami. The activities of this department is divided in three: (1) Athletics, which includes major sports in league competition; (2) Recreation, which includes playday, children's play hour, and indoor activities; and (3) Water activities which includes swimming. There are nine girls on the staff and each one has a definite responsibility. Softball which is in season now is only one of the activities which the department hopes to carry out. The Girls' Department necessarily has to work in close harmony and cooperation with the Boys' Department in the matter of equipment and program. The girls' softball league competition is divided into a "A" and "B" league as in the case of the Boys' league.

"A"
League.

The "A" league consists of six organized teams whose players represent out of high school and working group. The "A" league began about August 5th and games are played on Tues. and Thursday evenings at about 7:30 at Field 21. The nine girls who are on the staff are now cooperatively running the activities of the department. They are now working with Miss Maki Ichiyasu who is supposed to be the head of all girls'

club work. Miss Mikami states that the tentative plan that eventually the Health Education department would be included in the Physical Education Department of the school program when the school is set up. One of the aims of the department besides providing pure recreation for the girls is to break down any sectionalism or cliquishness among teams and members.

Aims.

Plan.

It is the hope of the department to formulate a women's association from all the teams that are now represented in the "A" and "B" leagues. Two girls are managers of each of the league, namely "A" league and "B" league. These two girls of each league are responsible for the arrangements of all games in their respective league as in the matter of equipment, field, and other essential details. They also settle any disputes or any problem that may arise. Miss Mikami gave the following information about each of the six "A" league teams:

Team
Make-up.

(1) The Polejinks team consists of eleven players and they come from Bakersfield, Brawley, Holtville, Los Angeles, Anaheim, El Centro. The majority of the players live in Block 6. This team was organized purely for the softball tournament.

(2) The Argoettes team has fifteen girls who come from Orange County. The team played as a unit before coming to Poston. The members do not live in the same block. They are very much sports minded and love to play but their sportsmanship is not too well.

(3) The Vista team consists of twelve girls. This team is a combination of former Vista and Oceanside teams. They

live in Blocks 5 and 37. The players all love to play ball and their enthusiasm at game time and practice time is very high. The nucleus of the team is their star pitcher.

(4) The Boyle Heights team consists of thirteen girls who have never played as a unit. They were organized since coming to Poston and players live in Blocks 36, 35, 45, 46. This team is purely organized for the softball tournament.

(5) The Delano team has fourteen girls who hail from Delano. They never played before as a team and were organized only since coming to Poston. It is reported that they are "grand stand" players. After watching a few games, the members of the team decided that they would rather form a team and play themselves instead of just watching from the side lines. The players live in Blocks 13 and 14.

(6) The Sewing School team consists of fifteen girls who represent Bakersfield, Imperial Valley, San Diego County. This is a pick-up team which was formed purely because of the same interest among the members. Teachers and pupils of the Sewing School make up the team and they play strictly for the recreation they receive.

In the two games played, the attendance at the games were fifty and two hundred fifty.

"B"
League.

The Girls' "B" league consists of six teams and the players all are of the high school group. The league began about August 3rd and games are played on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings beginning at 7:30 at the different fields which are available. None of the teams were organized before coming to Poston.

Miss Lylienne Kurisaki of Block 54 is one of the two managers of the "B" league. Through her much of the information about the different "B" league teams were obtained. Only three games have been played to August 14th and the attendance has been from fifty to one hundred people. The audience always consists of mostly boys. Miss Kurisaki stated that the attitude of the girls' teams on the field depend very much on the attitude of the/who are watching the game from the side lines. This is to say that if the boys cheer them on, the girls are stimulated to display greater team work and playing ability.

Team
Make-up.

(1) The Postonettes team consists of eleven players who come from the Imperial Valley district. They live in Quad "E", which consists of Blocks 59, 60, 53, 54. The team was organized here in Poston for the first time. The team is organized as a club and besides athletic competition, they emphasize social affairs. The club meets on every other Saturday. The group works pretty well as a unit. The members also hope to carry on some handicraft project soon.

(2) The Red Caps team consists of fifteen players and most of them are from the Imperial Valley region. Girls live in Block 39. The team is not formed as a club but purely for softball competition and organized since coming to Poston. The manager of the team is a man. The manager has provided the team with gloves and red baseball caps, hence the name, Red Caps. To date, they have shown great strength as a ball team. Prior to playing softball, this same team played in a volley ball tournament.

(3) The "Model T" team has eleven players and most of them come from Orange County and a few from Oceanside. The girls live in Block 44. The team was formed here in Poston for softball competition. It is a fairly strong team.

(4) The Arabettes team has ten players who come from Indio and Imperial Valley district. The players live in Block 42. The team was formed after coming to Poston but before playing softball as a unit, it has competed in a volley ball tournament here in Poston. It is organized on a club basis and social activities are also part of the team program. It is a fairly strong team.

(5) The Papoosettes team has ten players who come from the Boyle Heights district in Los Angeles. The players live in Blocks 35, 36, 45, and 46. It is not a club but just a unit formed to compete in the softball tournament. It is a relatively weak ball team. There is little cooperative spirit displayed by the members. This may be due to some individual stars on the team.

(6) The Poston Debutantes team has thirteen players and they are from Delano mostly and some from Bakersfield. Some of the members played in softball as a unit before coming to Poston but the present team is a new organization. The girls live in Blocks 19 and 13 and surrounding blocks.

All of the girls teams in the "B" league have men coaches and one team has a male manager. The games are played on whatever field that is not being used by the boys, usually the field near Block 45 is open to the "B" league teams. There is also

a degree of sectionalism prevalent among the teams in the "B" league and it is the hope of the league managers to reduce this to a minimum. The Girls' Department feels that there is a conflict existing between its department and the Boys' Department, especially in the matter of equipment and ball fields. The girls would like to have more equipment and one or two good ball fields assigned to them exclusively. At present they are given usage of the three worst diamonds in Poston I.

Non-
League
Teams.

At present there are two junior high school softball teams which are organized as teams but not members of any official league. These two teams are formed, one from Quad "A" and the other from Quad "B". There are eighteen players on the Quad "A" team and these players represent Imperial Valley, Delano, Bakersfield, Orange County, Laguna Beach, Oceanside and Vista. This team is very enthusiastic about playing softball but the girls also take an interest in social activities. The Quad "B" girls besides participating in softball games take an interest in social activities. The two teams informally challenge each other at different times.

V. MEN'S DEPARTMENTAL NON-LEAGUE TEAMS.

There are about thirteen departmental men's teams which have been organized in Poston but which has no membership in any organized league. Some of the teams represent the truck drivers, warehouse men, reefers (refrigeration crew), custodians (recreational department), nursery, white collar (Administration employees), soil science and about six kitchen teams. These various

teams challenge each other in informal games. Usually they play on Sunday morning and some other night in the week when a ball field is vacant. The Boys' Department cooperate with these non-league teams in providing the necessary equipment and the ball field. These teams have been organized rather spontaneously here in Poston. Some of the players who play on these teams are members of either the "A" or "B" league teams. These players are not prohibited from playing on these departmental teams. The players play purely for the enjoyment and recreation that they get out of the games and they do not intend to form any sort of formal club out of the teams now organized. Possibly some of the teams may enter league competition later on.

(T.Y.)

VISTA, NATIONAL LEAGUE -- "A" LEAGUE

(HOSHIO TANEDA)

The Vista team, which has won the championship for the National League in the "A" league division, is composed of eleven players. Officially they are known as the "Vista Panthers" and all of the players hail from Vista which is in San Diego County. For the past six years, they have been playing together as a unit. They are strictly a softball team. The ages of the players range from seventeen years to twenty-four years. In the past, they have won several league championships in Vista, California. Not long ago, they won the Southern California championship which was held in Los Angeles and in which the leading Japanese softball teams participated. Almost all of the players on the team live in Block 28. Having played as a unit for quite some time, the players know each other very well and get along with each other nicely. Consequently team spirit is very high. The team formerly were equipped with regular uniforms but it does not have this now. These uniforms were paid for by each individual. Back in Vista, California, this ball team belonged to a bigger organization called the "Vista Seinen Kai" (Vista Young Men's Association). In fact, a few times in the past, the present ball team has played under the name of "Vista Seinen Kai". In Poston at present, informal meetings are held by the team members occasionally. The meetings

are informal in that it is not called and ~~not~~ like one of the
common bull sessions.

ORANGE COUNTY, AMERICAN LEAGUE -- "A" LEAGUE

(RAY FURUTA)

The Orange County softball team, which has won the runner-up position in the American League of the "A" league, is composed of eleven players who hail from Santa Ana, Huntington Beach, Garden Grove, and nearby cities. The present ball team was organized about four years prior to coming to Poston. This softball team belongs to the greater organization called "The Orange County Young Men's Association". This association carried on athletic and social activities but it specialized in sports. The association is formally organized with a president, vice president, secretary, and other essential offices. There were sixty members in the association prior to coming to Poston and most, if not all, of the members are believed to be here. Most formal meetings are held in Poston at present. The ages of the playing members of the ball team range between seventeen years and twenty-eight years, with most of the players in the twenty-twenty-one year bracket. The team won the Southern California Softball Tournament in 1940 held in Los Angeles. In this tournament, all the leading Japanese teams in Southern California participated and it was sponsored by the Japanese newspaper, The Rafu Shimpo. Most of the members are farmers. The members do not live in the same block but they stick pretty close together in sports and other social activities. The team has its own uniforms

for each of the players but they do not use it now due to the heat. The fifth ranking team of the American League namely, the Peacock, is a sister ball team to the Orange County group, as the members of the Peacock team belongs to the same Orange County Young Men's Association.

RIVERSIDE, NATIONAL LEAGUE - "A" LEAGUE

(YOZO KOBAYASHI)

The Riverside softball team, which has won the National League championship in the "A" League, is composed of twelve players. The players all hail from Riverside, California or neighboring districts. The softball team is a part of the larger organization called the Riverside Young Men's Association. This association was originally formed in 1929. However, in 1934, the association was re-organized and a complete new set of members were recruited. Even prior to 1929, when the club was first formulated, many of the ball players then played together with Caucasian team members. They played as a semi-professional team in the Citrus Belt League. The association in Riverside just prior to coming to Poston consisted of fifteen active members. In the recent past, the association has gone in for basketball, track, softball, tennis, and various other sports and activities. In Poston at present, there are only eight active members. The association belonged to a Tri-County League, which consisted of San Bernardino County, and another neighboring county (?) besides Riverside. Sports competition and social affairs were held by this Tri-County Organization. Only three members of the present ball team were on the original Riverside team (prior to coming to Poston). The rest of the members had had playing experience however. All the members hail from the same quad although not the same block.

GOLDEN BEARS, NATIONAL LEAGUE - "A" LEAGUE(*Magnum 2846*)

The Golden Bears soft ball team, which has won the runner-up position in the National League of the "A" league, is composed of eleven players, all hailing from Los Angeles. This ball team is a sub-organization of a larger organization of the same name which is associated with the Y.M.C.A. This larger organization was formed about twelve years ago. The club has three different groups representing different age groups: Cubs, Juniors, and Seniors. The ages range from fourteen to twenty-nine years. They are fifty members here in Poston. ^{Softball is} /only one of the activities that this association carries on. Social activities are a definite part of the association's program. The association has met officially here in Poston just a few days ago. The best players of the club are represented in the Golden Bears "A" League team. There is also a Golden Bears "B" League team composed of players of the association.

RADIO SKIT

By Toshi Yatsushiro

(Three bells sounded)

ANNOUNCER: This is radion station N U T S located in the heart of the great American desert in Arizona along the beautiful Colorado River broadcasting to you from the high frequency of 1,999,999 icicles. From the beautiful and remantic city of Poston we bring you nightly a series of dramatic news stories.

The sound of the bell will indicate the time as 12:00 o'clock midnight. At that time you will hear your favorite weekly program sponsored by the "Chilly Billy Beans, Inc."

(Bells sound)

(Song-"Giribiribin" played on harmonica or sung to words "Chilly Billy Beans")

ANNOUNCER: Good evening ladies and gentlemen, again, the Chilly Billy Beans, Inc. presents for your entertainment and approval, an hour of entertainment. But right now, have you tried our delicious Chilly Billy Beans which comes in six different shades, blue, green, yellow, red, purple, and pink, If you serve a dish of chilly billy beans with every meal you will gain that extra warm, vigor, and vitality that are so necessary in these cold

winter days without stoves. If you have not tried them yet, will you please go to your nearest grocery store and ask for our delicious Chilly Billy Beans. After a dish of our Chilly Billy Beans, you will feel like "happy days are here again!"

(Song or tune --- "Ciribiribin")

Right now, we present to you your favorite radio star --Uncle Snoops Zoop and his crack pots.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Hi, ya, folks. (applause and cheers) This is your favorite radio star Uncle Snoop-Zoop talking to you again. It seems like it's been so long ago since I last talked to you last Friday night. But I have been thinking of you all and I hope you have been thinking of me, too, with every dish of Chilly Billy Beans that you have been eating with every meal. You have been eating Chilly Billy Beans--I hope--I hope--I hope. You know everytime I eat a mouthful of that suff--er I mean Chilly Billy Beans--I feel all at once so full of life and as strong as Hercules. Especially for you growing children who are listening to this program--eat a dish of Chilly Billy Beans with every meal--with your breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Then you'll find the secret of life for the first time--you'll be so wide awake and cheerful, (yawns and groans--) like me. Won't you please buy a package of Chilly Billy Beans the very first thing tomorrow when

you're shopping in town--won't you do it for my sake
--if not for yours--my neck depends on it.

GEO: Say, did you know that Dr. Spicer tried our specialty
the other day?

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Yeh! Didn't he like it?

GEO: Well, he said it was all right--but--er--it had it's
embarrassing moments.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Haw--haw--I don't get it!

TOM: Say, you know--talking about Dr. Spicer--he's a swell
guy isn't he? I sure like him--don't you?

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Well--he's all right in his place--but--
the place hasn't been dug yet.

HISAKO: What's that guy doing in Poston--anyway?

TOM: Oh! They say he's doing research for some sort of
Socialistic Bureau.

GEO: What kind of Bureau is that?

TOM: They say they are trying to find out why men act like
men and why women act so screwy.

HISAKO: Say that's very interesting. I've been trying to
figure that out myself. Say--what am I saying?

TOM: Say, did you hear the story about the firemen being
called out to Ward 7 to put out a fire?

GEO: No, what happened?

TOM: Well, when they got there, they found the ham smoking
his pipe peacefully.

GEO: Who?

TOM: Oh--I mean--Dr. Spicer. (Are you listening, Dr. Spicer?)

GEO: Tell me more about this Bureau--who's all in it?

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Well, there's a guy called Leighton, acting as Big Shot, another guy acting as his assistant, lots of nice looking girls acting as Secretaries (hm, hm) and lots of fellows acting crazilly.

GEO: Hum--I'm vitally interested in the Secretaries--are they really beautiful?

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Are you kidding?--Why they're the most gorgeous things on two legs--next to Gypsy Rose Lee. Why you take Mary for instance--she's got the eyes of Hedy Lamarr, the lips of Lana Turner, the legs of Betty Grable, the hands of Dorothy Lamour--er--the rest is censored.

GEO: How about the gal called Aki--isn't she terrific!!

HISAKO: Yeh--she's got about 10 boy friends here in Poston.

TOM: It's a good thing the Rationing Board hasn't caught up with her yet!

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Yep, the government is rationing everything now--from soup to NUTS. (pause) from soup to NUTS!!

ANNOUNCER: er--This is Station NUTS broadcasting from the high frequency of 1,999,999 icicles and reminding you that you are listening to your favorite weekly radio program sponsored by the Chilly Billy Beans, Inc. Chilly Billy Beans comes in six delicious shades, blue, green

yellow, red, purple, and pink. Try a package with your meals and you'll feel like "happy days are here again."

(music--Ciribiribin)

We now return you to your Uncle Snoop-Zoop and his crack pots.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Say, Tom, you're a married man--Tell me, do you find your married life any different from your previous life?

TOM: Well, speaking philosophically--hm--love is the star men look up to as they walk along--but marriage is the coal-hole they fall into.

GEO: Hey! Uncle--What's the difference between bigamy and monogamy?

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Well, the other day in class Dr. Spicer told us that bigamy was having one wife too many, and that monogamy was the same.

GEO: Say, I hear we all have to reapply for our jobs again.

TOM: Yep, that's right. I'm trying to get a new job through as a grave digger. Never can tell, you know--might strike a pot of buried gold.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Well, you have to have a character reference you know.

TOM: Sure--Old man Leighton.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: You think he's a good reference?

TOM: Well, he's a character.

HISAKO: I have to leave my present job, too.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: What's the matter?

HISAKO: Illness--the boss got sick of me.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Say, Tom, you know that guy from Camp III
--you know--what's his name?

TOM: You mean, Iwao Ishino?

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Yeh--yeh--yeh--Don't you think he's a
little on the screwball side?

TOM: Well, it takes all kinds of people to make^a world, you
know.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Yes--I know--but he's the kind that ought
to go somewhere and make one of his own.

Who are the other two strange looking creatures
always tagging along with Ishino?

TOM: You mean Mimura and Sato? They are inseparables as Dr.
Spicer is with his pipe.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Say, where did George^{go}/to?

TOM: Yeh--Where did he go?--Oh, here he comes.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Where've you been George?

GEO: In the phone booth at the Ad. office talking to Kazue.
Someone wanted to use the phone so we had to get out.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: Isn't Kazue a research worker?

TOM: Hm!! I sure don't mind re-searching her!!

GEO: Say Uncle--Didn't you tell us that you had a super-
colossal radio drama prepared for tonight's program?

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: By golly, I almost forgot all about that.
Yep, ladies and gentlemen, the Chilly Billy Beans, Inc.

bring for your pleasure and approval or disapproval a sensational drama never before dramatized on the stage, radio, or screen. The drama is about a man who you think you know, but don't. A man who you have called your boss. A man whom you all love because he loads you with so much work, a man who knows more about human beings and their peculiar ways. A man who taught his staff to eat pinion NUTS.

ANNOUNCER: This is radio station NUTS----

UNCLE SNOOP ZOOP: Not now, I was---The man who has such a fascinating life that several books have been written about him, the man among the world of men--none other than Professor Alexaphobia Q. (Q meanign quack) Leighton.

(big applause and cheer)

The play which we are about to dramatize is entitled, "The Life of Professor Alexaphobia Q. (Q meaning Quack) Leighton. And it is being presented in appreciation of the knowledge Prof. Leighton is passing on to the research workers in the fascinating course called Psychobiological personality study. The characters in the play are very much alive and every attempt is made to reproduce them as accurately as possible. However, in no way are the sponsors responsible for the play and all complaints if any arise and we are afraid there will be many, must go through the proper channel or the Bureau of Gripes and Complaints. All damages to person

or property will be settled out of court immediately following the program. Are you listening Prof. Leighton? So without much further a-do we present for you that gripping drama - "The Life of Professor Alexaphobia Q. Leighton."

(BIG APPLAUSE, CHEER, AND MUSIC)

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: It was on a cold winter night, the Civil War was being waged fiercely between the North and South, the wind was howling fiercely, the snow was falling furiously, and even the wolves (woo-woo) were having their troubles. In that gloomy almost hopeless setting in the wildest woods of New England, to the sturdy pioneer family of the Leightons was born a very frail, timid looking specimen which closely resembled a baby boy and who made his entry into the world very sheepishly (Someone cries sheepishly--ba-a-a-) The parents christened him Alexaphobia because he looked so frail. The "Q" (meaning quack) was added on by Alexaphobia after he became a doctor.

AS soon as Alexaphobia announced his entry into the world/a (sheepish cry--ba-a-a-a-a)--he reverted to his favorite past-time--namely sleep. (Note--favorite past-time still strongly prevailing.)

After the parents had had a long controversy as to

the desirability of raising such a specimen, the kind-hearted family physician finally convinced the parents that although the easiest way out would be to float him down the river like the Biblical Moses, they should make the great sacrifice and bear the hardships of bringing the baby up. And so by an unfortunate influence it was decided by the parents that Alexaphobia should be reared to manhood.

Alexaphobia's infancy (which covered between 18 months to 2 years) was marked with unusual peculiarities. First, he was sickly and feeble. In fact his bones stuck out from every place on the body except his head which was hollow.

It was a year before he could even lift his head and at 2 years he was barely able to crawl about on his hands and knees. In fact he became so adept at crawling that he resorted to this means of travelling until he was about 5 years old. It is no wonder that Alexaphobia became a mutual friend of the animal kingdom in later years.

His talking was an amazing growth. At one year he could say--

HISAKO: Ba-a-a-a-a.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: At two years he could say----

HISAKO: Ba-a-a-a-a.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: At three years he could say----

HISAKO: Ba-a-a-a-a.

UNCLE SNOOP-ZOOP: And so it went on for several years. His feeding habits were simply terrific. Why he was such a hog that even after he was breast fed he drank about three quarts of bottled milk.

His toilet training was spoiled from the beginning. He wet his diapers so often that his disgusted parents placed him in a bath tub. It was well in his tenth year before he was able to indicate to his parents his desires.

His temper was outrageous. He cried even in his sleep. He cried so much that he became tearless.

His pre-school period was more or less a continuation of the infancy period. However, he did learn to say "no", which was used to mean everything. And that is why when Professor Leighton says "no" today he means something else. A masculine awareness was meekly aroused in him. He became a great thumb sucker and kept this up till his twelfth year. He became a nervous, temperamental nail biting individual experiencing all sorts of fits and nightmares.

Alexaphobia experienced ill-health, being small and thin, till he was fourteen when for some unexplainable reason he suddenly picked up weight and height and became

an over-sized-youth of six feet two inches. His illness included measles, mumps, chicken pox, scarlet fever, rheumatism and St. Vitus Dance. That is why when you notice Prof. Leighton jumping up and down crazily by himself--you can sympathize with the professor for the youthful hangover that he still carried with him.

But all these ailments and sickness had its reward for the professor for he had more time to ponder over school studies longer than ordinarily required, due to the fact that his mental capacity was very sluggishly developing.

At eight years of age, Alexophobia was just entering kindergarten. Here he established a fond liking for girls and dislike for boys. That is why today his office is so over-staffed with beautiful secretaries. He remained in the kindergarten for two years--and at the tender age of ten he was forcibly placed in the first grade in a public school although he was not quite ready for this level.

We enact for you a scene when the "Professor was in the first grade:

TEACHER: What is your name?

ALEX: Alexophobia.

TEACHER: What is your last name?

ALEX: I donno!!

TEACHER: How old are you?

ALEX: I dunno!!

So you see what a brilliant beginning at school the professor had. But Alex looked so cute that the teachers passed him from one grade to another. When he was 18 he was just graduating from the 8th grade. At the graduation scene we see Alexophobia receiving his diploma and the principal saying----

PRINCIPAL: "Because you have become an unnecessary burden to the school and to the taxpayers, and because it seems hopeless to try and pound any sort of education in your mind, because by law you are over-age to continue school, we are permitting you to graduate from this institution with a great sigh of relief."

And so he continued his education on into high school. Upon graduation from high school he was still arguing that the world was flat, that the chicken just had to come before the egg, and that Columbus had discovered South Africa instead of North America.

He was beginning to learn his multiplication table and he was amazed at himself that he could multiply 2 x 2 and get four.

Once his high school teacher asked him----

TEACHER: What is your ambition?

ALEX: To become the President of the U. S.

TEACHER: But you can't become that.

ALEX: But I thought you told the class that anyone that was born in the U. S. was eligible to become the president. I am going to stand on my Constitutional rights.

And so with such ambition and determination the professor entered Princeton University. We shall not discuss here how he ever was permitted to enter that college.

Right alone in life the Professor had shown a great interest in animals and he made this his special study and hobby. He majored in biology. That is why today there is in the professor strange animalistic tendencies. Upon graduation he was awarded the distinguished title "the one most likely to turn to seed."

He barely received his degree at Princeton and again by some strange deal he was able to enroll himself at the John Hopkins University and Hospital to continue his research into the animal kingdom.

About this stage the Professor was becoming very individualistic and unmanageable. His college instructors had a very difficult time expounding facts and theories--for invariably the Professor cooked up an opposite thesis. The John Hopkins University and Hospital finally managed to kick him out of their institution, but just to be nice they reluctantly gave him his M. D. and Ph.D. degrees.

Just about this time the professor's heart beat made her appearance and it wasn't long before the Professor became the partner of a better-half. However, Dottie soon realized the big mistake she had made--but it was too late.

The Professor was a lazy, sort of a person and believed that marriage was a state in which two could live cheaply on one--So poor Dottie became the breadwinner of the family. It was only because Dottie was a good natured sort of person that the marriage was perpetuated.

Then one fine day--the Professor was called out of his soft bed to do some research work in a certain Japanese Relocation Center located near the Colorado River in Arizona. He was actually stunned, and so surprised to learn that a war was going on in the world. When he arrived in Poston, he came dressed in a full Indian costume--expecting to meet an Indian tribe--as he had heard he was coming to an Indian Reservation ground. He soon got of his stupor though. And that is why the Professor Alexophobia Q. Leighton is here in Poston.

When asked, where in all his life, he found the moment of greatest satisfaction and real rest. He quietly replied, "The night Dottie kissed me and said, "yes."

And so ladies and gentlemen we have attempted to dramatize for you as realistically as possible the amazing life of Professor Alexophobia Q. Leighton. If you ever find an occasion in which the Professor seems to be acting rather queerly, you will understand the reason why.

Well, this is all for tonight--but your Uncle Snoop-Zoop and his crack pots will be back with you next Friday night, same time, same station. In the meantime try some chilly billy beans with every meal. I know you will want to eat more of it after the first dish.

Well, thanks for listening and good night. (music "chilly billy beans")

ANNOUNCER: (sounding chimes or bell) You have just heard Uncle Snoop-Zoop and his crack pots sponsored by the Chilly Billy Beans Inc. It is half an hour past midnight and this is still your favorite radio station N U T S signing off now.

- THE END -

(AHL)

PET PHRASES OR ASSOCIATIONS:

DICK: May I ask a question, Dr. Leighton?

DR. SPICER: Miss Fujii, will you take some dictation?

TAMIE: Won't you make two carbon copies of this?

MARION: Gosh! Uhuh-- Uhuh.

FLORENCE: Say! You're just the person I'm looking
for. Dr. Leighton wants to see you.

MEG: We broke before he left.

HISAKO: You always take me wrong.

AKI: That don't cut no ice with me.

DR. LEIGHTON: Did you want to see me?

GEORGE: Man! You should have seen her.

TOM: Well, you know----

TOSHI: Manuela boy, My dear boy----

BILL: Cha, Cha, yu na.

BOB: I think it's all right if this was used properly.

MRS. SUGINO: My experience in the Women's Federation----

MAY: Woo, woo--Who's that new secretary?

By Toshi Yatsushiro.

(AHL)