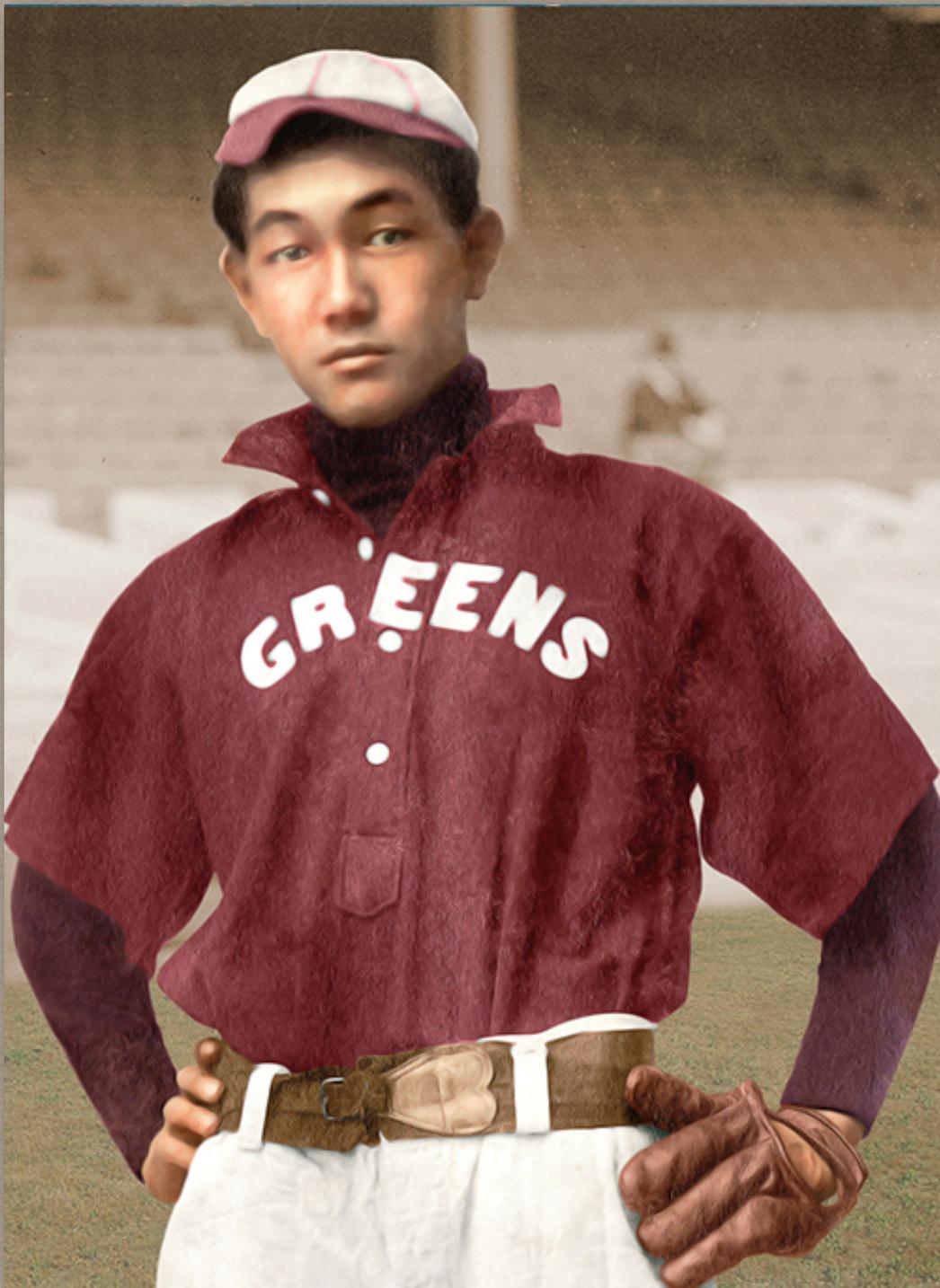


SCAPEGOAT!

HOW THE FIRST JAPANESE PROFESSIONAL BALL PLAYER
WAS ARRESTED AS A SPY

Robert K. Fitts

SABR Presentation, July 2020





Admit three Ladies
To the
Ball game
And
Grand stand
Japs Ball team
J.B.B. Assn.

My Issei baseball project started nearly 20 years ago with the purchase of this picture ticket on eBay. I have never heard of this team before.

THE JAPANESE BASEBALL TEAM.



The players pictured are, top row, Toyo, 1b.; Hashido, 2b. (capt.); Saisho, c. Middle row, Shiraish, r.f.; Dr. Stow, mgr.; Kitsusa, s.s.; Maeda, p. Bottom row, Sahara, 3b.; Suzuki, l.f.; Kijadhi, c.f.

I reached out to Japanese American baseball expert Kerry Yo Nakagawa who provided me with a newspaper clipping showing that the ticket came from the 1911 Japanese Baseball Association or JBBA.

Grand International Battle of the Diamond

DAN PADILLA'S MEN
TACKLE MINIONS
OF MIKADO

STRUGGLE LIKELY TO
LIVE IN-FAN HISTORY

Grays Determined That Japanese
Will Never Leave Albuquerque
Wearing Laurels of
Victory; Classy Ball Expected

Let everybody go to the ball game!
And let everybody bring a picnic for
the said.

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ANOTHER GO WITH FI YMM

Base Ball!

Thursday, April 19th, 3 P. M.
At Association Park.

White Sox vs. Japs

Admission

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JAPS WILL CROSS BATS WITH LOCALS

Manager Palmer Receives Pos-
itive Word That Little
Brown Men Will Play.

GAME BOOKED FOR SUNDAY

Popular Innovation Meets Ap-
proval of Enthusiastic
Fans of San Diego.

ISON, IOWA.

JAPANESE TRIM LOCALS SUNDAY

ORIENTALS CARRY OFF A BIG

SCORE.

ed Local Nine Falls Before the
Little Brown Men From
Japan.

Score by Innings.

Fort Madison... 4 0 0 0 0 2 0 9— 6
Japs... 2 3 1 0 7 1 0 0 2—16

The local nine picked to meet the
Japanese team on the diamond at
Peake's Amusement park Sunday af-
noon were not able to hold the

little men from across the wa-
ter. Only three times did the Jap-
come to bat and take the field
without having sent at least
man over the plate. And once
sent seven men home in a single
at-bat, when eleven men were at the
plate.

One was credited with
six stolen bases.

am was picked up just
before the game. On the
names of men who
did play it right, but
the team had had
practice, the outcome is
they met a team which
has had constant training and

owed no remarkable
were few plays out
and no sensational
summary follows:

Madison.

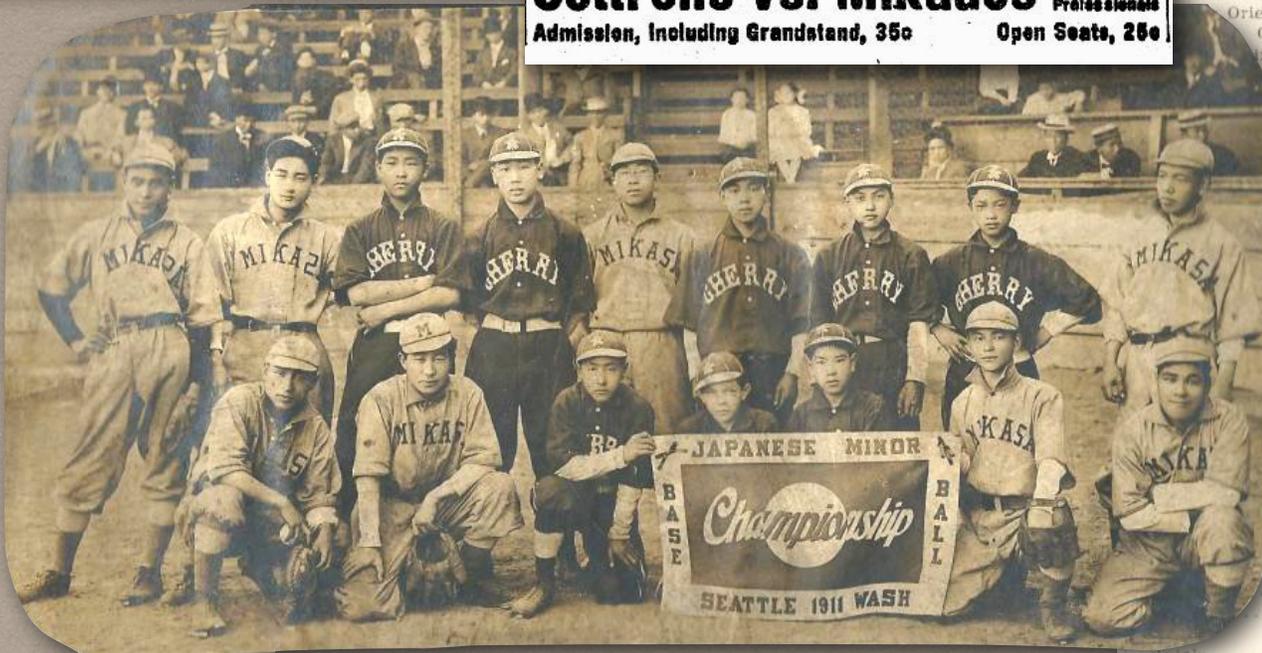
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Japanese.

JAPANESE BASEBALL UNION PARK, 3 P. M., TODAY Cottrells vs. Mikados

Admission, including Grandstand, 35c

Traveling Professionals
Open Seats, 25c



Realizing that nobody had examined early Japanese America baseball, I decided to investigate. Using online newspaper databases, I was able to reconstruct rosters and schedules. I found nearly 400 Japanese American games before World War I.

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE U. S. IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, under Act of Congress approved March 3, 1903, to be delivered to the U. S. Immigration Officer by the commanding Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

S. S. Captia sailing from Hokkaido May 27, 1942. Arriving at Port of San Francisco, May 27, 1942.

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No.	Name	Age	Sex	Rank	Profession	Country of Birth	Place of Birth	Marital Status	Education	Occupation	Religion	Remarks
1	Kiyo Yamamoto	28	F			Japan	Kobe	Married	High School		Buddhist	
2	Kiyo Kuroki	25	F			Japan	Kobe	Married	High School		Buddhist	
3	Yukiko Saitoh	22	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
4	Chieko Aoyama	20	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
5	Kiyoko Saitoh	18	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
6	Kiyoko Kuroki	16	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
7	Kiyoko Yamamoto	14	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
8	Kiyoko Saitoh	12	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
9	Kiyoko Kuroki	10	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
10	Kiyoko Yamamoto	8	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
11	Kiyoko Saitoh	6	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
12	Kiyoko Kuroki	4	F			Japan	Kobe	Single	High School		Buddhist	
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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after January 1, 1922 and on or before June 30, 1924)

SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print) ORDER NUMBER

N 343-H JOHN ITSURO KITSUSE 19,293-H

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Type) 2219 CORINTH AVE WEST LOS ANGELES, L.A. CALIFORNIA

(City, town, village, or city) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

3. MAILING ADDRESS 17-5-3 MANZANAR RELOCATION CENTER, MANZANAR, CALIF.

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If none, omit this line)

4. TELEPHONE 5. AGE IN YEARS 18 6. PLACE OF BIRTH IMPERIAL COUNTY CALIFORNIA

DATE OF BIRTH AUG 24, 1923 (Town or county) (State or territory)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS KEN KITSUSE (FATHER) 17-5-3 MANZANAR, CALIFORNIA

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS MANZANAR RELOCATION AREA

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS SAME

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 6-1-42) 45-21650-3 John Kitsuse (Signature)

Using genealogical databases, I was able to find out more of the players and their families.

Sociologist John Kitsuse, internment camp survivor, dies at 80

December 03, 2003

By [Jennifer McNulty](#), Staff Writer 459-4399

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John I. Kitsuse, a second-generation Japanese American who was imprisoned in an internment camp during World War II and became a leading scholar in the field of sociology, died Thursday, November 27, at his home in Santa Cruz after suffering a stroke the day before. He was 80 years old.

Kitsuse, a professor emeritus of sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz, was one of the premier theorists in the field of social problems and deviant behavior. He had a wide range of academic interests, including education, sexuality, and crime, but was primarily known for developing the theory of social construction, which explored how social problems come to be understood as social problems.

As a young Fulbright scholar, Kitsuse traveled to Japan 40 years ago, establishing professional affiliations that shaped much of his early work, said his friend and colleague Hiroshi Fukurai, associate professor of sociology at UCSC.

While in Japan, Kitsuse studied a method of prisoner rehabilitation that reflect on the shame their actions had brought to family members to American scholars. "That concept was very alien in the United States," he said.

Kitsuse later addressed a major social problem that confronted Japan's "economic miracle." After being raised overseas, many children returned to Japan and struggled to readjust to a culture they'd never known.

"John Kitsuse was, without a doubt, the most famous American sociologist in the field of criminology, deviance, and social problems," said Fukurai, noting that Kitsuse's book, *Social Problems*, coauthored by Malcolm Spector, was translated into Japanese.

Kitsuse, who joined the UCSC faculty in 1974 and retired in 1991, served as chair of the Department of Sociology from 1978 to 1979. He was vice chair of the department from 1980 and was chair of sociology from 1985 to 1988 and for two quarters in 1989.

Kitsuse earned his bachelor's degree from Boston University and his master's degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz, arriving at Santa Cruz, Kitsuse was affiliated with the University of Northwestern University.

Kitsuse is survived by his wife, Katherine Kitsuse; his son Edward, Nolan and Christopher.

A memorial service is planned for the spring. The family requests that donations be directed to the UCSC Sociology Department. Donations can be sent to: Memorial, Attn: John Leopold, Social Sciences I, 1156 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95064.



Through their children's obituaries, I was able to contact the families of four of the original players. These families provided me with photographs, letters, and stories. I also took a trip to Japan to meet family members and see the player's birthplaces.



Five years of research revealed stories about the beginnings of Japanese American baseball and the Japanese immigrant experience.

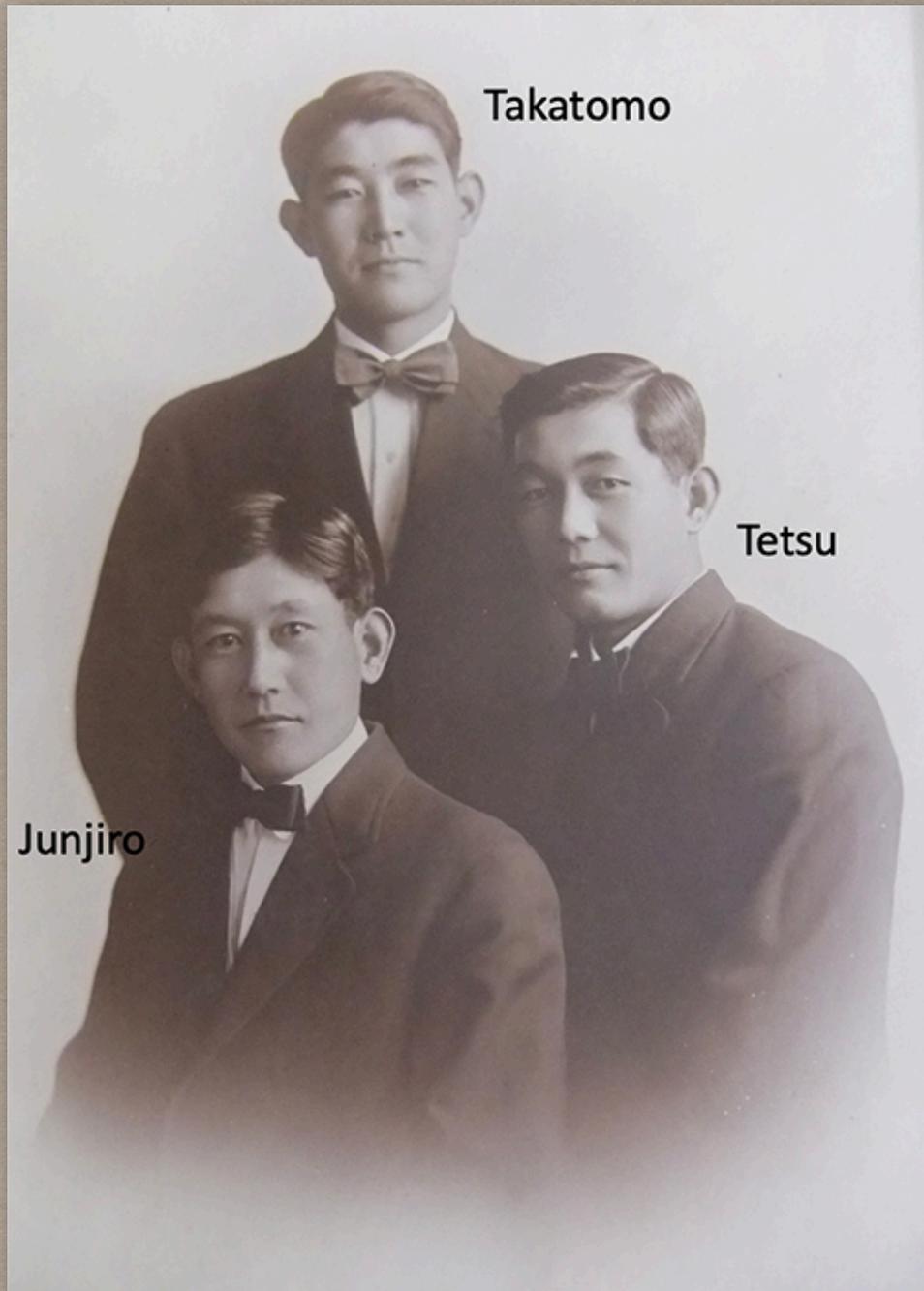
Today, I will tell you the story of one of these early Japanese baseball pioneers.



In May 1904, the Uyeda family gathered in their garden.



Eighteen-year-old Tetsu Uyeda put the final spade of soil around a camphor sapling.



He had just graduated from Yamaguchi High School and was about to leave for California. Two of his brothers, Junjiro and Takatomo, had plans to follow him. Tetsu gave a short speech. He had planted the sapling with two desires. "That the family would remember them forever after they left," and that both "they and the tree would have big futures."



Born into the samurai class, the boys' father Minoru had the second largest landholding in Yamaguchi Prefecture and served in the Imperial Diet.



Following Japanese law and tradition, Minoru's eldest son would inherit the entire estate and the younger brothers were expected to build their own lives. Minoru had wanted Tetsu to attend the military academy after high school. But Tetsu had other ideas.



While attending Yamaguchi High School the three middle Uyeda brothers became avid baseball players. Tetsu was drawn to his English teacher—a young American named Raymond Porter Gorbald who had played baseball for Cedarville College.



Gorbald coached the baseball team and entertained his players with tales about the Major League stars. Enamored by the stories, Tetsu decided to forgo a career in the military and instead move to the United States to become a professional ball player.



"I caused a great commotion in my family by announcing that I was not going to the army school—but to America," Tetsu recalled. After six months, I convinced my parents that nothing could change me, for in America I had centered all my hope and ambition."

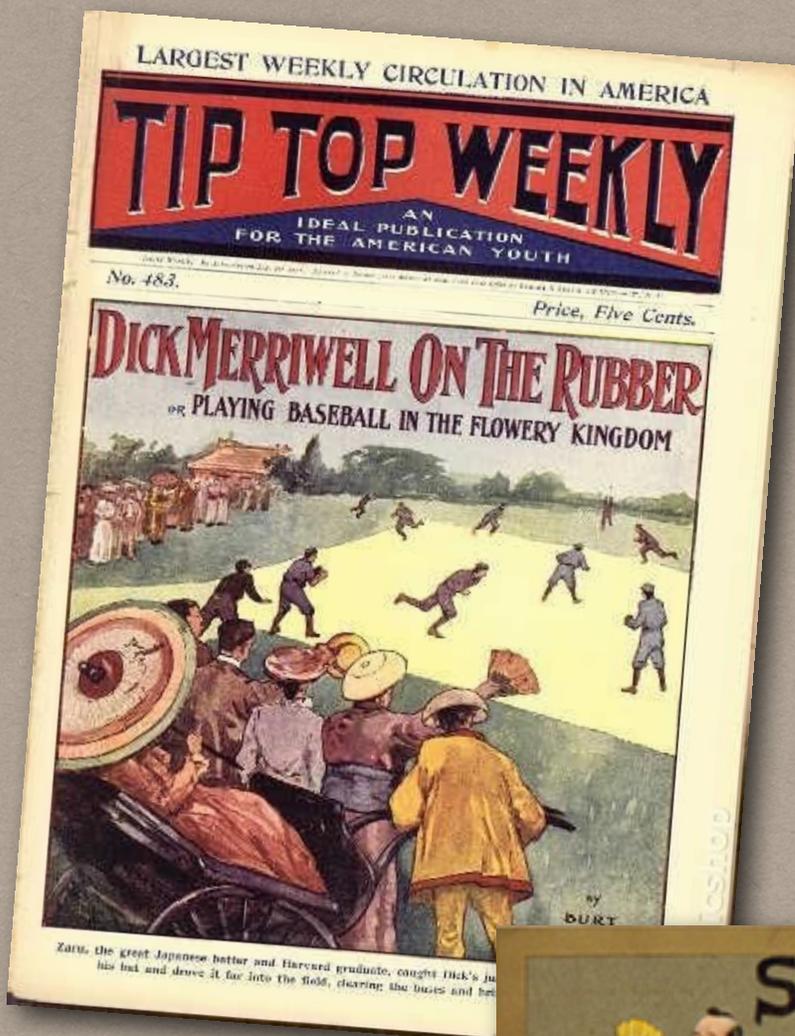


Tetsu had intended to enroll at USC and play on the school's baseball team but he found that his English too weak to attend an American university. Instead, he got a day job in Los Angeles, studied English at night and played amateur baseball on the weekends.

A dozen sturdy contestants lined up for the 220 yard run and after the hardest kind of a race, Odate Uyede spurted at the finish and took the prize.



Tetsu became renowned for his speed, winning the 200-yard dash at a 1905 festival held by Japanese immigrants in Los Angeles.



At the time, America was enthralled by Japan and all things Japanese.

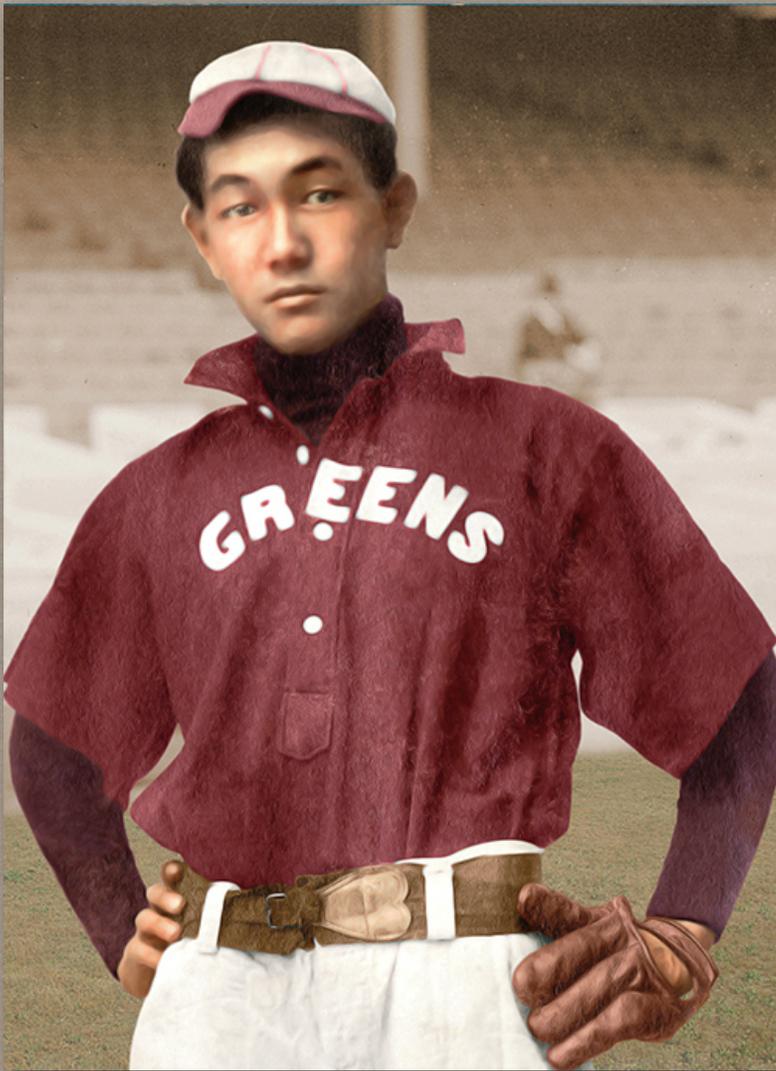


Guy Green, the owner of the Nebraska Indians Baseball Club, decided to capitalize on the fad by creating an all-Japanese baseball team to barnstorm across the Midwest. It would be the first professional Japanese team on either side of the Pacific.



GREEN'S NEBRASKA INDIANS
Guy W. Green, Mgr., Lincoln, Nebr.

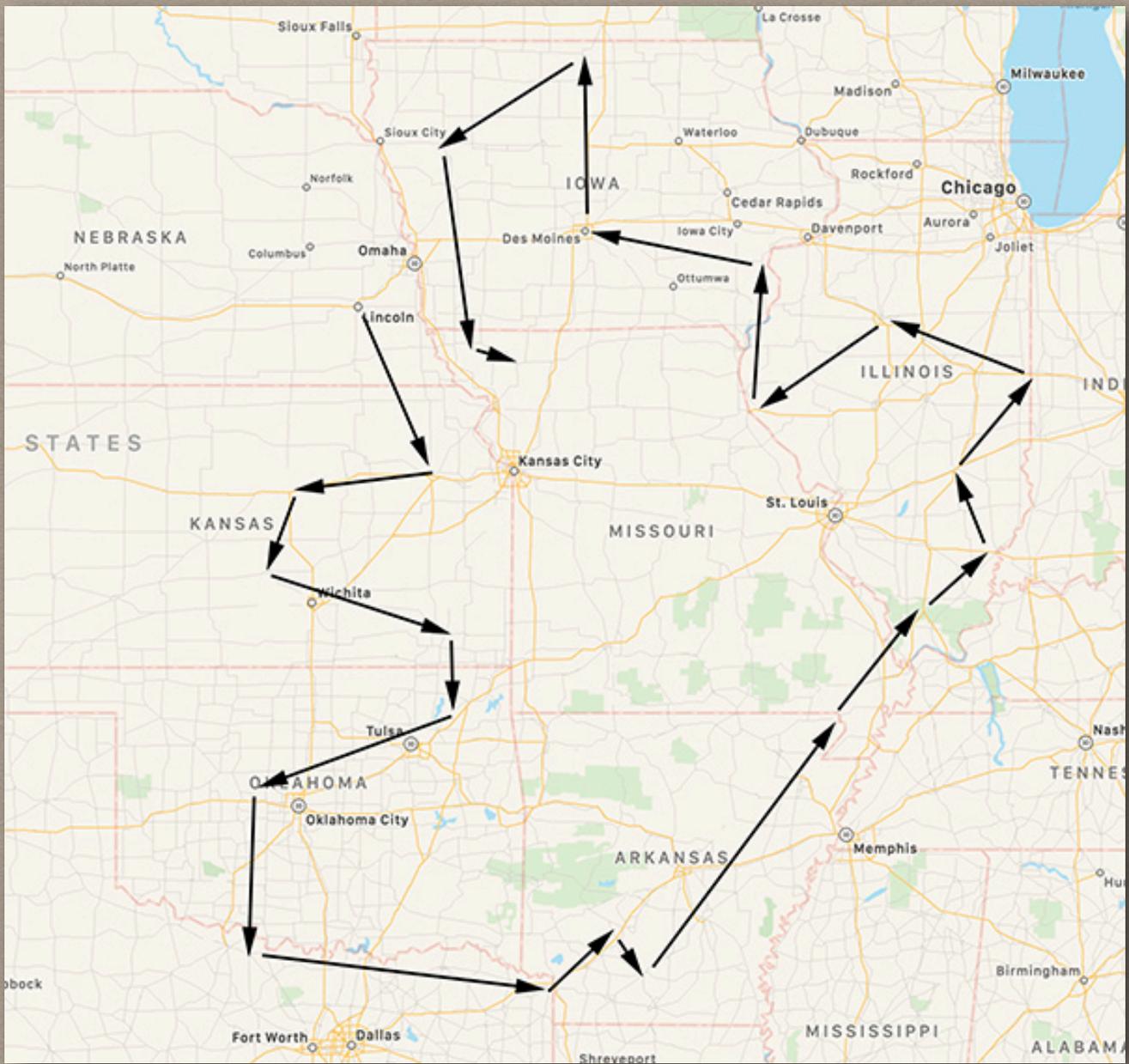
Although Green would claim that he had "scour[ed] the [Japanese] empire for the best players obtainable," he did nothing of the sort. In early 1906 Green instructed Dan Tobey, captain of the Nebraska Indians, to form a team from Japanese immigrants living in California.



Among the players Tobey recruited were Tetsu Uyeda and his older brother Junjiro, who had just arrived in the US. Tetsu could barely believe his luck. His dream of becoming a professional ballplayer was about to come true.



The players congregated in Lincoln, Nebraska, in early April to practice. Green and Tobey soon realized that many of their recruits were not skilled enough to play at the independent level. Green cut half of the Japanese from the roster and replaced them with Native Americans —probably hoping that most spectators would not be able to tell the difference. Throughout the season, the balance between fielding a complete team and an all-Japanese lineup would be an issue.



Led by player/Manager Tobey, Green's Japanese Base Ball Team embarked on a twenty-five-week tour that covered over twenty-five hundred miles through nine Midwestern states. From April 15 to October 10 the team played about 170 games against town teams and independent clubs.



At the time, there were so few Japanese living in the Midwest that many rural farmers had never seen a Japanese person.

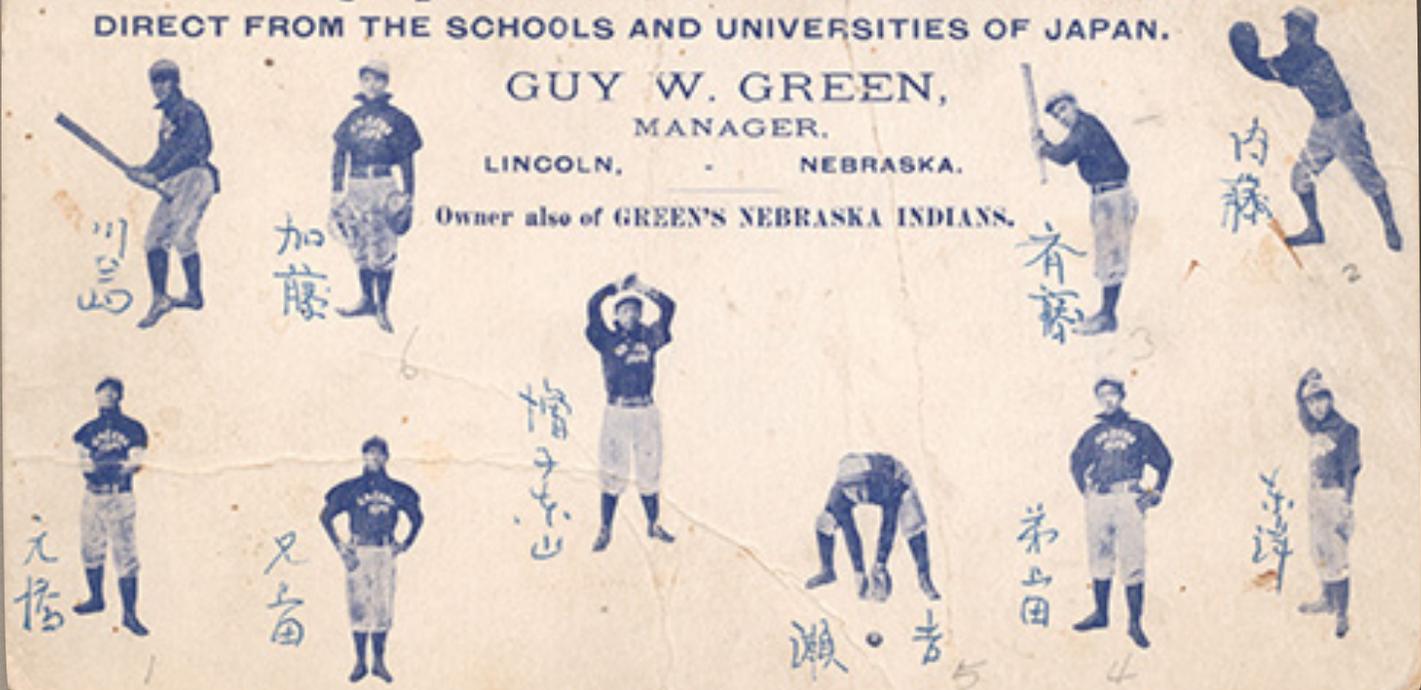
Green's Japanese Base Ball Team

DIRECT FROM THE SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES OF JAPAN.

GUY W. GREEN,
MANAGER.

LINCOLN, - NEBRASKA.

Owner also of GREEN'S NEBRASKA INDIANS.



So, Green's advertisements emphasized the players' foreignness and the uniqueness of the team. A typical announcement read, "Green's [team] are the most novel baseball organization the world has ever known. Every player is a genuine Japanese. Not one of them can speak a word of English. They do all their coaching in Japanese and is certainly the most Japanesy Japanese you have ever listened to."



Playing on the public's fascination with the Russo-Japanese War, Green also concocted fictional backgrounds for his players. For example, the shortstop Ken Kitsuse became a war hero wounded the Battle of Mukden. And utility player Tozan Masko became the nephew of the famous Admiral Togo.

BASE BALL

At Athletic Park,
Perry, Iowa.

SUNDAY

Aug., = = 26

PERRY SENATORS
VS
Greens Japanese

Game called at 3 p m

**AMERICA DEFEATS
JAPAN YESTERDAY**

LOCALS WIN FROM GREEN'S
JAPS 5 TO 1.

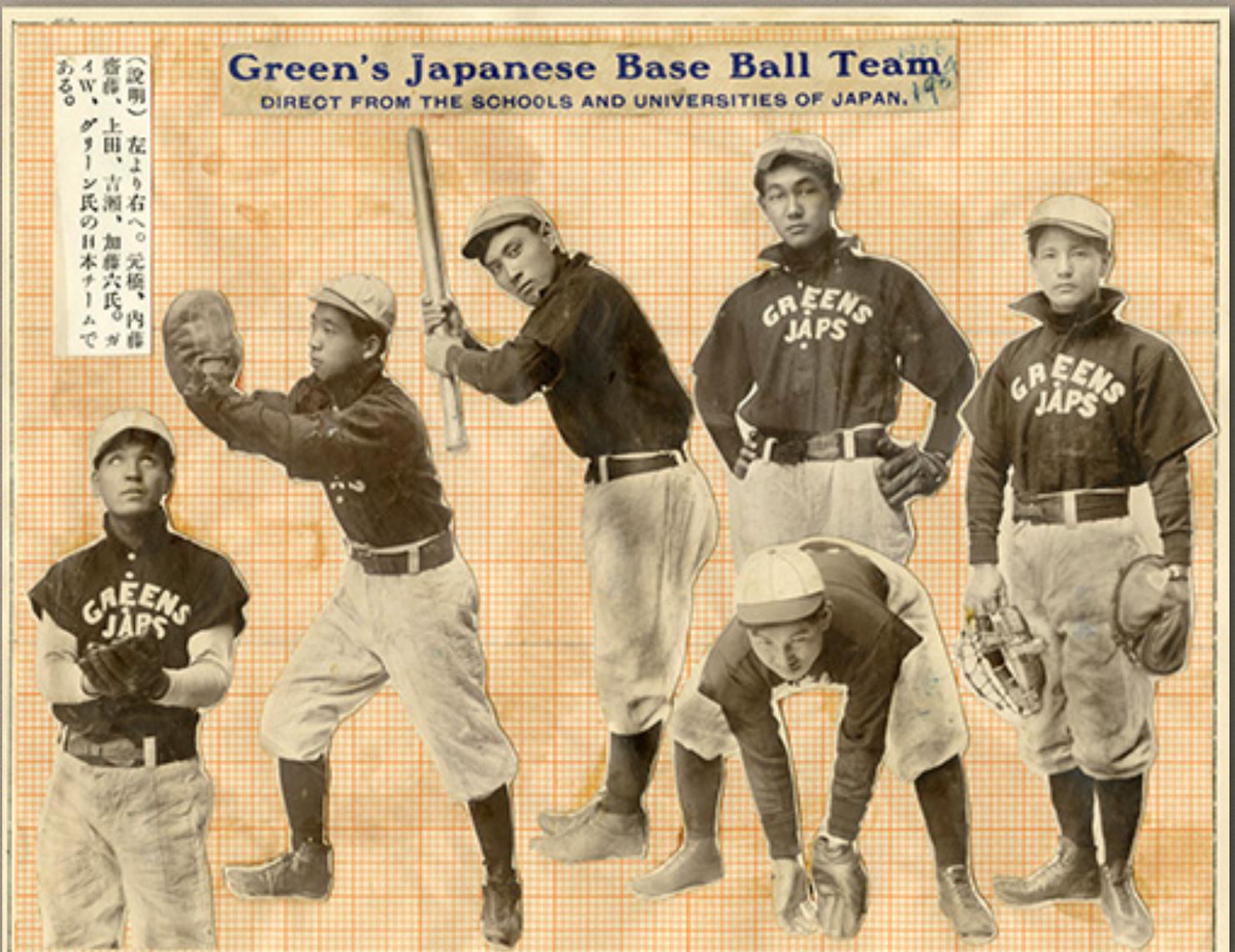
Game Was an Interesting One—Japan-
ese Players Surprised the Fans By
Their Playing Abilities.

GOOD BALL GAME SUNDAY

A Japanese Team Will Play the Sol-
dier Team

One of the most interesting ball
games of the season will be the game
at the athletic park Sunday afternoon
when the soldier team will play the
Green Jap team. The Japs are good
players and the post has the best team
that it has ever had, insuring a good

The advertising worked and thousands came to watch the team play, sometimes traveling for a day by wagon just to reach the ballpark. Most of the spectators enjoyed the show which often included a Jiu Jitsu exhibition prior to the game. "The greatest event of the baseball season!" proclaimed Illinois' Stark County News.



In general, the team was well-received by opposing teams, spectators and the media. The racist cartoons and language so common at the time in California newspapers was nearly absent in the Midwestern papers covering the squad. At times, however, fans and reporters objected that Tobey did not field an all-Japanese lineup. The editor of the Bradford Stark County Republican grumbled, "It is a misnomer to call this team a Japanese team. Their manager is perpetrating a fraud upon the public."

The team did experience open bigotry at the ballpark at least once. According to the Des Moines Register, in a contentious game in Garner, Iowa, on September 3rd "the unruly crowd rushed into the diamond several times ... and called the Orientals harsh names." In the ninth inning, an argument broke out on the diamond and a fan threw a baseball at Dan Tobey, supposedly knocking him unconscious. A member of the Japanese team then threw the ball back into the crowd. After the game, the Garner Sheriff arrested this unidentified Japanese player and fined him \$1.00. Despite the ruckus, the Hancock County Democrat declared it "the best game of the season," noting, with exception of the arrested player, "the Japanese were all gentlemanly fellows and behaved nicely."

The Garner Story.

GARNER, Ia., Sept. 4.—Special: Green's Japanese defeated the Garner team here today in a hotly contested game of thirteen innings by a score of 5 to 3. Tobey, the Japs' best pitcher, was in the box for the Japs and was forced to retire in the ninth, when Garner tied the score. Forsyth was in the box for Garner and struck out twenty-two men. The game was much delayed by wrangling and disputes and one of the Japs was arrested by the sheriff for throwing a ball into a crowd with malicious intent. This is the second game Garner has been defeated this year, having lost two games and won eleven.

Japanese Still Win.

DQWS, Ia., Sept. 4.—Special: Green's Japanese have won two more games. Sunday at Dougherty the orientals proved to be the better in the mud. Score, Japs 9, Dougherty 1. Monday Garner was defeated by the score of 5 to 3 in a fourteen inning contest. Pitcher Tobey was knocked unconscious in the tenth inning by a ball thrown by a boisterous spectator. The unruly crowd rushed into the diamond several times during the game and called the orientals harsh names, but they could not defeat the little brown men. Batteries, for the Japanese, Tobey, Lewis and Seguin.

JAPS WERE GOOD BALL PLAYERS

The Senators Were Defeated Easily by the Invincible Japs Sunday.

SCORE 5 TO 1 IN THE JAPS FAVOR

They Put Up a Good Game All the Way Through—The Attendance Was Good—Rather a Windy Day.

Japs Make it Twenty-Two Straight
MARENGO, Ia., Sept. 13.—Special:
Green's Japanese won their twenty-second straight game today. Marengo never had a look in. Kissell was in rare form. The score: Japs 13, Marengo 1. The Orientals play Jewell Junction Saturday and Sunday.

Japs Win Again.
AUGUSTA, Ill., Aug. 9.—Special:
Green's Japanese shut out Augusta today 11 to 0.

The team did well on the field, winning 122 of the 142 games for which results are known. But at the end of the season, Green disbanded the club.



In 1908, Tozan Masko, Admiral Togo's supposed nephew, decided to form his own Japanese team in Denver and continue barnstorming.



Anxious to continue his baseball career, Tetsu joined the club along with his younger brother Takatomo.

ANNUAL TOUR OF Mikado's Japanese Base Ball Team

DIRECT FROM THE SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES OF JAPAN

THE MOST MARVELOUS TEAM OF GENUINE JAPANESE BALL PLAYERS ON EARTH, AND THE ONLY ONE IN AMERICA

TOZAN T. MASKO, Proprietor, Denver, Colo.

Telephone Purple 306

1232 Twenty-First Street



By this I do not mean that you must necessarily have a high fence, but you must have some arrangement so that the people wi

DR. T. SHIMIZU, Pres. and Physical Director

ANNUAL TOUR OF
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TRAVELING SEMI PROFESSIONAL TEAM.

Direct from the School and University of Japan.

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LINE UP OF MIKADO'S.

Gen. Aoki, Pitcher.
B. Iwazaki, Pitcher.
K. Tofu, Pitcher.
K. Whitcomb, (c) Catcher.
M. Ito, Catcher.
Tom Uyeda, First Base.
Kiry Kawashima, Second Base.
D. Kimura, S. S.
B. Tada, Third Base.
Joe Kitao, Left Field.
W. Uya, Center Field.
Bob Uyeda, Right Field.
S. Hain, Utility.
T. Harachi, Utility

CAN LITTLE BROWN MEN
PLAY BASK BALL?
This question will be answered
to your own satisfaction when
you see them.

Kansas City, Mo. May 11
Manager Base Ball Team
Edwardsville, Ill.
Dear Sir,
Can you give us a
game on July 1st. If you
satisfy with this date please
let me as soon as possible
you can, also your terms
too. I remain,
your Truly
T. Masko,

ad.
A. G. Spalding & Bros
1111 Walnut st
Kansas City, Mo.

Masko created and printed customized stationary. The letterhead announced in bold black ink, "Annual Tour of Mikado's Japanese Base Ball Team. Direct from the schools and universities of Japan. The most marvelous team of genuine Japanese ball players on earth and the only one in America."

Mikado's Japanese Base Ball Team
1232 TWENTY-FIRST STREET
DENVER, COLORADO

To Manager Base Ball Team,
Edwardsville, Ill.

BEST NAGS COUNTRY AT ERLAND PARK

o and Texas Horsemen
ge Most Attractive
cing Circuit in the
West.

The present outlook the Denver thirty-one-day racing meeting from July 13 to July 18, inclusive, will be the best that possibly can be expected, and they will be the highest ever seen West of St. Louis. In the statement of Secretary A. J. Flowers of the Texas Thoroughbred association in a letter to the management of the Denver-Overland meeting. The Denver-Overland club has affiliated with the Texas Thoroughbred association and will run under the rules of that organization. This insures the presence of the best horses in the country and gives the racing circuit, commencing at Pueblo, taking in the Colorado Springs, Pueblo and other meetings, reaching Denver for the week of September during the first annual state meeting thence to Dallas, Houston, Ft. Worth, Beaumont, San Antonio and other cities in the Texas circuit. Mr. Flowers further states the approval and satisfaction of the Texas Thoroughbred association, which is the authoritative organization of the Southwestern horse number and liberality of the Denver-Overland Jockey club stakes, and handicaps. The Texas Thoroughbred association has been only over the running events, and is events at Overland being considered the sanction and auspices of the American Trotting association. Therefore, that the running events under the auspices of the Texas Thoroughbred association will bring the harness horsemen in equally large numbers from the adjoining states. The association is also going to send its full complement of both harness horses and gaited horses to the Denver-Texas circuit. The

Tozan T. Masuko



Manager and captain of the Mikado baseball team of Japan, which is assembling in Denver.

Denver Show Better and

Tendency Toward
Extra Cost Will
moth Skating Ri

Many of the thousands of non-automobile-owning visitors who will fill the Mammoth skating rink April 6, 7 and 8 will go there with one question uppermost in their minds, and that is: How long will the manufacturers reached a point in the development of the automobile which is as near perfection as is possible, or will they buy a new car which I may buy this year, but be out of date a year hence, and be superseded by something much better? In other classes, and a large one, will be interested to discover if the prices are as low as they are likely to be for some time to come. With the first-named division of show visitors quality is the first consideration and price is secondary. With the second price is the prime factor in deciding if they will enter the ranks of the automobilists.

To answer the query of the first class is perhaps the easier. Barring some discovery or invention, which cannot be foretold, and which will make plainly desirable a radical change in structural mechanics, it is safe to say that the automobile manufacturers of the world have attained a standard which they are likely to follow for many years. There is bound to be improvements in details, but the fact the latest models prove this, but it is practically certain that the day has passed when the type of construction will undergo radical changes from year to year, and the time has come when a person selecting an automobile will consider his purchase with a view to driving the same car for a series of years, rather than for a single season.

As to the matter of price, that is a difficult matter upon which to make predictions. The general tendency, as far as there is any, appears to be toward a lower level. In several instances manufacturers who have each year added little to their price to pay for improvements have this year announced reductions. There is, however, an upward tendency, but it represents increased power and greater capacity.

In the same way there has been a downward tendency by those manufacturers who have entered the field

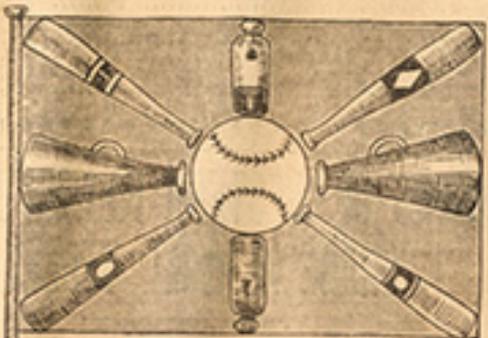
The Denver Rocky Mountain News embraced the enterprise noting "With a team picked as this one is of the greatest players in Japan, a triumphal tour of America is expected."

WHAT WE MAY EXPECT WHEN THE MIKADO'S TEAM COMES



A LITTLE JIU-JITSU
MAY CHANGE SOME
UNFAIR DECISIONS

AN APPROPRIATE
FLAG DESIGN



HE'S SAYING
PUT ONE OVER



Pick

But the rival the Denver Times, owned by William Randolph Hearst who opposed Japanese immigration, was less supportive.



In mid-April the Mikado's season began with three games in Denver before heading east through Kansas and into Missouri. They were not a strong club. The Mikado's defeated two small high school teams and some town teams but were no match for the two colleges they played and were slaughtered by the African-American Lexington Tigers.



Kansas City Flood, June, 1908.—Wholesale District, Near Union Station.

In mid-May it began to rain. It poured for weeks, flooding downtown Kansas City and baseball diamonds throughout the region. Unable to schedule games, the Mikado's abandoned the tour and returned to Denver after playing just 22 games.



DENVER'S (COL.) JAP BASEBALL TEAM.

The Mikado nine, a fast aggregation of players, known all through their State.

have a large delegation of their countrymen out. The diamond in the aviation field is in first class condition for the battle. The teams will lineup as follows:

Lakeside D. & M.

Goss, r. f.
 McKenzie, s. s.
 Baker, l. f.
 Henderson, 3 b.
 Paulcheck, 2 b.
 Peterson, c. f.
 Maloney, 1 b.
 Surles, c.
 Nelson or Dixon, p.

Mikados

Iwasaki, 3 b.
 Yamasaki, s. s.
 T. Uyeda, p.
 B. Uyeda, 1 b.
 Kawazoe, l. f.
 Fuxita, r. f.
 Ide, c. f.
 Yashizawa, 2 b.

Tetsu would remain in Denver for several years, working for the Union Pacific Railroad and playing amateur ball.



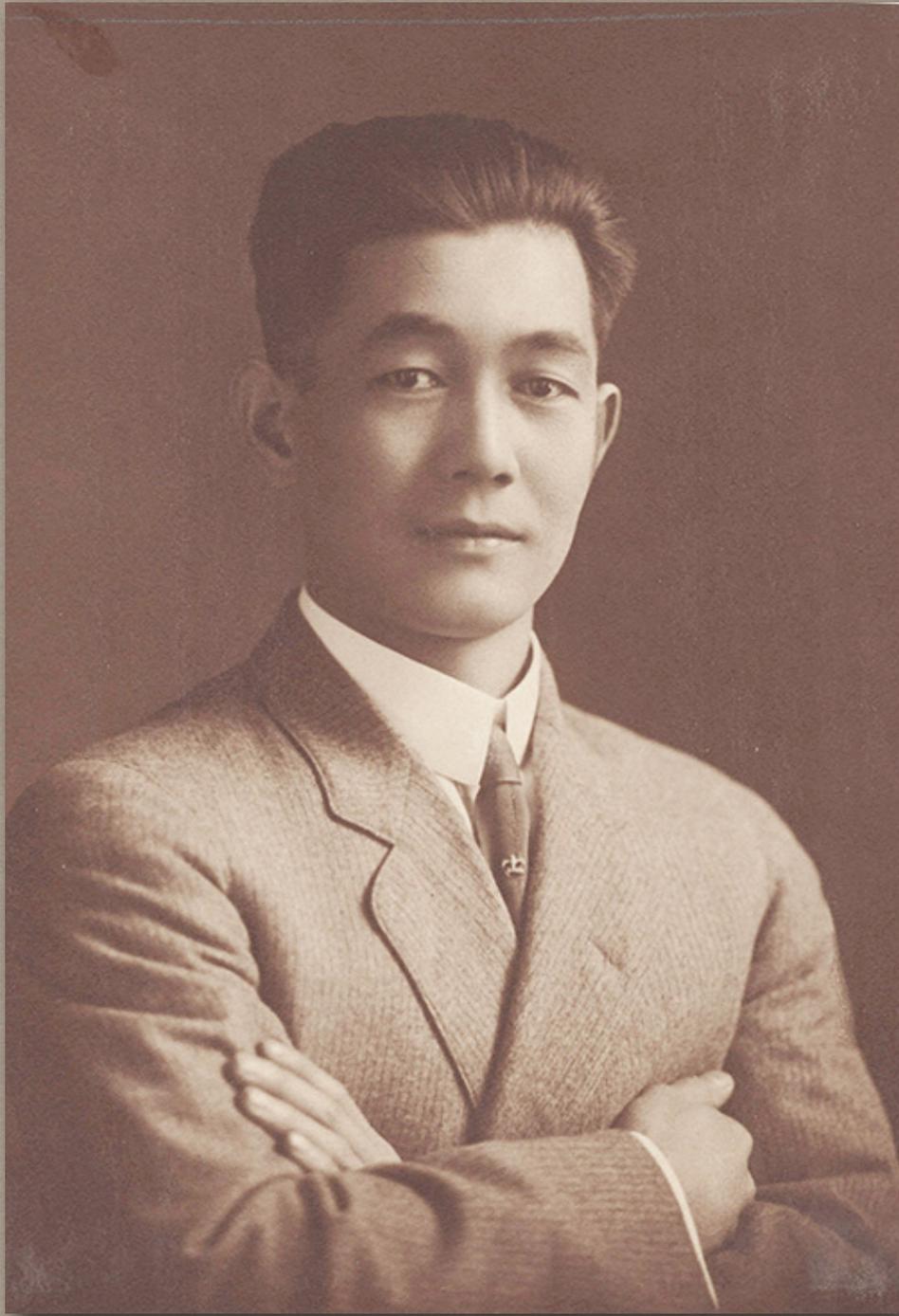
In 1912, Tetsu, now known as Tom, moved to St. Louis to work as a waiter at the St. Louis Country Club, the playground for the city's elite. Ambitious and smart, within two years Tom became the club's head waiter. "I was anxious to find how I could best develop my personality. So, I watched the guests at the club and patterned myself accordingly, for I too wanted to be cultured and considerate." He learned well and eventually became the club's manager, a surprising position at the time for a Japanese.



In 1917, Tom defied convention by marrying Lulu Lamb, a 30-year-old American-born woman of Irish-English descent. At the time, Japanese-white marriages were illegal in Missouri. To circumvent the law, Tom and Lulu married in Illinois on their way to their honeymoon in Chicago.



The couple would remain happily married for almost 39 years,
having a daughter named Vivian.



By the mid-1930s, Tom had become a respected member of St. Louis society and the most successful of the city's 46 Japanese residents. He was Managing Director of the elite Bridlespur Hunt Club with an annual salary of \$4,000

ST. LOUIS, SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1937.

Design for Residence in County



Design of residence being erected at the southwest corner of Ladue and Woods Mill roads for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Uyeda. Architects, Maritz, Young and Dusard. The site, comprising three and one half acres was acquired through Edward L. Bakewell. L. E. S. Drewes, former owner of the ground, was represented by Wenzlick Sales & Management Co.

and owned a luxurious \$25,000 home.

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'Japan Today'
"Japan Today" will be discussed
by T. Uyeda, manager of the Bri-
dlespur Hunt Club before the Y. W.
C. A. Business Girls' League at Cen-
tral Building, 1411 Locust street,
this evening at 8:30 o'clock.

BOARD OF TOURIST INDUSTRY
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

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Printed in Japan

In the fall of 1937, the Japanese Board of Tourist Industry appointed Uyeda as its honorary representative in Missouri to promote friendship between the two countries and to furnish information to those traveling to Japan.

STOP! LOOK! and LISTEN!!

There will be a MEETING of the
"Afro-Pacific MOVEMENT of THE
WORLD" at

**1813 Walnut St.
Sat. March 3, 1934**

Oriental or Foreigner and Colored
Speakers of abilities will speak.
Meeting starts at 7:30 o'clock P. M.
Public is cordially invited.

**Admission Free.
Come one-Come all.**

A few months later, Tom received an invitation to speak at a meeting of the Pacific Movement of the Eastern World on the conflict between Japan and China. Uyeda balked, saying that knew little about the topic but that he could talk about "the Japanese country, our history, our habits or customs."



In February 1938, he addressed about 300 people, nearly all African Americans, at Pythian Hall in St. Louis. "I just told a few things about how our children are raised, our education, our culture [and] our history." He returned home, probably thinking that it had been an uneventful, albeit unusual evening. Instead, the day would change his life.



Tom did not know that the FBI had categorized the Pacific Movement as a dangerous insurgent group. Run by a Filipino con man, posing as a Japanese named Ashima Takis, the group advocated the worldwide unification of non-white races under the leadership of Japan and was actively recruiting disenfranchised African Americans in East St. Louis.



BASIC PERSONNEL RECORD
(Alien Enemy or Prisoner of War)

ISN-HJ-1757-CI
(Interrogation serial number)

TAKANISHI, Kazuichi alias Ichichi Takahashi
(Name of interviewee)

Male (Sex)

Height 5 ft. 5 1/2 in. Reference # _____
Weight 143 INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS TAKEN FROM INTERNEE
Eyes Brown 1. Cash \$61.00
Skin Yellow 2. _____
Hair Gray 3. _____
Age 52 4. _____
Distinguishing marks or characteristics: 5. _____
Mole on left side of 6. _____
face, and mole on 7. _____
right side of forehead. 8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

The above is correct: Kazuichi Takahashi
(Signature of interviewee)

Naval Dept Processing Center, Honolulu, T. H., 25 Feb 1942
(Date and place where processed (Army postoffice, naval station, or other place))

Right Hand				
1. Thumb	2. Index finger	3. Middle finger	4. Ring finger	5. Little finger
Left Hand				
6. Thumb	7. Index finger	8. Middle finger	9. Ring finger	10. Little finger

D., F., M., G., Form No. 2
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As the likelihood of war between the US and Japan grew, the FBI began gathering information on Japanese living in America.

The bureau made a list of community leaders, dubbing them "Suspect Enemy Aliens." without assessing these individuals' loyalty or their potential threat to the country.



As the most visible and integrated Japanese man in the city, Uyeda made a tempting target for the politically ambitious and overzealous U. S. Attorney Harry C. Blanton, who as his obituary noted, was "preeminently endowed with patriotic fervor and national pride."

JAPANESE TOURIST REPRESENTATIVE HELD HERE BY U.S.

Tetsu Uyeda, Manager of Bridlespur Hunt Club Only Registered Tokyo Agent in This Area.

Tetsu Uyeda, representative of the Japanese Tourist Bureau in St. Louis, was arrested last night by agents of the Department of Justice and is held in City Jail today by the Immigration Bureau.

In Custody



TETSU UYEDA

736 JAPANESE SEIZED IN U. S., HAWAII ROUNDUP

F. B. I. Holding Aliens for Hearing — Biddle Urges Against Action by Local Authorities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP).— Federal agents arrested 736 Japanese aliens during the night in the United States and Hawaii, Attorney General Biddle announced today.

On the evening of December 7, 1941, 3 FBI agents barged into the Bridlespur Hunt Club and arrested Tom. Agents searched Uyeda's home, confiscating Japanese-language pamphlets and letters.

BOARD TO HOLD HEARING ON JAPANESE AGENT HERE

**Four Men to Take Up Case of
Tetsu Uyeda, Who Was Man-
ager of Bridlespur Hunt Club.**

The Enemy Alien Hearing Board will hold a hearing at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon on the case of Tetsu Uyeda, only Japanese alien arrested here since the outbreak of war between the United States and Japan. The hearing, in the grand jury room on the fourth floor of the Federal Building, will be behind closed doors.

Tom would spend almost three months in the city jail before facing charges. On February 26, 1942, at a closed-door hearing in the grand jury room on the fourth floor of the Federal Building, the Enemy Alien Hearing Board reviewed his case. Uyeda was not allowed to have an attorney present.



In the heart-wrenching transcript that I retrieved from Uyeda's previously classified FBI file, Tom protests his innocence as Blanton claims that his speech at the Pacific Movement meeting and routine correspondence with the Japanese consul in Chicago were proof that Uyeda was either an active Japanese agent or was in a position to aid his former country. Blanton offered no concrete evidence.

Thomas T. Uyeda's Hearing Thursday By Alien Board

Opposed Uyeda's Arrest.

Cross-examining Vardaman at the conclusion of his direct testimony, Donnell brought out that the naval officer had opposed the arrest of Tetsu (Tom) Uyeda, Japanese national and former manager of the fashionable Bridlespur Hunt Club in St. Louis, as a dangerous enemy alien after Pearl Harbor.

According to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, "Numerous patrons of the hunt club intervened on Uyeda's behalf, but ... Blanton and the Enemy Alien Hearing Board disregarded all pleas." After just a few hours the board sentenced Uyeda to prison as an enemy of the state.

PROSECUTOR SAYS 'DR.' TAKIS TOLD NEGROES TO ARM

Refers to 1932 Talk—Japanese Fifth Column Leader Gets 3 Years on Forgery Charge.

"Dr." Ashima Takis, leader in the Japanese attempt to organize a fifth column among St. Louis Negroes, and Tom Uyeda, former steward at the fashionable Bridle-spur Hunt Club, spoke at a national convention of the organization in St. Louis in 1932 and advised the members to store firearms against the day when the Japanese invaded America, District Attorney Harry C. Blanton said today in a statement to United States District Judge Charles B. Davis.

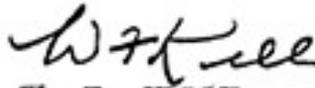
In addition, Blanton said, the two speakers told members they would be given a secret countersign and furnished with special banners to put in their windows so they would be safe from the attacking Japanese who could identify them as friends in this manner. The stored firearms could then be brought out and used

While Uyeda was incarcerated and unable to testify, he became a scapegoat during the trial of members of the Pacific Movement. Before a grand jury on September 22, 1942, Blanton contended that Uyeda had helped create a "Fifth Column" of armed African-Americans to aid a Japanese invasion of the United States. There was, of course, no evidence that Uyeda was involved in the Pacific Movement.

Uyeda was given a hearing by your Special Board last June, and your file will show that the Board wrote a very favorable summary and recommended parole.

Williams has come to know Mr. Uyeda very well and he is absolutely convinced that this man does not belong in an internment camp. From all Ivan has told me about the case, I feel the same way about it and I wonder if you would have the case reviewed and further consideration given to the matter of a parole.

Sincerely yours,



W. F. KELLY

Asst. Commissioner for Alien Control

I might state that the board and myself are unanimously strongly of the opinion that Uyeda ought not to be released, but that he ought to be kept incarcerated or interned for the duration of the war.

Respectfully



HARRY C. BLANTON

United States Attorney

HCB VGM

During his three years in captivity, federal officials attempted to parole Uyeda but each time Blanton blocked Tom's early release.

DECEMBER 20, 1945

TOM UYEDA FREED BY U.S., FORMER BRIDLESPUR AID

Japanese Steward Held
in Internment Camps
—Had Registered as
Jap Agent.

The U.S. government finally released Tom Uyeda in December 1945, with "a clean bill by the Washington authorities." Despite his unjust incarceration Tom proclaimed, "I can honestly say that I have always been loyal to this country, and my love for this country shall remain the same until my death."

TOM UYEDA, COUNTRY CLUB MANAGER, DIES

Ex-Ballplayer, Waiter Was Expert Decorator; Held as Japanese Agent in 1941.

In 1954, he became an American citizen and returned to managing clubs and restaurants before dying from a heart attack in 1956. He did not live to see his daughter Vivian marry the great-grandson of Adolphus Busch, co-founder of the Anheuser-Busch brewery.



IN RESPECT TO THE
MEMORY OF

THOMAS T. UYEDA
MANAGING DIRECTOR

THE FRONTIER ROOM
IN THE MONTCLAIR
18 S. KINGSHIGHWAY

WILL BE CLOSED ALL DAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 13

F.D.R. Renominates Blanton For Post Of U. S. Attorney

President Roosevelt today nominated Harry C. Blanton for reappointment as United States attorney for the eastern district of Missouri, according to a United Press dispatch. Blanton has held the office here since March, 1934.



Blanton, who is 50 years old, wiry and dynamic, was born in Paris, Mo., worked his way through Georgetown University,

Harry Blanton.

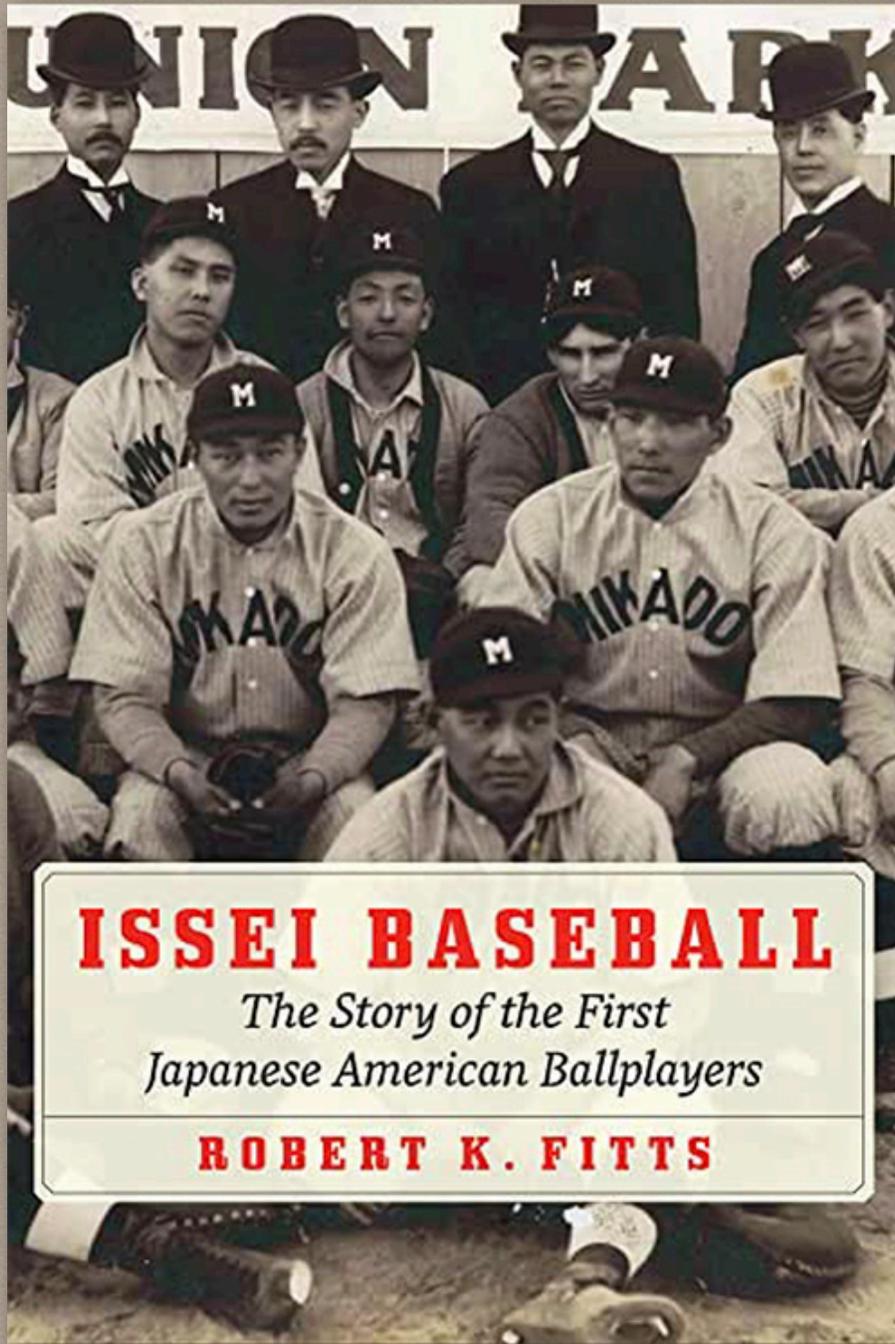
I would like to tell you that Harry C. Blanton paid for his purposeful miscarriage of justice. But he did not. Instead he was hailed as a defender of the country.

But some understood his true nature.

THE TWICE-A-WEEK STANDARD, SIKESTON, MISSOURI

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1945

**HARRY C. BLANTON
IS BITTEN BY DOG**



If you would like to learn more about the early pioneers of Japanese American baseball, please check out my book *Issei Baseball*.

