

STOCKTON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB - Host Kaz Maseba has recently become the proud master of a fully automatic irrigation system. The system is Rain-bird using 1200 No. 5 Stop-A-Matic heads spaced at 60 feet. It was installed by a contractor during April, May and June. The water supply is pumped from the river by four fifty horse power centrifugal pumps and one 15 horse power turbine delivering a total of 1800 gallons per minute. Kaz can cover the entire golf course in 9 hours--a real contrast from the antiquated system he replaced.

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MAKE NO EXCUSES by Kaz Maseba

Almost every time Golf Course Superintendents get together the question is asked "What is the Association doing for us? What are we doing for the Association?" The logical answer to these questions are "TOO GET INVOLVED" and you will find out.

The other popular subject for discussion is the issue of the minorities and discrimination.

I believe my experience should dispel this over exaggerated myth.

I am of Japanese ancestry and know and remember the acts of discrimination against me and my relatives during World War II. My experiences would fill a book, but my point can be made by citing only a few of the most vivid ones.

On December 7, 1941 Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and in March 1942 I was drafted into the U. S. Army. Later my mother, brothers and sisters were, along with all Japanese, placed in a concentration camp. Because Japanese were not allowed in the Western Defense Command I was separated from my relation and did not see them for two years. Even though Japanese were harassed by the saying "A good Jap is a dead Jap". We still served the only country we knew.

Two all Japanese battalions were formed. First the 100th battalion (the Ka-tonks) consisting of Hawaiian born Japanese and later the 442nd battalion (the Buda-heads) from the mainland of USA. These two battalions became the most decorated outfits in World War II. Why? Because we had a desire to prove ourselves. This experience and determination set the stage for greater things. I know that I would not have the position as a golf course superintendent if I had not had these experiences and not realized my potential and the opportunities available to anyone who has a genuine desire to succeed. Success is within reach of anyone if one is willing to reach for it and cast away the idea that because of race you are stymied.

My point is, that through this Association, things can be accom-