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If Al Fitch or Dean Cromwell—or both—ever make up their minds in just which event Fitch has the most ability, altitudinous Al may make the American Olympic team for the trip to Berlin this year.

As a prepster Fitch went great guns in the sprints, being clocked in 9.6s. and 21s. flat for the dashes at Pasadena High. He was State prep champion for the century in 1931.

Since entering University of California the Crown City galloper has made his mark in the shorter distances, but this year he branched out into the quarter mile and displayed a fair amount of ability in this exhausting event.

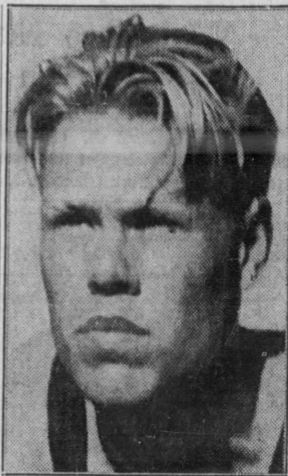
AL KEPT BUSY

Cromwell has kept Fitch busy, switching from the 440 to the sprints and back again—or vice versa—until the sports writers have reached the point where they don't know in just which category to class the Crown City galloper.

It's my guess that if Fitch makes the team, it will be in the 1600-meter relay; this belief is based on the fact that Fitch is on the outer fringe of topnotch competitors in both sprints and the quarter mile. Guys like Owens and Peacock are much too fast in the shorter events and Al would have to run faster than he has ever done in his life before to beat the one-lappers, such as Eastman, Williams, Ellinwood, Lu-Valle, etc.

TALL TROJAN

The 6-ft 2-inch Trojan sprinter has had a creditable career at Troy. He was a member of Troy's record-breaking 880-yard relay team in 1934,



Al Fitch

during which season he toured the Philippines, winning the island championship in the 200 and 400-meter events. Last year he placed third in the I.C.4-A. 200-meter dash.

Fitch's best college times for the century, furlong and quarter are 9.7s., 21.2s. and 47.8s. He was clocked in 47.5s. for his anchor lap in the relay against U.C.L.A. last Saturday.