



FIRST ROW: (left to right)—Gary Staunch, Mike Whitehead, Mitchell. **SECOND ROW:** (left to right) —Mark Warkentein, Richard Schwarting, Toni Masi, Bill Montigel **THIRD ROW:** (left to right)—Chuck Laws, Al Gray, Kent Lewis, Mike O'Halloran, and Dwight Tyler.

R.C. Raps with Rams

By **LORRIE JOSEPH**

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Cal Robinson asked how pro athletes feel when they hurt one another. Mr. Owens replied that each player has a job to do, and the nature of football makes it a rough job. No man goes out on the field to hurt another intentionally, but he knows what has to be done for a team victory.

Then Cal asked why R. C. retired so young. Mr. Owens remarked that at the age of 31, football started becoming repetitious for him and he was tired of the same thing day after day. After 8 years of playing pro football, R. C. felt old.

Steve again asked a question, this time regarding R. C.'s feelings of leaving the team. R. C. wanted a job where he could be useful and also enjoy the work he was assigned. During his years of football, R. C. worked part time with J. C. Penney's and he enjoyed it so much he wanted to make it his occupation. He now works in public relations for

ment in other sports. R. C. credits his jumping ability, acquired in basketball, for the fact he made football history. The Alley-Oop, or field goal block, may have never come about if he didn't have that basketball background. Also R. C. has seen guys put their track speed together with receiving a pass and go on into pro football.

Butch Thompson inquired about the roughness of training camps. R. C. commented that they are rough and tiring but they have to be. This separates the men from the boys and only the best pull through. It's not so bad, and if you're any good, you will make with worthwhile experience.

Danny Young asked about the initiation for the new players. R. C. explained that it's hard and each rookie has to prove himself before the team. They watch him and test him, but once he shows his talent, things run smoothly for him.

Mike Whitehead asked who R. C. felt his hardest opponent was. Mr. Owens replied that Dick "Night Train" Lane, who played for the Rams, Cardinals, and now plays for the Detroit Lions, was the most reckless opponent.



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R. C. feels that sports are connected in many ways and suggests that any athlete good at one sport should try for achieve-

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