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Today read two books that speak to whom Cappy Ricks was:

1. Unknown Interment: An Oral History of the Relcoation of Italian Americans during WWII by (Professor, PhD) Stephen Fox, pg 113:

*"The mayor of Martinez, California, C.A. "Cappy" Ricks, a friend of Tolan's, pleaded the case for the Italians in that city. One example from Rick's hardship list...Italian who owned a shoe store in Martinez for twenty years had tried repeatedly to get his final citizenship papers, but had been put off because immigration officials in Washington could not find the name of the ship he came over on. The man was forced to sell his store and move in with his son in San Francisco. 'Are we safer with this man in San francisco than in Martinez?' Ricks sarcastically asked the committee...Ricks also [stated]...'The constitution can go overboard, if necessary, as regards to Japs. I do not think it possible to crystal gaze well enough to determine whether a local born Jap is loyal or not. Do it [relcocate the Japanese] constitutionally if you can...."*

There were anti-Asian leagues and sentiments for decades in Martinez, many of them held by leaders. Moreover, the Italians had been for a century a driving economic force in Martinez and other coastal towns.

Who is Tolan and how does this apply to Joe Dimaggio?"

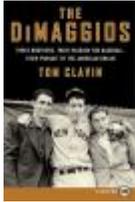
2nd book: una storia segreta: The Secret History of Italian American Evacuation and Interment during WWII edited by PhD Lawrence DiStasi, p.45:

Tolan was a politician from Oakland who was friends with Ricks and chaired an Italian/German sympathy committee due to the economic severity removal of these people would be on Oakland. He held powerful hearings in which he elicited these comments from an attorney:

*"Neither of the DiMaggion seniors is a citizen. They have reared nine children, five boys and four girls, eight of whom were born in the United States, and the other one is a naturalized citizen. Three of the boys are outstanding persons in the sports world...."* The parents were not allowed to visit their sons nor Joe's restaurant on the coast.

Here are some reasonably academic books available at CCC Library on Joe Dimaggio for those interested in his 100th B-day:

[ ] **The Dimaggios : three brothers, their passion for baseball, their pursuit of the American dream /**



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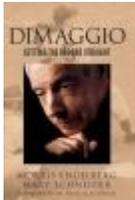
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