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AN OPEN LETTER TO

- ✓ RED SMITH, PHILADELPHIA RECORD
- ✓ ED POLLOCK, EVENING BULLETIN
- ✓ ART MORROW, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER

GENTLEMEN:

QUITE RECENTLY THERE WAS A LOT OF COMMOTION RAISED AMONG THE SPORT PAGES OF THE COUNTRY AND IN THE COLLEGIATE WORLD ABOUT THE CHARGES BROUGHT BY DR. FORREST C. "PHOG" ALLEN, BASKETBALL DIRECTOR OF KANSAS UNIVERSITY, ABOUT GAMBLERS REACHING COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL PLAYERS.

ONE NED IRISH QUICKLY DENIED ALL CHARGES AND SAID THAT "PHOG" ALLEN WAS IN A "FOG" AND DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT.

FRANKLY, THE WRITER IS NOT WRITING THIS WITH THE THOUGHTS OF CONDEMNING ANY ONE INDIVIDUAL, OR UNIVERSITY, OR PLAYERS, OR GAMBLERS, OR ANY ONE ELSE. HOWEVER, I DO CLAIM THAT MR. ALLEN IS NOT ALTOGETHER WRONG.

THE PUBLICITY MAN OF ONE OF OUR LOCAL UNIVERSITIES WAS ALSO VERY QUICK TO CONDEMN THESE CHARGES. HOWEVER, ALL I WANT TO ASK IS THIS:

IF GAMBLERS DID NOT REACH THEM BEFORE THE MUHLENBERG GAME OF 1943 ON THE PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION HALL DOUBLER HEADER, WHAT HAPPENED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THAT GAME TO RED BLUMENTHAL AND ALBY INGERMAN OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY? TEMPLE HAD A BIG LEAD AT THE HALF AND DIED COMPLETELY IN THE SECOND HALF. MUHLENBERG WON BY SEVERAL POINTS. THESE BOYS "DISAPPEARED" AFTER THE GAME. VARIOUS REASONS WERE ADVANCED.

THE RUMORS CERTAINLY WERE FLYING FAST AND THICK ABOUT GAMBLERS HAVING REACHED THESE TWO PLAYERS FOR A "PAY-OFF" AND IF THESE CHARGES WERE BASELESS, THEY SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN IMMEDIATELY DENIED BY THE UNIVERSITY IN ALL JUSTICE TO THEMSELVES, THE COACH AND THE TEAM.

MAYBE MR. ALLEN DOES KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT!

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CC DR. ALLEN