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## The Second Guess

.... by Jack Carberry

A COUPLE of weeks back Mr. Ned Irish, head man at Madison Square Garden, and an assorted collection of New York sport writers went into the screaming meanies, "demanding" that Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen supply names in connection with his charges that boys, playing on college basketball teams, appearing in Madison Square Garden, had been first approached and, in some instances at least, had "sold out" to New York gamblers, "throwing" games played in that temple of sports.

When Allen accommodated everybody, Mr. Irish and the sports writers took a new course. Irish said he would "prefer" to "forget the whole thing" and the sport writers, who stood accused of having put the soft pedal on the scandal, attempted to laugh it off—to write "funny pieces for the paper." They succeeded only in being very unfunny.

That great and august body, the N. C. A. A., composed of the representatives of our outstanding colleges and universities, has just stood silently by.

I think I understand why Mr. Irish would "prefer to forget" "Phog" Allen, and I know very well why certain New York sport writers changed course from bristling indignation to the oldest dodge in all the world, when you find yourself in the middle—the old "laugh off." But for the life of me I can't figure how the N. C. A. A. and its offspring, the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada, can afford to take it sitting down.

Let us, just for the sake of argument, "forget" "Phog" Allen as Mr. Irish wishes. And laugh at "Phog" Allen if you will—but I won't join you.

But how the N. C. A. A. and its baby, the national committee, which includes in its directorate such gentlemen as our own Forrest (Frosty) Cox of Colorado university, director of the committee's seventh district; H. Jamison Swartz, University of Pennsylvania; Norman Shepard, Davidson college; H. G. Olsen, Ohio State; George Edwards, Missouri U.; C. S. Demundson, University of Washington, and Dale Lash, Williston academy, can shut its eyes to this one is beyond understanding.

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THIS is a letter Sergt. Lou Greenberg, U. S. A., manager, before he entered the service, of the Syracuse Reds, a professional basketball team in Syracuse, N. Y., wrote to Bill Reddy, sports editor of the Syracuse Standard, following publication of a statement by Greenberg in which he said, "Phog" Allen is right."

Greenberg, in his original statement, carried by the Associated Press out of Cleveland, O., where the ex-Syracuse manager is now stationed, said "college boys had told him how, in return for payoffs by gamblers," they had "gigged games, as to points," at the Garden.

Greenberg writes Reddy, sports editor of his home town paper:

"I should like to make one thing clear and that is **IF I COULDN'T PROVE MY STATEMENTS I WOULD NEVER HAVE MADE THEM FOR NATIONWIDE DISSEMINATION.**

"A lot of people have been trying to laugh off 'Phog' Allen's assertion for quite some time, **BUT I HAPPEN TO BE ONE WHO KNOWS WHEREOF HE SPEAKS.**