

FUR FLIES IN ALLEN'S WAR ON NEW YORK TIN HORN MOB

Kansas Coach Claims Gamblers Employ College Boy Representative on Outstanding Clubs; He And N. Y. Writer Exchange Verbal Punches.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Oct. 25.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, basketball director at Kansas university, Wednesday renewed his demands for an over-all czar to supervise collegiate athletics. At the same time, he denied that he had at any time charged any college coach with maintaining gambling connections.

Allen, who in a letter to Jack Carberry, DENVER POST sports editor precipitated a national controversy over charges that professional gamblers had approached college athletes playing basketball in New York's Madison Square Garden, issued the following statement:

"I have never charged any college coach with gambling connections in the betting racket. Such action on the part of some might be taken as an effort to becloud the main issue which is the appointment of a national czar to control gambling rackets and other allied ills of college athletics.

"For instance, I know of two nationally prominent football teams each of which had a player who was asked by professional gamblers to furnish weekly information regarding physical condition of the players, esprit de corps of the team and other vital factors. In return for this information these players were to be paid substantially by the gamblers. This clandestine relationship was discovered and broken up by the respective coaches.

"It is not my intention to play the roll of prosecutor. However, the above cases are just two of many in which boys competing in college athletics are being subjected to great temptation under the present setup. This is the sole reason for my plea to hire a man like Judge Landis who will give to intercollegiate athletics the same high standing that is now enjoyed by professional baseball."

Striking out at individual criticism, Allen declared in a telegram to Lawton Carver, International News Service sports editor, that he had not backed down on his charges of gambling interference in collegiate athletics and said Carver and other "eastern writers" have "minimized the gambling hazard."

In reply to Harold G. Olson, Ohio State coach and chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic association tournament committee, Allen asserted that "gamblers stay away from the coaches and seek connections with the weakest boy."

"Proselyting and recruiting of players lead to big town athletics all out of proportion to their place in college life," Allen said.