

# Allen and New York Writer Trade Telegrams and Brickbats

**D**R. FORREST C. (PHOG) ALLEN, according to news dispatches from New York, addressed the following telegram to Lawton Carver, International News Service sports editor, who, in an article Monday, stated "Allen backed down" on his original charges:

"Your statement that I have backed down is untrue. I stated that certain eastern writers have minimized the gambling hazard, and your story prompts me to believe you are one of them."

In his Monday story Carver wrote:

"Allen should prove his charges or get out of the game which has given him so much."

Allen's telegram continued:

"As far as my getting out of the game I am in is concerned, I suggest you apply the same yardstick to yourself in your profession. What could you know of how much basketball has given me."

Carver sat down Wednesday morning and wrote a bristling article distributed to all newspapers taking his service. He began by saying: "Let us take the well-known loud-mouth apart," referring to

Allen. He referred to Allen as "a bumpkin of no particular standing and of questionable ability as a basketball coach."

The article got "rougher" from there on—much rougher.

Hours later his news service telegraphed a "kill" on Carver's story—directing editors, who had received it, not to print it as a part of the International News Service's daily report.

The news service thus denied responsibility for Carver's statements and are in no way bound by them, the entire exchange being wholly between Allen and Carver.

In defense of himself—a defense to which Carver is entitled in that Allen, in his telegram, stated that Carver's Monday story led him (Allen) to believe that he (Carver) "was one of the eastern sports writers who minimized the gambling situation"—the New York writer wrote:

"Getting back to his (Allen's) insinuation that the gambling hazard was minimized by myself and others, all I need mention—and the public prints will bear me out—is that there have been from time to time many hints that gambling was getting to be a common thing at college basketball games. Some of us mentioned that something should be done about it.

"Lacking evidence that any players had been tampered with, we did not condemn college basketball. This was a matter of common decency."