

itself to justify a decree by President Wilbur Smith of the National Collegiate association forbidding future college games at the Garden in general and, most of all, the late March tournament aimed at establishing a national champion in collegiate circles.

A scanning by this column of the N. C. 2-A. constitution and by-laws failed to disclose that the head of the association is clothed with specific authority to order a transfer of the tournament from the Garden to a college fieldhouse.

Nevertheless, lack of that authority should not serve as a bar to hard-boiled action by the association prexy. We recall that the late Judge K. M. Landis never hesitated to make his own baseball laws, this by way of protecting the good name of the national game, so it follows that if President Smith were to call a few shots, no college management would dare to say him nay.

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PITY of it all is that the head man of the N. C. 2-A is more or less hand-cuffed by virtue of the fact that Tulane university,

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the New Orleans institution where he presides as athletic director, is a member of a college conference (Southeastern) which openly defies all the concepts of amateurism in sports — a defiance that likewise applies to the by-laws of the National Collegiate association.

A defiance which manifests itself in the grant of perquisites to athletes—free tuition, living expenses, books and whatnot — in violation of a by-laws clause that forbids setting athletes apart for the receipt of special favors.

We have reason to suspect President Smith is fully aware that the nation's colleges would welcome summary action on his part to move the national tournament to a college fieldhouse, but such a move would demand a cracking-down on the corruptive practices of the Southeastern circle—a tossing of stones at his own glasshouse; a mote-plucking from the other fellow's optic regardless of the beam in his own.