

tive head of the N. C. 2-A., he should proceed to order the transfer of the national collegiate championship tournament, set for the last week of March at the New York Garden, to collegiate surroundings.

Then and there, we also suggested that either the University of Minnesota or Ohio State university surely would be pleased to serve as host to the tournament.

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**I**N RESPONSE to our message, President Smith, writing at New Orleans, forwarded a response by mail which reached us yesterday, as follows:

"Dear Mr. Sherman: This is the first opportunity I have had to acknowledge your telegram of Feb. 7, since I was at Birmingham attending a meeting of the Southeastern conference at the time it was received in New Orleans.

"As I said to you in a recent communication, the matter of gambling on college athletics will be given careful consideration by the executive committee of the association at its next meeting.

"I assure you that I, too, think the question of where games and tournaments should be conducted should be given the most earnest consideration in view of recent events.

"In addition to Madison Square Garden, there are numerous regional tournaments being held throughout the country, and undoubtedly contractual commitments as well as moral commitments have been made already for many tournaments this year. Sincerely yours,

"WILBUR C. SMITH."

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**I**N THE art of "hemming" and "hawing," Mr. Smith seems have done for himself an outstanding job. He mentions "contractual" and "moral commitments," just as **Sports In** if they have **Dire Need of** more importance in his estimation than the **A Landis** detail of protecting the good name of intercollegiate sports.

While the echoes of Mr. Smith's "hems" and "haws" still were with us, we put on the wires the following message to the N. C. 2-A. president:

should have  
been selected  
with the first  
place - a

college  
fieldhouse

I note that

Mr. Olsen  
of Ohio State

is quoted  
as saying  
the tournament

of 1946

should be  
played at  
a college.

Why not  
the tournament  
of 1945?

It is silly,  
of course, to  
say that  
Mr. Olsen,