

Silence Only Thing Heard From Police On Gambling

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The morning mail brought another letter from the guy who calls himself "Laughing Boy," a fellow apparently interested in the gambling and book-making racket here in Lexington.

Tuesday, Laughing Boy had the audacity to laugh at Police Chief Austin B. Price, our law-enforcement leader, who said he couldn't do anything about gambling because nobody would swear out warrants or

tell him where the gambling joints are located.

Today, Laughing Boy started his letter with that same "Ha, ha, ha" which he used Tuesday.

"Ha, ha, ha," says Laughing Boy. "Now that you and Phog Allen of Kansas have told Chief Price the location of the biggest gambling joint in Lexington, the biggest parasite on college sports in the country, and have told him what the telephone number WAS, has he done anything about it? Ha, ha, ha!"

Has He Investigated?

After catching his breath, Laughing Boy continued, "Now that you also have cited the Revised Kentucky Statute stating that raids, seizures and arrests can be made in

connection with gambling—with or without a warrant—has our police chief done anything about it? Has he made it his business to visit the Mayfair bar at 224 East Main street, go through the bar and up the stairs, turn right and go through the door into the big room on the second floor and prove to himself that you and Phog Allen are telling bear tales? Ha, ha, ha," Laughing Boy chuckled.

And then this mirthful one ended his letter with this question:

"Have the police done anything since City Manager Will White several days ago ordered the chief to order his men to clean out the gambling joints in Lexington?"

Well, Laughing Boy, I have only this to report. The police have reported nothing. The arrest book at the city hall carries only one citation for a gambling offense since the managerial order was issued, and this pertains to a routine slot-machine case.

You may rest assured, Laughing Boy, that when and if the police do anything, and when and if they care to report what they do, you and other readers will be duly informed.

The morning mail also brought a letter from "Dee Em Jay."

"Congratulations," says Dee Em, "on your most interesting story in tonight's (Tuesday's) Leader! I am sure it must have given hundreds of people real satisfaction. When I read in Tuesday's morning paper about Chief Price's desire to squash any gambling joint if only someone would 'tell him where to find one and would be good enough to swear out a warrant.....' I had to laugh, too."

Allen Still Crusading

Out in Kansas, Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, who was first to point to Lexington as the No. 1 college and high school gambling center of the nation, today continued his crusade against the gamblers.

"These betting mobs are vicious," said the Kansas U. basketball coach. "They don't want to gamble; they want a sure thing. And they have been getting it by buying off college boys who have never seen big money. We'd better treat those rats (gamblers) rough or they'll ruin intercollegiate athletics," Dr. Allen continued.

"Many of those who are deploring this expose of bribery (the Brooklyn college incident) should be glad it happened. It will bring this thing out in the open where it belongs and where I tried to put it last fall."

It was Dr. Allen who predicted a national basketball betting scandal four months before one was uncovered at Brooklyn college.