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## Allen May Have Inside Dope, But 3730 Not Payoff Number

The nation's "biggest gambling center" may or may not be located in Lexington, but its telephone number isn't 3730.

This was the number given by Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, University of Kansas basketball coach, for an establishment which he said was located on the second floor at 224 East Main street and which, he said, is a "gigantic handbook agency" handling many thousands of dollars in bets on high-school and college athletic games.

Lexington telephone operators said last night that they had no such number listed. Furthermore, the information operator declared that she had no record of 3730 ever being listed.

Chief of Police Austin B. Price said that city police, directed two weeks ago to clean out gambling joints in Lexington, had not verified Phog Allen's charges.

"But if some of the people who know so much about these gambling joints will swear out warrants, I assure them that the places will be raided," the chief declared.

He said police have been unable to enter some places which in the past have been suspected of carrying on gambling operations because the officers have been unable to find anyone who would swear out search warrants.

Asked if he planned any action as a result of the Kansas coach's allegations, Fayette Commonwealth's Attorney James Park said, "It is my belief that when the next grand jury convenes, we will get to the bottom of the situation.

"Of course," he added, "If somebody would swear out some warrants, we could get action sooner."