

# Basketball Player Not Even Stud

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Cohen. "I told nobody anything and I asked no questions."

A copy of the report was sent by the Mayor to Ordway Tead, president of the Board of Higher Education. A sweeping inquiry by that body was forecast, since the Bromberger report contained the pointed suggestion that Dr. Harry D. Gideonse, president of Brooklyn College, had "informal" knowledge of Pearlstein's status during the first week in February but failed to pass on the information although he was a witness at hearings conducted by Commissioner Bromberger on Feb. 15 and 16 in connection with the bribery episode.

Commissioner Bromberger's report disclosed that Dr. Gideonse told him about Pearlstein's masquerade last Friday. Only a few weeks ago, in his first report on the Brooklyn College basketball situation, Commissioner Bromberger exonerated the Brooklyn College administration, its faculty and athletic advisers from any fault in connection with the basketball situation. The same exoneration was broadcast by the Mayor in one of his Sunday radio talks from City Hall.

It was a different story yesterday, however, as the Mayor told the story of Pearlstein's masquerade.

"There is no excuse for this," he said. "It indicates a laxity and indifference and negligence on the part of the college faculty responsible that borders on the unpardonable."

Declaring that he had no jurisdiction in the matter, the Mayor said that copies of the Bromberger report would be sent to the Board of Higher Education, "for appropriate and essential action." Copies will also go to Dr. Gideonse, District Attorney William O'Dwyer of Kings County, and County Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, who is conducting a John Doe inquiry into the basketball situation in city colleges.

Pearlstein, who is an honorably discharged war veteran, was, according to the grand jury indict-

blared "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and then modulated into the Marine Hymn which customarily follow the Mayor's weekly talks.

Before he got around to baseball the Mayor paid his respects to the gentry who handle bets on basketball games in Madison Square Garden. They will have a hard time of it Saturday night when the invitation contests start, he said.

## Promises "More Activity"

"Something was said the other day about basketball games at Madison Square Garden," he declared. "I noticed that a great deal of activity was observed. Well, if you think there was a lot of activity the other day, you wait until next Saturday and you will see some activity."

The activity referred to was the police drive Thursday night, when

## Jersey Gambling Raid Is Sequel to Mayor's Tip

By The Associated Press.

GARFIELD, N. J., March 11—Twelve persons were taken into custody tonight in a raid on a garage and dress shop at 207 Malcolm Avenue, several hours after Mayor La Guardia in a radio talk listed four telephone numbers for New Jersey places where he charged gambling bets had been placed.

Assistant Prosecutor Steven J. Toth Jr., of Bergen County, who led a raiding party of Garfield police, said the twelve persons were released after several hours of questioning, because no evidence was discovered either by the questioning or by a search of the premises.

The telephone company said the numbers were listed for one place in Clifton, two for the Malcolm Avenue address in Garfield and one in Linden.

Bergen Prosecutor Walter G. Winne, who assigned Mr. Toth to investigate the Garfield place, learned of the La Guardia "tips" in calls from newspaper men.

"What the hell can we do with this kind of information?" he said. "It'd be a lot better if New York authorities gave us the information so we could work on it. It's tough getting evidence under these circumstances."

ment of two men, alleged to have bribed the five Brooklyn College basketball players, the first of the group to be approached. According to the indictment, he introduced the gamblers to his four associates on the squad.

Commissioner Bromberger, after being told by Dr. Gideonse of Pearlstein's status as a non-student member of the team, questioned the youth last Saturday. On Friday he interrogated Dr. Gid-

thirteen arrests were made for gambling and disorderly conduct in and near the Garden in connection with a boxing match.

The Mayor had some telephone numbers to give to his radio audience. They were those used, he said, by some gamblers on basketball games at the Garden.

"Take your pencil," he ordered. "Here are some of the tinhorn telephone numbers in New Jersey where bets were phoned to on the games at Madison Square Garden. Are you listening, New Jersey? Are you listening, Mr. Attorney General of New Jersey? All right, here you go: Passaic 3-2590, Passaic 3-1043, Passaic 2-9333, Linden 2-3763. There must be some tinhorns hanging around these numbers, because bets were phoned to these numbers. I hope the telephone company will rip them out."

eonse, Coach Morris Raskin and Dr. Harry A. Scott, chairman of the Department of Hygiene and member of the faculty student committee on athletics.

Pearlstein, according to the report, was honorably discharged from the armed forces on Dec. 10, 1943, having played basketball in the Army and desiring to continue in the game, he tried to enroll at New York University and to obtain a scholarship there. Failing in this, he decided to try Brooklyn College. On Jan. 24, 1944, he visited the War Counseling Service office at the college and thereafter took a qualifying examination, the result of which was that he was not eligible for the day course but could take the night course. He did not care to take night courses and never took any. He merely reported to the basketball coach as a candidate for the team.

According to the report, Pearlstein played for three or four minutes in each of four intercollegiate contests in the spring season of 1944 and in all but one of the intercollegiate games in the fall season, until Jan. 30, the time of the bribery exposure. He was a substitute in all of the games in which he took part.

In his report Commissioner Bromberger urged that Brooklyn College send apologies to the Intercollegiate Athletic Association and all teams against which Pearlstein played. He also urged that there be a "reversal of scores" of all games won by Brooklyn College "during the time Pearlstein was on the team."

Pearlstein testified, the report said, that he bought some books, whose titles he could not remember, and carried them around the campus, to basketball practice and to and from his home to create the impression that he was a student.

"The fact remains," the report said, "that Pearlstein at no time ever registered or matriculated as