

# Colleges Prepare Attack On Gambling Fraternity

BROOKLYN, Jan. 31 (AP)—College basketball authorities throughout the nation, disturbed by the admission of five Brooklyn College players they had accepted \$1,000 to throw a game, pondered anew today methods of combatting widespread gambling on games that one source estimated ran as high as \$10,000,000 weekly.

Leaders of the indoor sport, from Ned Irish, promoter of the double-headers at Madison Square Garden, to Wilbur C. Smith, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, asserted that the action of the five Brooklyn players in no way typified the attitude of the college athlete in general. Smith called upon the "every-day fan, who is in no way to be confused with the professional gamblers, to help us by not betting on collegiate athletics."

## Night Session

Meantime, a Kings County grand jury called into a rare night session by Judge Samuel S. Leibowitz, heard testimony from the five players, Bernard Barnett, Larry Pearlstein, Robert Leder, Jerry Green and Stanley Simon; their coach, Morris Raskin; police and assistants district attorneys Edward Heffernan and Louis Andreozzi. The jury concluded its session shortly before midnight and was expected to hand up its findings to Judge Leibowitz sometime today.

Irish announced that "further action to diminish gambling on

games and to protect the players from approaches by persons interested in influencing the outcome" was taken at a meeting of New York metropolitan athletic directors and cage coaches.

"The measures are designed," Irish said, "to give the player assurance of protection from these advances, but in order to be effective, must remain undisclosed at the moment."

## Must Organize

Asa Bushnell, commissioner of eastern athletics, asserted "athletic directors must now organize in strength to protect college games" while Smith, in his statement at New Orleans, declared "the causes which may be facilitating the increase in gambling should be closely examined. Such questions as to whether games should be played in any gymnasium or arena not located on the campus of one of the competing institutions should be considered."

Vadal Peterson, coach of Utah's N. C. A. A. champions, said at Salt Lake City that the players' admission "may be the lesson needed to check a vice at its beginning." Mayor Fiorello La Guardia of New York asked the aid of the public to see to it that "cheap, tin-horn chiselers" be thrown into jail.

Judge Leibowitz, in instructing the grand jury to "hand up any indictments necessary" declared "to corrupt a college boy is to destroy him in his formative years. When these vermin stretch their filthy paws into our college halls they pollute the flower of our country's youth and they have got to be destroyed. Take forthright action. Smash these barnacles and smash them hard."

## Two Arrested

The disclosure of the scandal, likened to baseball's Chicago Black Sox of the 1919 World Series, broke suddenly late Monday night with the arrest of Harry Rosen and Harvey Stemmer on charges of conspiracy.

The players, later dropped from the Brooklyn squad, signed a statement they received \$1,000 from Stemmer to throw the Akron game originally scheduled for tonight in Boston.

Stemmer, described as a gambler, was held in \$2,500 bail for a further hearing Feb. 5. Rosen was arraigned in Manhattan on another charge. The D. A.'s office said he would be arraigned later on the conspiracy count.

Brooklyn College authorities said that with the exception of the Akron game, which was canceled, the team would play the remainder of its games as best it could with the other members of the squad who were not involved.