

Chief Price Does Nothing About Gaming Accusations

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I notice in the morning paper that Police Chief Austin B. Price has been unable to find out anything about what Phog Allen of Kansas describes as the nation's biggest college and high school gambling center located here in Lexington.

Dr. Allen, basketball coach at the University of Kansas, stated in a telephone conversation that the gambling center was located over the Mayfair bar, 224 East Main street, and that the telephone number was 3730.

Apparently someone else saw Chief Price's amusing report on his difficulties, because the late morning mail brought a letter from one who signs himself "Laughing Boy."

Laughing Boy says: "I see that Chief Price is having a lot of difficulty. No one will co-operate with him, poor fellow. He says: '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.' Since when," Laughing Boy asks, "does a policeman have to have a warrant to enter a gambling joint?" And Laughing Boy followed his question with "Ha, ha, ha."

The writer continued: "The Revised Kentucky Statutes (436.280) states that any bank, table, contrivance, machine or article used for carrying on a game prohibited by KRS 436.230 (dealing with gambling) . . . may be seized by any justice of the peace, sheriff, constable or police officer of a city **WITH OR WITHOUT A WARRANT.**"

And this paragraph also was followed by a "Ha, ha, ha."

Laughing Boy went on to say that if no one else would swear out a warrant there is nothing in the world to prevent the police from signing their names to such papers, provided, of course, they can write.

"I see by the morning paper, too," Laughing Boy continued, "that Chief Price says that his officers, ordered two weeks ago to clean out gambling joints in Lexington, have been unable to find anything substantiating Phog Allen's charges. If Chief Price admits he has been unable to find any gambling joints, then a new police chief should be found, because such joints do exist and every man in Lexington—except, of course, Chief Price and his officers—knows these joints have been operating. Ha, ha, ha."