

^{Inquirer} Basketball Gambling Serious—Carlson

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 22 (A. P.).—Dr. H. C. Carlson, University of Pittsburgh basketball coach, today joined Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen, University of Kansas mentor, in the latter's assertion that gambling on basketball games in Madison Square Garden is a serious threat to the intercollegiate sport.

"Mr. Allen is right," said Dr. Carlson. "Something will have to be done to stamp it out. The gamblers are getting out of hand and bold in their dealings. And not only in New York. Their fingers are on the game everywhere, in the small towns as well as in the large cities."

Coach Vadel Peterson, of the Uni-

versity of Utah, however declared, "I am sure the management of Madison Square Garden would be the first to move if it thought that gambling affected the outcome of any game." He also admitted, as Dr. Allen charged, that a man last year approached him in a New York hotel room and asked how much it would cost to have Utah lose a game.

Peterson, in Salt Lake City, admitted that fans wagered on the outcome of basketball games just as they do on elections or on any other contest. He added, however, that he did not want to become a party to any reform movement against gambling, and that the incident in New York was closed as far as he

was concerned when he shut the door of the hotel room in the man's face.

After his statement in Lawrence, Kan., Dr. Allen was criticized by Emil Liston, executive director of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball. Liston said in his Baldwin, Kan., home Saturday, Dr. Allen had shown "lack of faith in American youth, and meager confidence in the integrity of the coaches."

Dr. Allen's only reply to Liston's statement was, "I find Dr. Liston's childlike faith very touching, and I hope nothing ever happens to enlighten him."

^{Inquirer} Charge Baseless, Says Ned Irish

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (U. P.).—Ned Irish, acting president of Madison Square Garden, said today that Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen's charge of college basketball games being thrown here was "nothing more than a baseless repetition of allegations which he picked up by way of hearsay."

Irish, replying to charges by the University of Kansas basketball coach, that gamblers had arranged to "fix" the results of certain games here, said that "there is nothing new in what Dr. Allen alleges."

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"The situation he refers to was investigated thoroughly by local authorities and the newspapers, when the rumor first developed last season," Irish said. "That investigation proved that the rumor was baseless. No player was ever disciplined and no other action was taken."

Irish said that he personally "would like to let the entire matter drop rather than give Allen a chance to talk again."

"He has been doing that sort of thing for years now, and the mystery to me is that people take him seriously in the light of his previous false prophecies," Irish said.

"However, in this instance, it was a very serious thing for him to do, based strictly on a second-hand story, and in justice to the players he named, I feel moved to say there was nothing to it."

Irish confirmed that he had received Allen's telegram in which he named the players allegedly involved in the "fix."