

Utah Mentor Wants No Part In Allen's War on Gamblers

But Peterson Upholds Phog's
Assertion "Fix" Was Tried
Before Game in N. Y.

Lawrence, Kas., Oct. 22.—(AP)—Emil Liston, executive director of the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball, who censured Dr. Forrest C. (Phog) Allen of Kansas University for "lack of faith in American youth," has been joined by Vadal Peterson, Utah's cage coach, in minimizing Phog's assertion that gamblers threaten integrity of college athletes.

Peterson confirmed Allen's assertion that a man had come to his hotel room in New York and asked how much it would cost for Utah to lose a game. But Peterson said the incident was closed when he shut the door in the man's face. He added that he did not want to become a party to a reform movement against gambling.

Pitt Coach Upholds Allen

(At Pittsburgh, Dr. H. C. Carlson, University of Pittsburgh basketball coach, upheld Allen. "He's right," said Dr. Carlson in a statement, "and 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.")

Liston, coach at Baker University, Baldwin, Kas., said in a statement Saturday that Allen's charges showed a "deplorable lack of faith in American youth and meager confidence in the integrity of coaches."

"I find Mr. Liston's childlike faith very touching, and I hope nothing ever happens to enlighten him," was Phog's only retort to his former pupil's statement.

Allen coached Liston when the latter was a student at Baker in 1907.

Peterson, in Salt Lake City, said that fans bet on basketball games just as they do on elections or any other contest.

Says Garden Would Act

"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," Peterson said.

Allen had this to say about Peterson's comment:

"Vadal is talking about betting by fans. I have no argument with the fan who wants to bet on any game.

"But the man who came to his hotel room and asked how much it would cost to have Utah throw a game was not a fan contemplating a casual wager."

Allen said that he joined Peterson in his belief that Madison Square Garden made every effort to prevent gambling. He added that his only target of criticism was the professional gambler who, Allen said, would like to fix college games.



Dr. F. C. "Phog" Allen