

MAJOR GRIFFITH SCORED ALLEN

(By Hugh Fullerton, Jr.)

New York, Dec. 9. -- AP. Next to picking a successor to Judge Landis, about the hardest sports job of the coming year will be to select a Western conference commissioner who can fill the place of the late John L. Griffith. . . . Some folks will tell you the major didn't have any real power, but he had plenty of influence and a commonsense way of using it. . . . The last letter this department had from Griffith commented on Phog Allen's proposal to appoint an athletic czar: "First, you can't make people good by legislation, and it is foolish to make laws before there is a demand for the laws. Second, our athletics can be controlled better by local groups than by a national organization." . . . By way of illustration he added: "We do not deal with this problem of recruiting and subsidizing as tho it were a matter of ethics or morals, but rather from the standpoint of fair competition. Our men are agreed that they want to conduct athletics on a nonpaid player basis and while, now and then, somebody may help an athlete, we feel that we are handling our own problem pretty much to our own satisfaction."

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