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'It Will Have To Be Golden'— Allen Warns Colleges Face Post-War Athletic Scandal

LAWRENCE, Kan., Oct. 13 (UP)—Dr. Forest C. (Phog) Allen, basketball mentor at the University of Kansas and self-styled sage of middle-western coaches, suggested today that colleges employ a national high commissioner to rule in the manner of Judge Kenesaw M. Landis in baseball to "save the decency of collegiate athletics after the war."

Allen, critic of proselyting in college athletics, said that unless such an office was created there would be a post-war scandal in football and basketball that would overshadow any similar incident since baseball's "Black Sox" World Series deal of 1919.



Phog Allen

Allen, whose cage teams are practically the perennial champions of the Big Six, predicted a post-war golden age of sports.

"It will have to be golden," he said. "There won't be enough silver to hire the big boys."

Recommends Commissioner

Allen suggested that "college administrators should see to it that the office of the President of the United States should nominate the commissioner.

"Something is going to happen," he said. "If educational institutions are efficient, they will set up some machinery that will protect them from a national scandal. As sure as you live, the thing is going to crack

wide open sometime when they lay bare an incident where some group of college boys have thrown a game for a tidy sum. That will happen because there is more money being bet on football and basketball games in America today, than is bet on all the horse races being run."

Allen said "the fellows who run the Amateur Athletic Union should invite the highly proficient baseball and football executives into their fold to teach them how to run their professional athletics."

College Heads Confess Danger

The Jayhawker coach pointed out that the American Association of University and College Presidents has failed to do anything about athletics from a post-war angle except to acknowledge that they have gone professional.

"Now," he said, "the scramble is on to get big game name coaches to man the guns and fill the stadia to dripping capacity. They will be out after the returning stars, when they doff their uniforms and campaign ribbons and will use the GI Bill of Rights to help them lure the boys into the fold.

Along with the Government money they (the coaches and schools) will be offering bonus dough for playing on their particular team.

Allen said he had no objection to scholarships, openly arrived at and lived up to.

"But what we are facing today," he said, "is that some schools pay \$45 a month, some \$75, some pay board and room, tuition, books and on up. A commissioner would stabilize things and this hypocrisy that is practiced now would be dealt with summarily."