

of these schools entering such a scheme. I do not infer that there would be any coercion in the membership. It would be a purely voluntary proposition with each conference as to its membership, but it would be a superimposed restriction that they would agree to set this up just as the National Baseball Commission set their agreement up. After Judge Landis had the word "may" changed to "shall" before he accepted the high commissioner-ship of baseball, then he forced the magnates into forcing him to enforce their rules. There was no alternative.

The reason I suggest the large salary is to get the type of man who would be above reproach. The college conferences who were members of this working order would pay the salary of this czar according to the proportion of their student body membership.

I had hoped that this scheme could be presented to the American Association of University and College Presidents in such a way that they would want to do something with it. I realize it is only they who could initiate such a move. The large majority of presidents of colleges have not been overly enthusiastic the way the football business has gone, and basketball is just as bad proportionately. Track in some sections faces the same danger.

After the war we will have our stadia overflowing with spectators. Our colleges will be bulging with students returning from the war. And in my opinion this is the only way that we can clean up the nasty mess that we have gotten into. Then, and then only, can coaches show their true coaching skill. As it has been, it is merely the assembler of athletic talent that determines the winner. You will understand this is for all sports, not just football, but for everything in intercollegiate athletics. It is the policing of the entire program, just like our World Court is planned. There is enough power to smash at the recalcitrant individual or college that tries to break over so that orderly business should continue for some time. But it will cost money, but it will save thousands and thousands more than it costs. It would build up the weaker clubs and whittle down the stronger ones, and the income at the gate would be tremendous for everybody concerned. It would revive intercollegiate athletics all over the nation and would not determine the schools that have been successful because "big time" athletics, in the sense of buying football teams and other athletic talent, would be out.

If there is anything here that is not clear, I would be glad to have you interrogate me, and I will see if I cannot clear up the points for you.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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