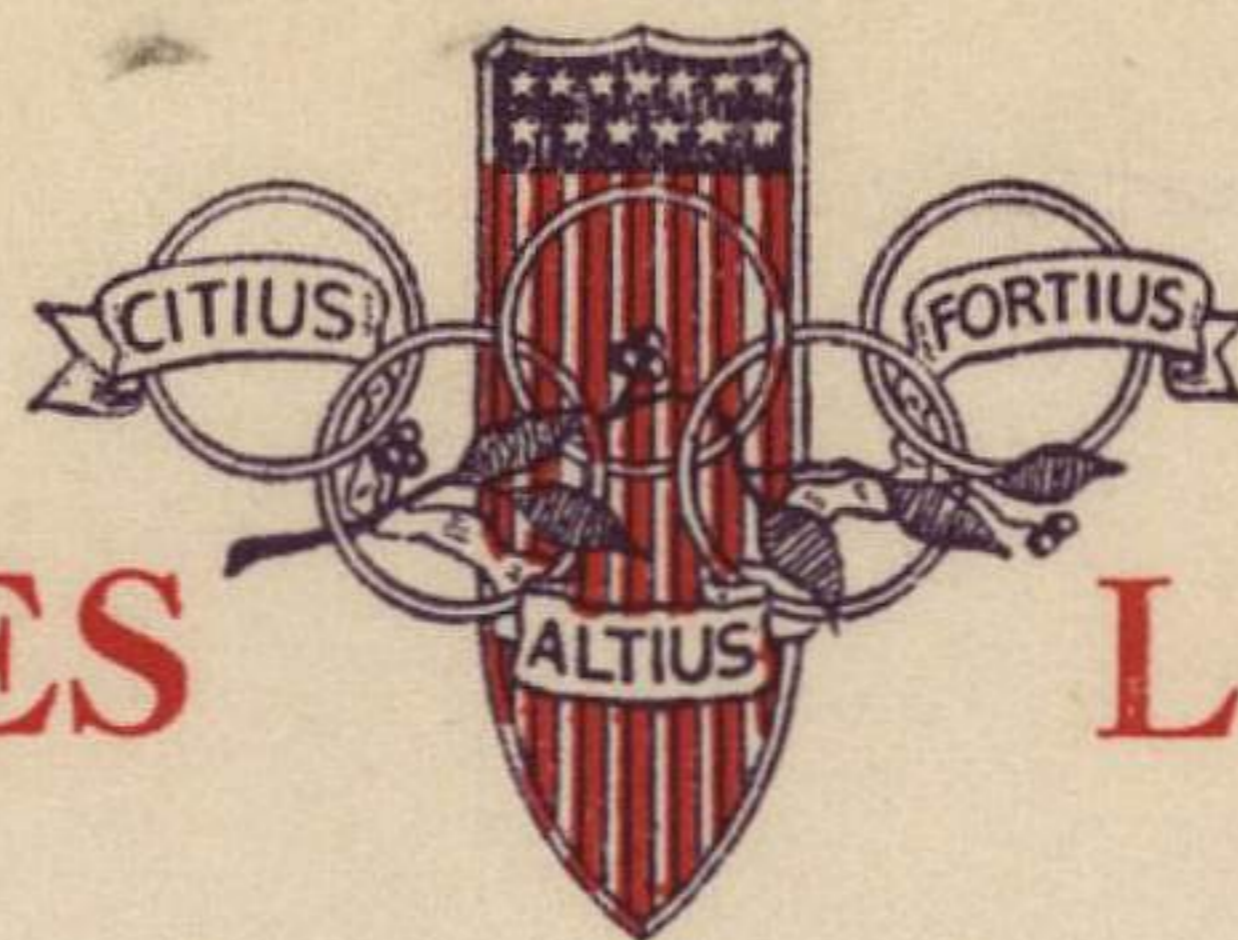


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REPLY TO

GENERAL SECRETARY

PLEASE WRITE SEPARATE LETTER
FOR EACH SUBJECT

October 21, 1930

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Dr. Forrest C. Allen,
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Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Doctor Allen:

We are acknowledging yours of October 14th addressed to Mr. Garland concerning basket ball.

We have had this basket ball situation before us, in one way or another, for over a year. While certain field games are left optional with the Organizing Committee there is the fundamental requirement of making the official program first from the established and officially required Olympic sports and games. There is also, on the part of the International Olympic Committee, the oft expressed desire that the program be reduced rather than lengthened. This, together with the sixteen day limitation for the period of the Games and our situation relative to facilities, plus the fact that in the official program itself we will have to organize and successfully administer approximately one hundred and thirty five distinct and independent "shows" during sixteen days and nights, have been the guiding conditions under which we prepared the program which was approved at the recent Congress in Berlin.

We have also the situation of the foreign countries having to husband their rather meager financial reserves to meet their budgets and insure representative teams in the principle departments of the Games, Track and Field, etc. etc.; and to add another feature to the already heavy program would be adding to their burden, shortening their participation in the traditional events and we would still have our impossible local situation as to facilities etc.

We, as the Organizing Committee, have the privilege of putting on a demonstration of one strictly American game which is not known internationally and one demonstration of an international game not known in the United States. We have chosen American football as the American demonstration and it will be played in the Stadium on the afternoon of the Marathon, between start and finish of same.

As basket ball is played both in the United States and in other countries it would not come under the strict interpretation of the demonstration idea. American football has been decided upon as the best American