

2.- Dr. Allen -

(2) that the International Federation considers the AAU of C. merely a "super-imposed organization", and not the "nationally independent basketball association of Canada", and that the F.I.B.F. (above) desires and will affiliate with the REAL basketball organization of Canada.

I have also reason to believe that the AAU of C. has also an alliance with the AAU of USA., and that under said alliance, the AAU of USA. will refuse to permit basketball teams under its jurisdiction from playing basketball teams under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association- unless we rejoin the AAU of C. and submit our 20,000 odd members again to the top-heavy and inadequate financial machinery of that body and the interference of outsiders in the promotion of our game. I further understand that the alliance between the two countries is subject to cancellation on thirty days' notice. I am quite certain that it will be useless for me to apply to the AAU of USA. for an alliance on the basis of our rigid adherence to the amateur principles of the past and rigid control of international competition as well as recognition of one another's suspensions, etc., because the AAU of C. and that of USA. are so closely allied. Hence I am appealing to you to find out if there is any possibility of an alliance between the CABA. and the nationally independent basketball organization of the USA. If the International Federation which controls the basketball playoffs at the Olympics is satisfied, I cannot see why the basketball association of your country should not be also. Further, it seems to our officials unreasonable that basketball should not be able to progress without political interference from organizations not at all interested in our game beyond the monetary returns from our membership.

Incidentally, I may add here that the large bulk of our players DO NOT play in any game or sport under the jurisdiction of the AAU of C. In Canada, the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, also a nationally independent organization, has this year withdrawn from its alliance with the AAU of C., and there is now only ONE SPORT- lacrosse, still allied. The AAU of C. is really now chiefly governing individual sports,- track, etc.

Mr. Jones in his letter tells me that he believes that there is a movement on foot in USA. to form a nationally independent basketball organization, the same as the CABA. is in Canada, and that there have also been formed similar bodies in Argentine, Brazil, and some European countries. I shall be pleased to hear from you whether this is true.

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May I ask, Dr. Allen, that you place this/in the hands of whoever is chiefly responsible in USA. and attempt to give me an early reply. Please understand that what the Canadian Amateur Basketball Association is trying to do is to get control, absolutely, of its own sport, and take it away from the financial restrictions and the political intrigue of the AAU of C. We believe this we have a right to do, and that the AAU of C. should not be able to wield an axe against international competition to force us to remain under their control.

Last year, our Olympic team, Windsor, entertained your champion USA. team at Windsor in a series. This year the Windsors were defeated by the team of the University of British Columbia at Vancouver, B. C. Would you please advise me if your champion team is interested in a series on the Pacific coast, when, and what is the estimated guarantee required. If at all feasible, I would like to institute an annual international series.

Trusting that I may be favoured with an early reply, - one as encouraging as that received from Mr. Jones.

Sincerely yours, *W.D.W. Hardwick* President.

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