

said, if the 8th district should win it they would make but one trip, but if the 5th or 6th district should win it they would be traveling a distance comparable to making a trip across the entire continent with dates against them, while the eastern district winners would have every advantage from shorter hauls to more rest.

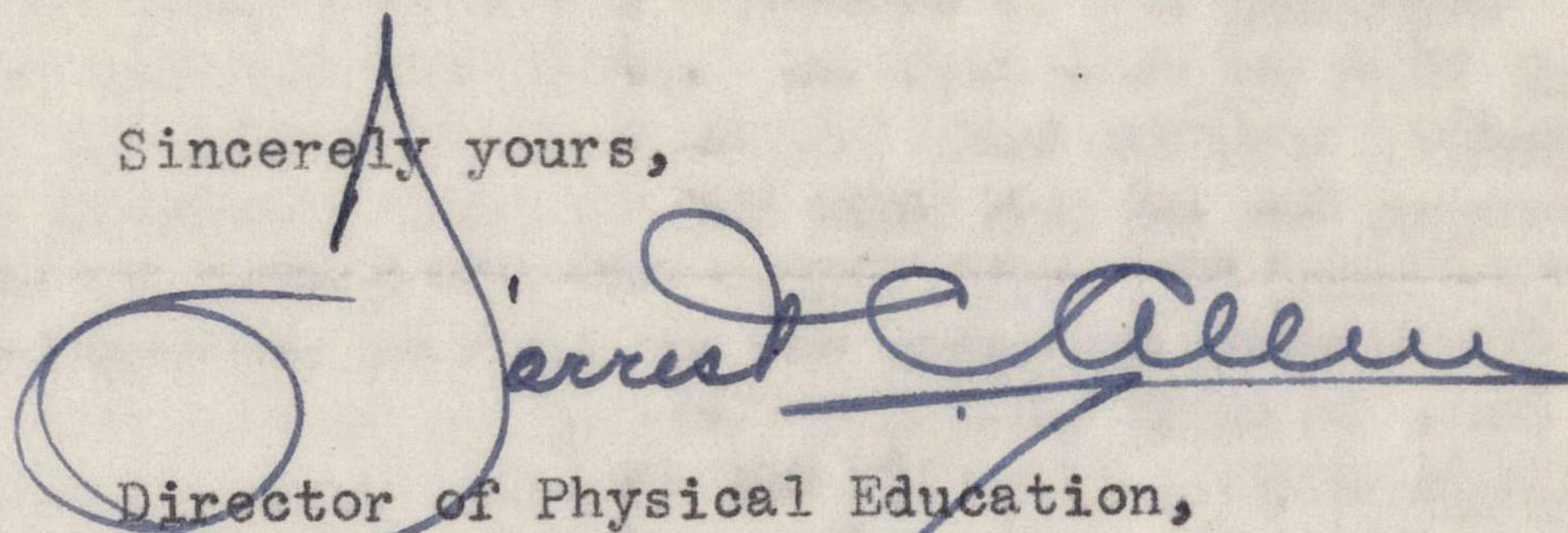
That is all I know about it, Harold, but I voiced my opinion as a member of the general committee, trying to put myself in the place of those people that I was supposed to represent. Frankly I am saying to you that I do not believe that the general committee met or were polled on all these ideas frequently enough.

Again I want to assure you of my loyal cooperation in trying to promote the best interests of basketball, but I want to call your attention to the fact that early in the beginning you talked about the semi-finals in Kansas City, or possibly the finals. I thought we had a possibility, and went to work and got Mr. McBride on the committee and cooperated with you to the point that I thought we would land one or the other. Then you called me from San Francisco saying that you thought the semi-finals for our district should be out there. I happily acquiesced, but I remembered what you and I had said to Mr. McBride. Then without knowing much more, the place of the final play-off was set for Chicago.

Again I assure you of my hearty cooperation, but again I say that the general committee has done too little and has known too little for a general committee. Certainly we can profit by our acts of omission or commission for next year, and it should be a much easier matter for us to obviate some of these embarrassing situations.

With all good wishes to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Allen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

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