

February 23, 1939.

Mr. John W. Bunn,
Dean of Men,
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California.

Dear Johnny:

I believe our difficulty in the whole situation, John, has been that we have had too few communications with the chairman. While Harold and you were out in California you remember that Harold phoned me. I received no other communication from him then until I received his wire on January 25, as follows:

"It seems best arrangement for tournament play is as follows- Eastern playoff at Palestra University of Pennsylvania March 17th and 18th; Western playoff San Francisco March 20th and 21st; final game for NCAA championship at Chicago Northwestern University gymnasium March 25th. Feel publicity should go out at once so if you have objection to this arrangement please wire immediately; otherwise will consider you as confirming these dates and places."

On January 26 I received an onionskin copy of the letter that was sent to H. H. Salmon, you, and Bill Chandler. I find that I have written him a great number of letters; two on January 21, one on January 16, one on January 28, one on January 23, and several in December. I also called him by phone. In all these letters I endeavored to find out more of what was being done.

But I want to assure you that I have tried to do the best for the representatives from this section of the country who might be forced to play out in California with some pretty tough games in the offing, and then have to retrace their steps and play the representative of Districts 1-2-3-4 in Chicago so soon after the dates in San Francisco.

You state in your letter that it could be held on March 17 and 18 at San Francisco. If that could be done that would suit everyone of our people here because the last date that our conference has is March 6, and most of them are over by March 2. I wonder why March 20 and 21 was not chosen out on the coast. Do you know?

It was because of the fact that I received a letter from Harold Olsen saying that the play off in San Francisco would be on the 20th and 21st that I felt it would be fair to play in Chicago on the 27th. But if you could set your dates on the 17th and 18th out there I would be strongly in favor of playing on the 25th in Chicago, so far as I am concerned as a member of the committee. I did not understand that you could