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Dear "Phog":

As indicated in my wire to you, I don't understand the statement you received in a letter from John Bunn in which he stated that the tournament out there could have been held on March 17-18. As you may recall, the first announcement regarding the San Francisco play-off was that the play-off would be held on Treasure Island on March 17-18. Those were the dates agreed upon by Bunn, Major McChrystal and myself on December 26.

On January 13, I received a letter from Bunn from which I will quote a portion:

"Since the conference with the Fair officials on the western play-off, it has been necessary to change the dates from March 17-18 to March 20-21. It did not seem possible for McChrystal to completely clear the original dates. I found by checking travelling schedules that the teams would miss one day less of school if they played on March 20-21 than they would if they played on March 17-18. I think, therefore, that there can be no objection to holding the tournament on the first of the week."

On January 18, I sent the following wire to Bunn:

"Planning final game Chicago, Saturday, March 25. Suggested dates of March 20, 21 appear impossible because winning western team cannot arrive Chicago in time for final game. By all means stick to original dates of 17 and 18. I feel we should do this even if it means taking the event to San Francisco and running it in the Auditorium. Please settle this finally and let me know by wire earliest opportunity."

Then on January 21, I received the following wire from Bunn:

"March 20 and 21 only possible dates. Bicycle races as per my letter and preparation for elimination tournament here make early date impossible. Train connection permits western winner to arrive Chicago evening March 24. Fair will pay first class fare. Suggest you confirm date as tentatively arranged. Least amount of absence from school this way."

And so, in accordance with the information I received from Bunn, as indicated above, I told him to go ahead and plan on the dates of March 20 and 21. So can you wonder that I am at a loss to see how Bunn could say in a letter to you that the tournament out there could have been held on March 17 and 18? You figure it out, I can't.