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## ADVICE TO THE COLLEGES ON ICE HOCKEY

President Owens appointed Professor A. I. Prettyman, Hamilton College, Dean L. K. Neidlinger, Dartmouth College, and Mr. Asa S. Bushnell, Princeton University, a committee to confer with representatives of the Amateur Athletic Union on the subject of representation of the United States in the sport of ice hockey at the 1940 Olympic Games. The conference was held on April 2. Mr. Bushnell, in the following extracts from a letter to President Owens, gives the results of the conference. While the Executive Committee of the N. C. A. A. has not had an opportunity to consider the matter, it is the opinion of the President and the Secretary that the colleges should be informed of the action of the joint committee in this important matter. A list of all hockey teams in the country registered with the A. A. U. may be obtained from the secretary of that organization, Mr. Frederick W. Rubien.

"After lengthy and amicable discussion, it was decided to recommend to the National Collegiate Athletic Association that it ask all of its member colleges which engage in the sport of hockey to include on their hockey playing schedules no extra-collegiate competition except with American amateur teams registered in the Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S. or with Canadian amateur teams registered in the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, with the understanding that the Amateur Athletic Union will waive the collection of its prescribed five per cent international tax on Canadian-American competitions and will further waive the requirement of registration and use of travel permits by teams officially representing N. C. A. A. member colleges.

It might well be pointed out to interested colleges that this procedure was approved by the N. C. A. A. representatives because it is designed not only to promote amateurism but also protect the Olympic hockey eligibility of their undergraduate athletes. The International Ice Hockey League recognizes the A. A. U. as the governing body for ice hockey in the United States, and it is obvious therefore that eligibility for Olympic competition is jeopardized when A. A. U. rules are not observed.

It was, incidentally, the unanimously recorded sense of our meeting that whenever the United States participates in the Olympic Games, the nation should be represented in the hockey competition.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ASA S. BUSHNELL."