

tions of the country. When the nation-wide protest was presented to the Rules Committee it hurriedly decided to postpone the adoption of the change for one year. It is worthy of note that the dribble still is in the code.

The group at Des Moines, in its further discussions of basketball concluded that the coaches should have a greater voice in the game's affairs and that the only way to obtain it was by united effort. Action on this conclusion resulted in the appointment of a committee to enlist the support of coaches in other sections in the formation of a national organization; to draft a preliminary constitution; and to arrange for the first convention.

Evolved Into a National Association

Through the efforts of this committee the first annual convention was held in Chicago in 1929 at which time officers were elected, a constitution adopted, and general policies agreed upon. These policies are outlined in the statement of objects in the constitution.

A report presented at this meeting showed that the make-up of the Joint Basketball Rules Committee was not representative of all sections of the United States. Acting on this information the Association requested all interested organizations to aid in correcting the situation. As a result basketball is now governed by the National Basketball Rules Committee which is composed of authorities from every section.

Since 1928 annual conventions have been held in which all phases of basketball have been discussed. The year, date and presiding officer at these meetings have been: