

### DISCOURAGE "PRO" VS AMATEUR COMPETITION

One item of business discussed at the annual convention of this Association at Chicago last spring considered the attitude of the group toward the relationship of school, amateur, semi-pro, and professional basketball players. An extract from the minutes of the meeting covering this topic is printed:

SECRETARY EDWARDS: Mr. Bingham, executive secretary of the A.A.U., is not here at this time, but wishes our opinion in regard to the practice of scheduling games between semi-pro or pro teams and school or college teams. He points out that a school or amateur player who participates with or against semi-pro or pro players endangers his immediate as well as his future eligibility. To obtain the opinion of this group a motion would be in order.

DR. ALLEN: In view of the fact that basketball will be incorporated in the Olympics, and in view of the fact that it might endanger the eligibility of school or amateur players who play with or against professional teams; I so move you that college coaches go on record as discouraging any participation with professional teams.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kahler, voted upon, and carried without a dissenting vote.

Along this line The Amateur Athlete, official publication of the A. A. U., says editorially:

"Determined efforts are being made on all fronts to keep the professional and amateur basketball teams apart and to eliminate from the amateur ranks those teams which insist upon traveling from one end of the country to the other over long periods in defiance of the A. A. U. rule which limits them to three weeks of traveling away from home."

The same publication also states that the American Olympic Basketball Committee has ruled that no team will be permitted to play in the Olympic tryouts under the trade name of the concern with which the players are employed.

### WILL TEST A CENTER JUMP MODIFICATION

Five of the schools in the Big Six conference have agreed on two modifications of the official jumping rules to be tried as an experiment in the championship games they play with each other this winter. The changes are:

1. A 12-foot circle is to be drawn around the center circle and will serve as a restraining circle for non jumpers under the same regulations in force for jump balls at the free throw line.

2. "Floor" jumps are eliminated. Any jump following a held ball, or for any other reason, will be made at the nearest of the three circles.

The five schools involved in this modification are Nebraska, Kansas, Kansas State, Iowa State, and Missouri. Oklahoma, the sixth member of the conference, was not represented at the meeting when the changes were adopted and will not be required to enter the test. A set of records covering the situations developed by these modifications will be compared with similar situations found in games played under official rules. Theoretically, the changes are expected to reduce the crowding and fouling at center jumps; to give the shorter player a better chance to recover tips; to reduce the number of held balls; and to eliminate a few out-of-bounds balls resulting from tips made in the corners. A report of the findings will be submitted to the Association at its annual convention.