

in my opinion a basket ball tournament with international participants and the best American teams, would pack the stadium. Get after Garland and exert as much pressure on the Los Angeles crowd as you can."

Mexico, Canada, the Phillipines and Japan definitely promised us that they would send teams to Los Angeles for participation if the Los Angeles Organizing Committee would put basket ball on as a demonstration sport. It is needless to mention that scores of American teams were anxious for such opportunity to participate. It is our opinion had this tournament been staged in the stadium at Los Angeles the result would have been pronounced success, comparable to the Madison Square Garden sell outs. Three separate groups in Canada were tremendously interested.

On October 3, 1931, Mr. F. B. Eagleston of Toronto wrote: "Mr. G. T. Hepbron has referred me to you for information regarding the possibility of basket ball being recognized at the Olympic games. Would you kindly let me know whether any negotiations are pending at the present time or whether any definite decision has been made regarding this. Has basket ball any chance of being included in the programme? Any information you can give me will be appreciated as our representative team desires to know what the possibilities are."

We replied to Mr. Eagleston that basket ball was presented to the Olympic Committee and accepted favorably as one of the games to be put on for demonstration. The International Olympic Committee okayed it but we lost out in California. The Gold Coast people chose football because the game