

Lawrence, Kansas  
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Mr. Glen B. Owen,  
1623 Everett,  
Caldwell, Idaho.

Dear Coach Owen:

I hesitate to say anything about a matter in which I am not well enough informed. However, I have enough general knowledge regarding the American Basketball Congress to tell you that it is rather impotent, to say the least. This Congress has no standing whatsoever in the United States.

Personally, I am of the opinion that if you did accept an appointment it would do you no bit of good. We, of course, are particularly interested with the National Collegiate set-up, which has National High School Federation representation. I have no great affection for the A.A.U., so you see when I tell you confidentially what I think of the American Basketball Congress that I have no ax to grind.

My conviction is that the American Basketball Congress is a rather skeletal set-up to promote tournaments and to make some money for somebody out of the tournaments. While I was in Atlanta this past summer I received a letter from G. L. Rathbun, of Spokane, Washington. He sent me a list of officers from the different states. In Kansas they have Frank Kice, 116 S. Topeka Avenue, Wichita, Kansas, listed. Mr. Kice is not active in any of our basketball organizations in the state, either collegiate or high school, and I would say he is comparatively little known. For that reason I have made my above remarks regarding the impotency of this Congress.

I am glad that you like my new book, "Better Basketball". I worked earnestly and long on the text, hoping that the readers would find some merit in it.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Chairman, 5th District, N.C.A.A.