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activity it is being prolonged unnecessarily. And, too, the professional promoters always offer much more in the way of lucrative expense accounts than our N. C. A. A. committee offers. The professional promoters offer to pay expenses for 15 men and they will guarantee you a purse in addition to the guarantee. Very enticing. Therefore, I believe that if we are going to continue this tournament that we should not have to compete in dollars and cents with these fellows, but we must follow along the line of giving our teams enough money that it will be at least a friendly gesture in meeting the competition that the professionals are consistently offering.

In Chicago when our committee met with your group I was pained exceedingly to see your group ask for a 10% cut before all expenses were paid, and then ^{demand} 50% out of the total. When track receives but 10% it seemed to me that if we could pay all expenses and then have the N. C. A. A. take 50% of the total profits and distribute 50% fourteen ways that this would be more than fair. I believe that everybody would be happy with such an arrangement. But the 50% was certainly more than any member of the Regional Basketball Committee ever thought of.

I was not the one to say that the arrangement which your executive committee proposed was wrong because I did not want to argue any further. I wanted to counsel and mediate but we were in no position to do that because you had bigger business at hand. Then when you wrote Ole setting forth the findings of your committee, we found that that was not what was agreed upon in our meeting--some confusion somewhere. Therefore it seems to me that your group and our committee should mediate, because what was written to Ole was not what was agreed upon as it was read to St. Clair, Olsen and me. Ole sent me a carbon copy of your letter to him. I presume that he also sent St. Clair one.

In closing let me make myself plain. I will agree to do most anything for the good of the order. I also pledge my loyalty to the N. C. A. A.; however I can see no reason why we cannot continue with a fine tournament in which the N. C. A. A. can immediately count on a fine income and where the fourteen colleges participating will have at best a very small sum, but at least enough to make them happy. Therefore, I beg of you to see if it is not possible with some mediation to forget the original 10% discussed and to pay the railroad, pullman, hotel and meal expenses of all fourteen teams competing in their respective Eastern, Western and National play-offs and then to divide a very handsome profit, 50% of the N. C. A. A., and 50% of the net to the fourteen teams split in the way that the committee suggests.

Wishing you and your family a very happy and prosperous Yuletide,
I remain

Very sincerely yours,

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