

I insisted to Mr. Goldman that we pay a price for this hall commensurate with the charge that should be made to all people who come in from the outside. Naturally you make a special price to the Naismith League because it is in your own municipality.

I want to explain our set-up. On March 22 and 23, the N.C.A.A. Fifth district, incorporating the Missouri Valley Conference, The Big Six, The Southwest Conference, the Rocky Mountain Conference, and the Pacific Coast Conference, will play the semi-finals in your hall to determine the semi-finalist winner who will play the district winner of the east (1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th districts). The 4th district is the Big Ten; the 3rd is the Southeast; the 2nd is the Eastern; and the 1st is the New England states. Their winner will meet the western winner in Kansas City on March 30 for the final National Collegiate Basketball Championship of America. This includes the large universities.

Last year Oregon defeated Ohio State at Patton Gymnasium, Northwestern University, for the championship. This was the first basketball championship of America under the guidance of the National Collegiate.

This is the pertinent question. I had known that the so-called "National Inter-collegiate Athletic Association", which is an organization of small colleges stimulated and augmented by coaches and directors and not college presidents and faculty representatives, held their tournament in Municipal Auditorium. I knew that Mr. Goldman made no charge for the hall rent. We were not asking aims and we are not now, but we feel that your Municipal Auditorium management should charge no more per night for our attraction than you charge this year for the so-called "National Inter-collegiate Athletic Association". Of course, you are the judge in the matter, but since our body is an organization of over 50 years standing, although only two national championships in basketball, we feel that we should have the same consideration as the small colleges. Do you not think so?

During the week-end of March 30 our National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States and Canada will meet in Kansas City, and on March 28, 29, 30 the National Association of College Basketball Officials; and on March 30, 31 and April 1 the National Collegiate Rules Body, which is the Basketball Rules Committee of the United States and Canada will meet in Kansas. In view of these things we beg your very serious consideration in making the price to conform with this other group that have had their hall rent free. We are not objecting to that, however, but we do plead for the same financial consideration.