

I had this put off as late as October, 1940, so that we would then be in a definite position to know exactly what we wanted to do.

There is another item, Ole, that I think I should mention that is very important. I have talked to a good many coaches that were in the tournament, or who did not get in, and most of them state that there has never been a definite statement of policy from the N.C.A.A. Tournament Committee concerning what the teams are to get, if anything. Of course, the district chairmen had been advised of certain things, and so have the members of the committee, but much of the advice that they received was erroneous; namely, that this fund would be earmarked for basketball. We found this to be incorrect. Further, there was only a guarantee of expenses for the eastern, western, and final play-off, and nothing for the districts. Yet if the district tournament made any money the N.C.A.A. was to receive it. And then you know in our first year we guaranteed expenses for fifteen men, then cut it to twelve, and then raised it again to fifteen.

I appreciate these difficulties that we get into, but there is a danger that unless we set these thing out and have them in printed form and send them to each member, marked personal, of the National Basketball Coaches Association so they could be fully informed, then there would be no excuse for fellows like Rupp, of Kentucky, pleading ignorance as to the real set-up. I only mention Rupp, but I can also mention Frosty Cox, Sam Barry, and many of the other boys saying, "We never received any information of what we are to get or anything of the kind." Henry Iba was the most outspoken one of all. For two years he has been stating that he will stick by the N.C.A.A. tournaments if the N.C.A.A. Tournament Committee will come out with a definite statement as to their policy and intentions, together with their possible distribution of the earnings.

I do not believe that we can afford to ignore these things longer, and after our meeting, if we do have one in Minneapolis, I believe we should have a definite statement to present to the coaches early next fall so that when our tournaments come up they will have been advised, and it will not be possible for them to state they knew nothing of the set-up. If we leave all this detail to the chairmen of the districts or other members of the Tournament Committee then there is still a possibility that the various coaches who are members of the N.C.A.A. will not be fully appraised of all the situations.

Would it not be well to have these points ready to submit to the N.C.A.A. governing board and get their o.k. or their rejection upon these moot points so that we in turn could be protected to