

"I admit they have improved shooting and have speeded up the game (although to what purpose I do not know)," Podoloff's letter concluded.

Nat Holman, coach of the City College team and as keen a student of the game as you'll find anywhere, has this comment in the City College Campus. "The professionals have a rule which takes care of the big man more than adequately. If you define a certain zone and enforce a three-second count on any man in that zone with his back to the basket, you would get rid of these robber barons of the backboard. The zone would be the width of the foul line and include everything from the foul line to the basket.

### **Holman Proposal Successful With Pros**

"While in this zone the player would have three seconds to take a pass or shoot, or else get out. If he didn't his team would lose possession. This rule has worked rather well in pro basketball. If we could get some conference or group of schools to adopt it experimentally for one season, we could really tell how it would work."

There you have two more different suggestions on dealing with the seven-foot (or close to it) rebound-snatcher. The first one would undoubtedly result in less scoring, but would lessen the value of the stationary big man under the basket. The second would keep the play confined to one-half the court area, as under the present ten-second rule, would still permit clogging up the defended team's area, but would keep the big man moving after three seconds in the bucket.

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Taking its cue from the National Football League, the American Soccer League is also said to be considering some move to end the plethora of tie games and may adopt an overtime rule at its meeting at the Hotel Imperial Saturday night. Fifteen of the 57 games played thus far this season have ended in stalemates.

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Maj.-Gen. Robert B. Williams, commanding officer of the Second Air Force at Colorado Springs, Col., writes in to state that the Superbombers' football team, playing primarily for the entertainment of fellow service men, performed before approximately 175,000 people, including 125,000 service personnel this past fall. As part of the Army Air Forces' physical fitness program, the Superbombers' season was a highly successful project . . . The army of Sonja Henie fans is advised to wait no longer; tickets for her show starting at the Garden Jan. 17 are going as fast as they ever did in previous years.