

soon for post war athletic rules - to rigidly enforce decadent and dead regulations in our college conferences after the war - then the college presidents had better tie their hats on because the gale brewing will develop a holocaust excelling anything yet seen.

But the teams that suffer most are the ones which observe the conference rules. These big time teams have discarded all of the traditional collegiate restrictions. There is no one at present in the collegiate set up to enforce the old rules. Maybe they are outmoded. The big timers are ignoring these rules the same as Hitler ignored the Versailles treaty and invaded the Ruhr. No nation acted. And no school or person is ^{now} restricting the big time teams and the big time coaches at present.

The surest way to kill intercollegiate athletics for the future is to continue in the deplorable manner that they are now being conducted. All other phases of educational and business procedures are definitely planning a post-war program. Certainly the old form of hiring a conference commissioner who pinches off the fuse before the flame gets to the powder keg will not be the answer. There will be such an upsurge of athletics by the boys returning from the world's war fronts to college halls that athletic contagion will spread like a prairie fire. Attendances will leap to a new high, and unless new rules are made and enforced -- rules that have teeth in them to keep these proselytors in bounds as Judge Landis has kept the baseball recalcitrants in bounds -- then we are in for double, double trouble. Judge Landis ousted William D. Cox, the president of the Philadelphia National League club. Cox was banished from organized baseball for betting on games. It will take a commissioner for college athletics with as much fearlessness in dealing with college coaches and administrators as is now possessed by Judge Landis in handling professional baseball.