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My dear Phog:

Your letter of May 12 is at hand in which you promote me to assistant superintendent of Cleveland public schools. Thanks for the fine promotion. However, I have not been officially notified of it yet and I am only the principal of Collinwood High School to date.

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The copy of your letter addressed Gwinn Henry and signed by George Edwards, dated April 5, and your reply of May 8 constitute very interesting reading. I am particularly interested in the last paragraph of this letter to Edwards which I quote for you simply to save you the trouble of looking it up. "Undoubtedly the N.C.A.A. executive committee has killed the N.C.A.A. tournament by grabbing everything within sight. The N.C.A.A. basketball committee has also done irreparable harm by their administrative supinity and rules-concocting at the meeting in New Orleans. There are more politicians on the committee than there are men of vision. One year they put the high school federation in power to meet the ends of their own purposes, and the next year they make them the goat endeavoring to please a few eastern coaches."

It is needless for me to comment further than that upon the situation other than to say that it was my own decision not to be a candidate for chairmanship of the Rules Committee again this year. I have felt, ever since my elevation to that position that to have both Porter and myself officers of the committee gave too much weight to the high school representation. While I believe that the sniping that was going on was directed at Porter rather than at myself, I feel that Porter's services on the committee were more valuable than my own and, therefore, voluntarily withdrew. Getting into my present work, I find that there are other things which appear to me to be far more important than basketball rules legislation and, therefore, am glad to withdraw as an officer of the association. If my present feeling continues, I shall ask the National Federation not to reappoint me as a representative on the Rules Committee. This may be due to a reaction which is simply a concomitant of the times. In other words, during my stay in New Orleans I had an opportunity to visit with my son who is a lieutenant in the Medical Corps at Camp Shelby. I was impressed with the possibility of his being sent to foreign service and to the fact that he might never return. In addition I could not help but multiply that feeling by the hundreds and thousands of young men who will never return, and with this in mind, the whole set up from the machinations of the National Basketball College ^{Coaches} Committee to the petty politics of the Rules Committee itself which I have enjoyed immensely over the past year seemed so inconsequential and played so small a part in the desparate situation in which we now find ourselves that it required about all the self-control that I had, on a number of occasions, to

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