MISSOURI STATE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC Office of the Secretary Clayton, Missouri March 9, 1937 NEW'S RELEASE The following tabulation of replies from fifty-two coaches out of two hundred representative schools in Missouri shows the trend of sentiment as it exists toward the basketball rules questionnaire as prepared by the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada. Other responses will be tabulated as received up to March 10th and forwarded to the Committee which will meet in Chicago on March 16 and 17, 1937. The Press may use this data as needed or desired. The National Basketball Committee consists of representatives from the National Collegiate A.A.; the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations, the Canadian I.A.U., and the Canadian A.B.A. The National Federation recently announced the appointment of M. C. Cunningham, Desloge, Missouri, as one of the four high school representatives on the National Rules Committee. Mr. Cunningham is a basketball official of high ranking and a member of the State Board of Control, M.S.H.S.A.A. His term is for one year. 1. Concerning rule changes which were made last spring: a. Is the new rule on communication satisfactory? Yes 52; No O. b. Do you favor the restraining circle around the center circle? Yes 50; No 2. c. Do you favor the rule which allows four charged time out periods? Yos 49; No 2. d. Do you favor the present rule which allows a defensive player to strike the ball and hand of an opponent while the hand is on the ball? Yes 34; No 17. 2. Concerning center jumps: a. Do you favor climinating the center jump following a field goal: Yes 26; No. 25. b. If (a) should be adopted, ball should be thrown in (check one) 1. Immediately from end of court 2. From end after being handled by official 24 3. From end of division line after being handled by official 3. Should the following be legalized for those schools that choose to use the following modifications: a. Backboards which would be placed four feet inside the end lines. Yes 17; No 31. b. Baskets which deviate from the customary single net and ring type (such as the double ring recording device which causes a light to flash when the ball goes through). Yes 16: No 28. c. A smaller backboard designed so that more spectators at the end of the court will be able to see the ball go through the goal. Yes 7; No 42. 4. Concerning the three second lane rule (check one) a. Present rule is satisfactory 25 b. Remove all three second lane restriction 8 e. Make restriction apply only to lane and half the circle 18 5. a. Would you favor having all jumps following held ball at the nearest one of the three restraining circles? Yes 27; No 23. b. If (a) should not be adopted and the center jump should be climinated would you favor retaining the center restraining circle? Yes 30; No 16. 6. In your territory is the rule relative to "guarding from the rear" being properly enforced: Yes 33; No 16. 7. Would you favor making the free throw lanes wider? Yes 1; No 49. 8. Would you favor changing the rule so that touching the ring or net is a violation even when the ball is not on or in the basket? Yes 12; No 37. (Concluded on second page)