

White Denied Role In Willis Moffitt Murder

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White was standing on Cass, he said. "After 9 o'clock," White testified, he started home. En route, he encountered Moser on S. Pine St., near Mosher St., and Moser "volunteered" the information that he had "just been in a fight," White said.

"When I got my own cigarettes out, he discovered he didn't have any," White added.

"Kicked by Moser" Says White

The pair then continued together on Pine St., until they reached Spring St. There, they turned to the left (toward the highway). As they reached the alley, White said that Moser "either pushed me or I went down on my knees."

Moser went on past White, who saw "a man standing, half

crouched," Moser hit the man, White testified. "Moser flipped this man over and kicked him. Then he kicked me. I had seen so many fights that I didn't think he was injured. I've seen men get up from fights (like this) and walk away."

In answer to a question from Miller, White said, "No sir, I didn't recognize the man being struck. I was not wearing my glasses."

White said that Moser then told him, "Let's go." They made their way to a Texaco service station at the corner of Mosher and Stephens, where Moser went into the wash room. After awhile, White went in to see what was detaining him. "There White said he saw on the washbasin, an envelope and a comb, which he handed to Moser."

Then the pair went to the temporary bridge on Douglas St. White said he "didn't ask questions" because "I usually go with

my friends," when he was cross-examined by Miller.

From the bridge, the pair went to an alley on Rose St., near Deb's Market, where Moser changed his bloody shirt for White's sweater. White said he stood on the street outside the alley, but vehemently denied that he was acting as a lookout.

After another visit to a tavern, Moser and White returned to the scene of the alleged crime, "partly out of curiosity," White said. The fallen man was gone by then.

As Moser and White returned uptown from their second visit to the scene of the alleged crime, White was arrested by City Police near the Pastime. White said he was questioned about the fight, but "didn't know at the time who the man was or what had happened."

Admits Prison Term

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"No, it isn't," White declared.

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made by White when they met him and his father in front of the Roseburg Post Office Sunday, Aug. 8. The Johnsons were to move into the Moffitt residence the next day, displacing White's aged father.

White's father, on the stand during the afternoon, verified then that he would "get even if it is the last thing I do."

Other witnesses were Melton W. Brandt, Douglas County State Bank teller, and L. E. Garrison, vice president of the bank, who identified a torn \$10 bill which Brandt said was brought in the day after the alleged crime by Bruce Baker, manager of The Spot tavern, for exchange.

Earlier Moser had testified that when he and White "had split the \$30 taken from Moffitt, one of the bills had been torn and White had questioned whether or not it was good."

White was further questioned this morning relative to his trip to California with Moser and Shelley Hayes, and specifically relative to a pawn ticket, which White said he received when he pawned a suitcase and watch for \$15 in California. White stated also he received \$12.50 at Weaver's, Calif., on a watch, and that a friend, Earl Schraeder, loaned him another \$2 at Medford. He was questioned also about washing his trousers in the City Jail, after his arrest, because, he said, he thought this was a rule applying to all jails. White's former criminal record was admitted to the court as evidence to be read by the prosecuting attorney when he presents his argument.

Defense Attorney Robert G. Davis questioned White as to a boxing bout he said he engaged in in 1932 in Roseburg, and about a shoulder injury he said he suffered in 1935. White said he obtained his schooling in Cottage Grove through the eighth grade, and that he obtained a scar on his head when about 17 or 18 years of age when he struck a rock while swimming, and that he had been bothered with continuous headaches since.

Fights Related
Concluding witnesses included Dick Whitaker, who claimed he had fought with Moser on three occasions, and that the latter always hit with his left. He said on each occasion—once about six months ago, once about a year ago and once on Roseburg day of the first rodeo in Roseburg—both had been drinking.

Raymond E. Meyers, White's former brother-in-law, said he had been with White at times on Aug. 13, but that he did not see him after 8:30 p.m. Moser had testified seeing Meyers after midnight, but Prosecuting Attorney Miller stated he learned that this was not the man to whom Moser had referred.

William Cresson, last witness to take the stand, testified to loaning White a dollar on Aug. 13. **Family Rifts Related**

Resting its case, the rebuttal was opened about 11 o'clock today, with Emma L. Moser, wife of Elmer Moser, taking the stand. She said she "never liked the man (referring to White) from the first time I met him." She said she and her husband were separated on several occasions, and that except for one time, when he went to Yakima, Wash., Moser was with White during their separations. She said White had been present when she and her husband had scuffled, and that she had accidentally fallen over a bed when her husband struck her. Referring to her trou-

Suchow's Fall To Communists Confirmed

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mand to bolster the Nanking garrison. Except for the forces in the Suchow-Hwai River area, the government had only 40,000 troops to defend Nanking and Shanghai.

Earlier today, the government indicated it would make a fighting retreat to mountainous South China if the Reds overrun this area.

A Foreign Office official hinted as much even as the Foreign Office itself was assuring the diplomatic corps that the government "has no intention to remove the capital somewhere else."

This official pictured President Chiang Kai-shek and his top generals and military advisers as committed to staying in Nanking to the last possible moment.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Claire Chennault announced today he is moving the headquarters of his China Air Transport Company to Canton.

The retired U. S. major general, former commander of the Flying Tigers, said the transfer to the South China city would be completed in a couple of days. Only airport facilities will be left here.

les with her husband, she said "I have always been able to take care of myself." When the defense attorney asked her if her husband had ever struck at her and missed her and had his hand go through the wall, she said "yes," but that the wall was only of plaster board and that a child could put a fist through it.

Phone Co. Head Killed In Plunge of Truck

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ST. PAUL, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Charles S. Mullen, 33, President of the St. Paul Telephone Co., and a farmer, was killed last night when his truck went off the highway here.

He had been working on telephone line extensions, and was on his way home. His wife, driving the family car, was immediately behind him and saw the accident.

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in the British sector early tonight had explosive possibilities.

The Socialists will meet in a building only 200 yards from the broadcasting station of the Russian-controlled Radio Berlin, which the Russians have maintained as an island inside British territory since the joint occupation began in 1945.

From it the Russians broadcast a stream of propaganda against the Western Powers and anti-Communist Germans. Russian Tommy-gunners stand guard in the lobby.

Hans Jakubowski, a veteran Berlin union leader, publicly proposed: "Give the trade unions five hours to demonstrate and the Communist radio hubbub will be swept away." British authorities are understood to have turned him down.

More Firing Practice

The Russians announced today they intend to conduct firing practice in the British airlift cor-

Airport Again Tested; Alternate Site Studied

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ridor to Berlin. Persistent fog blankets have hampered the ferry flights several days.

The Russians told the four-power Berlin air safety center Russian fighter planes would practice shooting at ground and tow targets near Perleberg, midway between Berlin and Hamburg.

The British protested verbally that the Soviet drills violated safety rules.

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the hands of CAA engineers for several weeks as a part of a study to determine whether the existing field can be improved to comply with minimum requirements.

A West Coast Airlines plane arrived in Roseburg this morning bearing E. B. Code, operations manager; Robert England, general traffic and sales manager; Captain Wellington, chief pilot; Lloyd Kahney, superintendent of the flight command, and several pilots. The West Coast officials, together with CAA engineers, were scheduled to conduct exhaustive flight tests throughout today and possibly tomorrow.

Last of Striking Sea Unions Reaches Accord

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and stewards agreed on a tentative three-year contract providing about \$20 a month more pay for all jobs and other benefits. The union will vote today on ratification.

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Locke Cape, sketched upper right, suit coat length with simulated sleeve and stand-up collar - 149.00

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