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## Race-fix jury told of 2 more beatings

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The jury in the horse race-fixing trial of nine  
men in U.S. District Court yesterday heard  
more testimony of violence — beatings of an-  
other jockey and a trainer which a witness said  
were ordered by Howard T. Winter, a reputed  
organized crime leader.

The jurors were told that the jockey, Vernon  
Gallup, was "kicked and beaten until he was  
unconscious" and a trainer, Vernon Ewalt, had  
"his head opened like a cantaloupe" because, af-  
ter accepting bribes, they failed to follow in-  
structions from the alleged race-fixers.

The alleged beatings were described by An-  
thony P. Ciulla, the chief prosecution witness,  
who said he organized a race-fixing scheme  
with money supplied by Winter and his associ-  
ates. Winter is on trial with eight others on bri-  
bery and racketeering charges.

According to Ciulla, the trainer accepted a  
\$1000 bribe paid to insure that his horse, Home  
Rules, lost the ninth race at Pocono Downs in  
Pennsylvania Aug. 12, 1974. Ciulla said that  
trainer Ewalt, was also told not to bet on the  
race himself because his bet would shorten the  
odds and reduce the amount of money Ciulla  
and his runners would collect on their bets.

When Ewalt was seen betting at the track  
windows he was summoned to a meeting at a  
motel room near the track the witness said. Ci-  
ulla said he telephoned Winter in Somerville to  
ask what should be done with the trainer. "Win-  
ter said he should get banged around to teach  
them a lesson down there," Ciulla testified.

The witness said he directed three of his  
associates, Robert Duda, William Barnoski and  
Robert Donati, to take the trainer to another  
room and "give him a few slaps."

However, when he went to the room later,  
Ciulla said, he found Ewalt's head "opened up  
like a cantaloupe ... totally covered with  
blood."

"I started screaming and yelling 'Does this  
constitute a couple of slaps?'" Ciulla said.

The beating of the jockey, Gallup, also oc-  
curred near Pocono Downs, Ciulla said. On  
Sept. 8, 1974, Gallup accepted a \$500 bribe and  
agreed to hold back his horse in the third race,  
Ciulla said. Gallup's horse finished second and,  
as a result, Ciulla and his runners lost the com-  
bination bets they had made on the race, the  
witness testified.

Ciulla said he again called Winter in Som-  
erville for instructions on what to do with Gallup.

Winter ordered the jockey beaten, Ciulla tes-  
tified.

The witness said he directed Duda, Barnoski  
and James Richardson of Pennsylvania to carry  
out the orders.

Ciulla said they "beat and kicked (the joc-  
key) until he was unconscious, breaking his  
ribs and whatever. They said they didn't know  
how bad he was hurt but he was motionless  
when they left him."

Earlier in the trial, Ciulla said Winter had  
beaten another jockey, Edward Donnelly, who  
had won a race after he was paid to lose.

According to Ciulla, jockeys and trainers  
were not the only recipients of his bribes. He  
said he also paid off Tommy Smith, a state  
steward at Pocono Downs.

Ciulla said Smith "was very instrumental in  
fixing races at Pocono." The witness said he  
gave the state official \$5000 at one meeting in  
which Smith warned him to be careful because  
the police were suspicious of what was going on.

Ciulla also told of a conversation with a Po-  
cono Downs jockey who feared getting in trou-  
ble with the stewards if he held back his horse.  
"Don't worry because two of the (three) stew-  
ards are on our payroll," the jockey was told by  
Robert (Teacher) Owen of North Providence,  
another of the defendants, according to Ciulla.

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