

Thereupon THOMAS J. SOLLI, resumed the stand,
and testified further as follows:

FURTHER

EXAMINATION OF PROSPECTIVE JUROR THOMAS J. SOLLI:

BY MR. MAHON:

Q Mr. Solli, you are the other party that was mentioned here
in connection with Mr. Verlinger. You had never met Mr.
Verlinger before this wedding about four months ago, is
that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you any brothers?

A I have.

Q How many?

A Three of them.

Q Do you have any brothers-in-law?

A Yes.

Q How many?

A Let's see, there's two and -- five.

Q Five of them?

A Five brother-in-laws.

Q Have you one who is named Tony?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where is he employed?

A He lives in Detroit, Michigan.

Q In Detroit, Michigan?

A Yes, sir.

Q Have you ever expressed any opinions as to the guilt or innocence of Dr. Sheppard?

A No, sir.

Q To no one?

A No, sir. I --

Q What -- what were you going to say?

A I didn't express no opinion with anybody I met.

Q Did you ever talk to any of your brothers-in-law about this case?

A No, sir.

Q Do you feel that you could -- let me withdraw that for a moment.

The fact that Mr. Verlinger is on this jury and the relationship does exist, would that fact in itself influence you in any way in your decision in this case?

A No, sir.

MR. GARMONE: I didn't hear his answer.

PROSP. JUROR SOLLI: No, sir.

Q You still feel that you could decide this case on the facts as you get them here in this courtroom and absolutely nothing else?

A Yes, sir. ✓

Q Not be influenced by anything outside of this courtroom?

A No, sir.

MR. MAHON:

Thank you, sir.

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EXAMINATION OF PROSPECTIVE JUROR THOMAS J. SOLLI:

BY MR. CORRIGAN:

Q Mr. Solli, how many men do you have working under you?

A Seven, sir.

Q Seven?

A Seven.

Q And when you were examined originally, you said that you had no opinion about the case and had expressed no opinion about the case?

A That I --

Q Did you understand me?

A That I had an opinion, is that what you mean?

Q Yes.

A I didn't.

Q I say, that when you come in originally last week the question was asked by the Court and by Mr. Mahon and by Mr. Garmone if you had an opinion about the case, and you said you did not, is that correct?

A Yes, sir.

Q And this morning you again have repeated that you have no opinion about this case, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q Now, Mr. Solli, did you ever give expression --

THE COURT: Did he ever what?

Q Did you ever express yourself about this case?

A What do you mean? With who?

Q With anybody.

A No, sir.

Q What?

A No, sir.

Q Did you ever make the statement that if you got on the jury you would burn Sam Sheppard?

A Oh, no, sir, I never said that.

Q Or anything like that?

A No, sir.

Q Or send him to the electric chair?

A I never talked about anything.

Q What?

A On the job there we never talked about anything; at home, either.

Q You are positive of that now?

A Absolutely.

Q The reason I ask you that question, Mr. Solli, as to your expression of what you would do if you got on the jury, it was given to me by a telephone call.

A I got a letter, too, Saturday. ✓

Q And it was also telephoned to Mr. Garmone's wife. I am not

just asking these questions to find something, but because that was the information that was given to me. Now, is there anything to it?

A I must have a lot of enemies.

Q What?

A I must have enemies or something. I don't know them people.

Q And the telephone call came from a woman who says that her husband works at the same place you do. Now, is there anything to it?

A I don't know nothing about it.

Q You absolutely deny it?

A I absolutely deny it. All I can tell you is who I got working for me. I got -- they are all foreigners, mostly all foreigners, and we never talk nothing about it on the job whatsoever.

Q What is your work, track --

A Well, it's like on a track, putting in rails, you know, ties so that the trains can go over it. Well, I got to --

Q Keeping the track in repair?

A Yes, repairing track.

Q And in order.

Well, you realize, do you not, Mr. Solli, that when I get that message and I am in a situation like I am here, defending Sam Sheppard, that I got to ask you those questions and I got to get an honest answer from you?

A That's right.

Q What?

A Sure.

Q And I don't want anybody on this jury that comes here with preconceived notions of what they are going to do from what they have read in newspapers. Now, you haven't got those, you say?

A No, sir.

Q And there is nothing to that at all?

A I don't know nothing about it.

Q Of course, I get letters, I get telephone calls, I get communications, and I guess the Judge gets them and everybody gets them in connection with this case, and that was the information that was given by this person, and I thought I would put it directly to you and ask for a direct answer. And you say that nothing like that ever happened?

A No, not to me. I don't know who would do such a thing. You know, I never talked to anybody, especially my wife, she don't want to hear for nothing. And anybody that calls up at home, she won't even talk about it because it's none of our business.

Q Have there been telephone calls come to the home since your picture got in the paper?

A Well, a lot of them talk to the wife because I won't answer a phone. If I am home by myself, I never answer the phone.

I got children, you know, and they call one another, but I don't know what they are talking about. It's none of my business. And, of course, if somebody calls up and sees my picture in the paper, that's all that was said. Then I got a letter Saturday.

Q Have you got the letter with you?

A No. I left it in my drawer, in my dresser drawer there. I was going to put it in my pocket. It's from Berea, Ohio. I don't know the person at all.

Q What was in the letter?

A They talk about Judge Sebert or Sibert.

Q Silbert?

A He's got a letter down there.

THE COURT: Have you got one with you?

PROSP. JUROR SOLLI: No. I've got it home, but I think he's got the same thing I got, from Berea, Ohio.

Q Did you read his letter?

A No, sir.

Q How do you know it is the same thing?

A I says I think.

(Thereupon paperwriting was handed to Mr. Corrigan by Prospective Juror Holliday.)

Q Look at this and see if it is the same thing you received?

THE COURT: Would you know?

PROSP. JUROR SOLLI: Oh, yes. I read it.

A That's the same, "To Whom Is Concerned."

Q That's the same letter?

A Absolutely the same.

THE COURT: Now that I read this,
I believe the Court received something of that kind,
too.

MR. CORRIGAN: Did you? From the
same fellow?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. CORRIGAN: John Mahon says he
knows him. Is that right, John?

MR. MAHON: I know him through a
matter in Court here, yes.

MR. CORRIGAN: You know that he has no
connection with this case whatsoever?

MR. MAHON: None whatever.

Q You got a letter that was like that?

A Yes, sir.

MR. CORRIGAN: We might as well mark it.

THE COURT: Court's Exhibit A-17 and
A-18.

Let the record show that Mr. Holliday also
received the same -- that Mr. Solli received the same

kind of communication.

(Court's Exhibit A-17 and A-18 was marked for identification and received.)

Q I hand you, Mr. Solli, this letter and envelope, which is marked for the purpose of identification Court's Exhibit A-17 and A-18, and ask you to look at it and state whether or not you received that letter in the mail, a similar letter in the mail?

A Exactly the same.

Q Exactly the same?

A Yes, sir.

Q The only difference is that this is addressed to Mr. William C. Holliday?

A Yes, sir.

Q And yours was addressed to you at your address?

A Exactly. I never knew the man, never seen him, never heard of him.

Q It is signed by a Norbert E. Connors, 21682 Pond Circle, Berea, Ohio, is that correct?

A Yes.

Q You do not know the man?

A No, sir.

Q Do you have any idea in your mind that that letter was sent out by anybody connected with the defense here of Sam Sheppard?

A No.

Q Does that letter in any way affect your judgment in this case or will it affect your judgment in this case?

A No, sir.

Q Now, you have been called back onto this stand and re-examined this morning. You sat here all last week, didn't you, or most of last week?

A Since Wednesday.

Q Since Wednesday. You understand that what we are trying to do and what we have been endeavoring to do is to get a fair and unbiased jury that will decide this case on what they hear in the courtroom and the charge that Judge Blythin gives you?

A Yes, sir.

Q Are you that kind of a person?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you feel that nothing will interfere with you being the type of juror that you understand sitting here in this courtroom is necessary on this case? Do you feel that you are that type of juror?

A Yes.

MR. CORRIGAN: All right. Thank you.

I suppose we better ask Mr. Holliday now.

That is all, Mr. Solli.

MR. MAHON: Wait a minute. I would

like to ask him another question, if I may.

BY MR. MAHON:

Q Mr. Solli, have you a brother-in-law or some relative that is working at the Valley Mold Co.?

A No, sir.

Q You haven't?

A No, sir.

Q You have never made any expression about this case at all to anyone?

A No, sir.

Q Mr. Corrigan said that he received a telephone call in which you stated that you would not be for a death sentence -- that you would be for a death sentence in this case. Now, you say you have never made any such statement?

A No, sir.

Q Now, I received a telephone call, also. The telephone call that I received said that you would never be for a death sentence. Now, did you ever make an expression of that kind?

A No, sir.

Q You see, our only purpose here in asking you these additional questions is because of those telephone calls, that you have said to certain individuals -- the one I received, at least -- that you said you would never be for a death sentence, and you say you never made any such expression of that kind at all?

A No, sir.

Q Anything like that at all?

A No, sir.

Q To anyone?

A No, sir.

MR. MAHON:

That is all.

THE COURT:

You may take your seat

in the jury box, Mr. Solli.

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