

MC WILLIAMS  
LOSES MOVE  
FOR RETRIAL

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Christian Mobilizer's  
Head Denied Writ  
for Transfer

Joseph E. McWilliams, "fuehrer" of the pogrom-inciting "Christian Mobilizers," yesterday lost in a move to have himself re-tried in another court as his trial on criminal charges of provoking violence at a street corner meeting came to an end.

Supreme Court Judge Thomas Kadian denied a writ seeking a transfer of McWilliams' trial from the felony court of Vincent J. Sweeney.

Judge Sweeney announced that he will announce his verdict Saturday at 10 AM.

The trial consumed five days of testimony, during most of which time McWilliams and his witnesses tried to use the witness stand as a forum for their extreme anti-Semitism.

On trial with McWilliams has been James Stewart, who describes himself as an officer of the "American Destiny Party," a McWilliams' by-product which is running him as its candidate for Congress from Yorkville.

In summing up his case, Prosecutor Whitman Knapp declared that it is impossible to have free speech in a land where the populace is deliberately incited to riot. Abuse, he said, even if it is only personal opinion, is not guaranteed in the Constitution.