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Thoresen Arraigned For Beating

William E. Thoresen was arraigned in Las Vegas yesterday on three felony charges — assaulting a pretty blonde in his hotel room and two counts of attempting to bribe sheriff's deputies if they wouldn't tell on him.

The gun czar of Pacific Heights was then freed on \$5500 bail on these charges with October 18 set as the date for his preliminary hearing.

But before the handsome, 30-year-old collector of machine guns and sword canes could leave the room he was promptly picked up by a United States Marshal, acting on a bench warrant issued in San Francisco by Federal Judge Lloyd Burke.

Burke revoked Thoresen's \$50,000 bail — stemming from a raft of Federal gun charges — when he learned the munitions czar was in Las Vegas difficulties.

Thus, until Tuesday — when State and Federal authorities in Las Vegas decide whether Thoresen is to be brought here or kept there — it seemed possible he would not be involved in further difficulties.

Thoresen's latest problems came about late Monday,

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when he invited 31-year-old Joan Jelke into his room at Caesar's Palace Hotel for "a sociable drink."

At some point, police say, the two got into an argument which left Mrs. Jelke with a broken nose, two black eyes, and a faceful of contusions.

Two Clark county sheriff's deputies, police charge, were shortly thereafter offered \$5000 apiece by Thoresen if they'd forget Mrs. Jelke's woes.

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"I'm in a lot of trouble in San Francisco," Thoresen is reported to have told the deputies, both of whom were wearing recording devices which preserved the alleged bribe attempt for posterity.

Sheriff's Lieutenant Glenn Simmons said yesterday Mrs. Jelke — whom he identified as the former wife of Mickey Jelke, convicted in 1955 of running a high-society call girl ring — is still hospitalized.

"She hasn't been very cooperative in telling us just what happened, so far," Simmons said. He added Thoresen hasn't said much since he was arrested, either.

Thoresen's attorney, J. W. Ehrlich, said his client went to Las Vegas last Thursday with attorney P. Basil Lam-bros, "to investigate aspects of the Federal charges against him."

20 COUNTS

Ehrlich was talking about 20 Federal gun charges against Thoresen stemming out of munitions seizures here in April which ran to 77



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WILLIAM THORESEN
Still smiling

tons. Thoresen was to have entered a plea to these charges here on October 19. He was free on \$50,000 bail.

"I am fighting a war on many fronts," Ehrlich said yesterday, adding Thoresen's attractive wife, Louise, will go on trial in New York next month for violations of the Sullivan Law (firearms) there.

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NEW FRIGND JOAN JELKE
Her nose is broken, eyes blackened