

Out on Bail, He'll See Psychiatrist

\$55,000 Frees Arms Tycoon

William Thoresen III, the Pacific Heights collector of weapons and ammunition who had 90,000 pounds of guns by tons, was free on \$55,000 cash bail today and his promise to let a psychiatrist check him out on the reasons for gathering enough weapons to support a small war.

Thoresen, 30, who surrendered himself yesterday at the U.S. Marshal's office here, will face charges, however, of illegally possessing the weapons both here and in New York.

The arrest was marked by fresh accusations of 45,000 pounds of privately owned weapons in two East Bay warehouses, the wealthy son of a Chicago company president told victory.

Assistant Attorneys J. W. Quinn and Edward Dulles, who had been a government lawyer, which could have sent Mr. Thoresen to jail, ordered, 30 days ago, the seizure of Lorraine, Calif., or Springfield, Mo., medical facilities for a full court psychiatric examination during incarceration.

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Assistant U.S. Attorney Gerald Ladar had argued before Federal Judge Oliver J. Carter that there appeared to be "a serious question of rationality" about a man

who had 90,000 pounds of weapons. Newsmen interpreted him as remarking:

"I am in the same type of business as Mike Konig (or Koenig) of Pasadena."

CIA MENTION

A check of Southern California sources produced no information of a Mike Konig associated with gun collecting. Ehrlich had effectively hushed his client before the remark could be explained.

Possible connections with the Central Intelligence Agency were raised again yesterday when it was noted many of the Thoresen weapons stored in the Coast Drayage Co. warehouse at 1565 Eastshore Freeway in Berkeley had been sold originally by International Armaments Co.

The California-based company (known as Interarmco) is headed by Sam Cummings, 39, admittedly a former CIA agent who unblushingly has stated he "sell[s] guns to anybody, no questions asked."

The company has been mentioned as possible supplier of arms both to Fidel Castro and to the ill-fated Bay of Pigs invasion force, which tried to toss Castro out of Cuba.

There were indications that Thoresen had not been the

most willing surrenderee to face federal charges.

"Mr. Thoresen," said U.S. Attorney Cecil Poole, "has been here since Monday, arriving on a TWA flight from the Los Angeles community, where everyone was well aware of this situation."

BIG ESTATE

Ehrlich also indicated the vast wealth available to his client by informing Judge Carter that he has known Thoresen for three years and has been representing him on a estate matter involving \$100,000.

Thoresen hastily whispered to Ehrlich and the attorney amended the earlier statement to read:

"Well, I understand it's more than \$1,000,000."

The client's gun cache was estimated by the attorney as "only" worth \$10,000 to \$15,000."

On Thoresen's promise to cooperate with any psychiatrist selected by the Federal Probation Department here, Judge Carter set all future legal matters over until May 10.

Thoresen and his leggy, attractive wife, Louise, 30, will appear in court here May 24 to answer charges of illegal possession of firearms in New York.