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MRS. THORESEN AND HER PARENTS AFTER THE VERDICT  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Banich embraced her in the courtroom

# Mrs. Thoresen Released After Murder Acquittal

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during the three-week trial, Mrs. Thoresen will stand to inherit a substantial estate.

**WORTH**

Defense attorney James Shepard said that "at a wild guess" Thoresen's tangled affairs will probably show a net worth of \$350,000, including the couple's Pacific Heights mansion which is valued at about \$200,000.

The jurors left the building quickly and were not communicative.

"We agreed there was not enough evidence for a con-

viction," said juror George Kezerian. His associates said the jurors had "taken a pact of silence."

Thoresen was found with five bullet holes in his back. The prosecution contended Mrs. Thoresen killed her husband while he was asleep and sedated, and the motive was love for Hinajosa plus desire for her husband's estate.

**DEFENSE**

The defense maintained, sometimes with great passion, that Mrs. Thoresen, 34, after years of abuse, killed her wakeful husband because

he was about to take her life.

Perhaps helping the defense's case most was Thoresen's personality. Testimony painted him as the psychopathic son of a millionaire who had a mania for collecting machine guns and taking LSD and sleeping tablets.

Mrs. Thoresen was portrayed as the daughter of a simple Chicago tile - setter (who was later heard to complain that Thoresen borrowed money from him and never paid it back) who stood by her husband while others who touched his life recoiled in horror.