

Thoresen Gets New Attorney

The gun-collecting Thoresens, facing trial on January 15, came along to the Federal court here yesterday with a new attorney and a bundle of motions.

A Federal Grand Jury last June indicted the 30-year-old Pacific Heights pair on a total of 22 charges involving illegal possession of guns and ammunition.

John J. Flynn, a Phoenix, Ariz., attorney who won the key Miranda case in which the U.S. Supreme Court spelled out rights of arrested persons, took over William Thoresen's defense from J. W. Ehrlich.

Ehrlich filed a motion to withdraw from the case in October which was granted December 21.

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Flynn argued that, with his short acquaintance with the case, he needed more time. He got a lukewarm response from Judge Oliver J. Carter and scant sympathy from U.S. Attorney Cecil Poole.

Judge Carter affirmed the trial date but indicated it might be set back if arguments on motions prove prolonged.

He will hear arguments on the first of the motions — for a change of venue — on January 4.

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Flynn will then argue that massive publicity about the discovery of huge arms dumps last April would prejudice a jury.

Judge Carter said arguments on the rest of the motions — which range from separate trials to suppressing evidence — will continue each day until resolved.

William Thoresen won one motion yesterday — he can travel to Phoenix to consult attorney Flynn.

His wife, Louise, is being represented by Beverly Hills attorney P. Basil Lambros.