

Pat Breaks Down, Halts Jelke Trial

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John—some time in June or July 1951.
 (Mickey was left \$125,000 last year by his brother, John, who lost his life in January, 1954, while on a National Guard training flight over the Gulf of Mexico.)

"A girl friend of mine called me and asked me to go to a cocktail party," Miss Ward said, "and I had never been to one before."
 "Object!" roared Herz, and was sustained.

An Unfamiliar Name—Then

He objected again when Pat said, demurely, when she was asked if she had ever met Jelke before: "It was the first time I ever heard of any Jelke," emphasizing the word "heard."

She met Johnny Jelke at the cocktail party on E. 52d St., she said, identifying the host as "Michael Angelo." She said she spent much time with Johnny and left the party with him to have dinner at Armando's. It was at this party, she said, that she first saw Mickey Jelke.

Pat got mixed up with the Jelkes again, she said, when she accepted John's invitation to a party at the Seabright, N. Y. Yacht Club. She denied vigorously that she had "solicited" this invitation.

She saw Mickey at this party also, but didn't recall if they exchanged any conversation. She was formally introduced to Mickey, she said, at the bar of the Little Club. His older brother performed the introduction.

Accidental Meeting

In Sept. 1951, she ran into Robert Merritt in front of the Astor pharmacy, she said.
 "By prearrangement?" Liebler asked.

"Oh, no," she said.
 (Merritt, a convicted procurer, was sentenced in April, 1953, to a five to 10-year term after he pleaded guilty to prostituting his wife, Carol Sutton, Virginia Dee (another Jelke witness), and two 15-year-old girls. The sentencing judge called him "utterly depraved.")

With Merritt, Pat said, she went to El Borracho for cocktails, and there she met Mickey Jelke. She was left alone with him when Merritt departed, explaining his head ache. Before they went to El Borracho, Pat said, Merritt had made a phone call from the drug-store.

Make the Rounds

Pat said they hit a few of the night spots, drinking at all of them, and talking about how unhappy Pat was at home, having arguments with her mother.
 "Why don't you leave home?" Pat said Mickey suggested to her. "I told him I couldn't, I had no place to go. He said he would try to make some arrangements or something."

Then Mickey took her home . . . it was about 3 A. M. . . and apparently worried that a 17-year-old girl was out that late, "he drove me up on the sidewalk, right in front of my door," Pat said.

She telephoned Mickey the next day, stopped by his apartment at 155 E. 47th St., the Buckingham, then went through the same routine of dining and wining at Mickey's hangouts . . . El Borracho, Little Club, Armando's, El Morocco.

Went to His Apartment

They started at noon and about 3 A. M. "I was feeling sick," Pat said. "I was quite dizzy. I told him



Mickey Rooney
 His name bobs up.

I wanted to go home but he didn't think I should, that's why we went to his apartment."

Q. How long did you stay there that night? A. I fell asleep there. I stayed overnight.

Q. Where did you sleep? A. On the couch in the living room.

Q. Where did the defendant sleep? A. I don't know. I suppose in the bedroom.

Q. Did you have any sexual relations? A. No, sir.

The next morning, Pat continued, she was quite worried, because, "I told him I had never stayed away from home all night before. He told me not to worry."

And Then—Recess Called

"I told him I didn't know what I could do," Pat said. "He said I could stay there if I wanted to and I could arrange for my moving sometime in the future, when I could get a job or something."

It was at this exciting point in the "Romance of Mickey and Pat" that Judge Valente called a halt for lunch, leaving the spectators with their eyes popping and their curiosity whetted.

Before Pat walked into the courtroom for the first time, Jelke's jurors heard her described by the prosecution as a girl who learned the facts of a prostitute's life from Jelke, who later dropped her "like an old wet sock."

They heard her described by the defense as "a lazy girl basically, who didn't like to work, had no desire to earn a decent living . . . out to find herself a soft berth in someone's apartment."

Not Seen As Vice Lord

Both descriptions were made during the opening statements. Liebler, speaking for 25 minutes, said: "We don't intend to prove Jelke was any kind of a vice lord. All we are accusing him with is compulsory prostitution of two girls. We do not claim these girls were virgins at the time they met Jelke."

"Each one (Pat Ward and Marguerite Cordova) had some experience in varying degrees with sex," Liebler continued. He said the state was not condemning Mickey for living with Pat, but for "putting Pat in business . . . He supplied her with the chief tools of prostitution."

Mickey, said Liebler, arranged for her phone answering service, sent her to a doctor to get a contraceptive device, and got an experienced call girl "to show her the ropes."

Liebler said the jurors would get

"documentary proof that several men had intercourse with her at this defendant's own apartment." He said "at made between \$10,000 and \$15,000 as a call girl in only three or four months."

Jelke and a friend, Carl Jarrett (Virginia Dee's boy friend) went to Florida for a vacation together, Liebler said, leaving the two girls behind "to make money." When Pat spent most of her money, Jelke became furious with her, the prosecutor said, "and that was the beginning of the breakup between Pat Ward and Mickey Jelke."

Brands Pat the Aggressor

Liebler said that Jelke used Ray Russell Davioni to bring pressure on Pat Ward when she was resisting the idea of becoming a pleasure-peddler. Davioni, a former press agent, was sentenced in April, 1953, to a one-year term for living off Pat's earnings.

In Herz' one-hour opening statement for the defense, he painted Jelke as a young, pleasure-loving playboy who was "outmaneuvered by Pat Ward." Pat, he said, "moved in on Jelke so fast" that the young heir didn't even realize what was happening to him.

Herz said Jelke didn't need Pat's earnings. He said Mickey was the beneficiary of four substantial trusts and also received "thousands of dollars" from his mother. It was Herz who brought in the names of Carradine and Rooney.

Pat, he said, "in the language of the streets, was working her points. She was moving uptown . . . she became acquainted with John Carradine, she became acquainted with Mickey Rooney. She had dinner alone in Mickey Rooney's apartment in the Savoy Plaza . . . she thought she had a sucker in Rooney."

The Girl He Left Behind

The pint-sized actor invited Pat to come to California with him, Herz said, and Pat was so sure of him that she quit her job.

"But Rooney was too smart for that," Herz said. When Rooney went back to the West Coast, he went alone. Pat, said Herz, couldn't get to first base either with Mickey's older and wiser brother, Johnny.

Herz contended that Pat planned to meet Mickey, to use him. He said she had been a problem to her mother since she was 14, and when she was 17—the time she met Jelke—she already had given birth out of wedlock.

He said she went out with men "three times her age" and received money from these men long before she met Jelke.

He said she threatened to smear the Jelke name when Mickey wanted to get rid of her. She complained that he "no longer was amorous" and became infuriated because Mickey was running around with a blonde. The blonde, said Herz, was Sylvia Eder, who married Mickey about a year ago.

"Mickey Jelke led a bad life," Herz conceded, "and sowed a lot of wild oats. But he didn't induce either of these girls to become prostitutes anymore, ladies and gentlemen, than you can induce the tide to ebb and flow."

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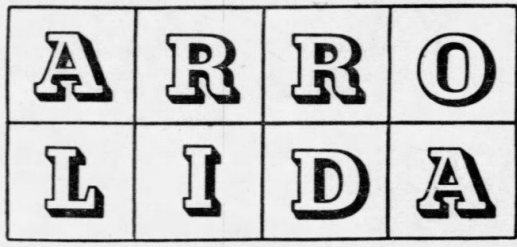
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