

# Cuban Murder Trial Goes Into 4th Day

Santiago, Cuba, Jan. 26 — (UP) — The murder trial of Mrs. Karen Olsen Nelson, 26, went into its fourth day today with the prosecution still attempting to prove that a crime had been committed in the fatal shooting of her wealthy planter husband.

Two prosecution witnesses gave testimony yesterday that built up the case of the American woman and the two Cubans accused of murdering her husband, Alvar Nelson, Dec. 11, 1949, for his insurance money.

At the close of yesterday's session, the presiding judges examined the 38-caliber revolver found near Nelson's body in the plantation pumphouse. The microscopic examination was in connection with a point in the defense argument that there was a nick in the hammer and the revolver could have fired accidentally when dropped.

A prosecution witness, Capt. Evello Montesdloca of the rural guard, said he found the revolver substantiated previous defense testimony near Nelson's body and substantiated previous defense testimony that Nelson always carried a gun in his belt. The defense contended that the gun fell to the floor and discharged when Nelson started the pumps.

Montesdloca, who made an examination of the pumphouse an hour after the death, backed the defense version and repeatedly referred to the shooting as "an accident."

He said relations between Nelson, plantation Foreman Luis Monterde and Storekeeper Hector Marrero, accused of complicity in the alleged murder, always were "excellent" and there was no crime committed.