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July 25, '78

Miss Joan Pursley,
Peoples Temple of
the Disciples of Christ,
P.O. BOX 893,
GEORGETOWN

Dear Miss Pursley,

Enclosed herewith is the renewed contract for the programme PEOPLE TEMPLE SPEAKS.

Kindly sign and return the copies stamped 'GBS Copy'.

Kindest regards

Aurelio Gonsalves
Assistant Sales Manager

RONALD M. SANDERS, General Manager-Programme Director.

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BROADCASTING AGREEMENT

between

the GUYANA BROADCASTING SERVICE

and

FOR Peoples Temple of the Destitute of Christ, P.O. BOX 893, Georgetown.

Attn: Rev Jim Jones

CONTRACT No. GBS 2532/52

DATE 25/7/78

FOR (product) Religion

LENGTH OF BROADCAST: ½ hr 'A' Programme

Name of Programme: Peoples Temple Speaks

Hour	Days	Times per wk PA	A	B	Total No. Times PA	A	B
5 - 5:15 pm	Tuesday		1			52	

Commencement Date: August 22, '78

Expiry Date: August 14, '79

Programme Material Requirements: To be prepared by sponsor

Commercial Announcements

ADDITIONAL OR SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

August	$164.50	January	$411.25
September	329.00	February	329.00
October	411.25	March	329.00
November	329.00	April	329.00
December	329.00	May	411.25
		June	329.00
		July	411.25
		August	164.50

Sales ☐ Accounts ☐ Traffic ☐ Programme ☐ Engineering ☐

RATES:	Station Charge	Talent	Line Service	Other Charges	Total
Each Broadcast "PA"	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Each Broadcast "A"	$82.25	$.....	$.....	$.....	$82.25
Each Broadcast "B"	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
For 52 Broadcasts	$4,277.00	$.....	$.....	$.....	$4,277.00

DISCOUNTS

Accepted for the Advertiser
Subject to Standard Conditions on Back Hereof.

By: Jan Pursley

GUYANA BROADCASTING SERVICE

By: [illegible]
SALES MANAGER

CONTRACT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. This contract shall be subject to the terms of any licences held by the Guyana Broadcasting Service and is also subject to all laws and regulations of the Government of Guyana now in force or which may be enacted in the future, and to the best principles of broadcasting.

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WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.
MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY, 17TH DISTRICT
SAN FRANCISCO

July 18, 1978

COPY

Howard Wexler
President
San Francisco Redevelopment Agency
Post Office Box 646
San Francisco, California 94101

Dear Mr. Wexler:

I am writing you concerning the usage of Blocks 707 (bounded by Geary, O'Farrell, Steiner and Fillmore Streets) and Block 726 (bounded by O'Farrell, Ellis, Steiner and Fillmore Streets) by Peoples Temple Church. It is my understanding that permission was granted by the Redevelopment Agency for Peoples Temple to use Blocks 707 and 726 in 1976.

Block 726 has been cleared as the Redevelopment Agency requested in May of this year. Block 707, on the other hand, is being used for parking and crating for the Church's overseas mission, and they would like the use of this lot for one more year to finish this operation.

I am aware that this area is being prepared for development of the Fillmore Commercial Center and for construction of Dr. Carlton Goodlett's condominiums. Please know that I share your concern for the development and rehabilitation of this area and will do all I can to assist in this endeavor.

Peoples Temple is grateful for the past use of Blocks 707 and 726 and will try to make their operation on Block 707 as presentable as possible. They would greatly appreciate the Redevelopment Agency's consent to allowing the church the continued use of Block 707 for one more year at the maximum to complete their work.

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Please let me hear from you regarding this matter at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

WILLIE L. BROWN, JR.

WLB:dlj

cc: Ms. Jean Brown
Mr. Gene Suttle

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STATEMENTS ABOUT REV. JIM JONES AND

THE PEOPLES TEMPLE

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GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL LEADERS:

"I am grateful . . . for . . . the work of the Peoples Temple Christian Church in defending the First Amendment guarantees of freedom of the press, in managing the drug program. and in running the ranch for handicapped children. Knowing of the congregations deep involvement in the major social and Constitutional issues of our country . . . is a great inspiration to me."

Walter F. Mondale

"Those who are most familiar with the works of Peoples Temple and of your pastor, Mr. Jim Jones, speak glowingly of the numerous social programs your church has established in meeting every type of human need. Your commitment and compassion, your humanitarian principles, and your interest in protecting individual liberty and freedom have made an outstanding contribution to furthering the cause of human dignity."

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Secretary of Health, Education
and Welfare

"You and the other members of the congregation are to be commended for your work to aid young people and for your commitment to reach out beyond the walls of the church to make Christianity a meaningful part of all aspects of modern life."

Mervyn M. Dymally
Lieutenant Governor
State of California

"It is indeed encouraging to me to find that citizens such as yourself remain deeply committed to the vital freedoms which the First Amendment guarantees, and are sensitive to governmental actions which erode them."

Sam Ervin, Jr.
United States Senator

" . . . it is only through the hard work and commitment of persons like yourself and those in your church that our great social problems will finally be overcome. Let me express my heartiest approval, then, for the efforts you and your friends are making in your community."

Warren Magnusen
United States Senator

"Brotherhood and equality have long been pursued by those seeking a newer world. Contri-

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butions by groups such as the Peoples Temple serve to keep these goals in sight and bring them ever closer to reality."

Philip A. Hart
United States Senator

"It is always good to hear that the spirit of the American people is still as vibrant and generous as ever. Pastor Jones seems to be a credit to your community, and I hope his good works continue to play an important power in the continued well being of your area. Citizen power has always been one of my watchwords, and I am glad to see it in action.

The work of Reverend Jones and his congregation is testimony to the positive and truly Christian approach to dealing with the myriad problems confronting our society today."

Hubert H. Humphrey
United States Senator

"I also welcome hearing of the fine work of your church, and the many projects which your congregation has undertaken, both on a community and a national level."

Henry M. Jackson
United States Senator

"The Peoples Temple Christian Church sounds almost too good to be true . . . . I cannot praise its membership too highly. You are truly practicing Christians in the finest sense."

Mike Gravel
United States Senator

"The Reverend Jim Jones has taken to heart the Biblical injunction, 'faith without works is dead.' He has translated his commitment to action. He has worked to alert others to the injustices which exist in our society and he has worked tirelessly with those who seek to correct these injustices.

Let me express my heartiest approval of the efforts you and the other members of your church are making to help the less fortunate in our community."

Phillip Burton
United States Congressman

"Let me commend your pastor, Jim Jones, for the dedication he is showing to his community and surrounding areas and also for the impact he makes on members of his congregation."

Ronald V. Dellums
United States Congressman

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"I only wish there were more like the people of Peoples Temple Christian Church."

Don Edwards
United States Congressman

"I applaud your defense of the First Amendment (of the U. S. Constitution with regard to Freedom of the Press) and commend your Pastor, Jim Jones,for his actions in this matter."

R. Eckhardt
United States Congressman

"Please pass on my commendation to Pastor Jones and the members of his Church for their Christian service to the commuity and to our country."

Jonathan Bingham
United States Congressman

I enjoyed reading about the journey that the members of the Peoples Temple made. My congratulations to all the members of your congregation for setting a fine example for the rest of the nation in your dedication to humane ideals. I especially admire Pastor Jones for his ability to envision and lead these efforts. He has done a great deal to foster the spirit of brotherhood both in individuals in the congregation and in the rest of the community."

Leo T. McCarthy
Speaker of the Assembly
California State Legislature

"I have had the great pleasure of knowing a leader with tremendous character and integrity Jim Jones, who is the founder of a large movement called Peoples Temple. The members come from virtually every racial, religious, and socio-economic background. Rev. Jones is reagrded among government officials, civic and religious leaders, and particularly the black community and working class people, with utter respect for what he has done to upgrade the quality of life in our area and to bring greater health and well-being to thousands of poor, minority, and disadvantaged people.

Rev. Jones influence for progressive change among the citizenry has been extremely impressive. His ministry, in addition to wide-ranging programs that reach out to every type of human need, also puts out its own newspaper to well over half a million people in.this area alone."

Willie L. Brown, Jr.
California State Assembly

"Ninety-nine percent of all the work done by Peoples Temple is in servie to the elderly, poor families, and troubled youth, On many occasions I have referred destitute people to Peoples Temple for help and they all received it."

Art Agnos

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"I am personally acquainted with Pastor Jim Jones and the remarkable services of his congregation . . . I am particularly enthusiastic about his program because it shows what the volunteer sector can do with dedicated individuals and it is an extraordinary argument against those who would adopt the view that the government can effectively respond to the social needs of our nation. It is fair to say that Reverend Jones and Peoples Temple epitomize giving of self and service to others."

Don H. Clausen
Unites States Congressman

"This inter-racial church is well known for a host of splendid and effective projects which help people, including drug rehabilitation, senior citizen homes, convalescent-type homes, animal shelters, free legal assistance, and emergency services. The membership includes lawyers, nurses, teachers, community workers, factory and agricultural workers, and others who have committed lives to serving others. They are highly industrious, work well with other groups, and do good without seeking recognition for it."

George E. Brown. Jr.
United States Congressman

"I was most impressed to hear of the good works your church is doing. You are showing the kind of commitment to social justice which our nation so desperately needs."

Bella S. Abzug
United States Congresswoman

"Your pastor, Reverend Jim Jones, and your church certainly deserve commendation for the manner in which you exemplify a commitment to the precepts in which you believe. It is easier to claim belief in any religious faith than to actually live by them and your accomplishments certainly reveal the depth of your dedication."

Patsy Mink
United States Congresswoman

The Peoples Temple is to be commended for the active role it has taken in working for the preservation of press freedoms."

Lawrence Coughlin
United States Congressman

"I commend you and your staff on the broad scope of community services you provide for all the people."

Cardiss Collins
United States Congresswoman

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"I am grateful that Peoples Temple is located in the Fifth Senatorial District which I represent. Among the many services this church provides to San Franciscans are: a clinic in the San Francisco church, in which 80 persons are seen each day by qualified nurses for general check-ups or in special clinics, a physical therapy facility for seniors and handicapped persons, a drug rehabilitation program that claims to have 'rehabilitated' 300 former drug addicts, a legal aid program where some 200 people a month come with serious legal, usually criminal, problems, and a central kitchen that serves 1,800 persons a day.

It is heartwarming to have among us human beings who are willing to get involved."

Milton Marks
California State Senate

"Your contributions to the spiritual health and well-being of our community have been truly inestimable, and I am heartened by the fact that we can continue to expect such vigorous and creative leadership from the Peoples Temple in the future. By your tireless efforts on behalf of all San Franciscans, you have demonstrated that the unique powers of spiritual energy and civic commitment are virtually boundless, and that our lives would be sadly diminished without your continuing contributions."

George R. Moscone
Mayor
City of San Francisco

"I am very aware of the outstanding work being done by Pastor Jones and his tremendous contribution to all communities. Please extend to Pastor Jones and all his members my best wishes and my sincere desire that his inspirational work will long continue."

Terry A. Francois
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

"I have known Pastor Jones a long time and fully agree with the testimonials he has received about his great integrity and of the spirit of brotherhood and love that he has brought to his parishoners and to all with whom he comes in contact. He is also to be commended for his compassion and his deep unerstanding of the refugees from Vietnam, and for setting an example to the community by adopting Korean War orphans.

Joseph L. Alioto
Former Mayor
City of San Francisco

"Concerning them, I say without qualifications that this church has been second to none in preventing crime in the Western Addition. They have donated thousands of dollars to city-sponsored fund drives for the purpose of creating summer jobs for youth and programs for cultural enrichment. They have sent some of their wayward youth to their large agricultural

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mission in South America entirely at their own cost. This is truly an original, inovative and exciting program. If some of the youths that are in this program were left to roam the streets of San Francisco, the police department would have to have been enlarged. and many people would have lost a great deal of security."

Joe Johnson
Former Deputy Mayor
City of San Francisco

"I am greatly impressed with the ministry of Pastor Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple Christian Church, and feel that you are to be commended for making the Christian gospel relevant to the needs of the people today. Too often in the past the church in general has tended to withdraw from the real world of real people, and it is heartening to know that you are attempting to reverse this trend."

Terry J. Hatter, Jr.
Special Assistant to the Mayor
Director Urban Development
City of Los Angeles

"I am aware of the good deeds done by the Peoples Temple and Pastor Jim Jones. I commend you all for the fine job our are doing in the community."

Gilbert W. Lindsay
Councilman
City of Los Angeles

"Your church is the kind of church that is, indeed, doing something about the problems in our community. It is good to know that we have you as one of the congregations in my district."

David Cunningham
Councilman
City of Los Angeles

"Your projects are indeed worthwhile and we need many organizations such as yours to work with people who need help."

Lisa Naito
Hawaii State Legislature

"I am very impressed with the many wonderful things you are doing. I take special note of the efforts to help the elderly and to provide health care for those who cannot afford it. I join you and the congregation of the Peoples Temple of Christ in working toward the Christian goals of justice, equality, peace and fellowship. Only after we have accomplished these goals, will be be able to say we have a truly just nation and world."

Richard Gordon Hatcher
Mayor
City of Gary

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CIVIL RIGHTS:

"We feel it extremely timely and fitting that the black community of San Francisco should tender to you this simple gesture of friendship, encouragement and honor for your dedicated and conscientious work in the area of humanitarianism and the social gospel. Your acquaintances speak glowingly of your numerous social concerns, involving efforts to rehabilitate drug addicts, provision of housing and health care for senior citizens, the development and maintenance of an animal shelter, and your multi-racial adopted family, all of which we believe is encompassed in the Judeo-Christian ethic--that man is his brother's keeper. These are tumultuous times, requiring that each individual be ever mindful of the prophetic words of Edmond Burke, spoken in the 18th century: 'All that is necessary for evil to triumph in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.'"

Carlton Goodlett, M.D., PhD

"The Reverend Mr. Jones has worked tirelessly and unselfishly to inspire the members of his congregation and followers to become involved in community affairs and to participate, and thereby influence, the decision-making process to ensure the establishing of policies and programs designed to meet the needs of the disadvantaged and dienfranchized citizens of San Francisco.

Joseph A. Meza
Human Relations Commission

"During this period when there are such serious problems with which our minorities are faced, it is encouraging to learn that there is such an effective effort which is being made by the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ."

Roy Wilkins, Executive Director
NAACP

"Pastor Jones and all of you are setting an example which, if followed by others, would certainly do much to make this world the place it could be."

Charles A Ericksen
Field Representative
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

"AS the head of an organization that has worked closely with the Peoples Temple, the minister, and the members, I have the highest regard for the leadership they are providing, and the positive

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contribution they are making in th city of San Francisco. Their commitment and dedication to endin; human suffering of the oppressed and downtrodden are unsurp:ssed by any of the organized churches in the city."

"Your background and willingness to work make you and the others from the Temple a great asset to NAACP, and we hope that you will be participating in many NAACP activities in the months ahead."

Joe Hall, President
San Francisco NAACP

"Many Indian people when in need for family groceries have called upon us and when we run dry I feel secure because I know that I can place a call to the Peoples Temple and that these families will eat tonight. This has happened often. And it will no doubt happen again tomorrow."

Dennis Banks
National Director of AIM
Federal Indian Law Instructor
D-Q University, Davis, CA

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RELIGIOUS LEADERS:

"No published list of 100 congregations in America showing exemplary leadership would be complete without your name on it."

H. Newton Hudson. Secretary
Religion in American Life

"Peoples Temple has an effective social ministry attracting people who, normally, are rejected by society....I support their ministry and I only wish many of us were as-effective as they are at Peoples Temple."

Rev. Dr. A. C. Ubalde, Jr.
Bethany United Methodist Church

"The ministry and witness of Pastor Jones and the people of the Peoples Temple has great meaning for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)...the most meaning of any single incident or event that has happened to me in the days of my ministry for 20 years as a pastor in this part of the church...the ministry of Jesus Christ, which is the action of God in the world, has about it more that is clearly revealed probably by the Peoples Temple than any other member church of the Christian Church....That's an awesome thing and I just praise God...."

Bishop Karl Irvin, Jr Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ)

"I keep talking about the extraordinary work that all of you do at Peoples Temple. All of you are committed to serve the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ. This is true servanthood and when combined with love it is the most formidable force in the world....from my numerous contacts with members and staff of the church, I can say that they are the most committed and dedicated group of people I have known in any church anywhere."

Wade D. Rubick, Chief Counsel
Christian Church (Disciples of
Christ) in the United States and
Canada

"I am deeply impressed by the ministry which you carry out in the Peoples Temple under the leadership of Pastor Jim Jones and I doubt that I have much to suggest to add to it. It seems to me that the kind of concerns you are dealing with and the outreach in which you are involved is exactly the kind of thing that I find extremely significant....Peoples Temple is seriously trying to be faithful in its effort to relate the

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Gospel to the unmet needs of persons in situations of extreme crisis, people who are victims of various forms of injustice. May God continue His work through the ministry of Peoples Temple."

Rev. W. Sterling Cary, President
National Council of the Churches
of Christ

"The Jewish community in the San Francisco area has developed a great respect for the contributions the Peoples Temple has made to the total community. At a time when many of our efforts in local social welfare and rehabilitation are faltering, the Peoples Temple has produced large, creative social services which produce results. That has been a heartening phenomenon for all of us.

At the same time, the Peoples Temple was one of the first forces in the City to concentrate on needed education against the growth of neo-Nazism in the area."

Earl Raab
Jewish Community Relations Council
of San Francisco, Marin and the
Peninsula

"Pastor Jones' vast ministry will surely attract ever increasing attention. One of Pastor Jones' many skills that I particularly admire is his ability to attract young people and enlist them in Christian service, even to rescue great numbers of them from the grip of drugs. That calls for tremendous spiritual power, which is rare indeed in our troubled time."

Father Alfred Boeddeker, O.F.M.
St. Anthony's Dining Room

"The City-wide Planning Committee for the Martin Luther King Celebration has chosen you as the local speaker because of your continuous effort in the struggle for equal rights and social justices for all people."

Donneter Lane, President
San Francisco Council of Churches

"I have been pastor in this city for fifteen years and what that church is doing to enable human life for all races, all styles of life in this city is a miracle."

Reverend Robert H. Stewart
First St. John's United Methodist Church
West Nob Hill Parish

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"The program of the congregation seems to be wide in its concerns, ranging from care of abandoned animals through orphans' homes, homes for the aged, financial support of students in college, legal services for the community, narcotics rehabilitation .... in fact, it is apparent that no human need is expressed without an attempt being made to meet that need. I have the impression that the congregation is ready, willing, and able to assist any human being with almost any problem.... One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to loveand to share.... Peoples TEmple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity....

I have found Reverend Jones to be perceptive, committed and dedicated to the empowerment of those who have been neglected or disregarded by normal processes and structures of our society."

Gerald B. McHarg, Assistant to the
Executive Pastor, Christian Church
of Southern California

"I continue to be impressed by the many ways the congregation has found to relate to its community and to the world."

Ian McCrae
Socal Action Newsletter
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Department of Church in Society

"There can be no doubt that you are actively striving to diminish the injustices and miseries that plague man."

John P. Mossi, S.J.
Jesuits for Peace and Justice
Jesuit School of Theology

"It is gratifying to know of other Christian groups that are deeply concerned about the welfare of mankind. Your church, under the leadership of your dedicated pastor, the Reverend Jim Jones, must truly be following the teachings of Jesus, not in words only, but in deeds."

Religious Society of Friends
Palo Alto, California

"In all my dealings with Peoples Temple Church, I have found them to be caring and supportive of the social-religious commands of Jesus Christ, going way beyond the call of the Gospel in order to (as their pastor Jim Jones says) 'Care about someone else besides yourself.' "

Montford Cardwell

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EDUCATION:

"The efforts of your church to live in racial harmony and equality are exemplary; you are obviously putting into practice the humanitarian ideals most needed by our society and by our churches."

S. B. Ethridge
Director, Teachers Rights
National Education Association

"You are doing an important job in an excellent manner and I commend Reverend Jones."

Robert L. Docter, Ph.D.
President
Los Angeles City Board of Education

"I have known of the activities of Reverend Jones and belive him to be a man of great integrity and possessed of thehighest sense of social responsibilty. He works day in and day out to provide services for the destitue and outcast in our society and his activities on behalf of the church are a credit to our community. They [Peoples Temple and Rev. Jim Jones] are not motivated by petty political aims, but by a noble sense of principle sadly lacking in the nation in recent years."

Bill Maher
Commissioner
San Francisco Board of Education

"It is Ministers with a spiritual message and active participation to follow-up that message that provide an inspiration to those of us who so desperately need a guiding direction in all religious experiences. You are the epitome of caring for humans, sharing and providing basic needs for each other, helping the sick and afflicted and educating the youth. Everyone's struggle is your struggle; your fight for human dignity is beyond compare.

"Peoples Temple Community Church services a broad sector of the San Francisco communities. Many of the outreach programs of that Church enable persons to move about in their daily lives with dignity and integrity that would be impossible if these programs were not available."

Yvonne S. Golden
Coordinator
Opportunity II High School

"I have seen the outstanding workds of Pastor Jones in the San Francisco area. The members of his congregation whom I have known for a long time and whom I have recently met certainly exemplified the kind of training which they have received from Peoples Temple.

Approximately two years ago, my mother was hospitalized for a brain stroke and was paralyzed Pastor Jones, nurses and his well-trained Missionaries would come in daily to help the member of his church who was also in critical condition. My sister and I were very much impressed

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because they also offered to do whatever they could for my mother. The nurse would bathe the member for Peoples Temple and stay with her all day. My sister had recently had a back operation, yet no one from my mother's church offered to stay and relieve my sister while I worked."

Frances Huff
Teacher and newspaper columnist

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"Peoples Temple offers a tremendous witness to the Gospel of liberation and justice within our community. Many judges refer young persons to Peoples Temple for rehabilitation programs. They also offer services in training for youth around such skills as carpentry, printing, broadcasting, electronics, auto mechanics, tutoring, etc. And Peoples Temple provides more food services than does St. Anthony's Dining Room! All of these are vital ministry with the people of our city. This type of ministry fulfills a great need which would otherwise have to be met by the city's Social Services and other agencies were it not for church groups like the Peoples Temple."

Rev. Norman E. Leach, D. Min.
Associate Executive Minister
San Francisco Council of Churches

"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice — compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent
United Methodist Church

"I have known Rev. Jim Jones for approximately 8 years and have come to know of his responsible commitment to poor people, multi-racial communities, and services he provides trying to bring about self determination.

We are pleased and honored that you will be with us on Sunday, January 16th to accept Glide's 4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award, in recognition of your leadership and contributions to many communities of people."

What I appreciate about you is that you extend yourself beyond specific situations and provide the experience of sharing in the cause to which we are committed."

Rev. A Cecil Williams
Minister of Celebration and Involvement
Glide Memorial Methodist Church

"The ministry of this man and his congregation is surpassed by none in our denomination. Their witness in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and ministering to the sick and imprisoned is sorely needed in this troubled age."

Dennis W. Short
Associate Pastor
Urban Life
Christian Church of Southern California

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". . . the description that you and others have given me of the works of your church—and of your remarkable pastor, Jim Jones—make it clear how deep and broad and various are your commitments to improving and humanizing society, and how marvelously effective your tireless efforts have been."

Anthony G. Amsterdam. Professor
Stanford University Law School

"I am happy to hear that your Church, led by Pastor Jones, is so involved with some of the serious problems we face today, especially with regard to young people and young adults. I certainly wish to congratulate you and Pastor Jones on the excellent programs you have developed to work with young people, and on the excellent results you seem to have obtained. The efforts of the community and church groups is of primary importance in reaching young people today."

Charles A. O'Brien
Former Chief Deputy Attorney General
State of California

"Peoples Temple are experts in the First Amendment."

David M. Fishlow
American Civil Liberties Union

"I am familiar with its [Peoples Temple] work in this city. It is an unusual and unique organization, which puts religious principles into practice by working on the day-to-day problems of the people in this community. Its programs in child care, legal aid, housing, and rehabilitation enjoy an outstanding reputation. The people I have met from the Temple have been unfailingly courteous, enthusiastic and public-spirited."

Phillip Martin
Attorney-at-law

"You are truely a friend of the poor, the helpless and the oppressed."

Charles Lewis, President
Legal Defense League

"In addition, it is good to learn of the good work and devotion of the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church under the leadership of Pastor Jim Jones. Your interest in and concern about the total field of correction is important and encouraging."

Frederick R. Silber
Bureau of Prisons
Department of Justice

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LEGAL PROFESSION:

"I am presently the Municipal Court Commissioner appointed by the nineteen Municipal Court Judges of the City of San Francisco .... For the last several years I have worked closely with this Church which consists of one of the largest memberships in San Francisco. Their tremendous support within the community derives from the fact that they are involved in community service. The Peoples Temple is best known for reaching out to every kind of human need."

Jerrold Levitin
Municipal Court Commissioner
San Francisco

"I deeply respect Reverend Jim Jones and the work which he does and all of you who assist him in those noble goals."

E. Robert Wallach
Attorney-at-law

"As a former executive director of Consumer Action, I would like to share with you some of my impressions concerning the work of Peoples Temple in our City. Since Rev. Jones arrived in San Francisco, he has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of some of our city's poorest and most desperate individuals. Jim Jones has inspired thousands to think less of themselves and more about the plight of their neighbors. His ministry has earned the respect and admiration of concerned individuals throughout the Bay Area. Despite the great amounts of public praise and adulation that has come his way, Rev. Jones has remained humble and remarkably self-effacing."

Kay Pachtner, former director
Consumer Action

"What would this world be like without people with the kind of dedication you and your staff display?"

Benjamin Ward, Director
Pretrial Services Agency

"Over the years our organization has had frequent contact with Peoples Temple. These relations have given us the chance to appreciate their humanitarian, conscientious efforts on behalf of San Francisco's needy."

Hiram E. Smith, esq.
Executive Director/President
San Francisco Neighborhood Legal
Assistance Foundation

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MEDICAL PROFESSION:

"I have known...Pastor Jim Jones quite some time and know him to be of good moral character, honest, sincere, and absolutely truthful in every respect. Pastor Jim Jones teaches Christianity, brotherly love, kindness, and willingness to help friends in need at all times. He teaches all of these things to his members, and insists that they live this type of life every minute of every day. One of his favorite expressions is: 'we are our brother's keeper.' This idea coincides with his teachings completely.... He should be seen and heard by people of the entire world.... This world will be a better place to live in because of Pastor Jim Jones."

J. Bruce Massey, M.D.
Physician and Surgeon

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H. I. Perkins, M.D.
Drug Abuse Program Director

"I am deeply grateful and proud to know people who are honestly and openly working for a better world."

Price M. Cobbs, M.D.

"The Peoples Temple Christian Church has, indeed, an impressive record of accomplishments, and we congratulate you on your work. It is through these efforts that human life improves and it is up to all of us to try in the most effective way we can to make the lot of all safer and more pleasant."

John F. Burke, M.D.

"This is a splendid and wonderful thing that you are doing and I wish to commend your Pastor Jones and his staff for encouraging your members to maintain good health and for providing medical services for them."

John E. Ray, M.D.

"Many of the world's problems would be solved if others participated as fully and with as much concern as you have shown."

Phillip R. Lee, M.D.
Chancellor, University of California
San Francisco

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"I wish to compliment you for the interest and concern you have on behalf of the health and welfare of all children."

Jay M. Arena, M.D.
Professor of Pediatrics
Director, Poison Control Center
Duke University Medical Center

"It is refreshing and gratifying to realize that there are organized groups in our community following the development of social welfare programs in our area with such close interest at all times. Your own commitment to community service projects is greatly appreciated as an even greater affirmation of your concern for the welfare of others in our community."

Craig M. McMillan. M.D.
County Health Officer
County of Mendocino

"I commend you and Pastor Jones and the folks of Peoples Temple for the fine work you're doing."

Cortez F. Enloe, Jr. M.D.

"We are aware of Jim's contributions not only to our community but throughout the state. He and his congregation are continuously giving to their fellow man in some Christian way."

Searles R. Boynton. D.D.S.

The Church and its leadership are to be commended."

Jerome A Lackner, M.D.
Director of Health
State of California

"We were deeply impressed with the work which your church has done in drug rehabilitation."

Lois Christopherson, M.S.W.
Chief Social Worker
Department of Surgery
Stanford University Medical Center

The work of Peoples Temple combines the qualities of communal living with the closeness

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to nature, plus the spiritual concept of fellowship. I feel that if we are truly to reach the well-springs of better mental health, we will require to be set up alternative forms of living to that of cities and the human alienation that goes with them. Your work sounds like pioneer efforts in the right direction."

R. W. Shepherd

"I am personally very aware of the valuable resource that the Peoples Temple programs are for the Westside residents."

Alexandra M. Hunter, PhD
Director of the Pacific Medical
Center Day Treatment Program

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THE MEDIA:

"It is impossible to adequately express the deep feelings we have for the members of the Peoples Temple who rallied to the cause of a free press during out recent incarceration at the Fresno County Industrial Farm.

To watch on television hundreds of persons marching in the Courthouse Plaza and to realize they were demonstrating on our behalf is something which we shall remember for the rest of our lives.

Even more important is that those of your congregation who were there, or who were among the hundreds in the church who took time to write to us in jail, understand the essential importance of a free press in this democracy of ours.

The unselfish show of human love and compassion will forever remain as an example to us and our families which demands far more recognition than we are able to give."

George Gruner
Managing Editor
The Fresno Bee

"I am very touched that your church has been so dedicated to issues of press freedom."

Katherine Graham
President
The Washington Post Company

"I cannot think of a person whom I've grown to admire more. What if more ministers were really involved in social issues? He certainly has my interest and support."

Julia Hare
Director of Community Affairs
KSFO Radio

"We at BLACK ENTERPRISE have the highest regard for groups such as the Peoples Temple."

Tamara Owens
Administrator, Public Affairs
Black Enterprise

"It is gratifying to see the evidence of the commitment of you and your fellow members of the Peoples Temple to freedom of the press."

Clayton Kirkpatrick, Editor
Chicago Tribune

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"In taking the action that you did, you set an example which should be emulated by all concerned with such vital issues as the defense of freedom of expression: and I am sure that your protest not only had a major influence on the outcome of the case itself but also enlightened countless persons throughout the country."

Albert Kahn, author

"I have known Jim for several years and have worked with him in the movement for liberation and self-determination of all peoples. Jim is a highly sensitive man, one who is completely dedicated to the cause of social justice. I have seen him under fire from reactionary elements, and has never wavered in his commitment. He is undoubtedly one of the most articulate and effective leaders in the United States today.

At the same time, he is a humble man who does not seek "to task in the limelight;' on the contrary, Jim has made a sincere effort to achieve accord among organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, in the hope that unity will strengthen the defense against oppression, while submerging his own position in the process."

Carlton B. Goodlett, M.D. PhD.
President
National Newspaper Publishers

"You have done a tremendous job. I wish you continued success and, as a member of this community, thank you for what you are contributing to my city."

Steve Gavin
City Editor
San Francisco Chronicle

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LAW ENFORCEMENT:

"I have been overwhelmed by you (Pastor Jones) and your congregations and your activities with law enforcement."

Winston Churchill, Chief
Indianapolis Police Department

"We, as minority law enforcement officers, know of the work and accomplishments of Peoples Temple in the area of youth programs and activities that are of a positive social nature. The Temple's work and concern for senior citizens puts it among the best type in San Francisco."

Wilbert K. Battle, President
Officers for Justice, San Francisco

"The Peoples Temple has done a fantastic job for us in the central part of the City. After considering the outstanding work of the Church, your kind words take on a special significance. I hope I will continue to merit both your support and your respect. ...Thank you again, Reverend Jones, for imparting the spirit of God and human fellowship to your congregation. We are deeply indebted to you for your hard work. With God's help, we will both continue to help men to live happier and more rewarding lives."

Edward M. Davis, Chief
Los Angeles City Police Department

"Your Congregation's firm stand in support of the police is most vital and germane in the performance of their dangerous and endless task of protecting and serving the citizens of our free society. Our alliance in maintaining law and order would represent to all citizens. Christian and non-Christians, our dedication to the principle of free society in which no person would be deprived of his freedom to worship in the faith of his free will. It is organizations like yours and thousands of others throughout the country that are to be especially commended for the nobility of reason and maturity of vision in giving the most needed support to the efforts of law enforcement.

Your expression of warmth and sympathy for the wives and families of police officers who have been victimized by the lurking dangers of their profession is as innately praiseworthy and reassuring as it is in keeping with the Christian principle of brotherly love. Goodness and wisdom are inseparable, indeed."

Frank Isbell, Director
Community Relations Section
Los Angeles City Police Department

"The knowledge of your good deeds has been with us for a long time, and we want to add our congratulations to the many you will receive. We hope your congregation will

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enjoy the benefits of good health and good deeds for many years to come."

Willie E. Frazier, Secretary
The Police Commission
City and County of San Francisco

"I note the many humanitarian projects in which you and other members of your church are involved, and you are to be commended for your contribution to society."

Donald M. Scott, Chief
San Francisco Police Department

"Those in police work are constantly aware of the lack of community resources and existence of viable rehabilitation programs designed to help our young people return to productive lives. Tahnk heaven there are individuals and organizations, such as the Peoples Temple, who not only recognize this need but are also doing something about it."

H. E. Britton, Chief
Fresno City Police Department

"The continuing interest and support of your church family is not only deeply appreciated but also most encouraging to all of us...."

Anne Belisle Daley
Confidential Secretary to the Sheriff
San Francisco

Jim and his church members strongly support law enforcement and they also respect the property rights of others. They have never trespassed, destroyed or littered."

Donn D. Saulsbury, Chief
Ukiah City Police Department

"With support of people like you and the citizens of this country, law enforcement can go forward and make this country a better place in which to live."

J. F. Inman, Chief
Atlanta Police Department

"Your support of these organizations dedicated to the maintenance of law and order-- a very difficult task in these changing times -- is particularly gratifying."

J. R. Fisk, Chief Constable
Vancouver (Canada) Police Department

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"For sometime I have been personally aware of your fine programs dealing with the problems of innner cities and your outstanding moral and spiritual guidance provided throughout the United States. ...The Peoples Temple Church certainly deserves accolades from those of us engaged in the field of crime prevention, for the moral, physical, and spiritual leadership it has provided for citizens...."

James M. Rochford
Superintendent of Police
Chicago, Illinois

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT
SANTA ROSA, CALIF., MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1974

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Bomb found on Empire church bus

Special to The Press Democrat

SAN FRANCISCO—A bomb with a burned-down fuse was found yesterday on a bus owned by the People's Temple of Redwood Valley.

Mike Prokes, associate pastor, said the bomb was found under the bus fuel tank. The bus was in the parking lot of Benjamin Franklin Junior High School here.

The Rev. Jim Jones, his wife and another member of the temple were in the bus before service started inside the school yesterday morning.

Prokes said the bomb was found by a temple security guard but no threat had been made previously.

Prokes and Rev. Jones are two of the temple members who have offered themselves as hostages in exchange for the release of Patricia Hearst.

But Prokes said today it is not known if the bomb incident is connected with the Hearst case.

One investigator who came to the scene yesterday said it was "a miracle" the bomb didn't go off.

Prokes said the investigator also said the temple's opposition to militancy and its non-violent stand may have caused the bomb scare.

The incident is being investigated by San Francisco police.

Ukiah Daily Journal

Ukiah, Mendocino County, California — Monday, March 11, 1974

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Bomb planted beneath Rev. Jim Jones' bus

SAN FRANCISCO — An apparent attempt on the life of Jim Jones, pastor of the Peoples Temple Christian Church, failed early yesterday morning in San Francisco when the fuse of an explosive device containing nitroglycerin sputtered out.

A spokesman for the church, which has headquarters in Redwood Valley, said that Rev. Jones had been conducting services early Sunday morning at the Benjamin Franklin junior high school, Scott and Geary, when he had occasion to visit one of the church buses parked outside the school. After Rev. Jones and his wife boarded the bus, a church security guard noticed a cylinder about six inches long and three inches in diameter which had been placed directly beneath a fuel tank which was located beneath the driver's seat.

Rev. Jones, himself, crawled under the bus and removed the deadly bomb.

Police were notified and members of the bomb disposal squad raced to the scene. One of the bomb disposal officers said, "I don't know what kept the bomb from going off. It's really a miracle."

The officer also expressed the opinion that the attempt on Rev. Jones' life may have been prompted by the church's opposition to militancy and its philosophy of non-violence.

There were 11 church buses parked outside the school and Rev. Jones, for security reasons, had been alternating the buses he would occupy.

The Peoples Temple church at 1859 Geary Boulevard was burned out last August, an act that was possibly traceable to a militant organization.

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Press Democrat, Santa Rosa, California, Friday, February 15, 1974

2 suspects in kidnap named

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Two prison fugitives today were unofficially called prime suspects in the kidnaping of Patricia Hearst.

The two, identified by newspapers and a television station as Donald D. DeFreeze, 30, and Thero M. Wheeler, 29, escaped from California prisons last year.

The FBI said it had not "reached that conclusion" that the two were suspects, but FBI agents searched the Cleveland, Ohio, homes of DeFreeze's mother and his ex-wife last Saturday.

Television station KQED and the San Francisco Chronicle, in a copyrighted story, identified DeFreeze as the mysterious "general field marshal Cinque" of the Symbionese Liberation Army, which has held Miss Hearst captive since Feb. 4 and demanded a $400 million food distribution ransom as proof of "good faith."

Wheeler, who was identified by the San Francisco Examiner as long-active in a Northern California revolutionary organization, escaped from the California Medical Prison at Vacaville last Aug. 2. He and DeFreeze had been close friends there, the Examiner said.

The Examiner said it had learned that prison inmates who were friends of both DeFreeze and Wheeler had identified their voices on a tape

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AT LEFT, ONE OF TWO IDENTIFIED SUSPECTS
An FBI Composite Sketch Is at Right

Ukiah Christians offer selves as hostages for Miss Hearst

P.D. Bureau

REDWOOD VALLEY — Five members of the Peoples Temple Christian Church here have offered themselves as hostages in exchange for the release of Patricia Hearst, who was kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

Pastor Jim Jones, who agreed to be one of the hostages, said the offer was made privately this week to the Hearst family.

But it leaked out and was made public by a metropolitan television station, Jones said.

The church members who volunteered for the assignment offered to serve the jail sentences of two SLA members accused of killing Oakland School Superintendent Marcus Foster.

The volunteer hostages are Jones, Timothy Stoen, assistant district attorney for Mendocino County; Karen Layton, Michael Prokes and Annie Moore, all

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church staff members or elders.

"We feel this is just something we must do and we encourage other Americans to follow their consciences in doing what they must do for the release of this girl," Jones said.

"Where this type of terrorism has been instituted it has always brought about a coup d'etat or some kind of take-over by dictatorship, and we would like to see an end to this," he added.

Jones said he hoped the offer would be accepted "and we can be done with this thing."

Since it is believed there are only 25 members of the SLA, Jones said, he believes they could all be given safe conduct out of the nation "which would be in the best interests of the nation."

The church leader attacked the SLA for "not even doing a good job of following the traditional revolutionists."

He also said "they are playing into the hands of those who would conspire to destroy this nation."

Jones said he did not know whether the offer by the volunteers would do any good, but said "this is putting our action where our mouths are."

Earlier this week, the People's Temple contributed $2,000 to meet the ransom demands for Miss Hearst.

PRESS DEMOCRAT
SANTA ROSA, CALIF., THURSDAY, FEB. 14, 1974

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Aid and sympathy from Empire

Offers of sympathy and financial support for the family of Patricia Hearst and rejections of her kidnappers' demands for food distribution continued today.

In Redwood Valley, the Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of God Denomination offered $2,000 to help pay a ransom for Miss Hearst.

"We would like to contribute more money at this time," said Pastor Jim Jones in a message to publisher Randolph A. Hearst, "but cannot because of our ongoing commitments which include sending food to hungry people in this and other lands."

Jones said a consensus of more than 500 church members on Social Security showed they'd reject the $70 food allotment demanded by the Symbionese Liberation Army.

"Seventy dollars is a lot of money to us," wrote one Santa Rosa couple, who said they get along on Social Security. "(But) twice that or for that matter,

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—UPI Facsimile

KAREN LAYTON PRESENTS $2,000
A Gift from People's Temple Christian Church

Nancy's parents 'praying' for Patricia Hearst

The parents of former Santa Rosan Nancy Ling Perry said yesterday news that Patricia Hearst was safe "answered one of our prayers."

"We've been praying for the Hearst girl since the first day this started," said Hal C. Ling. "We were glad to hear her voice."

"I was just delighted to hear the girl's voice over the radio," said Mrs. Ling after a tape recording of Miss Hearst's voice was received from the Symbionese Liberation Army.

The couple's daughter, Mrs. Perry, 26, has been identified by police as one of three female members of the underground terrorist group.

The comments are among the few public statements from the Lings.

The family has politely declined requests for interviews from around the world.

"We don't know any more than what we read in the newspaper and what we see on television," Mrs. Ling said sadly.

Ling said the couple has had no personal contact with Miss Hearst's family.

"The other (prayer)," Ling said, "is that somehow this will work out and nobody else will be hurt."

Mrs. Perry, a Montgomery High School graduate, is married

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OAKLAND TRIBUNE

—AP Photo

CATHERINE HEARST RECEIVES $2,000 CHECK FROM REDWOOD CITY CHURCH
Karen Layton and the Rev. Mike Prokes (left) brought it to Hearsts' mansion

Report of $1 Million In Donations Wrong

By RUUD VAN DER VEER
Tribune Staff Writer

HILLSBOROUGH — Randolph A. Hearst said today a report the Hearst family had received more than $1 million for the food distribution demanded by his daughter's kidnapers was "incorrect."

The figure was announced yesterday by his wife, Mrs. Catherine Hearst.

"She got the figure from hearing somebody say that if they had a telethon or suggested a telethon they could raise a million dollars," Hearst said. "I don't know how much we have, it isn't anything like that. We're not soliciting funds."

He added he would put the donations in escrow in a bank, and try to return those with return addresses. He called the outpouring of contributions "a great comfort."

During a moving exchange with a group of representatives from the People's Temple Christian Church, which collected $2,000 from its members, Mrs. Hearst said, "I hope this helps insure that Patricia has a life ahead of her to live and shows her to be as helpful to other people as you've been in her case—I thank you from the bottom of my heart, all of you."

The $2,000 check was presented by Karen Latham. She explained that the money was collected "to make a small contribution to help towards the ransom money."

Mrs. Latham said, "It is out of our deep, deep concern for her (Patricia); we know how sensitive and caring a person she is and we wish to do all we can even though our funds are limited."

A handful of reporters, stragglers from the daytime news force of 75, watched as Mrs. Hearst responded, "How very wonderful of you; I am sure that God will bless you for your kind thoughtfulness toward our poor little daughter and I just hope we'll be able to send this back to you very soon so that you can use it for some other wonderful project; it is wonderful, wonderful of you."

Mrs. Hearst continued, "This is a hard moment for me but it is things like this that make me very happy inside, even at a moment like this when I am deeply sad. I hope Patricia can hear this somewhere wherever she is and I hope that she can hear what people are doing for her and that God will bless her where she is. I hope God will bless you, I know he will, for what you are doing."

Another member of the church delegation, Michael Prokes, told Mrs. Hearst: "Our pastor, Jim Jones, has taught us to put human life above all things and to put aside racial, religious and partisan differences. We feel that if all those who profess to believe in the traditional religious concepts of brotherhood would come forward and just support her in whatever small

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Report on Donations Is Wrong

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way they could, it would be significant."

Mrs. Hearst responded, "This is so wonderful. You just couldn't believe how much money we have received—over a million dollars." She said the money came from all kinds of people all over the world, just people, real people. Two wonderful people on welfare sent us $140—$70 apiece from each of them."

Prokes said, "We believe that this country is a very rich nation and it would be a strong indictment against us if we couldn't come together at this time to cooperate to save your daughter."

"I appreciate that," Mrs. Hearst said, "and I am deeply grateful. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart."

She then turned around and returned to the house.

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PEOPLES TEMPLE IN THE Congressional Record

United States of America PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 93d CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION MAY, 1973

"Mr. Speaker...

"I would like to commend the Rev. James W. Jones, who is pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church, and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded.

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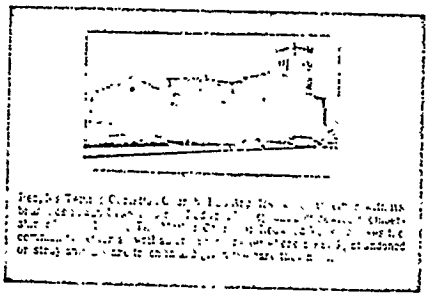
"Called less formally Peoples Temple, the church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."



SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Pastor Jim Jones is a duly ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ (whose membership has included the late President Lyndon B. Johnson). Having adopted children of all ethnic backgrounds, he feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities, both today and in the future. In this light, the church has donated several hundred dollars to each of the following agencies:

UKIAH: Police Drug Abuse Program; Purchase of Reserve Officers' uniforms; Mendocino County Sheriffs Department, for a Public Address System in the County Jail;

SAN FRANCISCO: Drug Prevention Program; Police Summer Youth Fishing Program;

LOS ANGELES: Law Enforcement Community Relations Program.

Inspired by his example, the congregation long ago voted to make substantial contributions to the families of slain policemen.

Pastor JAMES W. JONES, together with the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church, part of the Disciples of Christ denomination of 1.4 million members, hereby:

EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION to the Law Enforcement of the San Francisco, Ukiah and Los Angeles areas who practice with valor the Equal Enforcement of the Laws, and

PROMISE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of your vital, unheralded work in protecting the Constitutional Liberties of our American citizens, and

PLEDGE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION in your Drug Abuse Prevention Efforts, Basic Car Plans, Reserve Officer Programs, and Funds to Aid the Families of Police Officers slain in the line of duty.

REV. JAMES W. JONES,

Many law enforcement people have asked to know more about the life and work of this minister who works so hard to bring about a just society and respect for peace officers. Here, then, are some comments about Pastor Jim Jones by others:

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View of Methodist District Superintendent:

"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice – compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

...Dr. John Moore, Dist. Superintendent of the United Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay, Calif. (March 2, 1973)...

View of Local Clergy:

"(Progress in meeting) the needs of people... is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven day a week program of the Peoples Temple with its team of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."

...Dr. Elmer Schmitt, Pres. of the Ukiah Ministerial Association (In Report on Church Progress, published in Ukiah Daily Journal, 1971)...

Epitomizes the Giving of Self.

"The Peoples Temple Church, motivated and inspired by their pastor, Jim Jones, epitomizes giving of one's self for human services."

...Marge Boynton (Prominent state republican leader, in letter that is dated February 22, 1973)...

The View of a Medical Doctor:

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...I. H. Perkins, M.D. (In a letter "To Whom It May Concern," dated March 2, 1972)...

A Family Man:

"The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a fiery archangel, a humble servant of humanity, an erudite wit, a loving family man with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children – and a plain human being who sometimes finds the battle 'heavy going.'"

...Kathy Hunter, wife of Editor, of the Ukiah Daily Journal (June 3, 1968)...

[Presented by members of Peoples Temple Christian Church in appreciation of their law enforcement.]

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1973

The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

The Welcome Tourists

The hands-down winners of anybody's tourists-of-the-year award have got to be the 660 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif.—who bend over backwards to leave every place they visit more attractive than when they arrived. Like thousands of other tourists, they went calling on the U.S. Capitol the other day; but unlike others who tramp through our town spreading litter helter-skelter, this spirited group of travelers fanned out from their 13 buses and spent about an hour cleaning up the grounds.

One 82-year-old woman who was policing the area at the foot of the Capitol explained to reporter Frank Jones that the members take pleasure in sweeping across the country this way. The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, has already won friends in dozens of cities since its tour left Redwood Valley Aug. 8, and still more areas will benefit by the members' stopoffs on their return trip.

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Don H. Clausen
First District
California

November 20th, 1973

Honorable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister
Cooperative Republic of Guyana
Georgetown, Guyana

Re: Reverend James Jones.

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,

It is my pleasure to introduce to you an outstanding humanitarian, Reverend James W. Jones. He is the Pastor of Peoples Temple Church and will soon be visiting your country to seek permission to establish a missionary human service work there. He and his people have shown themselves to be extraordinarily responsible, industrious and compassionate---working to serve people in what ever way they can.

Reverend Jones has for years carried on an exceptionally effective ministry of human service. The church has taken in senior citizens and housed them, regularly provides emergency food and services, has brought children off the street and paid for their dental and medical care, and has rehabilitated scores of young people from the use of drugs. It is fair to say that Reverend Jones and Peoples Temple epitomize the giving of self and service to others.

What ever courtesies you and your Government could extend to Reverend Jones would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much indeed.

Very truly yours,

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What ever courtesies you and your Government could extend to Reverend Jones would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much indeed.

Very truly yours,

Don H. Clausen
Member of Congress
United States of America

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REVEREND JAMES W. JONES: CHAMPION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGAINST THE MILITANTS

Rev. James W. Jones is the "highly regarded" pastor of the largest congregation in Northern California: Peoples Temple Christian Church, with 15,000 active members statewide, of which 8,000 are in Los Angeles. He preaches in Los Angeles every week. He is an ordained minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a denomination of 5,000 churches in North America having a nation-wide membership of 1.4 million. He has served the same congregation for 23 years. And for years he has, without seeking acclaim, set about one of the toughest jobs that a clergyman could: championing the police, the "system," and nonviolence against the militants in the seething city ghettoes.

He has not only survived, but he has won over many, many militants, white and black (most of these have since become so loyal as to defy expectations). He has done this while administering a human service ministry which has rehabilitated over 200 young people from harmful drugs, established three senior citizen homes for people lonely and old, operated an animal refuge which takes in abandoned animals, and set up a college program involving more than 100 young people (many of them live in church-sponsored-dormitories and have dedicated their studies in medicine and other disciplines to the service of their fellow man). He continually acts to meet emergency needs in the community (for example, he gave $300 to the families of each victim killed inthe recent San Francisco rampage of "Zebra" murders).

Rev. Jones has done this while serving in various important civic positions, including Foreman of the Grand Jury, member of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (for his civic leadership one of Northern California's largest newspapers gave him in 1972 its Special Merit Award). And he has done all this while caring for his family, consisting of his dedicated wife, Marceline, a registered nurse, and their many children, both natural and adopted.

What follows are some observations of Rev. Jones by others (somewhat randomly collected).

* * Motivates People to Help On The Spot.

* OAKLAND TRIBUNE: "HILLSBOROUGH * * * During a moving exchange with a group of representatives from the Peoples Temple Christian Church, which collected $2,000 from its members, Mrs. Hearst said, 'I hope this helps insure that Patricia has a life ahead of her to live and shows her to be as helpful to other people as you've been in her case--I thank you from the bottom of my heart, all of you.' * * * Another member of the church

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delegation, Michael Prokes, told Mrs. Hearst: 'Our pastor, Jim Jones, has taught us to put human life above all things and to put aside racial, religious and partisan differences. We feel that if all those who profess to believe in the traditional religious concepts of brotherhood would come forward and just support her in whatever small way they could, it would be significant.' Mrs. Hearst responded, 'This is so wonderful.'"
(Oakland Tribune, February 14, 1974)

*WASHINGTON POST: "The hands-down winners of anybody's tourists-of-the-year award have got to be the 660 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif.--who bend over backwards to leave every place they visit more attractive than when they arrived. * * * The church's clean-up campaign has earned them friends everywhere they've visited, according to the group's leader, the Rev. Jim Jones."
(The Washington Post, August 18, 14, 1973)

* * Incurs Bomb Threats and Arson.

* BOMB: "SAN FRANCISCO--A bomb with a burned-down fuse was found yesterday on a bus owned by the People's Temple of Redwood Valley. Mike Prokes, associate pastor, said the bomb was found under the fuel bus tank. * * * Prokes and Rev. Jones are two of the temple members who have offered themselves as hostages in exchange fro the release of Patricia Hearst. * * * Prokes said the investigator also said the temple's opposition to militancy and its non-violent stand may have cause the bomb scare. The incident is being investigated by San Francisco police." (The Santa Rosa Press Democrat, March 11, 1974)

* JONES REMOVED: "SAN FRANCISCO--An apparent attempt on the life of Jim Jones, pastor of the Peoples Temple Christian Church, failed early yesterday morning in San Francisco when the fuse of an explosive device containing nitroglycerin sputtered out. * * * Rev. Jones, himself, crawled under the bus and removed the deadly bomb."
(Ukiah Daily Journal, March 11, 1974)

* ARSON: "SAN FRANCISCO--* * * The Peoples Temple church at 1859 Geary Boulevard was burned out last August, an act that was possibly traceable to a militant organization." (Ukiah Daily Journal, March 11, 1974)

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* * Supports Police Consistently For Years.

*SLAIN POLICEMEN: "Peoples Temple Christian Church, which has a congregation in the Fillmore District, has started a fund to aid the families of slain policemen. 'We are utterly horrified by this move to murder police all over this nation,' the Reverend James Jones . . . told the Chronicle yesterday. The Disciples of Christ congregation started off the fund . . . to the families /of a Berkeley officer and two/ officers killed last weekend."
(San Francisco Chronicle, September 4, 1970)

*LAW ENFORCEMENT DAY: "Pastor Jim Jones both to his 4,000 member congregation in San Francisco and the congregation in Redwood Valley * * * will be urging parishioners to support in every way possible law enforcement. The meetings will call for greater respect and for a "Law Enforcement Day." (Ukiah Daily Journal, September 4, 1970)

*LEGISLATION: "Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ denomination sponsored talks by Chief Donn Saulsbury of the Ukiah police department...at the Temple's Community Center. Speaking before an audience of more than 500, they gave a highly informative lecture on narcotics and drugs. ... The Rev. Jim Jones urged the audience, as he had his congregation, to support AB 374 aiding law enforcement agencies in their communities."
(Ukiah Daily Journal, March 7, 1969)

*FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: "Pastor Jim Jones is a duly ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ. Having adopted children of all ethnic backgrounds, he feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities, both today and in the future. In this light, the church has donated several hundred dollars to each of the following agencies:

Ukiah: Police Drug Abuse Program, Purchase of Reserve Officers' uniforms; Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, for a Public Address System in the County Jail;
San Francisco: Drug Prevention Program; Police Summer Youth Fishing Program;
Los Angeles: Law Enforcement Community Relations Program."
(San Francisco Policeman, advertisement, June 1973)

*EMPATHY FOR POLICE OFFICER: "[We] are supporting the police, who for the most part are hard working and dedicated men who are underpaid and little appreciated for their efforts to enforce the law,"[said Rev. Jones].
(Ukiah Daily Journal, September 4, 1970)

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*CHILDREN RESPECT LAW: "Though the Temple provides a full recreational program, it does want to combat the permissive trends that seem apparent in the overall society. It is noted that no Temple member or youth since affiliating with the church has been involved in a violation of the law."
(Ukiah Daily Journal, September 4, 1970)

* * Attacks SLA and Militants Consistently.

*SLA: "REDWOOD VALLEY--Five members of the Peoples Temple Christian Church here have offered themselves as hostages in exchange for the release of Patricia Hearst, who was kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army. Pastor Jim Jones, who agreed to be one of the hostages...attacked the SLA 'for not even doing a good job of following the traditional revolutionists."
(Santa Rosa Press Democrat, February 15, 1974)

*REJECTED FOOD: "'We would like to contribute more money at this time,' said Pastor Jim Jones, in a message to publisher Randolph A. Hearst, 'but cannot because of our ongoing commitments which include sending food to hungry people in this and other lands. Jones said a consensus of more than 500 church members on Social Security showed they'd reject the $70 food allotment demanded by the Symbionese Liberation Army."
(Santa Rosa Press Democrat, February 14, 1974)

KGO-TV: "The man who runs that church, Reverend James Jones, has been actively involved in some anti-violence activity they think might be connected with [the bomb incident]."
(KGO-TV News (San Francisco), March 10, 1974)

* *Lives Exemplary Personal Life.

"A MAN OF DEEP INTEGRITY": "One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve.... Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity." (Rev. Gerald McHarg, Acting Regional President, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for Southern California)

CONGRESSMAN TO PRIME MINISTER: "It is my pleasure to introduce to you an outstanding humanitarian, Reverend James W. Jones....He and his people have shown themselves to be extraordinarily responsible, industrious and compassionate--working to serve people in what ever way they can....It is fair to say that Reverend Jones and Peoples Temple epitomize the giving of self and service to others."
(Don H. Clausen, Member of Congress, in letter dated November 20, 1973 addressed "Dear Mr. Prime Minister")

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*TRUSTWORTHY: "I have found [Reverend Jim Jones] to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, ... and all the while being a considerated, understanding leader of men."
(Dr. I. H. Perkins, Program Director, Drug Abuse Program, Camarillo State Hospital)

*FIERY...HUMBLE...ERUDITE...LOVING: "The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a fiery archangel, a humble servant of humanity, an erudite wit, a loving family man with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children--and a plain human being who sometimes finds the battle 'heavy going.'"
(Editor, Ukiah Daily Journal, June 3, 1968)

* * Building a "Highly Regarded" Church with Great Influence.

*SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE: "Called less formally Peoples Temple, this church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."
(San Francisco Chronicle, January 17, 1973)

*SACRAMENTO BEE: "People's Temple ranks as probably the largest Protestant congregation in Northern California, according to various estimates by officials of several Protestant denominations."
(Sacramento Bee, October 1972)

*INTERNATIONAL DRUG ABUSE EXPERT: "Dr. Wilson Van Dusen ....brought to the program his broad background related to the problems of drug use including . . . international travel observing and establishing recovery and prevention programs. * * * Dr. Van Dusen felt that the single most effective force in prevention and cure of local problems was found in the program of the Peoples Temple."
(Ukiah Daily Journal, January 16, 1970)

*MAYOR OF SAN FRANCISCO: "Dear Pastor Jim: I have heard of your great work and the good you are doing in our community."
(Letter dated October 19, 1972)

*NEW YORK NEWS: "[Reverend Jim Jones] is admired and respected here in the East."
(Executive Editor, The News, New York)

*PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL DENOMINATION: "As you well know, the ministries of Peoples Temple have the endorsement and total support from the Regional Executives to us here in Indianapolis. Dr. Teegarden speaks highly of what Jim Jones is doing and I've heard nothing but praise from him for what Peoples Temple is doing for those in need."
(Wade D. Rubick, General Counsel, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), March 1974)

* LEADING CLERGYMEN: "Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice--compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring." (Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay, March 2, 1973)

*LOCAL CLERGYMEN: "[Progress in meeting] the needs of people is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven-day-a week program of the Peoples Temple with its team of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."
(Dr. Elmer Schmitt, President of the Ukiah Ministerial Association)

*SAVE TAXPAYERS MONEY: "In the classic American tradition of churches acting to alleviate the burdens of government, Rev. James W. Jones, pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church, organized a crew of 20 to 25 Temple members to spend the weekend...painting the Redwood Valley Elementary School and the Redwood Valley Junior High School. * * * Surveying the work accomplished at the end of the job, a professional painting contractor estimated the value of the work done, thus consituting a savings to the taxpayers of the Redwood Valley Union School District, of two thousand and eight hundred dollars ($2,800.00)."
(Ukiah Daily Journal, August 1, 1973)

*CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: "I would like to commend the Rev. James W. Jones, who is pastor of [Peoples Temple Christian Church], and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded."
(Congressional Record, May 30, 1973)

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Chronicle?

LM: Look, I got a call yesterday from a man called Murray Ruff, or something, I don't have the name in front of me. He said , he was talking to people and individuals, and he wanted to find out what our attitudes are toward the church etc. etc. I spoke to him for a very long time. I don't know if he's going to carry a story.

J.B. Probably.

LM: Probably not. I think he wanted to do a story based on the fact that I would give him some information or something. Her asked a lot of questions about the bishop, whether didn't we find him rather kookie, the way he hauls people down through the middle of the night to Miami, etc. I said I don't know that anybody arrived fraudulently, because before they arrive they have to have visas, or recieve residence status. We must have known when those people arrived. None of them arrived at non-disclosed airfields or anything. He asked if I didn't find the Bishop to be a bit of a con man. I said look, we live about 4,000 miles away, our embassy is about 3,000 miles away. I said please look at it from my point of view. Please know that the bishop has a public office in San Francisco. I said, if you are the chairman of a housing authority, if you are a public office holder in your own country and own city, would you expect us to believe you are a con man? I said, moreover, not a single allegation has been proved, not a single charge has been brought in San Francisco or anywher else. I said furthermore, the consulate has been monitoring the facilities on a regular basis. They go there every month, and they put out a statement to reply to a number of questions like yours, and they assert they find no evidence of detention, mal-treatment, or anything else. I said, the church claims that most of these people who claim to be Concerned Relatives are in fact people who have distant relatives, or people who are well above the legal age. People in many cases in their forties and fifties. And if they feel introverted and besieged and harassed, and don't tell you very much, it is because they fell you are not very favorable to their affinities. They have broken no laws in Guyana. They have no weapons. We have a law, you are not allowed to carry weapons, except small arms. So there is no probability that the churches' members have weapons in any serious sense. And he was a very hostile reporter. I said, you represent a paper that is very respected and wealthy. Why don't you go and do a story for Guyana, interview them and so forth. He said, they won't allow me in there. I said how do you know?

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JB: Who wouldn't allow him to go? We wouldn't, or his paper wouldn't?

LM: He said he wouldn't be allowed to visit just like that, without telling your people. I said, you contact them, get a visa, buy a ticket, go up around the campsight - - see what they do. They have a modern community, they have excellent community relations with their surroundings community, and they are engaged in agricultural pursuits, which is part of the thrust of the government. We have no quarrel with them. And then he asked again about the girl, the journalist (JB: Kathy Hunter?) and he said she was known to be difficult - - she had trouble in several places. He said the church had a very inordinate worship. So I said, I know of many groups in this country which are very introverted, which have a tremendous sense of devotion to their ideas. And I'm not qualified to give you any opinion. I have heard their ideas, and first of all their ideas (unintelligible) And I have met a lot of groups who have noble ideals, and are equally introverted. I was giving him the experience I had with the Born Again Christians, who say if you don't recieve the word of God by your first or second visit

THE FOLLOWING ARE A SELECTION OF EXCERPTS FROM STATEMENTS MADE IN RECENT DAYS BY A WIDE VARIETY OF CIVIC, COMMUNITY, AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN RESPONSE TO A SENSATIONALISTIC SMEAR CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT PEOPLES TEMPLE AND ITS MINISTER, REV. JIM JONES.

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MERVYN M. DYMALLY, Lieutenant Governor, California:

Not surprisingly, the metropolitan media have singled out Peoples Temple for scrutiny and criticism. This unusual attack on the Church is the cause of great concern and anguish among the friends of Peoples Temple. However, I am pleased to report that those of us who have looked at the great work of Pastor Jim Jones will continue to have strength in our commitment to him. My former colleagues in the state legislature and Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, who has given much assistance, has continued to express confidence in the Rev Jim Jones. The Chairperson of the Legislative Black Caucus and its members are strong in their support of the Peoples Temple and, so is the President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (Black Press of America), Carlton Goodlett.

WILLIE L. BROWN, JR., California State Assembly:

I have represented thousands of people in the metropolitan area where the headquarters of Rev. Jim Jones' church, Peoples Temple, is located, and I am very familiar with the outstanding work his organization has done in service to society. Rev. Jim Jones is one of the most principled voices for social justice in the nation, and he has been instrumental in providing forceful leadership in developing practical solutions to serious urban problems, such as crime, drug abuse, and neglect of the elderly. Because he is an extremely effective leader in the arena of social progress, Jim Jones has been the object of some malicious attacks from various individuals who (out of personal vindictiveness, racism, and other despicable motives) have mounted a smear campaign. This campaign has been denounced by progressive community leaders and public officials who are working effectively for the interest of blacks and other minority people in our society.

DONNETER E. LANE. Executive Director, San Francisco Council of Churches:

It is a privilege that I/we have the opportunity to express a word of concern for the Christian ministry of the Rev. Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ) here in the city of San Francisco and throughout the state of California.

It appears that persons who contribute to humanity the human needs, find themselves in controversial situations, usually marked by misinformation and unsound reasoning. Rev. Jones has contributed to San Francisco and to the needs of the underprivileged and oppressed. He has not done this alone, but with the concern and co-operation of people who are disciples of Christ, in every sense of the word.

Throughout Christendom there have always been those who rejected those who would be followers of Christ. The Scriptures say "feed the hungry - clothe the naked - heal the sick." (He has the spiritual gift of healing and provisions provided for

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those seeking help.)

Rev. Jones has contributed spiritually to the San Francisco Council of Churches Board of Directors since becoming a member. His members have shown concern in the issue related to Council work. Theirs is a true spiritual commitment and voluntarily rendered. Rev. Jim Jones' philosophy is a challenge to the citizens of San Francisco and especially to Christians who are not committed to the Christian doctrines.

I/we have the honor and privilege to speak for one from our community and a member of the San Francisco Council of Churches.

CRISTINA VASQUEZ, National Representative, Equal Rights Congress:

To many people in this country, as well as throughout the world, your church and what you stand for has meant hope and justice. But what is more important, that hope has become a reality.

I for one have seen the fruits of your work and have seen that you practice what you teach. There is no doubt in my mind that when an issue of justice or human rights has come to your attention, you have always responded in every way possible to help.

I would like to express that although it outrages me to see what the news media is doing, it does not surprise me. In my life I have always seen that we are always played against each other -- church against church, blacks against latinos, latinos against blacks, every minority and working people blaming each other for their failures and problems beacuse that way they can keep us apart and not see that the real problems is between those who have and those who don't.

I would like...to do whatever little we can to show the media and whoever is trying to discredit your work that as long as we live we will not stand for anybody trying to destroy any of our honest, hard working leaders that are fighting for our rights.

REV. NORMAN E. LEACH, Program Administrator, San Francisco Council of Churches:

I am writing to express my concern for the work which the Rev. Jim Jones and the members of his Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ) perform in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As happens all too frequently, when someone actually attempts to live out the commandments of the Christian Gospel, there is adverse reaction from the non-Christian community. And even, sometimes, from within that community.

Peoples Temple in San Francisco has recently found itself under attack from a few persons who were former members, in addition to a few others who wish to discredit the work and ministry of Peoples Temple - for whatever their motives. I do not attempt to understand or to speak to the motives behind these actions; however, I can and will speak to my observations as to

the ministry of the Rev. Jim Jones and his congregation.

Peoples Temple offers a tremendous witness to the Gospel of liberation and justice within our community. Judges refer young people to Peoples Temple for rehabilitation programs. They also offer services in training for youth around such skills as carpetry, printing, broadcasting, electronics, auto mechanics, tutoring, etc. All of these are vital ministry with the people of this city. This type of ministry fulfills a great need which otherwise would have to be met by the city's Social Services and other agencies were it not for church groups like the Peoples Temple.

ART AGNOS, California Legislature, Majority Whip:

Recently in San Francisco a number of people have begun to attach a political meaning to the work carried on by the Rev. Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

As a politician, I am aware from firsthand experiences that the leadership and congregation of Peoples Temple carry out exceptional public service activities without partisan political overtones.

While it is true that their religious beliefs require active participation in issues confronting the community such as supporting in large numbers the tenants of the International Hotel, 99% of all the work done by Peoples Temple is in service to the elderly, poor families, and troubled youth. On many occasions I have referred destitute people to Peoples Temple for help and they all have received it.

It is most unfortunate that some people in San Francisco feel threatened by this very simple organization and philosophy of service.

JOSEPH E. HALL, President, San Francisco Branch, NAACP:

I am writing to let you know about the outstanding work of the Peoples Temple here in the San Francisco community. Rev. Jim Jones has been a friend to hundreds of youth in the city, and his church has rehabilitated many from drug use, helped young people out of legal difficulty and anti-social patterns, and brought out the finest potential in people who were held back due to the hardships and oppression of their lives. He has established tutorial and educational programs, opportunities for youth to receive free job training, and legal and medical services for the indigent. His church has taken in senior citizens cast aside by their relatives, and children abandoned by parents and unwanted by agencies. He has provided a wholesome environment where people are accepted and made to feel needed and productive regardless of race, sex, age or educational or religious background.

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ENOLA D. MAXWELL, Executive Director, Portrero Hill Neighborhood House:

I have known the Reverend Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple for ten years. During the years I have known him I have never heard it said that he turned down a person or organization in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

In my opinion his ministry best exemplified the life and teachings of Jesus Christ: What is the need, and what can I do to help.

For this Jesus Christ and Martin Luther King were persecuted, and many others were condemned without having done any evil.

DENNIS ROBERTS, Attorney (from a letter to Rev. Jim Jones):

I have been following with great interest the vituperative and defamatory attacks against you and the Peoples Temple which have appeared in New West magazine and, more recently, reprinted in the Mendocino Grapevine. I recently saw the July 21 editorial in the Sun-Reporter.

I initially met you in my capacity as attorney for Dennis Banks. At the time of our first meeting his wife, Ka-Mook, was incarcerated in Kansas under a $20,000 bail. The defense fund was virtually non-existent and the possiblity of Ka-Mook obtaining bail was slim indeed. Then you and the Temple stepped forward out of the goodness of your heart and produced virtually the entire bail for Ka-Mook. This put her in the position of being free to help prepare our defense. Today, we got the wonderful news that the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco held that the government's case against her must be dismissed. If you did not provide the bail, she would have had to sit in jail for about two years until she was ultimately vindicated, and instead of being free to be with her family and small babies. If I knew nothing else about you, this would be sufficient for me to sing your praises to every available ear. However, after our initial meeting I was so impressed with your good works that I started to do my own "investigation." Everyone spoke in the most glowing terms of you, the Temple, and the work that you have performed. You have consistently articulated the position of the underdog and provided the support necessary to stand up to overwhelming governmental attack. In so many cases you and the Temple made the crucial difference in the ability to withstand these attacks.

I am not a Christian and for many years have felt strongly about the hypocrisy of so many who called themselves "christians." It is only upon coming in contact with the Peoples Temple that I was able to start to reappraise this opinion and realize that there were people who did take their professed religion seriously and who, in fact, did live up to what I would like to believe being a Christian means.

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JERRY S. GARDNER, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Mendocino Cty.):

I wish to take this opportunity to express my dismay with recent articles being published in local newspapers and by New West magazine, regarding the Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple Church.

I have known Rev. Jones for over seven years and have found him to be an honest, reverent, and Christian example in our community.

Temple members have been licensed by the State of California to provide care and supervision for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled. These Temple members have always been above reproach and among the most capable of providers. State evaluations of these facilities conducted in 1972 will bear this out.

It is unfortunate that such an exemplary man and organization must be subject to this sort of yellow journalism.

HOWARD WALLACE, Gay Action/Labor Committee:

I have read articles attacking Rev. Jim Jones and People's Temple in the last two issues of NEW WEST magazine. You may already know that this magazine was recently purchased by an Australian publisher notorious for his scandal-mongering and yellow journalism. It is with concern that the many good works of Peoples Temple continue uninterrupted that I am now writing.

For many years now, I have been a socialist and a trade unionist, an anti-war organizer and active supporter of the Black, Latino, feminist and gay movements in the United States. In that time I have witnessed a host of smear campaigns against all these movements. Peoples Temple is only the latest victim.

They are now an object of right-wing attacks because they practice what they preach--solidarity with the oppressed and exploited of the earth. The Temple's consistent struggle on behalf of democratic rights and against social and economic inequality is without parallel, even in San Francisco, historically a center of progressive movements. I am one of many thousands in this city who take pride in counting Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple among my friends.

RICHARD GELLER, Vice-President, Unity Foundation:

I write on behalf of Unity Foundation in reference to the good works of the Peoples Temple organization. Here in San Francisco these selfless Christians have brought help and happiness to countless thousands with their free offering of food, medical care, education, job training, drug rehabilitation, legal counseling, and spiritual guidance....It has been our delight to work with Peoples Temple, whose honesty and credibility we have found impeccable.

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E. ROBERT WALLACH, Attorney-at-law:

As a matter of introduction, I am a past president of the Bar Association of San Francisco (1975), a professor of law at Hastings College of the Law and Consultant to the Dean at that school. I am a lawyer in active private practice. I do not belong to Peoples Temple and my only contact with them has been as a result of our shared interests in a variety of community projects in this city.

I have had an opportunity to meet and talk at length with Rev. Jim Jones, examined fully the services and programs of the Peoples Temple and know their reputation in this community in a variety of sources.

In all respects, the Peoples Temple makes a major contribution to the social wellbeing of this city, particularly among the disadvantaged, minorities and disabled within our community. Those individuals who often find it difficult to assemble support for their position as they seek to obtain lawful and appropriate rights from our society find a strong and giving ally in Reverend Jim Jones and those with whom he works.

ALBERT E. KAHN, Author, Journalist:

I became acquainted with Rev. Jim Jones more than a year ago and in the intervening period I have been much impressed with the assistance he has given to the peace movement in this area, to Chilean political refugees who have settled in the region, and to the care and welfare of underprivileged citizens, not only among his own followers but also in the general community.

It is my opinion that in all likelihood the present charges being made against him are, besides sensational journalism, in part the result of work of agents provocateurs operating within his organization, and I hope that in the future there will be concrete evidence of this probability.

MICHAEL R. SNEDEKER, Attorney-at-law, Prisoners Union:

I believe their church (Peoples Temple) is one of the most important organizations in California. It combines strongly progressive social policies with a spirituality that makes our common humanity felt rather than simply known as an abstraction. The shortcomings of pure politics is precisely that it does not have content. The limits of pure spirituality are that it removes people from the world rather than connecting them with it. It seems to me that their efforts to combine the material and the spiritual into real existence, to effectively recognize the humanity of all races and ages, to realize the capabilities of everybody, to take care of each other and to take responsibility for the world in which they live, follows the grain of what must be done to build a fully human world.

I have attended their services, the first over ten years

ago in a remote rural section of California where I worked as a researcher and therapist in a large mental hospital. Their services are a unique blend of joyous music, intensely focused concern for suffering individuals, and attacks on the injustice that is part and parcel of our social order. I have known members of the church and one who left the church; he was a former drug addict who felt that he had gained immeasurably by his association with the Peoples Temple. I have also followed their work on behalf of people who were being unjustly treated and seen their efforts to unify the poor and dispossesed of this country into an effective force. They are a warm, energetic, and progressive group of people.

CHARLES BRIODY, Bay Area Ecumenical Committee of Concern for Chile; Former National Chairperson of the Presidential Campaign for Dr. Benjamin Spock:

I hope that you understand that the media attack on Rev. Jones is part of what appears to be a coordinated right wing propaganda offensive aimed at dividing working people that currently is sweeping our country and is characterized by a resurgence of the Nazi Party, Ku Klux Klan, anti-Semitic "New Right" and racist organizing - in a period of extreme economic crisis when such periods classically appear in many capitalist societies.

Knowing of the internationally coordinated fascist plot which overthrew the government of Salvador Allende in Chile, I cannot but be sensitive to the totally contrived and subversive nature of the media smears against this exemplary man, Jim Jones.

JOE JOHNSON, San Francisco:

I have been active in community programs in the San Francisco area for over forty years. I am a member of long standing in the I.L.W.U. - Longshoreman's Union, the Third Baptist Church and a Deputy Mayor of the City. I am well acquainted with the activities of Peoples Temple Church and with the integrity and character of its pastor, Reverend Jim Jones.

Concerning them I say without qualification that this church has been second to none in preventing crime in the city. They have donated thousands of dollars to city-sponsored fund drives for the purpose of creating summer jobs for youth and programs for cultural enrichment.

Too often clever and cynical newswriters, skilled in the art of withering sarcasm and satire can capture the imagination of people, take statements violently out of context and create an atmosphere where violence and harassment result.

On two occasions that I know of, this church has been burned, its members physically attacked, its youngsters

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attending school humiliated and terrorized. In spite of these discouraging incidents Peoples Temple has remained a vital force for decency and dignity for us all.

The article printed by New West and others are typical of the forced of evil who would destroy a good thing.

MARGIE BAKER, Supervisor, San Francisco Public Schools:

I am very honored to be acquainted with the Reverend Jim Jones and the congregation of Peoples Temple located in San Francisco, California. Rev. Jones' church is located in one of the lower socio-economic areas of San Francisco. His membership seems to consist of members of all races creeds and colors. Rev. Jones and his congregation have done so much for young people who, otherwise, would be wasting their lives away. The Peoples Temple also has excellent programs for senior citizens, excellent health programs, and other programs too numerous to mention.

CONNIE WILLIAMS, Owner, "Connie's Restaurant;" President of West Coast Caribbean Association:

I am writing to express my feelings about Jim JOnes and the Peoples Temple. This church, for many years, has been a refuge for literally thousands of poor people, mainly black but consisting of all racial backgrounds in the country.

Because Jim Jones has boldly defended the rights of the poor and oppressed in this racist society, he has suffered continuous harassment and persecution. It is not only difficult but dangerous, as you might well imagine, to stand for egalitarian principles in our society. This automatically results in attacks by reactionary forces. But Jim Jones has always remained undaunted, and, in the face of it all, has proceeded with his work.

ALEXANDRA HUNTER, Ph.D., Day Treatment Director, Westside Community Mental Health Center:

I am writing in support of the Peoples Temple and their community projects. As you may have heard, certain self-serving media persons, seeking fortune and fame for themselves, are using the Temple and Reverend Jones as the means to their goal.

I am a resident of the Western Addition as well as a director of a mental health program in this area. I am very aware of the services provided by the Peoples Temple to both young and old, mainly minority persons of our community. These services would not be available otherwise.

PHILIP MARTIN, Attorney-at-law:

Although I have no personal official association with Peoples Temple, I am familiar with its work in this city. It is an unusual and unique organization, which puts religious principles into practice by working on the day-to-day problems of the people in this community. Its programs in child care, legal aid, housing, and rehabilitation enjoy and outstanding reputation. The people I have met from the Temple have been unfailingly curteous, enthusiastic, and public-spirited.

Recent attempts to smear the Temple here in San Francisco are, as far as I can tell, without any foundation in fact.

JOAN A. BRANN (wife of the late Franklyn Brann):

I am a member of San Francisco's black community.

Rev. Jones is being maligned by the press. This man is sincerely committed to the poor, the elderly, and to those whose spirits have been worn down by the vicissitudes of racism.

Rev. Jones and his congregation were a great source of comfort to me in a time of painful crisis in my own life. His response to those of us who asked for his help goes far beyond any ordinary call of duty.

YVONNE S. GOLDEN, Co-ordinator, Opportunity II High School; President, Black Teachers Caucus:

The vendetta against Reverend Jim Jones is not a new story. History is replete with examples of the persecution of those who challenge the status quo. At one level, Rev. Jim Jones should feel a sense of pride in being immersed into the ocean of a most distinguished community of humanity --- where justice, and not expediency, is the good to be pursued; where the legitimate interest of the many, and not the whim of the few, is the mandate of the day; where truth, and not consistency, is the goal to be achieved, and where courage is one of the exacting prices for peace of mind.

No less a stalwart than Martin Luther King found his entry into the so-called political arena by speaking out against the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war, and invoked the absolute wrath of the well organized army of apologist of the status quo. Only the blind, the deaf, the dumb and the apologists fail to see the compulsive realtionship between the latest avalanche of inconsistencies, half-truths, and outright lies against the Rev. Jim Jones and the upcoming elections in San Francisco.

We who support Rev. Jim Jones will continue to stand by him. We find solace in the eloquence of Thomas Paine:

> "Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consol-

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ation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

CARLTON B. GOODLETT, Ph.D., M.D., Publisher of the Sun Reporter, President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (Black Press of America):

Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple represent some of the most invigorating and challenging religious organizations to appear in California in recent years....In attempting to use the moral force of Christianity in dealing with man-made problems that bedevil, haunt and dehumanize the social order, Jones has created a cyclone where formerly the political leaders, economic scoundrels, and even impotent religious leaders have failed the very foundations of their ethics, and their leadership mantles have been rent, torn asunder, leaving those pompous pseudo-leaders naked and to be viewed as the hypocrites that they have been for decades.

An institution that feeds the poor, houses the homeless, rescues young and old from the wretchedness of despair and drug addiction, marshals the political potential of a people, and husbands the economic pittance of the poor masses into a powerful instrument for justice, freedom, and equality, while building a just and humane society, by its very nature will have many enemies hidden, lurking in the shadows of greed, ignorance, neurosis and hallucinations. If such an institution becomes powerful, then it must expect its enemies to become powerful. While the New West article was intended to defame and dismember and deter an increasing band of followers of Christian ethics, the great possibilities are there that the story will boomerang, and that which they seek to destroy out of this momentary irritation will become a potent antidote to the hopelessness and despair that permeate the masses....Surely many good men and women of courage, steadfastness, and fundamental belief in the power of the organized masses will see in Jim Jones and Peoples Temple not a comet that momentarily lights up the darkness, but another reminder of the meanings of Edmund Burke's prophetic words, uttered before the birth of the nation 200 years ago: "All that is necessary for evil in the world to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

KNBC INTERVIEW..... DON HARRIS 11/13/78 in S.F.

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Harris:
I just want to go over this one time for all of you... because I don't know how much all of you know about us.. what we are about to do, how we are going to go about doing it.. So if I clear all that just one time you will all know exactly how we stand.

We are essentially a net-work news service. Someone called the other day and the opening of the sentence was "i understand you age going down to do an expose?'
That is not what we are going to do at all. We are going to do a news story.. there have been some charges and there have been some ans. to charges.. I have absolutely no idea at this point, what the story will look like.. Whether they wll be favorable to PT or critical.. And I must tell you in all honesty- I really don't give a damn. It's just not my thing to be concerned about whether they are favorable or critical. As far as I know, none of the 4 of us have had anything to do with PT before.. But by and large, your biggest safe-factor is that we really don't care how the story turns out.

Our initial contact was with a group who made some charges against the temple, we will accompany a group of people going down tonight.. who generally are critical of the temple. I wish you wouldn't misconstrue that, that we are somehow in alliance with the people who are making the charges.. We know them, we are going to deal with them, we are going to listen to what the people have to say.. and to some degree, we will report it. But we simply happen to be travelling together.

If we had been able to set the arrangements up ahead of time, we would have gone in by ourselves.. talked to the people of Jonestown first and then waited for this other group of people to arrive... and done th talking with them. It just happens that we are going together, because that is the way it was scheduled.

You have absolutely no committment to us.. you won't have to talk to us, you don't have to explain anything to us.. we came here because we need information.. we don't know anything about the temple (that is a damned lie from the rest of the conversation/sb).. we don't know anything but what we have found generally in the 'morgue'- that is wire clipping, newspaper clipping.. that sort of thing... so we just came to get some information.

The only thing that I can tell you to give you some peace of mind, as to what we will do, is that unless it becomes a competitive situation.. competitve meaning that unless we have either one of the other networks.. if another network comes in on top of the story, we will file instantly.. and we will try to let you know about that.
But as long as there is no other network there.. then we control the release time and we will try to hold everything until we have a chance to look at the whole week long, or two week long, whatever this thing turns out to be.. then we will start filing. If it is going to be (introduces Dr. Goodlett as he comes in..)

Garry: "Dr. Goodlett was there about a month ago- to examine JJ. He was the president of the Black Publishers of the U.S. and he has a newspaper here- the Sun Reporter.. Metro news and sev. others.. and he has been a long, long friend of the temple.. and a very close, dear friend of mine.

Harris: "The bottom line is that sometime before we leave tonight.. we will try to set up a way, the mechanism for what we are doing.. I don't care how we do it- as long as you are sure it will work for you.
if we find that we have to fóle in a hurry- give us the name of somebody in Georgetown or here- because if we find that there won't be much time.. there will be time for 1 phone call- to somebody and that's all. To say- we are filing- the story will be negative.. or we are filing and you don't have anything to sweat... that's all I can do for you.. that is all I am supposed to do for you. That is all ethically we can promise anybody.

Garry: "Well, let me say a couple of things..we don't have any qualms or any reservations about what is there. I don't care who goes there- as far as I am concerned they won't find anything but what we have seen ourselves. We have not only seen it- the Amer. Embassy has been there.. The Guyanaese gov. has been there time and time again.. I have been there twice.. and what you see there is not a manufactured front.. as a matter of fact, I consider it a kind of paradise.. a kind of utopia in action..living, proof I have seen it.. But I want to also tell you that we are very apprehensive.. not for what is there or what is being done.
We are being attacked.. in areas that we quite don't know where it is coming from.. if we knew where it was coming from, of course, we would stop it.. Now there are, what they consider a group of "concerned relatives",.

Now, Mr. Duncan there- he just came back, and he is not a member of the temple.. his daughter has been there for a long time, he was worried about- seeing his own daugher.. and he was also taken in by some of the crap that some of these so-called CR, these dissendents are putting out. And he went there and saw it for himself.. His wife went down with him- and she stayed there.. This is what we are talking about.. we have had Rev. Moore, who was the head of the Northern Meth. church for the entire northern part of calif.- he has two daughters that have been there for 2 or 3 yrs. and he went down there with his wife, they visited there for 2 or 3 weeks, and they came back... talk to them- they saw what was going on there.. there is no mystery about what is going on there. but the thing that is a mystery is how it is that Tim Stoen.. who was the attorney and probably one of the top leaders of the temple for yrs., all at once he has filed law suits in the very areas that he advised the temple . Now, I have a law suit against him on the breach of attorney /client relationship. And I have asked for an injunction and the judge has not yet ruled.. he must be considering something, because there were 30 affidavits filed, one by Mr. Duncan, and by people who are not members of the temple, who were aware of the conduct of this man's relationship.

Now, I don't know what is going on.. I don't know what is under all this.. whether it is an IRS investigation.. whether it is a CIA plot.. but something is amiss, something is wrong.. And these are the kinds of things that we don't have ans. to.. We are not going to let anybody from that group get into Jonestown. It's only a little over a yr. ago that JJ was shot at.. not once, but several times.. we don't know where those shots came from.. they got into Jonestown.. now, by the way, there is no security at Jonestown.. no barbed wire..at my insistence, last yr. I said that there should be someone at the entrance.. now they have a 24 hr. vigil at the entrance, you can't drive in there without getting permission and there is a communications at the gate, to the community itself.. announcing whoever goes thru there. But that is just a facade, because you can get in thru the jungle in a thousand areas.

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Pat aks Harris: "Who are the Concerned relatives who are going over..."

Harris: "Oh, Cobb, Stoen, Katsaris, the names are not all that familiar. I have only been doing research on this thing for 2 or 3 weeks? (sounds like). Essentially the same folks- you must have all the names from court papers etc. Medlocks,..

(they are now setting up equipment-)

(Garry is talking about Ryan's aide talking about having sent invitations out to a number of congressmen inviting them to go- Burton etc... sd. he did know that Phil Burton wrote back that he couldn't go..
Goodlett is saying- nobody would tell him when they are coming to his house- they would come at his convience- not when they say... I would say- you'd better stay at home, cause you ain't getting in! talks about all these people being schoundrel . etc. and expect to run thru the plantation when they want to.. oh, no. They would have alot of exercise going back home if it was up to him (Goodlett)- but then he is not part of the congregation..

Garry to Goodlett: "Well the thing is that they arbitrarily say they are coming// Goodlett" and I would kick their ass out too!" pardon my french... nothing wrong with being invited to come- just come at the proper time..

Sounds like Javers: "Well, I think Ryans position was that he was going to Georgetown no matter what.. and the hope that he would get into Jonestown if Rev. Jones would let him in..

Harris responds to Garry's question as to who is paying for these trips.. Harris says- off the record.... from what I have heard... it is a collective thing... that each person is paying a portion of their expenses.. and that there have been some collections of money by them as a group.
Charles asks if the U.S. gov. is paying for any of this- he wants to know- Harris says not according to Ryan.. in fact there was some serious discussion about them even travelling on the same plane... and Ryan was very careful to spell out when he talked to us- that these were not member of his party... that they would be on the same plane as his delegation- but that was all the connection..

Pat says- the appearance is otherwise.. regardless of what Ryan says.. to whom asks Harris? Pat says- to the public
Harris says- the public won't see it except thru me, him (Javers) or either one of the other reporters... Pat says- what I am saying is unless that is spelled out to the public- the impression left is that they are part of the congressional delegation.
Harris' response: That is entirely possible.

Charles says before shooting the interviews.. he does not intend to get into any of the law suits etc.- that is a matter pending before the courts... he points out about the 16 phone patches etc. we have the tapes in the office.. and these people are not interested in anything like facts.. As a matter of fact, Tim Stoen has told several people, including Mr. Duncan over there, (tape turns)... picks up... "his cliant said to him, that JJ is the father of that child.." (must be talking abt Hallinan)... here is it right here- an affidavit undee oath..

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Jon Harris is saying that he needs a person to establish contact with quickly either in S.F. or Georgetown

Harris is saying that he would like to go in... even if he has to stay until after they leave..
Charles says he would like to have them go in and he would liketo have Mr. Favers go in too.
something about charles saying by nature... newspaper people are not very happy with T.V... t.v. is entertainment..(laughter)

Jon Harris is saying that he has no idda when this will be shown... he says "I have a sackel full of notes..." and at this point he says he is 'abismally ignorant', but I'll get smarter in the next 24 hrs. Sounds like he says) 'when i get to read all this stuff"

(think they are setting up for the t.v. now)...

- Harris asking Dr. Goodlett what his association with PT is...
Goodlett saying he first became involved when a number of his patiences and J's mother was in town and she had physical problems and came as a patient. and He had a chance to treat her. And then he became involved in their medical program...at one time they had their physical therapy clinic under his license. And he has known JJ as a leader for social justice, conerned about others.

- Harris: "have you ever been to Jonestown?"

- Goodlett: "yes, I have been to Jonestown.
- Harris: "xxax what do you think?"
- Goodlett: " well, it was a very unique experience... in Socialism. It is the effort to transmitt an idea into being, and they have succeeded far beyond my anticipation. I have known some of these youngsters that are down there since they have been born, and they were real lost souls on the avenue out here... and also (something about) people who were suffering from rheumatism etc. and other debilitating diseases, and now they have a new lease, a new hold on life."

- Harris: "Then what is causing all this furor, all these charges?"

- Goodlett: "Well, you know, I am a psychologist, I know there are times when the attitude 'love and hate' are sometimes undistinguishable. Something about..) when people lose sight of their objective...and something happens... they turn their love into hate. I have known some of these people, and I knew that some of them had been looking a long time for something, and then I was surprised when they turned around, because they had been going the wrong way for yrs. before. But I have known JJ for a number of yrs., and I have examined this man closely, and I find nothing wrong with him."

- Harris: "I am told that he is ill, that he is very ill."
- Goodlett: "Do you mean psychologically or physically?"
- Harris: "Both, but I am talking about this particular report having to do xxx with him pysically."

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Goodlett: "Yes, I went there to see him about a medical problem... and I have been trying to deal with the problem."

Harris: "Then he is seriously ill."
Goodlett: "He is ill and he refuses to go into a hospital...in fact, I sent a message to him that he had not kept faith, and that the project would be leaderless in that he had sacrificed his health. And if he didn't get something done in a short span, it would be very, very dangerous in the long run."

Harris : "what sort of illness does he have?"
Goodlett: "I don't discuss that, that is a medical problem, but he was ill enough for me to go see him... and I am not an undertaker, I am a physican, you know."

- Harris: "Dr., I am interested in the young man who is a dr. there."

- Goodlett: "Now, this young man, he was spaced out on alchol and drugs, and when I heard that he wanted to be a physican, and he couldn't get into a medical school in this country and I advised them to send him to a medical school in Mexico. And after he was there for a couple of yrs. he straightened up etc., and with the help of Willie Brown and others, we got him into Irvine, Univ. of Calif. He is a modern Switzer... this man has got it! Down in the jungle in this clinic, which is the only medical clinic in that region...people are lined up everyday from outside the compound,to get medical care. He is doing a tremendous job. In fact, when I go into retirement, I am going to spend more time down there..."

- Harris:" You are going to join the group?"
- Goodlett:" Not particularly, I belong to Third Bapt. church. I am a Bapt. not a Templeite. I'm not Catholic either... but I go to the Catholic church sometime, and I go to Holy Rollers sometime. I don't go much but I do go there. (laughter).

- Harris: "Im from so. Georgia- I'mm familiar with Holly Rollers.I'm am still.. I hear you and I hear these other folks, and they say what a good place this is and what a good job it is doing, what I can't understand why all these people... again, if it were one or two... or three, then you could dismiss it as malcontents..."

- Goodlett:" You go and were going to see to it... and I say that because I think I have the confidence in the man...we're going to see to it that if they turn the other delegation away... that you will get an opportunity to get in and see of your own accord... Jonestown. And when you come back, I'll put the same question to you.. and you will have difficulty ans. it. Because everythingyou see there will impress you by the fact that man can do many things if he does them collectively.

- Harris: "Do you believe there is a conspiracy?"
- Goodlett:"yea. Conspiracy of silence, and conspiracy of those who would lie etc. I am not afraid of new ideas, and I am not afraid of Socialism... but you may be brain washed into thinking that we may have reached the milenium of laisez-faire capitalist dogma... And I have seen what they have done to Cuba.. etc. and there are those who don't want Socialism to succeed under any circumstances, I know there are those people in this country, who feel they have all to lose and nothing to gain.. who are trying to rule this country and the world, and would even blow up the world, rather than lose it. Now, I'm not a lawyer, but I can talk about things I believe in.

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Harris: " What you are saying is the government would rather destroy this thing than have it succeed?"

-Goodlett: " What I , for instance, the men who make up the gov., see the gov. represents the collective operations of people who control...

-Harris: "you are saying there are some people who are involved in the gov. who would like to see this operation fail?"

- Goodlett: "indeed, indeed, indeed."
- Harris: "Do you know who they are?"
- Goodlett: "oh, no, I don't know who, like I don't know who has been trying to destroy the Panthers, but we know that eventually it will be proven CIA and these other guys.. in the federal gov. You know, at one time Nixon talked about Fasism, and he was proven to be right, and I am not a visionary who is without some social perseption."
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- Harris: "have you ever seen anybody beaten?"
- Goodlett: "No, and I have never treated anybody who has suffered any ill harm.."

-Harris: "never saw anybody down there who looked underfed, mal-nourishe
- Goodlett: " I saw people underfed before I went to Jonestown, yes. but that was here (in this country), I saw they had a program for people who were overweight, who had eaten too good!

-Harris: "you find no basis for these charges?"
- Goodlett: " I find no basis for them, and with my deep social perception... (cut off) I'll ask you- how do you explain this?

- Harris:"you tell me,and when I get back, you call me collect and we'll talk (or something to this effect).

- Goodlett: "Let me tell you, I am the one guy who would send you folks back home if I were there..because first I don't like anybody to come to my house... uninvited, and expect to bring people..."

- Harris: "wait a minute, I don't think you know the whole story... it was not to go there uninvited...we asked to go there before this.
- Goodlett: "yea, and were you given something that would be considered an invitation?"
-Harris:"We didn't get there yet."
- Goodlett:' well, have you been invited to come at this time?"
Harris: "no. nobody has said we aren't going to get an invitation, the general feeling that we got was that things were in an uproar right now, and let's figure out where we are... but understand... I don't know whether you came in late on this conversation...we are travelling with the group, but it has nothing to do with being associated with the group...

- Goodlett: "let me tell you, in the event, I don't know what is going to happen, in the event you are not allowed to get in because of your associates, before you leave... you will be invited to come back.
Harris: "oh, I suspect that I will get _____? one way or the other." of the folks in Jonestown.

Goodlett: " What I am saying, you will be accepted as an invited guest. You see, I have reservations about this personally because of the fact _____?, sounds like there is 'nothing but good to see'... and don't have anytime to hide.. our people basically are a people of peace..

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and they have been harrassed, plus here in S.F., but I believe, just like Castrol told Allende...

Harris: "by the way, the next assignment after this is in Cuba.." with Castro.
Goodlett: "Give him my regards..."
Harris: "Do you know him personally, and should I indeed do that?"
Goodlett: "yea, indeed."

Harris: "The man that, as is often the case, the man who is going down, or there is a man who is going to be there at the same time... and because I, like you, worry about going in and trying to survey something on a short term notice... a fellow by the name of Jose Broata? who left Caba before Castro came to power... came to this country to study for the ministry, he is a lay minister in the Bapt. church, and what he really discovered was that he was a damned good capitalist... and is now a sizable painting contractor and he was our next door neighbor for a while and he has now opened offices in Atlanta and is flying back and forth to L.A.... so he is a good working capitalist.. and also a minister. Jose, I believe was the first person to be allowed to go to this country and back.. he makes the trip back and forth very often.. and what we are proposing... part of his family are heavy supporters of the gov.... part are not, and we were going to try to use them as a guide.
He, like you, seems to think there are some things that are much better now.

Goodlett: "Well, listen, when you get there... JJ and his family were in Cuba during the time of the revolution...at the end of the Batista regime and the beginning of the Castro regime.. and JJ has been back to Cuba, he was there in Jan. of 77... and that calling card will not hurt you! That you have come and looked upon this Temple, as a friend... I hope...

Harris:" I am anxious to see this thing thru.
Goodlett: "You know, one thing I am sure sorry that this country was so open minded and allowed all those Cuban refugees into this country... (a voice says there are over 100,000 of them..) They represent the worst scoundrels in the world... out of there... and the most racist of the Cubans... and they brought all of their superiorities and what not.. and in Florida they represent another strata in society pressing on the backs of the blacks... In the South you have the poor whites,sitting on top of the necks and the backs of blacks... got 3 classes setting on the backs of the blacks now.

Harris: "You know that is something that I want to discuss with Jose, he is black and we have never discussed racism before,

Goodlett: "Well, then he was one of the few of the elite blacks who were needed by the Bastista regime to give it validity.. (Harris agrues about this with him saying that Jose left before..and was just a kid who didn't have enough to eat etc.)
They left over struggle for power... they are the worst... just like the Vietnamese who come here.. they are just another problem for Blacks. and racial minorities, we have got enough problems.. with racism, sexism, and classism... without having anymore numbers to fight. all of these people, some of them from the most deadly social pathology.. known to man in their particular country. We have the capacity for supporting all of the scoundrels all over the world..

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Harris: "well, I know the other side isn't doingtoo damn good on picking leaders also..

- Goodlett: " well, some of them are surviving..
- Harris: "Idi Amin?"
- Goodlett: "well, who in the hell picked him?"
- Harris: "He has Soviet weapons."
- Goodlett: " so did the govt. of Nigeria have Soviet weapons...because we wouldn't sell them any..

Goodlett leaves saying he has to practise medicine.. says he does so once in a while you know... it keeps him radical..

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Harris: "my guess is, if everything stays like it is... my guess is that everything stays even...we will release at the end of this 5 day period or whatever it is... what notice do you need from us? or what information would you like from us? as far is release is concerned- do you need advance information?

Charles: "It would help".
Harris: "ok,if we talk to someone at the temple in georgetown, will that information be relayed to you?
Charles: "not necessarily" , because matters of communication are very bad. see, we are not permitted to carry on any communication between Jonestown and S.F., the FCC raises hell about it. and the communication between Georgetown and S.F. is very, very expensive, $16..I think for 3 mins. (gets charles phone #)

Harris: "You represented the Black Panthers, you talked about some other controversial clients.. are there any that I might not know about that I should?"

Charles: "Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver, Angela Davis, Inez Garcia,

Harris asks how long do you plan to be there? They say the 19th, or until they plan to get thru.

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(Before the interview starts, Charles shows Don Harris the Mazor affidavit and Harris asks if Garry has shown it to Stoen. He says he has not. But that he might ask Grace about it.)

Garry: You look at that child; it is the spittin' image of Jim Jones. I've handled an awful lot of paternity cases, and when the mother says this looks just like the alleged father I don't see it. This one is so clear....

D.H. Is that right, Carl?

Goodlett: Oh right, the same sculpture.

Garry: You know what Tim Stoen's answer to that is? He says, well Jim Jones and I look alike. Tim Stoen and Jim Jones do not look alike.

Harris: This is not an adversary situation. So, if you say something and you didn't like it, you can say so -- let me do that again -- and we'll do it over. You'r not getting any break that I don't get- when I screw it up I start over again- you get the same option. You understand- it is not always done that way..

to Walter Duncan: "Tell me- what is it like bhere?"

Duncan: "It is a beautiful place."
Harris: "your daughter and wife is there, and you are satisfied that they are well off."
Duncan: Yes
Harris: why didn't you stay?

Duncan: I am employed by the federal gov., I have a job here.
Harris: "you are not a member of the temple... why not?"

Duncan: "(sounds like)- he is a deacon at a local church. considers himself an allie of the church, a supporter of it without joining it. (talks about his credentials etc.) says he works freely with all the other churches etc. in the community., and groups thru out the city.

Harris: "Do you know Tim Stoen?" / yes/ "Do you know about the charges by some people who say they have relatives there.. specifically by Tim Stoen and his wife. Did they talk to you before you went down?

Duncan: "Well, I accidently bumped into Tim Stoen and he came over, and he made some statements, my daughter had already been there living.. (inaudible somewhat)- said "if JJ was smart, he would send John back and I would get off his back.

Harris: "You know that one of the charges is that relatives there are not allowed to communicate with anyone outside the temple. That they could not leave, even if they wanted to. So, you have been there- let me ask you some things.
"Did you see your daughter"// yes// "Did you see her alone"// yes// "Did you see her whenever you wanted to"?// yes//-

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some parts of Duncan's response inaudible- something about there were other people around some of the time.. visiting etc.

[redacted]arris: "But you didn't feel that they were monitoring what was said?"
[redacted]: no. none whatsoever.

[redacted]arris: "no pressure? did you hace the feeling that if your daughter wanted to leave, she could have?"// [redacted]/// "You are conginced of that?" (inaudible response)

[redacted]arris: "your wife went down with you?.. and she stayed... why?"

[redacted]: "well, my wife has been a member of the church for quite a few yrs.,and her state of health, my wife has multiple sclerosis...and the medical facility was good.. (inaudible)...

[redacted]arris: "At the risk of being repetive.. there are some people who say that Jonestown is a bad place... and JJ is a bad man.. and that people are deprived of their rights there.. what do you say?"

[redacted]: "That is not true for the period of what I was there. There are a group of people that live in Georgetown, and it would be much easier to leave from Georgetown, just call a taxi... they could be on Pan Am in an hour if they wanted to. Down in Jonestown, there is a problem with transportation... ... there is an atmosphere, once you arrive there.. it becomes more as a family affair.. tremendous entertainment program.. I knew alot of the young people, as theyknew my son.

[redacted]arris: "One final question, there has been alot of talk about armed guards, and armed patrols...didyou see any?"

[redacted]: "no, none whatsoever. As you enter the project,they do have an outpost, just an indifidual teenager, with no arms whatsoever. There are no fences, the jungle around serves as a security, no fences... just teenager or some senior citizen standing guard in that one spot. unarmed,.. just have a small radio there.
[redacted] let me point out one theing about TOS, when I first met him, he was highly supportive of the church, I met him on some reale estate matters- or something, in RV. I was really surprised to hear him talk that way when I saw him... since he was one of the strongest supporters of the church before.)

[redacted]ris: "Well, maybe in another week, I can sort some of this out and figure some things out. If we get out to Jonestown, I will look up your daughter and your wife and tell them we talked to you.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]:
"i was there 3 times, one of the orginal group that went there with Rev. Jones to select the sight.. was there last yr. Sept. and just returned about 1 month ago... and I am well familiar with the project. I have been a member of the temple for 7 yrs. or so.

[redacted]ris: "Jean, lets cut thru the formality of all this... there is obviously a sizable conflict, what is causing all of this. Mr. Duncan says his wife and daughter are fine, and we have a list of 25 folks who are concerned enough to sign affidavits, and a good sized number of them to get on a plane and take a trip... and they are very near convinced that there reààtives are not fine. What is going on?

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Jean: "We have also been trying to figure that out for 1 1/2 yrs. I speak only for myself and anyone here could speak as well. But on a personal level, I think anyone who has been very much a part of something, as TOS was, as Mr. Duncan was saying, and then for one reason or another, chooses to disassociate themselves , then I think, in order for one to justify themselves and what they have done, they have to try to tear something down. I think that is true in a divorse, or whatever, but I think there is also a lot more here. I know there is, because we have seen evidence over the past yr. of a very well orchestrated effort, a conspiracy in my opinion to malign what we are doing, that involves various agencies. For instance, our SS checks as one example, we have maybe 200 or 300 seniors, all of who are entitled for SS benefits and have applied for such. And when they got over there.. mysteriously the checks were cut off... and we found in the post office branch, a memo that was circulated by HEW which said that all checks SS checks bound for Guyana should be returned.. which is just one indication of high level kind of thing.

Harris: "Who signed the memo?"

Jean: "It was an inner-office memo- justinitialed. Also we sent shipment to Guyana, like we have for yrs. for our agricultural project.. and some agents from the Treasury Dept. broke into the crates in Houston, and with no explaination, when Mr. Garry wrote asking some explanation...they said they did not need to ans. etc.
So, I think it is on several levels...I think some of it is on personal motivation.

Harris: " Forgive me Jean, but I get the feeling that you are holding back, that there is this thing that you haven't quite yet told me what you really think the thing is... now what the hell is it that you really think is happening, as far as the government..agencies are concerned.?

Jean: "Again, I am just speaking for myself... but I would say that because Rev. Jones oner the yrs. has been such an outspoken leader, an outspoken advocate of racial, and social justice.. eqonomic equality.. that one is bound to incur the adtagonism of certain elements... more conservative elements. We have seen this when this first occured last yr. it was very clearly pointed out by Assemblyman Willie Brown and a large number of community leaders, in fact Willie Bpown said he was surprised that it hadn't happened earlier... JJ such an outspoken leader of human rights... He certainly has directed us... a large interracial church.. a number of reasons that he would be attakked..

Harris: "I don't understand why, you are a fairly sizable group, what you have about 2,000 members?"

Jean: "no, I would say we have 2-3,000 active members is Bay area, and a large support group...and in L.A. a sizable group also. (over 1,000? not audible).

Harris: "It hardly makes a respectable target for Federal antagonism. What agencies are you talking about?"

Jean: "Well, the way this whole thing has been set up..well over a yr. ago, before all this came to our attention... Dennis Banks, whom rev. J. had supported.. told him that someone approached him from the Treasury Dept. saying it would go easier for Dennis Banks, who at that time was facing extradition, if he would speak out publically against Rev. Jones.

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and prior to that, about 6 mos. earlier, we had helped Dennis' wife get out on bail in Oregaon, and our congregation gathered enough $ on the spot to pay for the bail. This congregation has supported lots of people over the yrs. So whe n that came to our attention, we asked lots of agencies, including Treasury and defference departments, what the interest was.. and why Dennis had been approached, and that is still an unanswered question. That is just one example.. and the man that had approached him at that time also told him that Grace Stoen had talked to a Treasury agent."

Harris: " A number of people, Tim Stoen, Grace Stoen, Debbie Layton, Cobbs, a number of people said, that somewhere along the line, the church shifted.. and became, instead of a working socialist group, became a pure authoritarian group. They say people are beaten...is that true.?"

Jean: " NO, it is not true."
Harris: " You have never seen people beaten?"
Jean: "no, I've never seen anyone beaten.
Harris : "have you ever seen anyone hit?"
Jean: "These are all questions that you are asking me that are directly related to the law suits..I don't necessarily feel free to get into these things."

Harris: "All right, your attorney is here.. he can advise you... Am I getting into an area that is sensitive.?

Jerry: "I think you are... you see the difficulty is, that everything we say in the media.. ends up in an affidavit by TOS.. and we areprivey to all kinds of confidential information, that I have not publically exposed..as yet."

Harris: "Up to now, you have not been (inaudible)
Jerry: "I can't expose that... TOS himself has made that allegation, and in private notes that he has made.. in his own hand.. but I am not ready to expose that publically."

Harris: "You do not wish this known publically?"
Jerry: "No, there are so many things which we are not ready to expose, and to do so, I think would be harmful to our lawsuits. You might ask him, have you ever (~~xxxxxxxxx~~, accused? your wife... of having been a CIA agent. Ask him if he himself has had any connection with the CIA? Ask him if he has ever been a CIA agent in Germany? We have some things written in his own hand writing...where he talked about communism and socialism being so bad.. and then he ends up being a great advocate of socialism-- I don't get it. I don't understand one minute being one thing and then the next something different. You might ask him where is he getting the money? to be able to hire a lawyer in Guy. fof 25,000$ cash. and the lawyer that went down and spent atleast 3 or 4 weeks..at the most expensive hotel in Guyana... and went back and forth several times.. he himself has gone back and forth.. Where is he getting the money to be able to do all the things that he is doing? He obviously doesn't have any clients, except these 3 law suits and he claims they were all instanteous. Where does he get the money ? (Pat adds- Stoen himself went to Guyana for several weeks.)(they talk more about all the money spent in Guyana.)
Those are questions that I intend to ask on these law suits... depositions but I don't want to tip my hand about that. But there are some things that I can talk about. I personally investigated.. in addition to exx people that are there.. I offered the first time that I went down there.. there was the Olivers...I said to them- your mother and dad want you to come

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back- he was almost 18 then.. and he said he would run away if he was made to leave Jonestown.. and he and his fiance and I went to the Capitol and I sd. I have credit cards here- I can take you back if you want to go. He sd. he didn't want to go back...
I happen to know that the people in Georgetown, the temple members there. Have to rotate... because they like to get back to the jungle, they don't want to be there.. and these rotations go on atleast every 3 or 4 wks. They consider Georgetown to be civilization and they wantto get back to Jonestown... you will see that for yourself.. if you get the chance to go there. I have personally investigated all that.

Harris: (interrupting): "We have to go, we are running tight.. You are convinced that Jonestown is a good place?"

Garry: " I think it is a beautiful place.. I consider it Paradise. It's something that I read about at one time.. that there would be a society like that... where there is no such thing as agesim, racism, sexism.. and no such things as hunger. I have read about it as a panecea- utopian. But I have seen it in action, on 2 sep. occasions.

Harris: "Here is a fairly sizable group who say they have tried to get their relatives out of there, and can't.. why is that... what is going on?"

Garry:" All I can tell you is that I have been a lawyer for 40 yrs.. and tried some of the most controversial cases there've been, and I will never at any time, extend my own reputation, my own integrity, unless I personally know it... I went there myself, I investigated myself, I talked to all kinds of people, I conversed with them, ate with them, slept with them, and I am satisfied there is not one single person there who wants to come back... they could come back any time if they wanted..

Harris: "Debbie Layton comes out and says she had to go thru the Amer. Embassy because the temple took her passport..and her money and that she saw people who were beaten.. that she saw children thrown in the wells to scare them... that people are hungry. This girl was a member of the temple for 5 or 6 yrs. If the temple is such a paradise.. why would Debbie Layton lie, why would she come out and spread all these stories?

Garry: "I can't tell you why she did it?.. I can't tell you what subjective relationship she had with her husb. etc. When she went there- maybe she did't reconsile with herhusb... I don't know.. all I can tell you is that when anybody says they are hungry there- that is an outright lie.. there is so much food that you can't possibly eat everything that you get.. and everybody eats the same thing- there is no such things as one person getting 1 diet and someone else eating some thing different. Let me giveyou an example of the Senior citizens there.. there are sev. hundred there. They live in the medical compound.. there are cottages right around the medical area... and every single morning... someone knocks on their door.. and says has anybody there had any problems last night... that kind of security... for old people, for senior citizens, is something that I can't duplicate here in this country. And when I see children all over the place, in classes, and anxious to work in the fields... after their school time, and they do it laughing and singing... carrying on all kinds of songs.... and when I see the entertainment at night... when they are dressed in their beautiful colorings, and clothing, when I see all that... and when I see the group meetings that they have.. where several hundred people will stand there and discuss matters that come up... they discuss current events.. when I see all that- I cannot be persuaded that anybody there is there against their own will.

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By the way, there are any numbers of people here who are anxious to go- there are atleast 2 or 3,000 people here who want to go.. and they have relatives there- they know what is going on there. but they feel they have to be here to do their contribution here in the U.S. I have seen this- no one tells me about this.

Harris: "Let me cover a few things quickly here if I can... Let me see- there are 1,200 people in the compound now.. multiplied by $800. air fare or even half that- 450. for a one-way trip- that is alot of money... where did it come from?

Garry: "Some of these people had their own properties that they turned over to the temple.. they believe in collective community living...and one person that I talked to had turned over all his worldly good s to be there... and he said if he had to do it all over again- he would have saved some more money to do it. There is several million dollars invested in there... it's a city that they have built- right out of the jungle...

Harris: "I am told that it is essentially a socialist group."

Garry: "Yes, it is a very utopian socialist group.."
Harris: "Marxist, authoritarian?"

Garry: "No, I told you there is no such thing as elitism there.. an authoritarian group would have elitism..they have 'leaders'. They don't have leaders there.. You talked to Jean Brown a few minutes ago and you asked her what she did... and she said she is just a member.. as a matter of fact, she is a member alright... but she works 24 hrs. a day.. along with everybody else.. and there is no such thing as one person being a 'leader' and another person being a follower.. That is hard to visualize and that is hard to understand.."

Harris: "Do you agree with Jean that there is some kind of conspiracy?

Garry: "Well, I am too much of a lawyer to use words like conspiracy.. all I can say is that there is something 'screwy'.. there is something underlying this and I have not been able to get at it.. I refuse to call names, I refuse to explore myths... but there are an awful lot of things that cannot be explained unless there is some for m of drive.. to destroy the Peoples Temple."

Harris: "By who?"
Garry: "I don't know .'
Harris: "By the government?"
Garry : "I don't know..
Harris: "Well, you must suspect.. you have investigated this thing, you have followed it.. you are an attorney.. you are by nature an inquisitive investigator..

Garry: "Well, many yrs. ago during the Panther days.. I said the gov. was trying to destroy the Black . . . . Panther party.... I am not prepared to say that the gov. is doing this, or whether a private group is doing this... everything points to that there is a group doing this.. and I have not been able to put my finger on it.. The reason that I have not been able to put my finger on it yet is that I have been trying to eliminate certain areas... in my investigation... and the more I get into it- the deeper it becomes... whatever that group is.. I don't know what it is... at the present time.. I intend to find out. hopefully in the next few weeks..

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Harris: "If everything is as you say it is.. the group, the two congressmen and their staff.. why not allow them into Jonestown?

Garry: "Well, there is an ans. for that..in the first place, my clients are paranoia.. the fact that they are paranoid, doesn't mean that they are wrong.. they do not trust the two congressmen that have volunteered to go down there.. They had asked, several months ago, that representatives of the Black Caueus go down there.. and so far Black Caucus has not been able to... The reason that they have confidente in the Black Caucus is that alteast 60% of the people at Jonestown is Black... and they are oriented to Socialism.. a utopian socialism.. and they relate to all of the Third World groups.. and they feel that some Black Congreesmen went down there.. that they would trust them,

You see, it was little over a yr. ago that JJ was shot at several times.. and when I went down there- he had already been shot at, and the place was just panicked..and I suggested myself, that they arm themselves and get security... well, they finally decided to put some people at the compound.. but that is all.. they would not arm themselves.. they would not use that kind of security... and the other day when we were down there.. Joe mazor who is a private investigator suggested to them that JJ should be constantly guarded.. and he sd. he would be willing to come down there and help them defend and set up a security guard and show them how to handle arms etc.

But JJ is not that kind of a person.. he figures if anything is going to happen to him- its going to happen to him..

Harris: "We have talked to people that said in this country.. JJ had bodyguards.. alot of body guards.. the Secret Service said that they were disturbed by JJ's body guards, and you are telling me he has no body guards?? Yet photographs in S.F. papers, show body guards, big men, obviously in a protective formation around Jones, if they weren't body guards.. they were damned good imitations."

Garry: "My idea of a body guard is someone who is there with guns... ready and walking around.. there are no bodyguards with him in Jonestown..

Harris: "And there are no guns in Jonestown?"

Garry: "I have not seen any guns"

Harris: "Debbie Layton says there is an armed squad.. that there are patrols around Jonestown.. you say that is not true?"

Garry: "If you go there, you will find that is not true. I hope that you can go there, so that you can see for yourself."

Harris: "As attorney for the temple, at this moment... the Congresional delegation will not be allowed in..?"

Garry: "I don't know, I don't know. I don't know if it will be allowed in or not... I have not been privey to that... Mr. Ryan did not see fit to contact me.. so that I could make the proper arrangements.. you know, this is their community.. this is their home.. and for a Congresman to barge in and say I am coming down on such and such a date.. JJ has said, and the temple has said.. that is no way to come to our town.. why don't you give up time to invite you to come down.. and when you come down, we want atleast 2 members of the Black Caucus.. to be a part of that delegation. Just don't say I'm coming down whether you like it or not.

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Harris: "And the group called Concerned Relatives, will they be allowed?

Garry: "No, they will not. I would advise them that they would not have to have them there. In the first place, my client does not trust them.. we don't know what kind of a situation that would be.. We were told at one time, that there was a delegation that came in there ready to kidnap everybody.. and whether that was true or not I don't know, but that was told to me by a person who himself went there to do that."

Harris: "there is in the case of Tim and Grace Stoen.. a child, John Stoen. There is a calif. court order giving Grace Stoe custody of the child John, but JJ still has the child."

Garry: "Because it is his child."

Harris: "He is the father.."

Garry: "he is the father.. when you see that child, you see JJ, you see identical person.. you can't escape that.. there is no way in the world to escape that..

Harris: "Is Grace Stoen the mother?"
Garry: "Yes,

Harris: "JJ is married"// yes// Grace Stoen is not his wife.. // that's true// "is it common, as charged by some of the group, that family units shift, change partners and are encouraged to do so by the church?

Garry: "no, that is not true."
Harris: "There are also statements.. that while JJ's wife was in this country until recently, that JJ lives with two other people... two other women.. If JJ is indeed the father of Grace Stoens child, then does that not lend some credence to these charges?"

Garry: "What charges?"
Harris: "That JJ is living with two other women who are not his wife."

Garry: "I don't know who JJ is living with.. everytime I've been there, his wife marceline is with him.. I did not go to their bedroom to see who sleeps with who... and frankly I am not even interested in that kind of thing.. of evaluation.. of my client.."

Harris: "In the end, because you are their attorney, you are going to end up being one of the main spokesman, if not the main spokesman.. have I missed anything, is there anything else that ought to be added?

Garry: "Well, there are alot of things that I can add.. but there is a legal matter of being in court.. I do not intend to talk about anything that I consider to be a breach of my responsibility..

KNBC INTERVIEW..... DON HARRIS 11/13/78 in S.F.

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Harris:
I just want to go over this one time for all of you... because I don't know how much all of you know about us.. what we are about to do, how we are going to go about doing it.. So if I clear all that just one time you will all know exactly how we stand..

We are essentially a net-work news service. Someone called the other day and the opening of the sentence was "i understand you age going down to do an expose?'
That is not what we are going to do at all. We are going to do a news story.. there have been some charges and there have been some ans. to charges.. I have absolutely no idea at this point, what the story will look like.. Whether they wll be favorable to PT or critical.. And I must tell you in all honesty- I really don't give a damn. It's just not my thing to be concerned about whether they are favorable or critical. As far as I know, none of the 4 of us have had anything to do with PT before.. But by and large, your biggest safe-factor is that we really don't care how the story turns out.

Our initial contact was with a group who made some charges against the temple, we will accompany a group of people going down tonight.. who generally are critical of the temple. I wish you wouldn't misconstrue that, that we are somehow in alliance with the people who are making the charges.. We know them, we are going to deal with them, we are going to listen to what the people have to say.. and to some degree, we will report it. But we simply happen to be travelling together.

If we had been able to set the arrangements up ahead of time, we would have gone in by ourselves.. talked to the people of Jonestown first and then waited for this other group of people to arrive... and done the talking with them. It just happens that we are going together, because that is the way it was scheduled.

You have absolutely no committment to us.. you won't have to talk to us, you don't have to explain anything to us.. we came here because we need information.. we don't know anything about the temple (that is a damned lie from the rest of the conversation/sb).. we don't know anything but what we have found generally in the 'morgue'- that is wire clipping, newspaper clipping.. that sort of thing... so we just came to get some information.

The only thing that I can tell you to give you some peace of mind, as to what we will do, is that unless it becomes a competitive situation.. competitve meaning that unless we have either one of the other networks.. if another network comes in on top of the story, we will file instantly.. and we will try to let you know about that.
But as long as there is no other network there.. then we control the release time and we will try to hold everything until we have a chance to look at the whole week long, or two week long, whatever this thing turns out to be.. then we will start filing. If it is going to be (introduces Dr. Goodlett as he comes in..)

Harry: "Dr. Goodlett was there about a month ago- to examine JJ. He was the president of the Black Publishers of the U.S. and he has a newspaper here- the Sun Reporter.. Metro news and sev. others.. and he has been a long, long friend of the temple.. and a very close, dear friend of mine.

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Harris: "The bottom line is that sometime before we leave tonight.. we will try to set up a way, the mechanism for what we are doing.. I don't care how we do it- as long as you are sure it will work for you.
if we find that we have to fóle in a hurry- give us the name of somebody in Georgetown or here- because if we find that there won't be much time.. there will be time for 1 phone call- to somebody and that's all. To say- we are filing- the story will be negative.. or we are filing and you don't have anything to sweat... that's all I can do for you.. that is all I am supposed to do for you. That is all ethically we can promise anybody.

Harry: "Well, let me say a couple of things..we don't have any qualms or any reservations about what is there. I don't care who goes there- as far as I am concerned they won't find anything but what we have seen ourselves. We have not only seen it- the Amer. Embassy has been there.. The Guyanaese gov. has been there time and time again.. I have been there twice.. and what you see there is not a manufactured front.. as a matter of fact, I consider it a kind of paradise.. a kind of utopia in action..living, proof I have seen it.. But I want to also tell you that we are very apprehensive.. not for what is there or what is being done.
We are being attacked.. in areas that we quite don't know where it is coming from.. if we knew where it was coming from, of course, we would stop it.. Now there are, what they consider a group of "concerned relatives",.

Now, Mr. Duncan there- he just came back, and he is not a member of the temple.. his daughter has been there for a long time, he was worried about- seeing his own daugher.. and he was also taken in by some of the crap that some of these so-called CR, these dissendents are putting out. And he went there and saw it for himself.. His wife went down with him- and she stayed there.. This is what we are talking about.. we have had Rev. Moore, who was the head of the Northern Meth. church for the entire northern part of calif.- he has two daughters that have been there for 2 or 3 yrs. and he went down there with his wife, they visited there for 2 or 3 weeks, and they came back... talk to them- they saw what was going on there.. there is no mystery about what is going on there. but the thing that is a mystery is how it is that Tim Stoen.. who was the attorney and probably one of the top leaders of the temple for yrs., all at once he has filed law suits in the very areas that he advised the temple . Now, I have a law suit against him on the breach of attorney /client relationship. And I have asked for an injunction and the judge has not yet ruled.. he must be considering something, because there were 30 affidavits filed, one by Mr. Duncan, and by people who are not members of the temple, who were aware of the conduct of this man's relationship.

Now, I don't know what is going on.. I don't know what is under all this.. whether it is an IRS investigation.. whether it is a CIA plot.. but something is amiss, something is wrong.. And these are the kinds of things that we don't have ans. to.. We are not going to let anybody from that group get into Jonestown. It's only a little over a yr. ago that JJ was shot at.. not once, but several times.. we don't know where those shots came from.. they got into Jonestown.. now, by the way, there is no security at Jonestown.. no barbed wire..at my insistence, last yr. I said that there should be someone at the entrance.. now they have a 24 hr. vigil at the entrance, you can't drive in there without getting permission and there is a communications at the gate, to the community itself.. announcing whoever goes thru there. But that is just a facade, because you can get in thru the jungle in a thousand areas.

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Pat aks Harris: "Who are the Concerned relatives who are going over..."

Harris: "Oh, Cobb, Stoen, Katsaris, the names are not all that familiar. I have only been doing research on this thing for 2 or 3 weeks? (sounds like). Essentially the same folks- you must have all the names from court papers etc. Medlocks,..

(they are now setting up equipment-)

(Garry is talking about Ryan's aide talking about having sent invitations out to a number of congressmen inviting them to go- Burton etc... sd. he did know that Phil Burton wrote back that he couldn't go..
Goodlett is saying- nobody would tell him when they are coming to his house- they would come at his convience- not when they say... I would say- you'd better stay at home, cause you ain't getting in! talks about all these people being schoundrel . etc. and expect to run thru the plantation when they want to.. oh, no. They would have alot of exercise going back home if it was up to him (Goodlett)- but then he is not part of the congregation..

-Garry to Goodlett: "Well the thing is that they arbitrarily say they are coming// Goodlett" and I would kick their ass out too!" pardon my french... nothing wrong with being invited to come- just come at the proper time..

Sounds like Javers: "Well, I think Ryans position was that he was going to Georgetown no matter what.. and the hope that he would get into Jonestown if Rev. Jones would let him in..

Harris responds to Garry's question as to who is paying for these trips.. Harris says- off the record.... from what I have heard... it is a collective thing... that each person is paying a portion of their expenses.. and that there have been some collections of money by them as a group.
Charles asks if the U.S. gov. is paying for any of this- he wants to know- Harris says not according to Ryan.. in fact there was some serious discussion about them even travelling on the same plane... and Ryan was very careful to spell out when he talked to us- that these were not member of his party... that they would be on the same plane as his delegation- but that was all the connection..

Pat says- the appearance is otherwise.. regardless of what Ryan says.. to whom asks Harris? Pat says- to the public
Harris says- the public won't see it except thru me, him (Javers) or either one of the other reporters... Pat says- what I am saying is unless that is spelled out to the public- the impression left is that they are part of the congressional delegation.
Harris' response: That is entirely possible.

Charles says before shooting the interviews.. he does not intend to get into any of the law suits etc.- that is a matter pending before the courts... he points out about the 16 phone patches etc. we have the tapes in the office.. and these people are not interested in anything like facts.. As a matter of fact, Tim Stoen has told several people, including Mr. Duncan over there, (tape turns)... picks up... "his client said to him, that JJ is the father of that child.." (must be talking abt . Hallinan)... here is it right here- an affidavit under oath..

[redacted] Harris is saying that he needs a person to establish contact with quickly either in S.F. or Georgetown

[redacted]arris is saying that he would like to go in... even if he has to stay until after they leave..
[redacted] says he would like to have them go in and he would liketo have Mr. Favers go in too.
something about charles saying by nature... newspaper people are not very happy with T.V... t.v. is entertainment..(laughter)

[redacted] Harris is saying that he has no idda when this will be shown... he says "I have a sackel full of notes..." and at this point he says he is 'abismally ignorant', but I'll get smarter in the next 24 hrs. (sounds like he says) 'when i get to read all this stuff"

(think they are setting up for the t.v. now)...

[redacted]Harris asking Dr. Goodlett what his association with PT is...
[redacted] saying he first became involved when a number of his patiences and JJ's mother was in town and she had physical problems and came as a patient. and He had a chance to treat her. And then he became involved in their medical program...at one time they had their physical therapy clinic under his license. And he has known JJ as a leader for social justice, conerned about others.

-[redacted]rris: "have you ever been to Jonestown?"

- [redacted]: "yes, I have been to Jonestown.
-[redacted]arris: "~~kwax~~ what do you think?"
-[redacted]: " well, it was a very unique experience... in Socialism. It is the effort to transmitt an idea into being, and they have succeeded far beyond my anticipation. I have known some of these youngsters that are down there since they have been born, and they were real lost souls on the avenue out here... and also (something about) people who were suffering from rheumatism etc. and other debilitating diseases, and now they have a new lease, a new hold on life."

-[redacted]arris: "Then what is causing all this furor, all these charges?"

- [redacted]: "Well, you know, I am a psychologist, I know there are times when the attitude 'love and hate' are sometimes undistinguishable. (something about..) when people lose sight of their objective...and something happens... they turn their love into hate. I have known some of these people, and I knew that some of them had been looking a long time for something, and then I was surprised when they turned around, because they had been going the wrong way for yrs. before. But I have known JJ for a number of yrs., and I have examined this man closely, and I find nothing wrong with him."

-[redacted]ris: "I am told that he is ill, that he is very ill."
-[redacted]: "Do you mean psychologically or physically?"
-[redacted]ris: "Both, but I am talking about this particular report having to do ~~ikx~~ with him pysically."

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[redacted]: "Yes, I went there to see him about a medical problem... and I have been trying to deal with the problem."

[redacted]arris: "Then he is seriously ill."
- [redacted]: "He is ill and he refuses to go into a hospital...in fact, I sent a message to him that he had not kept faith, and that the project would be leaderless in that he had sacraficed his health. And if he didn't get something done in a short span, it would be very, very dangerous in the long run."

[redacted]rris : "what sort of illness does he have?"
[redacted]: "I don't discuss that, that is a medical problem, but he was ill enough for me to go see him... and I am not an undertaker, I am a physican, you know."

[redacted]arris: "Dr., I am interested in the young man who is a dr. there."

- [redacted]: "Now, this young man, he was spaced out on alchol and drugs, and when I heard that he wanted to be a physican, and he couldn't get into a medical school in this country and I advised them to send him to a medical school in Mexico. And after he was there for a couple of yrs. he straightened up etc., and with the help of Willie Brown and others, we got him into Irvine, Univ. of Calif. He is a modern Switzer... this man has got it! Down in the jungle in this clinic, which is the only medical clinic in that region...people are lined up everyday from outside the compound,to get medical care. He is doing a tremendous job. In fact, when I go into retirement, I am going to spend more time down there..."

- [redacted]arris:" You are going to join the group?"
[redacted]:" Not particularly, I belong to Third Bapt. church. I am a Bapt. not a Templeite. I'm not Catholic either... but I go to the Catholic church sometime, and I go to Holy Rollers sometime. I don't go much but I do go there. (laughter).

[redacted]arris: "Im from so. Georgia- I'm familiar with Holly Rollers.I'm am still.. I hear you and I hear these other folks, and they say what a good place this is and what a good job it is doing, what I can't understand why all these people... again, if it were one or two... or three, then you could dismiss it as malcontents..."

- [redacted]: " You go and were going to see to it... and I say that because I think I have the confidence in the man...we're going to see to it that if they turn the other delegation away... that you will get an opportunity to get in and see of your own accord... Jonestown. And when you come back, I'll put the same question to you.. and you will have difficulty ans. it. Because everythingyou see there will impress you by the fact that man can do many things if he does them collectively.

[redacted]arris: "Do you believe there is a conspiracy?"
[redacted]: "yea. Conspiracy of silence, and conspiracy of those who would lie etc. I am not afraid of new ideas, and I am not afraid of Socialism... but you may be brain washed into thinking that we may have reached the milenium of laisez-faire capitalist dogma... And I have seen what they have done to Cuba.. etc. and there are those who don't want Socialism to succeed under any circumstances, I know there are those people in this country, who feel they have all to lose and nothing to gain.. who are trying to rule this country and the world, and would even blow up the world, rather than lose it. Now, I'm not a lawyer, but I can talk about things I believe in.

Harris: " What you are saying is the government would rather destroy this thing than have it succeed?"

- Goodlett:" What I , for instance, the men who make up the gov., see the gov. represents the collective operations of people who control...

- Harris: "you are saying there are some people who are involved in the gov. who would like to see this operation fail?"

- Goodlett: "indeed, indeed, indeed."
- Harris: "Do you know who they are?"
- Goodlett: "oh, no, I don't know who, like I don't know who has been trying to destroy the Panthers, but we know that eventually it will be proven CIA and these other guys.. in the federal gov. You know, at one time Nixon talked about Fasism, and he was proven to be right, and I am not a visionary who is without some social perseption."

- Harris: "have you ever seen anybody beaten?"
- Goodlett: "No, and I have never treated anybody who has suffered any ill harm.."

- Harris: "never saw anybody down there who looked underfed, mal-nourished
- Goodlett:" I saw people underfed before I went to Jonestown, yes. but that was here (in this country), I saw they had a program for people who were overweight, who had eaten too good!

- Harris: "you find no basis for these charges?"
- Goodlett:" I find no basis for them, and with my deep social perception... (cut off) I'll ask you- how do you explain this?

- Harris:"you tell me,and when I get back, you call me collect and we'll talk (or something to this effect).

- Goodlett: "Let me tell you, I am the one guy who would send you folks back home if I were there..because first I don't like anybody to come to my house... uninvited, and expect to bring people..."

- Harris: "wait a minute, I don't think you know the whole story... it was not to go there uninvited...we asked to go there before this.
- Goodlett: "yea, and were you given something that would be considered an invitation?"
- Harris:"We didn't get there yet."
- Goodlett:' well, have you been invited to come at this time?"
- Harris: "no. nobody has said we aren't going to get an invitation, the general feeling that we got was that things were in an uproar right now, and let's figure out where we are... but understand... I don't know whether you came in late on this conversation...we are travelling with the group, but it has nothing to do with being associated with the group...

- Goodlett: "let me tell you, in the event, I don't know what is going to happen, in the event you are not allowed to get in because of your associates, before you leave... you will be invited to come back.
- Harris: "oh, I suspect that I will get _____? one way or the other." of the folks in Jonestown.

- Goodlett:" What I am saying, you will be accepted as an invited guest. You see, I have reservations about this personally because of the fact _____?, sounds like there is 'nothing but good to see'... and don't have anytime to hide.. our people basically are a people of peace..

and they have been harrassed, plus here in S.F., but I believe, just like Castrol told Allende...

Harris: "by the way, the next assignment after this is in Cuba.." with Castro.
Goodlett: "Give him my regards..."
Harris: "Do you know him personally, and should I indeed do that?"
Goodlett: "yea, indeed."

Harris: "The man that, as is often the case, the man who is going down, or there is a man who is going to be there at the same time... and because I, like you, worry about going in and trying to survey something on a short term notice... a fellow by the name of Jose Broata? who left Caba before Castro came to power... came to this country to study for the ministry, he is a lay minister in the Bapt. church, and what he really discovered was that he was a damned good capitalist... and is now a sizable painting contractor and he was our next door neighbor for a while and he has now opened offices in Atlanta and is flying back and forth to L.A.... so he is a good working capitalist.. and also a minister. Jose, I believe was the first person to be allowed to go to this country and back.. he makes the trip back and forth very often.. and what we are proposing... part of his family are heavy supporters of the gov.... part are not, and we were going to try to use them as a guide.
He, like you, seems to think there are some things that are much better now.

Goodlett: "Well, listen, when you get there... JJ and his family were in Cuba during the time of the revolution...at the end of the Batista regime and the beginning of the Castro regime.. and JJ has been back to Cuba, he was there in Jan. of 77... and that calling card will not hurt you! That you have come and looked upon this Temple, as a friend... I hope...

Harris:" I am anxious to see this thing thru.
Goodlett: "You know, one thing I am sure sorry that this country was so open minded and allowed all those Cuban refugees into this country... (a voice says there are over 100,000 of them..) They represent the worst scoundrels in the world... out of there... and the most racist of the Cubans... and they brought all of their superiorities and what not.. and in Florida they represent another strata in society pressing on the backs of the blacks.... In the South you have the poor whites,sitting on top of the necks and the backs of blacks... got 3 classes setting on the backs of the blacks now.

Harris: "You know that is something that I want to discuss with Jose, he is black and we have never discussed racism before,

Goodlett: "Well, then he was one of the few of the elite blacks who were needed by the Bastista regime to give it validity.. (Harris agrues about this with him saying that Jose left before..and was just a kid who didn't have enough to eat etc.)
They left over struggle for power... they are the worst... just like the Vietnamese who come here.. they are just another problem for Blacks. and racial minorities, we have got enough problems.. with racism, sexism, and classism... without having anymore numbers to fight. all of these people, some of them from the most deadly social pathology.. known to man in their particular country. We have the capacity for supporting all of the scoundrels all over the world..

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Harris: "well, I know the other side isn't doingtoo damn good on picking leaders also..

Goodlett:" well, some of them are surviving..
- Harris: "Idi Amin?"
- Goodlett: "well, who in the hell picked him?"
- Harris: "He has Soviet weapons."
- Goodlett: " so did the govt. of Nigeria have Soviet weapons...because we wouldn't sell them any..

Goodlett leaves saying he has to practise medicine.. says he does so once in a while you know... it keeps him radical..

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Harris: "my guess is, if everything stays like it is... my guess is that everything stays even...we will release at the end of this 5 day period or whatever it is... what notice do you need from us? or what information would you like from us? as far is release is concerned-do you need advance information?

Charles: "It would help".
Harris: "ok,if we talk to someone at the temple in georgetown, will that information be relayed to you?
Charles: "not necessarily" , because matters of communication are very bad. see, we are not permitted to carry on any communication between Jonestown and S.F., the FCC raises hell about it. and the communication between Georgetown and S.F. is very, very expensive, $16..I think for 3 mins. (gets charles phone #)

Harris: "You represented the Black Panthers, you talked about some other controversial clients.. are there any that I might not know about that I should?"

Charles: "Huey Newton, Bobby Seale, Eldridge Cleaver, Angela Davis, Inez Garcia,

Pat asks how long do you plan to be there? They say the 19th, or until they plan to get thru.

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(Before the interview starts, Charles shows Don Harris the Mazor affidavit and Harris asks if Garry has shown it to Stoen. He says : he has not, But that he might ask Grace about it.)

Garry: You look at that child; it is the spittin' image of Jim Jones. I've handled an awful lot of paternity cases, and when the mother says this looks just like the alleged father I don't see it. This one is so clear....

H. Is that right, Carl?

Scott: Oh right, the same sculpture.

Garry: You know what Tim Stoen's answer to that is? He says, well Jim Jones and I look alike. Tim Stoen and Jim Jones do not look alike.

Harris: This is not an adversary situation. So, if you say something and you didn't like it, you can say so -- let me do that again -- and we'll do it over. You'r not getting any break that I don't get- when I screw it up I start over again- you get the same option. You understand- it is not always done that way..

Walter Duncan: "Tell me- what is it like bhere?"

Duncan: "It is a beautiful place."
Harris: "your daughter and wife is there, and you are satisfied that they are well off."
Duncan: Yes
Harris: why didn't you stay?

Duncan: I am employed by the federal gov., I have a job here.
Harris: "you are not a member of the temple... why not?"

Duncan: "(sounds like)- he is a deacon at a local church. considers himself an allie of the church, a supporter of it without joining it. (talks about his credentials etc.) says he works freely with all the other churches etc. in the community., and groups thru out the city.

Harris: "Do you know Tim Stoen?" / yes/ "Do you know about the charges by some people who say they have relatives there.. specifically by Tim Stoen and his wife. Did they talk to you before you went down?

Duncan: "Well, I accidently bumped into Tim Stoen and he came over, and he made some statements, my daughter had already been there living.. (inaudible somewhat)- said "if JJ was smart, he would send John back and I would get off his back.

Harris: "You know that one of the charges is that relatives there are not allowed to communicate with anyone outside the temple. That they could not leave, even if they wanted to. So, you have been there- let me ask you some things.
"Did you see your daughter"// yes// "Did you see her alone"// yes// "Did you see her whenever you wanted to"?// yes//-

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some parts of Duncan's response inaudible- something about there were other people around some of the time.. visiting etc.

Harris: "But you didn't feel that they were monitoring what was said?"
Duncan: no. none whatsoever.

Harris: "no pressure? did you hage the feeling that if your daughter wanted to leave, she could have?"// [redacted] "You are concinced of that?" (inaudible response)

Harris: "your wife went down with you?.. and she stayed... why?"

[redacted]: "well, my wife has been a member of the church for quite a few yrs.,and her state of health, my wife has multiple sclerosis...and the medical facility was good.. (inaudible)...

Harris: "At the risk of being repetive.. there are some people who say that Jonestown is a bad place... and JJ is a bad man.. and that people are deprived of their rights there.. what do you say?"

Duncan: "That is not true for the period of what I was there. There are a group of people that live in Georgetown, and it would be much easier to leave from Georgetown, just call a taxi... they could be on Pan Am in an hour if they wanted to. Down in Jonestown, there is a problem with transportation... ... there is an atmosphere, once you arrive there.. it becomes more as a family affair.. tremendous entertainment program.. I knew alot of the young people, as theyknew my son.

Harris: "One final question, there has been alot of talk about armed guards, and armed patrols...didyou see any?"

[redacted]: "no, none whatsoever. As you enter the project,they do have an outpost, just an indifidual teenager, with no arms whatsoever. There are no fences, the jungle around serves as a security, no fences... just teenager or some senior citizen standing guard in that one spot. unarmed,.. just have a small radio there.
(Duncan says- let me point out one theing about TOS, when I first met him, he was highly supportive of the church, I met him on some reale estate matters- or something, in RV. I was really surprised to hear him talk that way when I saw him... since he was one of the strongest supporters of the church before.)

Harris: "Well, maybe in another week, I can sort some of this out and figure some things out. If we get out to Jonestown, I will look up your daughter and your wife and tell them we talked to you.

INTERVIEW WITH [redacted]:
"i was there 3 times, one of the orginal group that went there with Rev. Jones to select the sight.. was there last yr. Sept. and just returned about 1 month ago... and I am well familiar with the project. I have been a member of the temple for 7 yrs. or so.

Harris: "Jean, lets cut thru the formality of all this... there is obviously a sizable conflict, what is causing all of this. Mr. Duncan says his wife and daughter are fine, and we have a list of 25 folks who are concerned enough to sign affidavits, and a good sized number of them to get on a plane and take a trip... and they are very near convinced that there reààtives are not fine. What is going on?

Jean: "We have also been trying to figure that out for 1 1/2 yrs. I speak only for myself and anyone here could speak as well. But on a personal level, I think anyone who has been very much a part of something, as TOS was, as Mr. Duncan was saying, and then for one reason or another, chooses to disassociate themselves , then I think, in order for one to justify themselves and what they have done, they have to try to tear something down. I think that is true in a divorse, or whatever, but I think there is also a lot more here. I know there is, because we have seen evidence over the past yr. of a very well orchestrated effort, a conspiracy in my opinion to malign what we are doing, that involves various agencies. For instance, our SS checks as one example, we have maybe 200 or 300 seniors, all of who are entitled for SS benefits and have applied for such. And when they got over there.. mysteriously the checks were cut off... and we found in the post office branch, a memo that was circulated by HEW which said that all checks SS checks bound for Guyana should be returned.. which is just one indication of high level kind of thing.

Harris: "Who signed the memo?"
Jean: "It was an inner-office memo- justinitialed. Also we sent shipment to Guyana, like we have for yrs. for our agricultural project.. and some agents from the Treasury Dept. broke into the crates in Houston, and with no explaination, when Mr. Garry wrote asking some explanation...they said they did not need to ans. etc.
So, I think it is on several levels...I think some of it is on personal motivation.

Harris: " Forgive me Jean, but I get the feeling that you are holding back, that there is this thing that you haven't quite yet told me what you really think the thing is... now what the hell is it that you really think is happening, as far as the government..agencies are concerned.?

Jean: "Again, I am just speaking for myself... but I would say that because Rev. Jones oner the yrs. has been such an outspoken leader, an outspoken advocate of racial, and social justice.. economic equality.. that one is bound to incur the adtagonism of certain elements... more conservative elements. We have seen this when this first occured last yr. it was very clearly pointed out by Assemblyman Willie Brown and a large number of community leaders, in fact Willie Brown said he was surprised that it hadn't happened earlier... JJ such an outspoken leader of human rights... He certainly has directed us... a large interracial church.. a number of reasons that he would be attacked..

Harris: "I don't understand why, you are a fairly sizable group, what you have about 2,000 members?"

Jean: "no, I would say we have 2-3,000 active members is Bay area, and a large support group...and in L.A. a sizable group also. (over 1,000? not audible).

Harris: "It hardly makes a respectable target for Federal antagonism. What agencies are you talking about?"
Jean: "Well, the way this whole thing has been set up..well over a yr. ago, before all this came to our attention... Dennis Banks, whom rev. J. had supported.. told him that someone approached him from the Treasury Dept. saying it would go easier for Dennis Banks, who at that time was facing extradition, if he would speak out publically against Rev. Jones.

and prior to that, about 6 mos. earlier, we had helped Dennis' wife get out on bail in Oregaon, and our congregation gathered enough $ on the spot to pay for the bail. This congregation has supported lots of people over the yrs. So whe n that came to our attention, we asked lots of agencies, including Treasury and defferance departments, what the interest was.. and why Dennis had been approached, and that is still an unanswered question. That is just one example.. and the man that had approached him at that time also told him that Grace Stoen had talked to a Treasury agent."

Harris: " A number of people, Tim Stoen, Grace Stoen, Debbie Layton, Cobbs, a number of people said, that somewhere along the line, the church shifted.. and became, instead of a working socialist group, became a pure authoritarian group. They say people are beaten...is that true.?"

Man: " NO, it is not true."
Harris: " You have never seen people beaten?"
Man: "no, I've never seen anyone beaten.
Harris : "have you ever seen anyone hit?"
Man: "These are all questions that you are asking me that are directly related to the law suits..I don't necessarily feel free to get into these things."

Harris: "All right, your attorney is here.. he can advise you... Am I getting into an area that is sensitive.?

Garry: "I think you are... you see the difficulty is, that everything we say in the media.. ends up in an affidavit by TOS.. and we areprivey to all kinds of confidential information, that I have not publically exposed..as yet."

Harris: "Up to now, you have not been (inaudible)
Garry: "I can't expose that... TOS himself has made that allegation, and in private notes that he has made.. in his own hand.. but I am not ready to expose that publically."

Harris: "You do not wish this known publically?"
Garry: "No, there are so many things which we are not ready to expose, and to do so, I think would be harmful to our lawsuits. You might ask him, have you ever (~~xxxxxxxxxx~~, accused? your wife... of having been a CIA agent. Ask him if he himself has had any connection with the CIA? Ask him if he has ever been a CIA agent in Germany? We have some things written in his own hand writing...where he talked about communism and socialism being so bad.. and then he ends up being a great advocate of socialism-- I don't get it. I don't understand one minute being one thing and then the next something different. You might ask him where is he getting the money? to be able to hire a lawyer in Guy. fof 25,000$ cash. and the lawyer that went down and spent atleast 3 or 4 weeks..at the most expensive hotel in Guyana... and went back and forth several times.. he himself has gone back and forth.. Where is he getting the money to be able to do all the things that he is doing? He obviously doesn't have any clients, except these 3 law suits and he claims they were all instanteous. Where does he get the money ? (Pat adds- Stoen himself went to Guyana for several weeks.)(they talk more about all the money spent in Guyana.)
Those are questions that I intend to ask on these law suits... depositions but I don't want to tip my hand about that. But there are some things that I can talk about. I personally investigated.. in addition to ~~xxx~~ people that are there.. I offered the first time that I went down there.. there was the Olivers...I said to them- your mother and dad want you to come

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back- he was almost 18 then.. and he said he would run away if he was made to leave Jonestown.. and he and his fiance and I went to the Capitol and I sd. I have credit cards here- I can take you back if you want to go. He sd. he didn't want to go back...
I happen to know that the people in Georgetown, the temple members there. Have to rotate... because they like to get back to the jungle, they don't want to be there.. and these rotations go on atleast every 3 or 4 wks. They consider Georgetown to be civilization and they wantto get back to Jonestown... you will see that for yourself.. if you get the chance to go there. I have personally investigated all that.

Harris: (interrupting): "We have to go, we are running tight.. You are convinced that Jonestown is a good place?"

Garry: " I think it is a beautiful place.. I consider it Paradise. It's something that I read about at one time.. that there would be a society like that... where there is no such thing as agesim, racism, sexism.. and no such things as hunger. I have read about it as a panecea- utopian. But I have seen it in action, on 2 sep. occasions.

Harris: "Here is a fairly sizable group who say they have tried to get their relatives out of there, and can't.. why is that... what is going on?"

Garry: " All I can tell you is that I have been a lawyer for 40 yrs.. and tried some of the most controversial cases there've been, and I will never at any time, extend my own reputation, my own integrity, unless I personally know it... I went there myself, I investigated myself, I talked to all kinds of people, I conversed with them, ate with them, slept with them, and I am satisfied there is not one single person there who wants to come back... they could come back any time if they wanted..

Harris: "Debbie Layton comes out and says she had to go thru the Amer. Embassy because the temple took her passport..and her money and that she saw people who were beaten.. that she saw children thrown in the wells to scare them... that people are hungry. This girl was a member of the temple for 5 or 6 yrs. If the temple is such a paradise.. why would Debbie Layton lie, why would she come out and spread all these stories?

Garry: "I can't tell you why she did it?.. I can't tell you what subjective relationship she had with her husb. etc. When she went there- maybe she did't reconsile with herhusb... I don't know.. all I can tell you is that when anybody says they are hungry there- that is an outright lie.. there is so much food that you can't possibly eat everything that you get.. and everybody eats the same thing- there is no such things as one person getting 1 diet and someone else eating some thing different. Let me giveyou an example of the Senior citizens there.. there are sev. hundred there. They live in the medical compound.. there are cottages right around the medical area... and every single morning... someone knocks on their door.. and says has anybody there had any problems last night... that kind of security... for old people, for senior citizens, is something that I can't duplicate here in this country. And when I see children all over the place, in classes, and anxious to work in the fields... after their school time, and they do it laughing and singing... carrying on all kinds of songs.... and when I see the entertainment at night... when they are dressed in their beautiful colorings, and clothing, when I see all that... and when I see the group meetings that they have.. where several hundred people will stand there and discuss matters that come up... they discuss current events.. when I see all that- I cannot be persuaded that anybody there is there against their own will.

By the way, there are any numbers of people here who are anxious to go- there are atleast 2 or 3,000 people here who want to go.. and they have relatives there- they know what is going on there. but they feel they have to be here to do their contribution here in the U.S. I have seen this- no one tells me about this.

Harris: "Let me cover a few things quickly here if I can... Let me see- there are 1,200 people in the compound now.. multiplied by $800. air fare or even half that- 450. for a one-way trip- that is alot of money... where did it come from?

Garry: "Some of these people had their own properties that they turned over to the temple.. they believe in collective community living...and one person that I talked to had turned over all his worldly good s to be there... and he said if he had to do it all over again- he would have saved some more money to do it. There is several million dollars invested in there... it's a city that they have built- right out of the jungle...

Harris: "I am told that it is essentially a socialist group."

Garry: "Yes, it is a very utopian socialist group.."
Harris: "Marxist, authoritarian?"

Garry: "No, I told you there is no such thing as elitism there.. an authoriaarian group would have elitism..they have 'leaders'. They don't have leaders there.. You talked to Jean Brown a few minutes ago and you asked her what she did... and she said she is just a member.. as a matter of fact, she is a member alright... but she works 24 hrs. a day.. along with everybody else.. and there is no such thing as one person being a 'leader' and another person being a follower.. That is hard to visualize and that is hard to understand.."

Harris: "Do you agree with Jean that there is some kind of conspiracy?

Garry: "Well, I am too much of a lawyer to use words like conspiracy.. all I can say is that there is something 'screwy'.. there is something underlying this and I have not been able to get at it.. I refuse to call names, I refuse to explore myths... but there are an awful lot of things that cannot be explained unless there is some for m of drive.. to destroy the Peoples Temple."

Harris: "By who?"
Garry: "I don't know ."
Harris: "By the government?"
Garry : "I don't know..
Harris: "Well, you must suspect.. you have investigated this thing, you have followed it.. you are an attorney.. you are by nature an inquisitive investigator..

Garry: "Well, many yrs. ago during the Panther days.. I said the gov. was trying to destroy the Black . . _ _ Panther party.... I am not prepared to say that the gov. is doing this, or whether a private group is doing this... everything points to that there is a group doing this.. and I have not been able to put my finger on it.. The reason that I have not been able to put my finger on it yet is that I have been trying to eliminate certain areas... in my investigation... and the more I get into it- the deeper it becomes... whatever that group is.. I don't know what it is... at the present time.. I intend to find out. hopefully in the next few weeks..

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Harris: "If everything is as you say it is.. the group, the two congressmen and their staff.. why not allow them into Jonestown?

Barry: "Well, there is an ans. for that..in the first place, my clients are paranoia.. the fact that they are paranoid, doesn't mean that they are wrong.. they do not trust the two congressmen that have volunteered to go down there.. They had asked, several months ago, that representatives of the Black Caucus go down there.. and so far Black Caucus has not been able to... The reason that they have confidente in the Black Caucus is that alteast 60% of the people at Jonestown is Black... and they are oriented to Socialism.. a utopian socialism.. and they relate to all of the Third World groups.. and they feel that some Black Congressmen went down there.. that they would trust them,

You see, it was little over a yr. ago that JJ was shot at several times.. and when I went down there- he had already been shot at, and the place was just panicked..and I suggested myself, that they arm themselves and get security... well, they finally decided to put some people at the compound.. but that is all.. they would not arm themselves.. they would not use that kind of security... and the other day when we were down there.. Joe mazor who is a private investigator suggested to them that JJ should be constantly guarded.. and he sd. he would be willing to come down there and help them defend and det up a security guard and show them how to handle arms etc.

But JJ is not that kind of a person.. he figures if anything is going to happen to him- its going to happen to him..

Harris: "We have talked to people that said in this country.. JJ had bodyguards.. alot of body guards.. the Secret Service said that they were disturbed by JJ's body guards, and you are telling me he has no body guards?? Yet photographs on S.F. papers, show body guards, big men, obviously in a protective formation around Jones, if they weren't body guards.. they were damned good imitations."

Barry: "My idea of a body guard is someone who is there with guns... ready and walking around.. there are no bodyguards with him in Jonestown..

Harris: "And there are no guns in Jonestown?"

Barry: "I have not seen any guns"

Harris: "Debbie Layton says there is an armed squad.. that there are patrols around Jonestown.. you say that is not true?"

Barry: "If you go there, you will find that is not true. I hope that you can go there, so that you can see for yourself."

Harris: "As attorney for the temple, at this moment... the Congresional delegation will not be allowed in..?"

Barry: "I don't know, I don't know. I don't know if it will be allowed in or not... I have not been privey to that... Mr. Ryan did not see fit to contact me.. so that I could make the proper arrangements.. you know, this is their community.. this is their home.. and for a Congresman to barge in and say I am coming down on such and such a date.. JJ has said, and the temple has said.. that is no way to come to our town.. why don't you give up time to invite you to come down.. and when you come down, we want atleast 2 members of the Black Caucus.. to be a part of that delegation. Just don't say I'm coming down whether you like it or not.

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Harris: "And the group called Concerned Relatives, will they be allowed?

Barry: "No, they will not. I would advise them that they would not have to have them there. In the first place, my client does not trust them.. we don't know what kind of a situation that would be.. We were told at one time, that there was a delegation that came in there ready to kidnap everybody.. and whether that was true or not I don't know, but that was told to me by a person who himself went there to do that."

Harris: "there is in the case of Tim and Grace Stoen.. a child, John Stoen. There is a calif. court order giving Grace Stoe custody of the child John, but JJ still has the child."

Barry: "Because it is his child."

Harris: "He is the father.."

Barry: "he is the father.. when you see that child, you see JJ, you see identical person.. you can't escape that.. there is no way in the world to escape that..

Harris: "Is Grace Stoen the mother?"
Barry: "Yes,

Harris: "JJ is married"// yes// Grace Stoen is not his wife.. // that's true// "is it common, as charged by some of the group, that family units shift, change partners and are encouraged to do so by the church?

Barry: "no, that is not true."
Harris: "There are also statements.. that while JJ's wife was in this country until recently, that JJ lives with two other people... two other women.. If JJ is indeed the father of Grace Stoens child, then does that not lend some credence to these charges?"

Barry: "What charges?"
Harris: "That JJ is living with two other women who are not his wife."

Barry: "I don't know who JJ is living with.. everytime I've been there, his wife marceline is with him.. I did not go to their bedroom to see who sleeps with who... and frankly I am not even interested in that kind of thing.. of evaluation.. of my client.."

Harris: "In the end, because you are their attorney, you are going to end up being one of the main spokesman, if not the main spokesman.. have I missed anything, is there anything else that ought to be added?

Barry: "Well, there are alot of things that I can add.. but there is a legal matter of being in court.. I do not intend to talk about anything that I consider to be a breach of my responsibility..

STATESIDE FEEDBACK WEDNESDAY

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--Chronicle called Garry in a panic because Ron Jarvis, their reporter got arrested in Georgetown. Currency violation.

ARTICLE IN CHRONICLE READS:

__ CHRONICLE NEWSMAN HELD

" The Chronicle reporter, Ron Jarvis, traveling with a delegation of California__?_ on a fact finding trip to the Peoples Temple jungle settlement of JT was detained by Guyana immigration authorities last night at Timehri International Airport. In a phone call made less than three hours after his detention began, shortly after midnight as thegroup disembarked from a Pan Am flight, Ron Jarvis said he was given no official explanatiopn of wh7 he was being held. No other members of the delegation, which in cludes REp. Leo Ryan were detained, Jarvis said. The Represehtative, other journalists, and friends and relatives of J-Toen settlers all were permitted to proceed to their accomodations in the capital. R.Jarvis said that one of the four uniformed officers wh9 initially detained him put him in a fifteen xxxxxxxxxxx foot square rrom in ninety degree heat with the windows painted over, and told him your release depends on the xxxxxxxxxxx decisions the big ones make. The officers eventually allpwed him to xxxxx walk around in the small airport -- an opportunity he said he used to place a phone call to the US Embassy and to the Chronicle. The officers hovered nearby. Embassy officials said they would begim working on his problem. Officials in Washington, contacted by the Chronicle also said they would begin investigation of the detention. Jarvissaid that after his detention began he was sear ched and then charged with a currency violation when authorities founfd 350,00 Guyanese that he had legally exchanged in SF for his trip. He said he did not know what officials planned tp do with him for the remaineder of the night.

EXAMINER RELEASE

REPORTERS FACE BOOT IN GUYANA

Reporters and Photigraphers accompanying a Congressman on a fact finding faced immediate expulsion from the country today after immigration officials altered their passports. Tim Reierman said officials c came to my hotel this morning , demanded mypsspo t and that of the photy grapher and altered the authorization of stay from five days to one. Other members of the press faced the same situation with the exception p' of NBC News. ...

(Dymallys office called-- secrtary had heard about Ryan coming and is concerned that he be accomodated. She used to work for him and thinks he is the kind of person who is impressed by facts.. thinks it woild be mistake to erect barriers to open accress.)

EXAMINER ARTICLE CONTINUED:
(highlights)

__ Leo Ryan said the relatives hope to visit the PT jungle mision where xxx 1200 N. Americans are operating amassive agricultural project under the leadership of Rev. JJ.

-- Leo Ryan said his visit was pro mpted by reports that some of thhe 1200 Americans may have been physically or psychologically abused and may not be free to xx leave the remote settlement.

-- Tom Flemming would like to visit-- they wanted to send him Fridau with Claire xxx because he is afrid to fly.

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Exposed CIA activities in Chile.

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Conspiracy File

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8/1/78
Collect call from Tim Clancey to N.E. reporter Gordon Lindsay

Hello Tim, Gordon Lindsey.

Yes, How are you?

I'm very well indeed, thank you.

I was returning your call.

I know that you are not supposed to talk to me, which I find very strange, but I have a yellow piece of paper that was put out by the Peoples Temple in San Francisco on May 10, 1978. I've been trying to get ahold of Dr Moore today and having no sucess there, so that is about the end of my I mean I've been trying to track him down all over the country.

He is out of town right now.

Yea, he is in Asilomar., and point number 16--this is comments about Jonestown Guyana from onsight visits. Number 16 says: "A writer from one of the largest news agencies in the world,(quote)'Its very very impressive. Thank you for this opportunity. Best wishes.'" Now, you don't quote the name of the reporter.

No we didnot .

You don't know who it is?

Well,No, I don't.

I checked the largest news agencies in the world one the Associated Press whom I happen to know lthe general manager very well, and he said that no one from the AP has been down there. So I checked UPI whom I happen to know Bob Andrews over there, and he said that maybe one from that news agency has been to Jonestown, so I checked Reuters, being British, I knkw Reuters very well, and now one from Reuters has been down there, and so I checked AFP (french press agency) and they say no one has been down there. Now that takes care of all the large news agencies in the world.

Well I don't know the name of the person. I know--I'm sure that the quote is quite valid. I was going to get around to calling you--It's kind of a surprise that you called this morning.

(not at all--

Well I am trying to do a story

I understand, I understand. We had heard - We had a couple of questions. Surely - Lindsey Basically for one

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Tim talking:
thing we had heard from various people around town that Mr Tim Stoen had contacted that your article was going to be out this week. It was going to be a smear on the Temple, and the people should read it, and we were a little concerned that you called yesterday and expressed your interest in talking to various people who had been there - I understand that were not members of the Temple who had been there and back would be interested in speaking to you about their feelings and opinions of the project.

Peoples Temple people would.

A--Well, Peoples Temple people would of course, I mean there are people that have been there and would be more than happy to express their feelings, but from what I understood you wanted people who were not necessarily your members but were rather in a little more objective position to speak to you about it.

That's right. Because I think--I mean I've applied--God knows how many times to go down to speak to Jones without any success and then I get word from the Lt. Governor's office--Dymally--saying that I have to have permission from the Guyanese government to go to Jonestown, and that is quite honestly--I hope you put it on tape--is a pack of lies.

Well...

Because the Guyanese government gave me full permission while I was down there --the chaps name is Hutton Archer. And I understand that Dymally was on the short wave radio to Jonestown about that particular thing.

Well, I don't know...

Well, I know you do Tim because you were on the radio as well (over Tim's further explanation).

I don't know where you are getting your information but...

Well, I've got tapes of it.

Oh, I see. Well, as a result of the airplane incident I mean they have some serious reservations about letting you in the country. We've been talking to them of course about the possibility of you're...

..The Plane incident. As a reporter, when I am told to go after a story and people reject my advantage to go down there and do a decent job of reporting, I normally make every effort to find out what is going on and oneof the things is to find out what the place Jonestown looks like. Naturally I know exactly what it looks like.

Oh, understandable, but also you can understand the concern of a country when you vlolate their airspace.

There is no violation of airspace. You're allowed to fly over.

Well, I mean, that may be your opinion, but I think that they feel otherwise. There are some reservations in the ministries about this.

If you were in my position, wouldn't you think that someown was putting up a brick wall between me and Jim Jones?

No, Not at all.

kWhy wouldn't he allow me to go down there when I hadn't done anything at all except ask permission to go down?

Well Mr Lindsey you never approached the Temple about going down there before you...

Well my point is you know, the Temple, as far as I'm concerned, is based in Jonestown. That's where--how many people are down there?

There are quite a few people there.

Well...

Let me say this. If you were considering doing both sides of the story, which I really have no idea what you plan on doing with your article, but If you had --were considering doing both sides of the story, we are interested in seeing that you get down there to talk to Rev Jones.

It's been seven weeks now.

Well, as I explained, there are going to be problems to overcome the feelings that some people have about airplanes and its going to take time...

But let's go back to the earlier--what I said earlier. When I was down there, in Georgetown, I asked Hutton Archer, at the ministry of information if I could go down to Jonestown, and I have a witness, my partner, right there sitting with me and Hutton Archer said there--he saw no reason why we could not because we were not in there to do a political story. And then he called someone at the Peoples Temple in Georgetown itself.

Who is this gentlemen?

Hutton Archer, I think his actual title is deputy minister of information, and he said as we were not in there to do any political story, we had no ax to grind whatsoever, and we had no response from the Peoples Temple. I was sitting there--I mean, you do admit that the Peoples Temple is in Jonestown don't you? (chuckling)

Indeed.

And how many people are down there? So we can get that straight.

Well, I'm not sure exactly.

It's over a thousand, right?

Well, you can get the details like that from Charles.

You know I've been trying to get ahold of Garry for four days.

Well, he's right in the middle of a murder trial and he's presenting his side of the case. And it's going to close this week.

I understand, but my deadline will have long past by then.

Well, if you are interested in doing both sides of the story, then something can be worked out, I mean--the Moores--you have their number, I take. I mean I have it here, but I guess you probably already have it.

What Moore's number?

Yea

Well, he's in a place called Asilomar at the moment which is in Monterey, and I've left a message there, but I can do no more.

Right, well he should be back tomorrow or the next day.

That's my deadline's over.

Your deadline's over by then?

Yea, I'll be happy to follow-up the story and do anything else I can, but I've given Peoples Temple more than enough time. I've given them six weeks now.

We thought your deadline was the 28th.

Why would you possibly think that?

That's what we had heard from various people.

The 28th of this month?

~~Yes~~ Right.

Good God, No.

It was supposed to be a week ago, but we got an extension on it to see if Peoples Temple would be a little more cooperative.

Well, we are willing to cooperate. If it takes time to work out getting you into the country like that--we don't have that much say with the government. They are going to do what to do.

It took me 24 hours to get down there and into the country.

That was when you first went down there, Mr Lindsey.

Huh?

I say, that was when you first went down there. That was before you also flew over the project. And that caused a little bit of concern with the people there. And that is going to take some time and effort to go around.

What concern could I possibly cause?

Well, you did. That's...

From what ministry?

Huh.

From what ministry? I will make representations from my government down there.

Well, I don't know which ministry, I know our people...

Well you find out.

both talking

If you'll find out which minister, and which ministry, I will be happy to get the high commissioner of the British government to look into the matter for me, and I will also have some from the American government, as I am working for an American newspaper, to look into the matter for me too because we can move a lot faster than most people can.

Well, if you're planning on doing one two separate stories, one presenting one point of view and another later, presenting--looking at the other point of view, then I don't think that we would be interested in any type of cooperation. But if the story is going to be objective and its going to present both sides, of the story, jthen we will do our best to cooperate.with you.

Four weeks ago--Look look let me quote you something. I've got all this garbage in front of me. One I've been accused of causing a cardiac arrest of a woman. I've got all these things here. Where is the one I would like to quote you... It says here we have not made--and this came from Charles Garry--we have not made a single call to him--that's me--or to anyone else in any threatening manner whatsoever.

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(still Lindsey talking)
Until he came into Mr Garry's office, we did not ever know his name or who he was. Lie. Hutton Archer told Peoples Temple my name and who I worked for. How could anyone get an unlisted number for someone whose name or address which we do not know? It is very easy to get an unlisted number--this strikes me as very ~~particular~~ peculiar--if you will take up the challange of finding out who made and is making these phone calls, find out who informed his Fathers about his supposed death threat, we would consider this a test of proof of his sincerity of doing an objective article. Include in his story of who is harrassing PT and where the sources of these threats, and they expect me to find out who is making phone calls? Now that's impossible, even the telephone company takes 5 or 10 minutes to put a trace on a phone.call.

Well Mr Lindsey, ...

I'll read you what it says here (?) We will take any lie detector test, truth serum, voice print or whatever is required to prove to him we are not the source or any way responsible. (That's true-says Tim) I find that going overboard ~~(that's~~ well my goodness I don't want you chaps--if you're telling the truth, I'll accept it.

Well, we are just trying to make a point. And we are very serious, and...

All your points seem to be very overboard; ~~you~~ they seem to go to the extreme.

Probably because we haven't got the representation that we've...

I talked to Charles Garry four weeks ago that I wass quite happy to go down there to do an objective story, and I think, you know, it seems that what is known in terms of the run around, getting no where--I'm waisting a teemendous amount of money making phone calls getting no where.

I mentioned to the problem of why we are having troubles getting you in now, and you told me about you had gone there and the government had said you could get in but the situation is different now, but there is also another possibility there is a free-lance journalist and author who is going to be going to the project -- all the paperwork and everything has been arranged, and he is going to be going there very soon to do a story --it will be a longer type of thing. He has done stories for your paper before. We've talked to him, and he said that he would be willing to do something shorter and give your jpaper the exclusive story on that.

What's his name?

I am not at liberty to give you his name at the moment, I just...

both talking

There is nothing secretive--he works for the National Inquirier?

Well, he doesn't work for the ~~the~~ National Inquirer, he's written for it. He is a free-lance author.

He cannot, believe you me, he cannot say that he will give it to the Inquirer. They have to approve it before he heven goes down there. I know how the Inquirer works. backwards.

Well, I'm sure you know far better than I do. I'm just saying that he offered to do that. I'm not saying that they would accept it--the story. ~~I'm just saying~~ But he's planning on going down there, and he's going to do that.

Now why have we been so secretive about who the reporter is if he's a reporter worth his salt, he doesn't mind giving out his name to anyone.

Well, your views are...

I've given my name to everyone, I haven't tried to keep mine a secret at all. I mean that's the normal reporter. If a reporter ~~xxxx~~ is not prepared to give his name out, then he's not a reporter in my book.

Well, I don't think he's actually a reporter, and he's an author.

An author.

He's done unknown newspaper feature articles.

That's all I do--Newspaper feature articles.

I understand.

I donot consider myself an author.

There must be...some difference there...

I consider myself a reporter. Feature reporter. If you like to have this gentleman call me, I would be delighted to talk to him.

OK, I was just saying that there is a lot of people I think who would be interested in talking, but they have a lot of reprehensions about how they are going to be represented in the press.

Everything I do I tape so they cannot be misquoted. I've already told Charles Garry that. I spoke to Charles Garry for two hours--on tape.

Is that right. I didn't realize it was that long.

In his office.

Well, a lot of people feel that we are the victims of a conspiracy with regards to the media.

I think you feel you are victims of a conspiracy.

I do. I do personally. I think there is good reason for it. Well let me -- you've mentioned a lot of things: ..

You give me the name of the ministry that's complaining about me going down there, and I will sort it out with the High Commissioner and the American ambassador--we have a lot of power.

You do personally?

No, no, not I, but I am the least, I am just a reporter. No, no I have no power, but by power I mean influence in government circles. Newspapers have to deal in government circles. I mean I do deal something with congressman that I have spoken to about Peoples Temple and various Senators.

I see.

And how they feel about it you --I'm covering every base that I possibly can. I've been in this country for 21 years now, so I think that I know the american scene fairly well.

Well, you've certainly spent enough time here to see it first hand. Now if you said you've past your deadline already, what point is all this discussion?

The point of all this discussion is let's get on the stick and talk to Jones by radio. If you can get me down there 24 hours, to Jonestown, then maybe I can hold off the deadline.

I think that would be impossible. I am fairly sure that that would be impossible. 24 hours is just not enough time.

In this business, we never say its impossible.

Well, I won't say its impossible, but it would be highly unlikely.

OK Well, if we don't hear from you, we will just go ahead with the story right?

Well, if that's what you are going to do... I don't see that

All I can say...OK the thing is that I...

We're interested in working with you--we need the time to work it out.

You see, I can't understand this, as of tomorrow, this will be 7 weeks I've been on this story. Seven weeks--it's the longest I've spent on one story in my life. on actually one story... When I covered the heart transplant, I spent 8 months, but that was an ongoing thing--a daily thing. This is just a one feature story.

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(Lindsey still talking)

That was a news story far more than a feature story. So as I say, I've never spent this much time ~~wki~~ with... These chaps on watergate didn't spend ~~this~~ much time almost.

Well,

So I certainly have given it my honest effort.

OK, well let me get back to you. You'll be at this number then?

Yes.I will.

OK.

Ok thanks very much,

Thanks, Mr Lindsey.

Bye.....

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Gitmo kind of
2 others
done

lung specialist
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Sept. 3 [illegible]
Dr Selva
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Mary
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Gordon Lindsay I.
National Enquirer
8/2/78

Hello

Tim

Speaking

Gordon Lindsey here.

Yes.

I've been just having a chat with our lawyers.

Yes

And we perfectly understand the matters ~~about~~ around the litigation. We understand that the gentlemans work deals with something putting the lines out.
But they did bring up a couple of things about the litigation the question I've asked concers Steve Katsaris, Jim Cobb and the Medlocks.

Uh huhm

The other one on the children the the-you know, the charges are that he's holding children down there. Charges or alligations they mean the same thing to me
They have been decided in the court here. Even though One is pending in the Guyanese court.
As ~~you~~ we know,

Uh huhm

We don't feel that is litigation. in this country atall.

But we have to go by the advise of our atturney, Mr Lindsey, I'mm...

~~All right~~ Ok, all I'm saying that the way we feel, I mean

Fine

I'm just trying to get this so we don't have to go ~~another~~ waste another 24 hours. I'm trying to bend over backwards to get your side of it, right?
I mean, I just called Reno Nevada again and I found out the Rev Moore is somewhere in Redding California. Where I don't know. But the other charges--he's already replied--or the Temple has about the Debbie Layton charges, and I understand there's a possible--Charles Garry told me this--a possible lsuite being brought against Debbie Layton by her mother and ~~brother~~ sister, but these charges I'm not questioning at all, we're just talking about what she aledged to have happened down there. All I'm trying to say is that we are completly clear on the matter.

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OK

As I say, I just don't, I can't afford to waste all this time any more on going just back and fourth ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ before we get to the point that we can start talking.

I appreciate your concern. I'll just mention again that we have to talk to Garry and we'll have to go by what he says.

Well that's fine. This is the way we feel.

OK

Sp I'll hear from you, by the way if you need to call me this evening, you can call on the number I gave you.

The number that you gave me before?

654-2064, the office number?

uh hum

If I'm not here just have them switch it over to my home.

They'll do that?

Oh, no trouble, I'll ma... they do it automatically, but I'll double check it.

OK fine.

I-1-c-1a

THIS WILL BE REPEAT, BUT THEY ARE POINTS I WANT TO BE SURE ARE UNDERSTOOD: THEY ARE MARKS COMMENTS ABOUT THE DOCUMENT:

1. It is explosive. The article and the means of getting it. It was 7 1/2 rather than 10, but the guy who gave it to mark made him swear it would never leave his hands. Mark has the copy and will keep it, though told to destroy it. When the guy went back to call his job the morning Mark met him, he said they were very edgey with him and asked him if he had let anything out. Mark sadi no way can anyone know this has been done, because people could lose jobs and land in jail. He said it is tighter than the Pentagon papers and the guy fears reprisals. Whatever response to the article Mark prepares, it will in no way indicate that he is writing in response to the document. It must not show any correspondence at all.
2. People must all make denials of the Mann thing. These quotes must be made available to him, and they must not be in affidavit form. Just over the radio is sufficient. He will weave that into his response to N.E. based on what George Hunter told him about Paula and Mann. But he cannot mention that he knows it landed in Reid's lap-- he has no other source for that information than the article.

3. He wants a copy of Mazor's affidavit and thinks it would be good to use in talking to Ryan. We have to possibly leave this up to Charles, but I am sending Mark a copy.
4. The names which were indicated on the article copy which can never be used are Frank Anderson, Carol Zell, and Roy Singh. If there were to be any indication we knew these names, there would be a direct link to the person who gave Mark the article as the Enquirer was sworn to secrecy re. these people. It is indicated clearly on the copy.

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5. Mark may be willing to take some chances; I think we should consult with him first, though. He knows the circumstances and just how far out varios necks are stuck.

5. The problems in x particular are,in Mark]s opinion, the Mann thing, and the fact that Chalres said what he did to Lindsay. He feelk that the Enquirer had perfect license to go ahead and print every wordk wihout fear of malice suit because they have laid all the charges at Garry's feet and he said he could make no comment regarding their truth or untruth. And the fact that he said he is the only spokesman for the Temple leaves us wide open. Therefore he watned permission to say he is alsot a spokesman for PT, as are any number of members as indicated to the press.

6. If we have time, your analysis (over the phone) of points to refute would help. I dont know how muvh time we have. Mark asked for and got materials that are public information which he can base his response on.

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THE ARTICLE:
Untitled so far.
by Gordon Lindsay

Begins .
the promised land has turned into a hell hole of beatings
torture 12 hour work days and a diet consisting mainly
of rice

"Horrifying details of the concentration camp"
"Jones is a mixture of Moon and Manson"
Sources Debbie Layton
Tim Stoen
Katsaris Cobb
Two agents. Names are in piece but will not be published
in article.
Al and Jean Mills
All the children are sick
A lot have hair missing and gashing sore on their legs

The Box / people in it from one to seven days
The planned mass suicide and murder

Ambassadoe Mann and Paula Adams have been having an affair
for a couple of years. She taped sounds of their making
~~[illegible]~~
love. Jones ordered her to. Stoen heard the tapes, Paula
played them when he was present.
Carolyn Layton typed transcipts from the tape, Jones edited
the transcript and Debbie Touchette handed to Deputy
Prime Minister Reid, Mann made no comment: [illegible] Lo knows about it.

Garry said only he can speak for PT No ones else can speak
for them in Guyana or SF.
When confronted with charges Garry answered "off the record"
He concluded after hearing all charges. "I can neither
confirm nor deny the charges"
Ramirez said major fraud involved. Hopes to file the case
in a few weeks. Ramirez encouraged article. ~~[illegible]~~ perhaps (IMPLIED)
it would make it possible to extradite Jones
Kathy Hunter

Very strong statemnets about Jones and sex with many, many
people in PT. Jones was brutal with the many women he had
sex with. Now he is sleeping with Maria and Carolyn

"Continually ask each charge"

It's bad they are on safe grounds. No action. Clearly I would PT's lawyer and only Springmann

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GORDON LINDSAY

Promise Land has turned into a hell hole, a concentration camp people in the evil clutches of a man who is a cross between Moon and Manson. Life consists of mass suicide attempt, beatings til blood is drawn, pressure applied to temples until people fall out, the "box" where children are put and the well.

There are 4 couices: live under the inhumane conditions; escape and die in the jungle; escape and be killed by J., commit suicide.

According to Debbie Layton - she escaped.

Al and Jeannie Mills left 1975 -- afraid of reprisals, told then everyone who left would be killed.

Tim Stoen - says J is worth 15 million. Stone himself had an account in his name - sole signator - of over 1 million.

Debbie L. says she was aware of $65,000 per month in Social Security checks signed over to J.

Stoen: "JJ is the most evil man who ever walked. He is cynical, bored with life, money is not his game. He gets his kick out of power. He treats people as pawns. He has a volvanic drive to control."

Stone: Nobody in Jonestown or Georgetown is allowed to make phone calls. All mail and all calls are monitored and censored.

According to the pilot who flew Lindsay over the project, Agostini, the jungle is deadly-- describes pirhana, snakes, parasites etc. and portrays it as impenetrable.

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Nobody can talk to anyone without two other Temple members present. According to Lindsay, request after request to have PT members talk to the Enquirer were denied. The Temple house in Georgetown is considered

off-limits. Nobody but PT members can be there. All Guyanese, when asked about PT, are tight-lipped.

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F. Henneke - U.S. State Department, would not shed any light. Burnham and Vance have ignored the 6-page petition which Stoen sent then (and received his return-receipt statement). The petition was signed by 51 people, and names have been added. Dated May 10, 1978. There were serious charges to be ignored by the government.

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Richard Bwyer refused to talk; Richard McCoy refused to talk; Fred Henneke refused to talk, when Gordon Lindsay asked for comments.
Goes into Debbie's background, joining Temple as a young woman and how she had taken her mother to Guyana in hopes she could see a lovely place as she was dying of loung cancer.

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Rice diet. There are two ways in -- one on the boat which JJ owns, the other is an airstip built by P.T. The Matthew's Ridge airstrip is a military base which is heavily guarded

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Crowded. 75 cabins, 14 people per cabin. Huts have tin roofs. JJ told Debbie she would be arrested if she went back to the U.S. Said the CIA had a conspiracy against the Temple and she would be jailed. Claims JJ propagandized everyone like this.

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People are allowed to talk to their relatives on the radio phone patch, but every word is monitored by JJ telling them what to say.
When Debbie arrived she was put into the fields to do manual labor.
People work from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM. (a ten hour day). (At the beginning she claimed it was a 12 hour work day). The people go to bed at 1:00 Am and sometimes as late as 4:00 AM after nightly meetings.

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Nightly meetings start at 7:00 PM. If people are late they are punished. Describes a Learning Crew supervised by people with arms. You cannot talk or smile on Learning Crew. People who work at the piggery 3 miles from the compound have to run there in the morning.

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Learning Crew has separate cabins with armed guards. Watched 24 hours. Mentions rice diet again. Chicked once a month.

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J harps on the chicken consumption - says it costs him $2,000 a meal and the people should appreciate it. Sundays people work from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There are 400 seniors and 300 children. Seniors are not made to work in the field but have plots of ground they are expected to work long hours on to make produce. The toddlers play in the dirt. There are 50 babies fenced in an area 10' x 6'. The children are sick, they all have ringworm, parasites, hair missing, gashing wounds on their legs. Only cassava powder is put on them, there is little or no medication.

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There is lots of sickness. Worms; people are de-wormed regularly. D.B. said she got sick, was given tea to drink and dropped down to 98 lbs. No one can escape because J has people walking around to test people, ask them "Do you want to leave?" If you answer yes, you are punished. Asked about these charges, F. Henneke said he had never personally been to Jonestown, but that any complaints are looked into by the State Department . There have been numerous inquiries.

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In every case where relatives or friends have sent inquiries or complaints, Henneke says the State Department has sent someone from the Embassy in Georgetown to P.T. to investigate. Inquiries about brutality etc.

None of these persons have confirmed the allegations of brutality or mind control. Our representatives have always given Jonestown advance notice of our arrival. D.B.says that when U.S. representatives arrive, the work day is shortened. Henneke said he had received allegations that all people had signed suicide notes. His answer: not our concern at this stage. All we can do with the investigation we are doing. There is a long distance between Jonestown and Georgetown. Arrangements have to be made in advance.

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Re. allegations of "thin, hollow eyes," Henneke said: "Those reports have not been brought back. People appear to be healthy, considering they work on agricultural production. But McCoy is not a doctor nor a nutritionist. He is emmanantly qualified as a conselor officer, but he is not qualified to do a psychological analysis. But we have investigated every report."

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Henneke: "Debbie Layton's charges are believable, but they do not trigger any actions by the Embassy in Georgetown." Re. 3 children held there and Superior Court judges have ordered their return: "Unfortunately, child custody cases are a worldwide phenomenon. The U.S. government is not prepared to intervene." Re. the question where is the truth about all these charges: "The truth lies with Peoples Temple."

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Richard Bwyer was asked same questions and whether he minded being asked about Peoples Temple. Bwyer: "I do mind, Mr. Lindsay. These are American citizens and no officer of government may comment on their activities. (Cites the Privacy of Information act). I suggest that you address yourself to their Representatives in U.S. Congress."

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Richard McCoy confirmed meeting with Steve Katsaris, Maria Katsaris, and Ambassador Mann. But he could not comment on the meeting without the written permission of all participants there. Refused to comment if Maria were strained. Steve Katsaris maintained that MCCoy told him something very peculiar was wrong, and that four members of Peoples Temple had accompanied Maria to see her father. But McCoy would not comment to Lindsay.

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Lindsay describes a verbal exchange between himself and McCoy which boils down to McCoy protecting information he has. Responds: "I will talk when I have clearance -- you will have to direct your questions to the State Department."

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Debbie L. claims everyone spies on everyone else, everyone is scared of everyone else. Daily routine of torture. "One guy twists a necklace and wraps is around his fist to put pressure on peoples temples. Draws blood.

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Security Alert Team (S.A.T.) beats people up. The "Box" is 4'x3' where you are put if you aggravate J by having differences of opinion with him. From one to seven days there -- forced to eat food all mixed up together. This is punishment for men and women.

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Torture for children is "Big Foot" - a 9'deep well where children are thrown in, caught by adults in the bottom and thrown back up. Kids scream "Thank you Dad" for saving them. This is from 5 to 12 years.

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One of JJ's sons had a gun in his cabin because he was on S.A.T. Debbie claims she planned to take his gun and kill herself. When the

mass suicide came up, it was because of a crisis where someone outside had spoken unfavorably against P.T. This mass suicide was attempted on the night of a visit of a Guyanese minister -- he was forced to resign. J called a crisis meeting. All the guns were gotten out and everyone met in the Pavillion. J said there was no hope, brought out medicine and each person took a sip of a red liquid. Each person drank except J who was sitting in an elevated chair watching. Debbie said she was happy -- thinking that now it was all over.

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The red liquid was to take 45 minutes to work. Maria Katsaris went around telling trusted people to act like they fainted. Debbie says she knew then that J had put up a "dummy run" and after 45 minutes he said he was sorry he had to do it, but he had to see who would run.

Debbie claims Carolyn Layton fed sleeping pills to two of the favored children -- John Stoen and Jim Prokes (Carolyn's son by a brief marriage to Mike Prokes). She said she would rather have the children asleep when she had to shoot them.

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J likes thin people. YOu have to be thin to please him. But thin does not apply to him. He associates fat with being capitalistic and having love of worldly things. But he has put on weight being there. He has moved into a compound with Maria Katsaris and Carolyn Layton and the two children. He has a huge bed covered with mosquito netting. The only bed with mosquito mesh on it.

Mosquitoes are bad at Jonestown -- Debbie says everyone is bitten. J has a refrigerator in his room with meat, fresh fruit, eggs etc. C.L. and M.K. eat with J, have snacks etc. Charles Krug wine, Jack Daniels on hand, because J loves Booze. He is hypoglycemic and needs lots of protein, and nobody questions it anyhow because he is the leader and the people think the leader has to be fit to lead.

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24 people to a cabin. There are relationships and families, but people share a narrow bunk. You only see your own children between 6 and 10 PM and there are meetings from 7:00 PM on.

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Everyone who has left the temple Lindsay has talked to says J is a compulsive talker. There is a PA system which goes for 6 hours per day and he reads the news, changing it to scare people. Everyone is afraid of escaping because the whole world is against Peoples Temple, according to J, so then what is the point of leaving?

J talks and confronts people in meetings. Debbie says the proper way to take confrontation, or torture, is to not fight back, stand and let it happen until the breaking point.

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Pregnant women are forced to work in the fields until the last days. One lady Debbie said gave birth a few minutes after leaving the fields. She was financial secretary and saw the coffers. $65,000 per month in Social Security checks signed over to J. Then Lindsay says she told him a story that "smacks of Hitler" -- children confessing to J about their parents. One man figured a way to get out to Venezuela and his 13 year old son was told of the plan and that he would be going. He told J. J held a crisis meeting over that, it went on hours until 5:00 AM. The man's brother held a gun to his head and threatened to kill him. J would not allow that, but talked and talked.

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Visitors come occasionally, the work day is shortened and the meals get better. Everyone puts on the front of being in utopia. Two others reinforced Debbie's stories according to Lindsay: Al & Jeannie Mills.

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These two were in the church six years until it became oppressive.

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Claim that they had to sign blank sheets of paper and incriminating statements, therefore they changed their names.

J at first took offerings as freewill. Then he demanded 15%. Then 25% -- then demanded people turn over all they had to be a true follower. People sold their homes, property. Mills claimed they had given $150,000 worth.

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Planning Commission, which Mills were on, consisted of beatings in public and blood was drawn. Al was the photographer for the church. He took photos of a man who had been beaten in the face and was told to take the picture by J to show people and make a lesson of the person. He was in charge of prayer cloths, oil, etc. Claim that $20,000 per month came in , at least $18,000 per month profit from this.

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They left with the beatings, when they became oppressive. First it was a belt, then switch, then electrical cord. J asked some of the members who had been former slaves to construct a cat-o-nine tails. Then they used a wooden paddle full strength. People got from one to 150 hits. Their daughter was beaten 75 times. The reason they did not speak out is fear of the crowd, which would turn on you and brutalize you if you did not go along.

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Debbie Layton escaped by plotting over a long period of time to get sent into Georgetown. She never mentioned wanting to leave. She worked in the radio room and made subtle hints to J that the people in Georgetown were making mistakes in passing messages. J suggested that she go to town to help with the radio there. One night there was a cultural show and

everyone was gone. She stayed and volunteered to do the radio.

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That night she called her sister. She promised to write her sister a long letter. Each week after that she went to the Pegasus Hotel to call her sister. She did not have a passport because they are taken from people on arrival. One day McCoy told her that if anyone needed an emergency passport for medical treatment they could get one from the Embassy in half an hour. Her sister wired a ticket to Georgetown Pan Am office. Debbie whent to McCoy and got the passport. A non-member drove her to the Pegasus to meet McCoy's deputy who drove her to the airport.

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There she met Peoples Temple members picking up some new arrivals. She told them she was on a secret mission. But she did not have the proper Guyanese tax clearance, so she had to return. She went to the Tower Hotel and stayed the night there alone. The deputy who drove her to the airport was Dan Webber. She was followed by Temple members the next day. She decided to call J personally to show she was not afraid to talk to him. She called from the Embassy. Told him she wanted to settle down and have a family. J had told her she was egotistical, naive, and could not find happiness.

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He said she would be arrested upon returning to the U.S. and suggested she go to England or to Russia and pave the way for Peoples Temple to go there. McCoy assured her she would not be arrested because she was not on any wanted list.

When she returned to the U.S. she refused to talk to anyone. She had a friend guard her 24 hours a day. Lindsay asked her if she were fabricating any of her story. She said: "What have I to gain?"

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Asked if people could leave Jonestown, how many would go, she said everybody but about 10 people would leave.

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National Enquirer talked to 12 former members, and all had similar stories. All said members were expedted to have complete and undying faith in J. They were forced to sell homes, turn over all their money, experienced beatings in L.A. and S.F. Also confirmed that the L.A. Temple was sold and the S.F. one is up for sale.

Among others he talked to were Tim Stoen, Jim Cobb, Steven Katsaris.

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Tim Stoen used to live the good life. He was interested in Peoples Temple in October, 1969, because he wanted to see if man could create a real community free of racism, based on equality. He thought he had found that in J. He was real idealistic. He was disturbed by the conditions of the U.S. in 1968 -- King and Kennedy assassinations, alienation and distrust in America. J made him feel guilty about driving a Porsche. He joined the Temple and gave up his dream of being in politics. He bought his clothes at the Salvation Army thrift shop and turned over $70,000 to the church. When he broke from the church, he did not have a penny to his name.

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He spent several years with blinders on his eyes, but now there is not one facet of Peoples Temple he refuses to talk about. When J took their son to Guyana, Stoen knew it was futile to protest. The child was sent without Stoen's permission or knowledge. It was legal because three or four years earlier he and wife had signed consents so that if the child were to go on trips with the church and the parents couldn't make it, the child could be cared for in an emergency. Everyone had to sign generalized powers of attorney over to J.

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J even claimed to be the father of John. The birth certificate states

Stoens are- Grace and Tim. There have been two court hearings, one is now pending and a Superior Court judge in S.F. had ordered the child to the U.A. (Frank Finnegan). Three paragraphs follow which quote from the court order.

Lindsay says it is hard to believe that the level-headed, intelligent Stoen could get himself painted into such a corner.

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Stoen says he slowly started to question when beatings took place. Says he didn't go to services and only caught the tail-end of meetings. He ratinalized the beatings because he saw JJ letting himself get beat as well, though not as hard as others. In October 1978 J sent John to Guyana, and Tim joined him at Christmastime with Mervyn Dymally.

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Stoen could not take John back because J had guards on him. Stoen left and was determined to return. He did so February 16, 1977. He resigned the grand jury hearings/proceedings he was involved in. In late February J flew to Port Kaituma and accused Stoen of working for the CIA. Stoen left in March to think things over. Knowing he could not get John out, he went to London. There he was tracked down by a Peoples Temple member who had a message from Jim: "We're going to move these people... I need you." Stoen says the old J magic worked again and he promised to go back for 3 months. While there he saw lots of John -- comments how wonderful it was to hold John and have him fall asleep in his arms.

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In May, 1977, Stoen went back into the jungle with John. He worked hard there. Says you cannot use the word "happiness" because when J is around he makes you feel guilty for the sins of the world, but he enjoyed it there. Stoen says he returned to the U.S. in June , 1977, and there had to face questions that were being raised in the media.

Stoen says he still believes that the U.S. is the best society the world

has known. And at Peoples Temple he spent too much time concentrating on injustices and alienation. In the U.S. he has met loving, kind people.

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He called his wife and she said J had accused her of keeping John locked in a closet. He said, "Honey, I'm coming and I'm taking on Jones." I have been fighting ever since."

Said he almost let himself get arrested in Georgetown when he went there after the child; he was told to leave and "I let the emotions and bitternes get the better of me -- I lost my judgement."

Lindsay says, "Tears well up in Tim Stoen's eyes as he looks at the picture of John in his office, and he says, 'John, this is your dad in San Francisco, and I love you. We are working everything out to get you free, to come back here where you will be healthy and happy... Something in me says that is the way things are going to turn out.'"

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Stoen contends that J has 15 million. Says at one time in 1975 J had told Stoen that "we had made our goal" -- which, accordingto Stoen, was $10 million. Claims that between 1975 and 1978 J has accumulated $5 million more. Only one person, J, knows everything because J operates on the "need to know" philosophy and he would never tell any one person everything. Stoen says he helped set up the Guyanese banking system for the Temple, but J would never let him know the names of the bank accounts. And as Stoen is not a curious person, he never asked.

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There is extensive sex within the church. Stoen believes J is brutal and anti-woman. Claimed by J that only he can provide women with sexual experiences; he is sleeping with C.L. and M.K. Marceline, his wife, lives in a communal hut. There has also been sex in and with the government of Guyana. According to Stoen, Paula Adams has a

relationship with Mann and taped him while they wer making love.

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Paula was ordered by J to record their conversation while making love and get something on Mann to prove that he wasn't a principled socialist. Paula Adams played the tapein Stoen's presence. C.L. transcribed it and the tape was given to Debbie T. who (as J's personal PR person) handed it to Reid. This is cited as a typical "divide and conquer" tactic.

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Mann was not available to comment (per Gordon Lindsay). Friends of J include: Moscone (who appointed him to the Housing Commission), Brown, Dymally (who visited) and Rosalyn Carter.

Steve Katsaris' daughter called him a child molestor.

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He took a lie detector test to prove that the charge was false.

Says that the more his daughter became close to the church, the more closed she became with him. Describes their happy days together when Maria was at home, how when she soloed on hier first flight she was so proud she gave her dad her license.

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Maria called from Georgetown to tell him she would be there a couple weeks, then it was extendeda few more weeks. S. K. contacted S.F. Temple to tell Maria he was going to visit her. Then he said he got threats on the phone, got cold responses from Maria, and then he started to worry about his daughter's being in trouble.

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He got a radio patch from Maria saying that even if he came to Guyana she would not see him. So he went to Washington, D.C., to the Guyanese Embassy, and he was given the freedom to visit Guyana.

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McCoy had a transcript for him when he arrived, a tape delivered by Paula Adams from Maria saying he was a child molestor. He describes how he went to Washington, D.C. and talked to Senators and Congressmen, and that he learned Maria was so trusted in the church she had upwards of $20,000 in her closet in her room.

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Maria's signture was on secret accounts. Mann said he had talked to Bishop Jones and he would be welcome to come and visit Maria. Then he describes the visit with McCoy, Mann, himself, Maria and four people with her from the Temple Describes Maria as rigid, making standardized statements.

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Says she looked sleep-deprived or looked like she was on drugs. Ollked bad. Re. suicide note, which he had asked herif whe were forced to sign, she only responded: "Who is your source? Reveal your source of information."

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Continues describing visit. Again claims she had standardized replies to his sincere questions.

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Maria called from Caracas to tell him the she had had a lie detector test and it proved she was telling truth about molestation and he should call off the lawsuit, or he would be embarrassed.

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Jim Cobb left 1973. J said he should wear long coats and act like he was carrying a gun; he was big and servedas a guard. He claimes to have been hit with a belt. Now his family is in Guyana; names each one and gives ages. States he has filed a lawsuit against PT.

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Permission to visit Jonestown and JJ was denied to Enquirer. The reporter was forced to leave the country. His wife received a call that her husband "would not come out of this alive."

According to Charles Garry, the only spokesman for Peoples Temple, no one can speak to members of the press in S.F. or Guyana but through him. So Lindsay interviewed Garry.

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Garry said he was treated well in Jonestown. B ut regarding Debbie Layton's charges, when Lindsay said, "Did you know about....." Garry said, "This must be off the record, but....." Lindsay said that 80% of the interview, which was 2 hours, was "off the record" and Charles Garry finally admitted: "I can neither confirm nor deny the reports you have."

July 19 National Enquirer was approached by Steve Ramirez of the Los Angeles District Attorney's office. Investigator. Asked for Enquirer's help in the case against J -- the office had received a complaint from Wade and Mabel Medlock that PT had extorted real property worht $100,000.00 from them. Ramirez said this was not the only complaint of extortion he had received. Said major fraud was involved, and he hoped to file a case in two weeks. Ramirez said, "If I do, we will have to look into extradition as J is in Guyana." Said that with the National Enquirer helping, this story could be brought to national attention. The Enquirer agreed to hand over files for use by the bureau.

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Part II

GUYANA

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Arrived at Timehri airport with photographer Cyril Maitland. Immigration officials were said to be in the pay of JJ to check on people coming into the country. Well, according to Lindsay's experience, this must be true; it was told to him by former members.

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They were frisked on arrival. Officials went through everything they had with them. Confiscated legal documents they had on P.T. Sec. Baird of Ministry of Home Affairs said they should see him for the return of the papers.

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They saw a man named Hutton Archer of the Ministry of Home Affairs who asked if they were planning to write anything of a political nature. It would take 2 to 3 days to contact Bishop Jones about their going to Jonestown. Archer said as long as they were not doing anythning political they should have no problem. But then Baird informed them that the matter had been taken to a higher authority and that he had bad news for them--they would not be allowed to stay in Guyana and were to leave on the next plane.

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A man named Thorn laughed and asked if he could keep the documents which had been confiscated. Said they would make really good reading about Bishop Jones. McCoy told him he could not help, that Lindsay would have to see the British Embassy (he is a Britisher).

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We were told unless we left the country we would be thrown in jail. They went to Trinidad where they hired a pilot to fly them over the project. Name Randal Agostini. They circled over the place 11 times.

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People ran for cover when the plane flew over. Said there was a message communicated on the radio at the time of their flight over. It was that they needed some more rat poison to take care of the rhodents because "they are at our front doorstep."

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PART III

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Minister John V. Moore.: "If I were Stoen's I would think about kidnapping John. If I were Stoens, I would be concerned. I spoke to John Stoen. He is a charming child. He's bright,and J is keeping the child in Jonestown because it is inthe best interest of the child."

Mrs. Moore: Though she says Debbie Layton is lying, she said: "There are always paranoid people in a church. They are nutsies and some group is trying to wipe them (P.T.) out." Later Mrs. Moore said: "J is probably doing something wrong in the eyes of the court."

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Quotes Moores' positive comments for several paragraphs. Asked about Debbie Layton, Mr. Moore said: "I would call her credibility good., honest. No, I am not calling her a liar."

Barbara Moore: "I don't know why J doesn't return John Stoen. I expect I would be concerned if I were the parents. But is doesn't bother me. The law doesn't always tell the truth."

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Paul McCloskey, when he heard what Debbie Layton claimed, said "Get all the information to me you can and I will raise holy hell. Cy Vance is a friend of mine and I'll be glad to force the issue beyond where I have forced it before." He is well-versed in the case of Tim Stoen. McCloskey is described as outraged that the State Department takes the position that the child custody is a matter of civil litigation between two parties who are U.S. citizens, and will not intervene. He states that it seems the State Department ought to intervene because the child has some rights, too.

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Lindsay repeats that the State Department has been unresponsive. It is

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frustrating that the State Department cannot intervene in civil matters. Got hundreds of letters saying that the U.S. Congress ought to stay out of the affair. These are from Peoples Temple members; they show blind obedience to a religious leader -- compares to Moon. If this JJ is a disciple of God, he doesn't prove it to me (Lindsay).

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Vivian Davis was a nice person, tells she has daughters there and feels happy with their lives and well being. But her replies, according to Lindsay, were cryptic and brief.

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When Lindsay questioned her about 3 children being there outside the law -- the woman said she did not know of it.

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Designated in original copy not to be named.

Talks to two "agents" who are not to be named. Carol Zell and Frank Anderson. Describes Zell's observations of her boyfriend Anderson and how it was for him when he left the Temple years ago. Frank described J as being charismatic, and that he was in awe of him. Gave his money. There were guards at the door. When he left he had wild nightmares and could not cope with the guilt he felt.

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The woman coached him out of his guilt feelings and his self-recriminations for haveing left the Temple. She claims he still keeps a red cloth on him which J gave him. He refuses to talk and refused to come to the phone when Lindsay asked to talk to him.

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Kathy Hunter episode is recounted, just paraphrased from the Press Democrat article. Her trip to Georgetown, the "terror" etc. which the Temple allegedly caused her. Stars off saying how brotherhoood was J's original teaching, how she was drawnto that, and how intelligent and witty J was. Said she spoke to Tim Clancy from the Temple and asked

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Tim Stoen was in Jonestown May 20, 1977. He says that the term "steaming jungle" is not an exaggerration but actuality. Said he was a super idealist and had a martyr complex. Lived in a dormitory while in Jonestown. Had no privacy. Primitive conditions which no person with a taste for civilization would like, it would wear on a person.

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Agostini said from an expert's eye, there are about 60 small huts; if there are 1200 people there, then that makes 14 people to a hut.-
Said a man named Roy Singh had contacted him in Georgetown. (in original copy not to be named)
Said he had heard through the grapevine that he was going to do a story on the Temple. Lindsay asked if he could tape the man. Singh said "If you put me on tape, and customs searches you, they will confiscate it and they are bound to recognize me and my life won't be worth a thing." Singh said a great deal of money (about one million) had passed between J and Burnham. Also says that a cashe of arms had arrived in Georgetown and were shipped on to Jonestown.
Said from the air it appears like a prison yard. Everyone is wearing the same dark uniform.
The story ends with Lindsay flying off and watching the camp swallowed up by the formidable jungle.

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Dear Mrs. Merriam:

Thank you for your recent letter and your interest in The ENQUIRER.

I enjoyed reading your suggestion, but because of the vast number of suggestions we receive, it is impossible to develop them all. While I regret we cannot use your particular idea, I do appreciate your taking the time to send it to us.

Should you have another suggestion which you believe would be appropriate for The ENQUIRER, please don't hesitate to share it with us.

Again, thank you for writing and I hope you continue to read and enjoy The ENQUIRER.

Sincerely,

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November 2, 1978

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Gentlemen:

I have been advised by Peoples Temple that your newspaper contemplates writing an article about the Temple which will be published in the near future.

It goes without saying that the Temple has every reason to believe any article you may write about them will present a negative one-sided perspective.

I should explain that I am not their attorney and have never actually represented Peoples Temple in any litigation.. However, they have referred many of their poorer members of the church to my office for legal help when those people had legal problems and could not afford to pay regular fees.

All of my clients from the church, without exception, speak in glowing terms about the church and about the Pastor, Jim Jones. Further, I have no doubt that none of the members of the church ever lied to me about facts in connection with their cases, whether civil or criminal. When one has been practicing law for over 30 years as I have, this in itself is a positive recommendation for the type of church that Peoples Temple and their Pastor is.

By the way, I agreed to help represent some of the members of Peoples Temple in Los Angeles at the request of Timothy Stoen.

Several months ago, because of the adverse publicity regarding Peoples Temple, I started an investigation of my own with reference to the matters referred to in various published articles and my investigator advises me that he may be on the track of a super sensational story.

Without going into any details before I can check, verify and authenticate what my investigator has advised me that he has discovered when, as, and if I am in a position to authenticate his findings,

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National Enquirer November 2, 1978

I will submit them to your publication with documentary proof of the facts set out.

I know that spectacular news sells publications and I may be in a position to offer you some truthful, spectacular news.

In conclusion, I wish to make it clear that if an article is published in the National Enquirer or any other publication that I feel is libelous or untrue regarding Peoples Temple, I shall represent them and file suit against you.

You are no doubt aware that the only defense would be the truth and under the recent case of Doctor "X" in New Jersey, the court has held that the writer of such an article and the publisher must produce their files when properly subpoenaed or face charges of contempt of court.

Very truly yours,

JOHN N. FROLICH

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

TO	DIST. BUR. DET.	DAY & DATE
	Property Crimes Division	Wed 06/29/77
CLEMENT DE AMICIS Deputy Chief of Investigations	SUBJECT: Attempted Burglary at New West Magazine Office, 325 Pacific	

POLICE REPORT

Sir:

The following is the body of the supplementary report as it will appear when entered into the system. I have reviewed the investigation and conclusions arrived at by the members investigating and concur with them.

On Friday, 06/17/77, Mr. Tracy of the New West Magazine was notified by his secretary, Kathy Whelan, of the damaged window lock. Ms. Whelan said the window was down and the lock was in place although the slide bolt was broken when she first noticed it. When Officer Duffy of Central Station arrived, the window and lock were still in the same condition. Officer Duffy was told by Mr. Tracy that nothing was missing from the office. Mr. Tracy further stated that one or two of the folders in a file cabinet containing information on the Reverend Jim Jones appeared to be an inch or so higher than the rest of the folders. After inspecting the premises and interviewing Mr. Tracy, Officer Duffy concluded entry had not been made.

On Monday, 06/20/77, Inspector Evans of the Burglary Detail, responded to 325 Pacific and conducted the follow-up investigation. After inspecting the premises and interviewing the concerned persons, Inspector Evans also concluded that entry had not been made.

On Monday, 06/20/77, Inspector Michael Byrnes of the Crime Lab responded to 325 Pacific. The window lock had been removed and replaced with a new lock by that time. Because of the time lapse, physical condition of the building and the number of persons that had visited the scene, Inspector Brynes was unable to determine if the pry marks on the window frame and sill were of recent origin. After being given a description of the position and condition of the window lock, Inspector Byrnes concluded that if entry had been made the lock would have had to be pieced together after the window was closed and the exit made through the front door. It would seem logical that if someone made entry and pieced

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the lock together, they would also have made sure that any folders they touched would have been returned to the file cabinet exactly as found and not an "inch or so higher than the rest of the folders." No other files were disturbed.

The only useable physical evidence were palm prints and fingerprints located on the outside of the lower windowpane. A search of our files was started immediately. Meanwhile, fingerprints were requested of all the New West employees to determine if they had touched the window. On Friday, 06/24/77, Mr. Jon Carroll of the New West Magazine, responded to the Hall of Justice to be printed. His prints matched those found on the window. Mr. Carroll was interviewed by Inspector Evans and stated he had been working late on Monday, June 13, 1977, finishing an article for the magazine. He went to the men's room and locked himself out of the New West office. He then proceeded to the third floor and located Mr. Tom Cook, Sedway and Cook, who suggested he use the fire escape to get back into the office. According to both Mr. Cook and Mr. Carroll, Carroll went down the fire escape, found the window unlocked and let himself into the New West office. This accounts for Carroll's prints being on the window.

From the indentations on the window frame and sill, it is apparent that someone used a pry tool on the window but it cannot be determined how recently.

It is the conclusion of the investigating officer that because of the lack of physical evidence entry was not made to the New West office between 06/16/77, 1830 hours, and 6/17/77, 0900 hours.

The investigating officer recommends that the classification of this remain as an attempted burglary.

Respectfully submitted,

John A Mahoney

Captain John A. Mahoney
Commanding Officer
Property Crimes Division

Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ

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James W. Jones, Pastor

March 28, 1973

Letter to the Pastors,
Disciples of Christ Denomination

Re: Rev. James W. Jones,
Peoples Temple Christian Church

Dear Disciples Leader:

Our board of trustees at Peoples Temple Christian Church is so very appreciative of the warm Christian fellowship we have constantly enjoyed from pastors such as you who are part of our splendid Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) brotherhood. Because so many of you have been so supportive of our ministry and because God has blessed our work to such an extent that it is becoming increasingly publicized, our board deems it only fair to provide you some background information so as to enable you to answer whatever questions may arise. We have traditionally sought to avoid publicity, even though nearly all that we have received has been very fair and very favorable. So with reluctance we enter a new era and send you the enclosed information, hoping that you will reciprocate by sharing with us your activities as well.

For 22 years Rev. James W. Jones, who is an ordained minister of our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) brotherhood, has worked to establish a congregation of Christians who would devotedly follow the "simple requirements" of Christ and his apostles, and thereby also be true to the "basic truths" of the Disciples of Christ:

> *"Two basic truths were in the minds of the men whose work led to the beginnings of the Disciples of Christ.*
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> *The first was that the church ought to be one without sectarian divisions.*
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> *The second was that the reasons for its divisions were the addition of 'human opinions' to the simple requirements of Christ and his apostles as tests of fitness for admission to the one church, and the usurpation of rule over the church by clergy and ecclesiastical courts unknown in the days of its primitive unity and purity." (Garrison and DeGroot: THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, A HISTORY, page 11.)*

Preaching the literal requirements of Jesus in Matthew to FEED THE HUNGRY, SHELTER STRANGERS, VISIT THE SICK AND IMPRISONED, Rev. Jim Jones has inspired the congregation of Peoples Temple Christian Church to devote themselves to human service in the name of Christ. Describing this "highly regarded" church, the San Francisco Chronicle recently mentioned a number of the charitable activities whereby the church implements Matthew 25:

> *". . . called less formally Peoples Temple, this church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents,*

. . .For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. . . . St. Matthew 25: 35-36 .

maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties." San Francisco Chronicle, January 17, 1973.

The ecumenical and social witness of Peoples Temple has led the clergy of other denominations to express their appreciation. Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay in California, recently wrote:

> *"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They have the marks of compassion and justice — compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."*

The President of the Ukiah Ministerial Council, Dr. Elmer Schmitt, published a report on churches in the area, stating:

> *"Progress in meeting the needs of people. . . is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven-day-a-week program of the Peoples Temple with its team of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."*

The apostolic and "primitive" Christian church quality of the congregational life at Peoples Temple Christian Church is manifest also in plain living and in a sane, subordinated spiritual ministry which takes place in an atmosphere of relative calm and which works in cooperation with medical science. Marceline Jones, wife of the pastor, heads a team of registered nurses who encourage people to consult physicians, often for the first time in their lives. Rev. Jones has often publicly stated that the field of healing should not be left to those who would abuse it or live extravagantly from it, and that although he would personally prefer not to have a healing ministry (so as not to divert attention from becoming Christ-centered, principled Christians), it is a New Testament ministry and a gift from God which he must use as a wise steward.

Our church does not want to be known primarily for a healing ministry even though its results have been medically verified. In fact, one doctor, I. H. Perkins, M.D., stated in a letter:

> *"To Whom it May Concern:*
> *Reverend Jim Jones. . .has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible."*

In giving credit to God for these cures, Rev. Jones publicly described himself as "only a messenger" of Good.

Rev. James Jones is a graduate of Butler University, has studied deeply into Biblical history and exegesis, spent two years on sabbatical as a foreign missionary establishing programs for orphans abroad, and has, with his wife, Marceline, adopted impoverished children of five ethnic backgrounds.

For many years he had a "tentmaker" ministry, combining the pastoring of a church with being a public school teacher and with being a very successful businessman. He has served with acclaim in many civic posts, including Foreman of the Mendocino County Grand Jury and as Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission for the City of Indianapolis. Last year he was given the Special Merit Award for civic leadership by the San Francisco Sun-Reporter, one of the largest newspapers in circulation in northern California.

My personal enthusiasm and esteem for this God-ordained ministry at Peoples Temple results from it having brought me to Christ from a life of increasing alienation and despair. I was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a veteran of the Peace Corps, and a graduate student at the University of California (Berkeley) when I first met Rev. Jim Jones. Until then I saw no hope that people of all backgrounds could learn to live together. It was the integrity and character of Jim Jones that convinced me the Christian life could be lived without compromise in this world. It was the close unity of the members that convinced me,

a unity that comes from devotion to the teachings of Jesus Christ. I can find no excuse to do other than my best to implement more of Christ's teachings in my life and in my job as a public school teacher.

In conclusion, please let me convey to each of you the very great respect Rev. Jim Jones has for the pastors of the Christian Church throughout the land and its Christ-centered leadership, both general and regional. It is an honor to work for Christ with people such as you. It is additionally an honor to serve in a denomination structurally free to institute ministries under the leading of the Holy Spirit, thus realizing the truth of Romans 12: 4-5:

> "In our one body we have a number of members, and the members have not all the same function; so, too, for all our numbers, we form one Body in Christ and we are severally members one of another."

If you would like any additional information, or if at times we can be of some assistance to you, please do not hesitate to ask.

May God richly bless you.

In Christ,

G. Donald Beck, Jr.

G. DONALD BECK, Jr.,
Board of Trustees
PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
of the Disciples of Christ

Enclosure: Information Sheet

PEOPLES TEMPLE of the Disciples of Christ

James W. Jones, Pastor

P. O. Box 214, Redwood Valley CA 95470 --- Phone: (707) 485-7219

Gentlemen:

Recently K C B S ran a series of News Broadcasts about Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple Disciples of Christ Church.

In response to these broadcasts and to previous news stories, we have received several requests for further information about the ministry of Pastor Jim Jones. We have compiled the enclosed information in answer to these requests, and to inform the general public.

If you would like further information, please feel free to write or call.

Sincerely,

James R. Pugh

James R. Pugh
Board of Elders

Respectfully 3-1-12.

PEOPLES TEMPLE
OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
James W. Jones, Pastor

Gentlemen:

Recently CBS-Network radio stations ran a series of feature interviews with Pastor Jim Jones about his Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ ministry.

We have received many requests for further information about this humanitarian ministry as a result of these broadcasts and previous news stories. We have compiled the enclosed information in response to the increasing interest in our work, and to inform the general public.

If you would like further information, please feel free to write or call us.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Prokes

Michael J. Prokes
Community Relations

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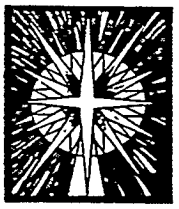

PEOPLES TEMPLE
OF THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
James W. Jones, Pastor

October 25, 1973

Dear Friend,

We have read the "Chile Ad" in the San Francisco Chronicle of Oct. 15, 1973, and we commend you for the principled way in which you exercise the courage of your convictions. This is just a short letter to express to you how much your stand is appreciated by our church. We are heartened for the cause of freedom and democracy that citizens are deciding to make known their sentiments and convictions in this matter. We join you in the hope that steps will be taken to preserve the democratic traditions of Chile.

James W. Jones, the president of our church (which has 10,000 members and is probably the largest Protestant congregation in California), wants to convey to you his kindest regards. We have contributed to this cause and have written our congressmen appropriately. Our work is devoted to the achievement of brotherhood and justice, and it is operating human service programs on many fronts to combat the effects of discrimination, poverty, and racism. We feel that people of good will who love liberty should communicate with and recognize one another, that the light of freedom may burn more brightly. It is in this spirit that we are writing to you, and taking the liberty of enclosing some information about this work and its leader, James W. Jones, who has inspired and directed it with such tireless dedication.

Thank you again for your display of conscience. May our combined efforts for peace and justice quickly bear fruit!

Very truly yours,

Lee Ingram
Secretarial Assistant

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" . . . an outstanding humanitarian, Reverend James W. Jones and his people have shown themselves to be extraordinarily responsible, industrious and compassionate, working to serve people in whatever way they can. Reverend Jones has for years carried on an exceptionally effective ministry of human service . . . It is fair to say that Reverend Jones and Peoples Temple epitomize the giving of self and service to others."

. . . Don Clausen, U. S. House of Representatives

"Called less formally Peoples Temple, this church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."

. . . San Francisco *Chronicle*

"It is apparent that no human need is expressed (at Peoples Temple) without an honest attempt being made to meet that need. I have the impression the congregation is ready, willing and able to assist any human being with almost any problem. Concern for social structures and processes is also evident . . . . One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve . . . . Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity."

. . . Rev. Gerald McHarg, Associate Regional Pastor, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for Southern California

"Jim Jones is the most principled, compassionate, and dynamic human being I've ever encountered. He knows his own mind and is totally secure. He loves people, fears nothing, and stands publicly for everything he believes privately. Although remarkably intelligent, he speaks in simple terms and lives a simple life. His respect for little insects and all other life in the eco-system is immense. He believes fiercely in the Bill of Rights, appreciates the blood and sweat from which these rights were forged, and is prepared, I am convinced, to lay down even his life in their defense. He rigorously opposes totalitarianism in any form. He has inspired his congregation too, to care about society and to have the courage of their convictions. How utterly fortunate it is that America has Jim Jones – a citizen who truly lives his ideals."

. . . Eugene B. Chaikin, Attorney at Law

"While a news bureau chief for the CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, I came to do a feature on Peoples Temple in November, 1972. I discovered the most dedicated person to the cause of humanity I've ever met. I found Pastor Jim Jones' motives and humanitarian principles to be unquestionably honorable. He is exemplifying the life of Christ by working day and night to relieve suffering and establish true brotherhood, wherever he can. I was so impressed with the integrity of this humble and selfless man that I decided to work full time for this incredible ministry."

. . . Michael J. Prokes, former news bureau chief for CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, California

"The hands-down winners of anybody's tourists-of-the-year award have got to be the 660 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif. - - - who bend over backwards to leave every place they visit more attractive than when they arrived. Like thousands of other tourists, they went calling on the U.S. Capitol the other day; but unlike others who tramp through our town spreading litter helter-skelter, this spirited group of travelers fanned out from their 13 buses and spent about an hour cleaning up the grounds.

"The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, has already won friends in dozens of cities since its tour left Redwood Valley Aug. 8, and still more areas will benefit by the members' stopoffs on their return trip."

. . . Editorial, Washington *Post* (Aug. 18, 1973)

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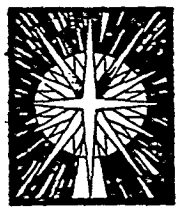

PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim V. Jones, Pastor

March 13, 1974

NOT FOR PUBLICATION OR BROADCAST

An attempt was made last weekend to blow up the bus in which our Pastor, Jim V. Jones of Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ denomination, whose interracial human service ministry recently gave the $2,000 contribution to the Hearsts for Patricia, was aboard at the time with his wife. As newspaper and broadcast accounts stated, the bus was parked with ten others owned by the church outside of the building in San Francisco where Rev. Jones conducts services. The bomb was found by a church security guard underneath the fuel tank. The fuse had burned down to a fraction of an inch before it somehow went out - - which different ones at the scene said was a miracle. Rev. Jones himself removed the deadly explosive, and able members of the San Francisco Police Department's Bomb Squad came and took possession of the bomb.

Rev. Jones had denounced all violent groups just a few days before the bomb incident, and a local ABC-TV newsman suggested that the attempted bombing may have been prompted by the church's stand against violence and its work within the system to help eradicate violence.

Even though Rev. Jones has never sought publicity, he has been in the news often from acting according to conscience. Although newsmen who were involved with this story were most considerate, unfortunately we have actually been hurt by the news accounts of violence against our church. Last August, one of our churches was completely destroyed by professional arson; last December, molotov cocktails were thrown at another of our churches; some of our animals have been mutilated and tortured; and an atmosphere of fear has occasionally been created that temporarily caused a small but significant drop-off in attendance, because many newcomers felt intimidated. Our lay view is not to report these types of incidents to the press, but law enforcement officials say nothing can be done about it because the press picks them up on police radios.

Naturally, we do not wish more publicity concerning this matter, though we are staunch supporters of a free press and have even given substantial sums of money to newsmen's defense funds. So please be assured that we in no way wish to interfere with your good judgment concerning what is newsworthy and what should be reported as a matter of the public's right to know. However, if

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as professionals in the news media, you feel something regarding this incident should be reported, our concern about the effects of the reports compels us to request that the following be considered: One correspondent at the scene kindly agreed not to report the incident if he could help it since he felt that publicity at this time might encourage additional violent attempts against moderate groups such as ours, who only want to help people and make them respectable, productive citizens.

We have been advised by authorities to consult with security and bomb experts, which we have done. Since then, one man came into our service with a weapon, but it was detected and the situation was handled discreetly with no problems. A most sophisticated security system has been installed which now includes a burglar alarm system, electronic detectors (which can spot dangerous weapons and bombs from a distance), sprinkler and fire alarm systems, etc. Some of our members are being trained for observations by experts in the field. As disagreeable as it is for us to do, people are being checked at the doors when entering our services. Though our security is trained to be very gracious, it is a hardship on the several thousands of members who attend each of our services and who are delayed when entering the meetings due to the new system. We feel it is extremely unfortunate to have to be so careful in a church and have only resorted to these intricate, innovative security methods because of the encouragement we have received from others to do so.

The person who planted the bomb under the bus our Pastor and his wife were in, must have scaled a building to get to the bus. After the bomb was discovered, Rev. Jones calmly cleared the area of all people before removing the explosive. Our security personnel now surround every one of our buses and buildings.

If anything is published or broadcast about this incident, we feel it would be helpful for the above information to be included so that it might discourage psychotic types from trying to commit violent acts against us again.

Although some new people have not returned since our San Francisco temple was burned down, our members are some of the bravest people we have ever met. But yet we are so completely non-violent that not even one of our young people have been in any trouble with the law, even though some had serious crime and drug addiction problems before joining Peoples Temple. We have also successfully brought over 100 youth off hard-line drugs, and now many of them are living in our church sponsored college dormitories, studying in human service related fields such as medicine, law, teaching, and psychology.

Rev. Jones and Peoples Temple are concerned for the freedom of the Republic. Because of our abhorrence of terroristic tactics, which threaten to divide our society, we are grateful that many people have been reluctant to take the food distributed in the "People In Need" Program. We feel it is somehow unfitting for food to be accepted under these conditions. Rev. Jones has made public statements in our services that if anyone is in need of food, or if they know of anyone in need of food, to send them to us and we will gladly provide what they need. We believe that violent groups like these are endangering democracy, which we want to protect and sustain. We believe in this system and are working to support it.

Peoples Temple Board of Elders

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"For I was an hungered
and ye gave me meat;
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and ye gave me drink;

"I was a stranger
and ye took me in;
Naked,
and ye clothed me;

"I was sick
and ye visited me;
I was in prison,
and ye came unto me.

"Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye
have done it
Unto one of the least
of these . . .
Ye have done it unto me."

Matt. 25:35-40

September 29, 1974

Dear Doctor:

This is written to offer our assistance and to introduce you to the human service work of Peoples Temple Christian Church.

We are a large group of several thousands of members in California alone, in addition to the thousands of members and friends across the country. We belong to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination, which has two million members nationwide, including F.B.I. Director Clarence Kelley, Governor Ronald Reagan, and the late President Lyndon B. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson.

Because of our large membership and the many professional and business people on the church staff, including attorneys, (one is an Assistant District Attorney), social workers, those in the medical profession, professors and teachers, ranchers, engineers, etc., we have been able to establish a large outreach program for rehabilitation, emergency care, counseling, and community service. We have done extensive work with troubled youth, and have been responsible for bringing almost 200 off hard-line drugs, including heroin, with practically no recidivism. They have all become responsible citizens, with a large number attending college and graduate schools, several in medical school and law school. Our church offers free legal counsel to non-members as well as members, and our teachers offer free tutoring to needy children, non-members as well as members.

Because of our work with youth and the fact that none of our young people has been in trouble with the law since coming to us, we have received high praise from police departments up and down the state, including the San Francisco and Los Angeles Police Departments. Too, they have appreciated our support for law enforcement in such ways as our donations to the families of slain police officers, and our donations to the families of each victim killed in the recent San Francisco "Zebra" murders.

Chief Don Saulsbury, Police Chief in the area of our church headquarters (Ukiah Police Department), wrote in a letter dated May 17, 1974, "To Whom It May Concern:"

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"Jim and his church members strongly support law enforcement and they also respect the property rights of others. They have never trespassed, destroyed or littered. In fact, any area they visit will benefit because the grounds are 'policed' and all litter is removed prior to their departure. Any assistance you may give to the church members will be greatly appreciated. If, for any reason, you desire additional information, feel free to contact me or any members of my department."

Scores of public officials, Senators and Congressmen on Federal and State levels, as well as a whole host of organizations devoted to community service, have given enthusiastic and generous praise to the human service programs of Peoples Temple Christian Church. Leaders in the business, scientific, educational and religious communities have publicly commended the concerned moral leadership and social responsibility exemplified by Reverend Jim Jones.

As a further extension of our human service work, Peoples Temple provides housing and health care for its senior citizens, maintains a beautiful home for retarded children, and maintains an enormous animal shelter for sick and abandoned animals. Many people in our church have taken adopted children, or have had them placed in their homes by the courts, because of the example of our Pastor and his wife (she is a RN and a Medical Research Investigator for this state,) who have adopted several children of different ethnic backgrounds, several of whom were fathered by American servicemen overseas.

Pastor Jones and all of us at Peoples Temple have a deep respect for your profession, and we want you to know that we stand willing to be of assistance if ever the need should arise.

Most Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Karen L. Layton
Secretary

Enclosures

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PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
A MINISTRY OF HUMAN SERVICES WITH PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF REVEREND JIM V. JONES

Peoples Temple is an extensive and highly regarded ministry based on the practical teachings of Jesus Christ and summarized by its pastor, Rev. Jim Jones, in the words –"The highest worship of God is service to our fellow man." The church thus reaches out to aid needy people all over the world through many programs designed to relieve human suffering and bring health and well-being to the disadvantaged.

One of the biggest concerns of the ministry is health care. Funds are sent to support medical research into a wide range of areas, including cancer, sickle-cell anemia, and multiple sclerosis. The church's own staff of professional medical people, including many registered nurses, give care to members and to the community.

Peoples Temple provides assistance in almost every kind of human crisis situation where immediate aid is required. Food, clothing, and other supplies have been sent to help those who face disease and starvation, both at home and abroad. Thirty different crops are presently being grown on several thousand acres assigned to Peoples Temple by a government in South America to serve that and other countries' food needs, including the United States in time of emergency. A large ocean-going boat named the "Marceline," after Pastor Jones' wife, who is a state official, is operated by a crew of Temple members transporting food around the world. A unique and effective drug rehabilitation program has successfully rescued more than 200 young people from dangerous drug habits. Those in need of legal advice are given counsel by Temple attorneys. Many who came to the church with backgrounds in crime and militancy have been reformed by the ministry's program and Pastor Jones' non-violent teachings. They have become productive and respected citizens, and there has been practically no return to crime, militancy, or drugs. The Temple has also contributed funds and assistance to many social service programs sponsored by Catholics, Protestants, and Jews alike.

The members of Peoples Temple operate many different facilities. Innovative care homes have been established for senior citizens, orphans, and exceptional children. One of them is a beautiful children's ranch on 40 acres of land along a river. Modern convalescent sanitoriums have been awarded commendations by the state for their high level of care. College dormitories house young people of all faiths, who are being fully sponsored financially by Temple scholarships. The students are studying in various fields of human service and plan to apply their educations to help those who are less fortunate. A community center with an indoor heated swimming pool that was built by the church is open to the public. Nearby is one of the church's large animal refuge centers, known throughout the region for taking in sick, abandoned, and stray animals which are all treated by veterinarians and given the best of care. An apartment building acquired by the Temple will house senior citizens with limited incomes. The ministry also operates a building complex with apartments, business offices, and a large garage where the Temple fleet of Greyhound-type buses and other vehicles are maintained by the church's own mechanics.

The pastor of Peoples Temple, Rev. Jim Jones, is a fully-ordained minister in the nationwide 1.4 million member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination, which is noted for having congressmen and governors of different political persuasions in its membership. Pastor Jones has served as a school teacher, metropolitan human rights commissioner, and Grand Jury foreman. He and his wife, Marceline, have adopted many children of different racial and ethnic backgrounds. Pastor Jones has united people of all races and creeds to work together for the good of humanity. It is his belief that if every church would attempt to meet the needs of at least its own, this would provide a buffer against totalitarian communism and fascism, as well as an effective answer to the problems of the welfare state by taking the burden of providing for people off of the government. It is the fervent desire of Jim Jones and his congregation to help establish a society where hate and violence do not exist, and where, instead, a cooperative spirit of harmony and brotherhood prevails.

For further information, write: Peoples Temple, P.O. Box 214, Redwood Valley, Ca. 95470

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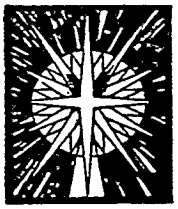

PEOPLES TEMPLE

OF THE
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Jim Jones,
Pastor

May 13, 1978

"For I was an hungered,
and ye gave me meat:
I was thirsty
and ye gave me drink;
I was a stranger
and ye took me in;
Naked, and ye clothed me;
I was sick, and ye visited me;
I was in prison,
and ye came unto me.

"Then shall the righteous
Answer him, saying,

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Or naked, and clothed thee
Or when saw we thee sick?
Or in prison,
And came unto thee?

"Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done it
Unto one of the least of these...
...ye have done it unto me"

Matthew 25: 35-40

Dear Friends:

Greetings to you from Rev. and Mrs. Jones and the members of Peoples Temple both in Guyana and in the United States. We wanted to share with you some very significant good news which we have just received.

The U.S. Ambassador to Guyana and several representatives from the U.S. State Department have made an official report to document their findings upon several visits to the Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission in Guyana. The State Department has in effect refuted every one of the charges made against the Temple and Rev. Jones by the so-called "Concerned Relatives", including Timothy Stoen and a handful of detractors.

That report is documented in the press release which we have prepared for the media and shared with you herein. The reaction of all the State Department visitors to Jonestown: extremely impressed! With this seal of approval by the U.S. Department of State concerning the well-being and happiness of the people there, the provocative and purely disruptive nature of Mr. Stoen's and the "Concerned Relatives" activities -- those who continue to cause harassment and charge that the residents of Jonestown are held there against their will -- is conclusively revealed.

Many relatives have been visiting their loved ones overseas. A Superintendent of the Methodist Church is there visiting right now. Over 35 guests a day, officials from Guyana and around the world, are paying visits. Their comments, a few of them, are included for you on the back page. There is no doubt that the accomplishments of this model community are highly significant.

We send you warm regards and look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your interest and continued support.

Sincerely,

Andrew M. Silver

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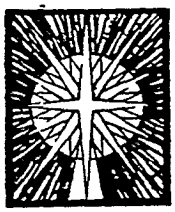

PEOPLES TEMPLE
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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
Jim Jones, Pastor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 12, 1978

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Matthew 25: 35-40

U.S. GOVERNMENT REFUTES CHARGES AGAINST PEOPLES TEMPLE

The U.S. Department of State has officially refuted the charges levelled by a small group of protesting relatives regarding the work of the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project, Jonestown, in Guyana, South America.

An official State Department report, based upon on-site visits to the Project in Guyana states: "As part of the traditional and internationally sanctioned protection services, officers of the American Embassy in Georgeotwn, Guyana, periodically visit the People's Agricultural Temple located at Jonestown, Guyana. These officers have been free to move about the grounds and speak privately to any individuals, including persons who were believed by their family and friends to be held against their will."

The report goes on to state, "It is the opinion of these officers, reinforced by conversations with local officials who deal with the Peoples Temple, that it is improbable anyone is being held in bondage. In general, people appear healthy, adequately fed and housed and satisfied with their lives on what is a large farm."

Jonestown, a community of 1500 residents, regularly host other leading officials of the American and Guyanese governments, as well as prominent doctors, educators, and representatives from world-renowned new agencies. The statement of

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an American doctor, who heads a medical network of nearly a thousand physicians and specialists was: "It's mind-boggling to see how you have carved out of the jungle a community that looks just like one in the U.S. and with all the public utilities." One of several Ministers of the Guyanese Cabinet who have visited called it a stunning example of cooperation and love. The Chairman of the Guyanese Livestock Corporation, a veterinarian who has travelled and studied world-wide, said: "The community is the purest form of cooperative living I have ever seen." Dr. De Costa, a dentist from India who founded a dental school he heads in Guyana, said the health care in Jonestown is fantastic. As an example, he said he found only two cavities after examining eighty children. He said that is unheard of.

Contrary to false reports, relatives of residents of Jonestown continue to visit and are made welcome. A Methodist Superintendent and his wife who have two grown children in Jonestown are visiting presently. Just returned from Jonestown is a professional nurse, Mrs. Davis, whose daughter lives on the Project. Mrs. Davis is not affiliated with the Peoples Temple in any way.

She issued the following statement on her return: "I first saw Jonestown, South America on Sunday night April 23, 1978, and I was amazed. To see it, is to believe. To see that people can work and live together, and build such a beautiful town out of what was nothing but jungle. I saw that this town had unity, love for their fellow person and equality for all. To see children laughing, running and playing with no fear or danger for their lives. I saw the work and love that is being put into this new town. The schools, nursery, medical and nursing care was being given to one and all. Even senior citizens have a great part in this new town. They are not cast aside to sit and die, but to help teach the younger their knowledge and know-how that they have.

"Jonestown is something that one must see to appreciate and to know and understand what the people are doing. It is really hard to put on paper what my eyes have seen. So I suggest before anyone makes judgment, they should try to see for themselves. Thanks to Jim Jones and his wife, I was welcome."

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Charge D'Affaires, new assistant to the U.N. Ambassador, Andrew Young: "I am impressed."

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guyana: "Peace and love in action."

Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Works and Transportation, Guyana: "A wonderful experience, a model village community to be emulated."

Head and one of the original members of the MARCO Medical Net (USA): "Incredible, fantastic."

Thirty-five school teachers from the McKenzie District, Guyana: "This is fantastic, beyond one's imagination, miraculous, beautiful, a true example of cooperative living."

Officer in Charge of Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad & Tobago, U.S. State Department: "Impressive work."

A writer from one of the largest news agencies in the world: "It is very, very impressive. Thank you for this opportunity, and best wishes."

Head of the Guyana Livestock Corporation, and doctor of veterinary medicine: "The purest form of egalitarian society I have ever seen."

British High Commissioner: "A most impressive start and I wish you all success."

Minister of Education, Guyana: "Very impressive." (The Ministry of Education has accredited all the Jonestown school programs.)

Head Dental Instructor, University of Guyana: "Excellent Community Project."

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RONALD REAGAN, GOVERNOR

March 2, 1972

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Reverend Jim Jones for more than 1 year and have found him to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible and all the while being a considerate, understanding leader of man.

It was with pleasure that I attended his services and witnessed his utter, complete involvement. He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive well adapted behavior.

If any additional information regarding my personal feelings is desired, I will answer all letters directed to my address.

I. N. Perkins, M.D.
Program Director
Drug Abuse Program

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The Christian Church

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The Office of the President

May 22, 1973

Re: Church Support of FREEDOM OF THE PRESS,
The Power of a Single Example . . .

Dear Editor:

In this time when the First Amendment is subject to recurring attack, so far only the media has been waging the defense. This past weekend, however, a very significant event occurred to show that other institutions in American society will come to the assistance of the press in this fundamental battle to preserve the Constitution. This has resulted from one powerful example.

What I refer to is a resolution adopted by a 4 to 1 majority, following extensive debate at the 1973 Annual Conference of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for the Northern California-Northern Nevada region, a brotherhood of 80 churches.

This resolution calls on individual congregations to make cash contributions, speak publicly and contact elected officials for the purpose of insuring a FREE AND RESPONSIBLE PRESS -- opposing any action which infringes upon the First Amendment.

The resolution, submitted by the First Christian Church of San Jose, followed the example last January of the Peoples Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley. Prompted by the personal championing of "Freedom of the Press" by their widely known Pastor, James W. Jones, this congregation gave $4400 to 12 newspapers, a news magazine and a television station. This action received international attention at the IAPA Conference in Panama in February, 1973.

Inspired by the remarkable Pastor Jones (a Disciples-ordained minister), this congregation initiated a precedent that subsequently influenced the entire convention. We feel that such action will have a snowball-effect, arousing our entire 1.4 million-member denomination to the DEFENSE OF A FREE PRESS.

Enclosed is a photocopy of that resolution, together with:

1) An article from the Modesto Bee of this past Sunday, May 20, 1973, entitled "CHURCH MEET DELEGATES BACK PRESS FREEDOM," and

2) Articles on the Peoples Temple Christian Church by the Inter-American Press Association and the San Francisco Chronicle supporting the First Amendment.

As President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Northern California and Northern Nevada, it gives me great pleasure to announce our joining with you, the press, in your battle to save the First Amendment and hence the fabric of American society.

Very truly yours,

Karl Irvin Jr.

Karl Irvin, Jr., President

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MEMORANDUM

April 22, 1974

(On April 1 and 2 I visited Peoples Temple Christian Church in Redwood Valley, California. The following are a few observations and opinions of what I observed.)

Eight years and ten months ago Jim Jones and 174 members of an Indianapolis church moved to Redwood Valley, California and started a new church that now involves more than 10,000 persons in Redwood Valley, San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California.

This extended parish is governed by a board of 44 persons (men and women, black and white) who are primarily responsible for financial matters. Major policy and programmatic decisions are determined by a large weekly night business meeting which is generally attended by 500 to 700 persons. Its format is one of participatory democracy.

Peoples Temple Christian Church is heavily oriented toward a Social Gospel ministry. It is integrated with perhaps half of its members from the black race. The church attendance in Redwood Valley is approximately 40 per cent black and this has caused many problems which have led to threats and some acts of violence against Jim Jones and the church. For this reason there is considerable concern for the safety of Jim and at night a watchtower at the rear of the church property and overlooking the parsonage is manned by members of the congregation.

The church building in Redwood Valley is ample testimony of the unusual character of this congregation. The building is one large room that houses a heated swimming pool, the community center and the church. Folding chairs are used for services but when I visited the church it was only a large room with the swimming pool being occupied by a number of younger boys.

I was informed that one of the social concerns of the church is helping to cure drug addicts. To date over 175 persons have been cured from serious drug use. I talked with one of these persons who gave me ample proof of the effectiveness of the church's program in this area of ministry.

A singularly unique program for this congregation is a ranch known as "Happy Acres" where 15 mentally retarded young men and women live. These "guests" are between the ages of 16 and 26. The home is licensed and is staffed by members of the church, two of whom are Jewish. Numerous persons from the church involve themselves in this ministry and their effectiveness is proven by the fact that several of the young men have shown remarkable progress and have been able to work productively in the community.

Happy Acres consists of 40 acres of land, 7,200 grape vines, a large animal shelter, an organic garden, three cottages and a mobile home that is used by two caretakers. Like all of the other homes operated by the church. this one was a model for cleanliness and efficiency.

There are eight (I visited only three) homes which are occupied by older men and women who need help. In one home I talked with three black women who had formerly lived in a Father Divine institution. One was almost 100 years of age.

The homes for the aging were well cared for and staffed by members of the church. They were exceptionally clean and comfortable. A typical home was Hilltop Haven that housed 14 men. Food was prepared in a common kitchen and eaten in a very pleasant dining room. A catfish pond and numerous ducks and geese made the entranceway lively and interesting. This house won a state award several years ago for its excellence.

One of two cottages near the church houses single people who live in a supportive relationship that borders on communal living. In one of these I met a teenage student who before coming to the house was failing in school. However, now he is an honor student with straight A grades. In this same house there also lived a math tutor (an extensive community tutorial program is carried on by the church), a construction worker, an artist, a social worker, a saw mill laborer and some staff from the church.

Twelve Greyhound buses (two have over 1,000,000 miles on them, I was told) are parked at Redwood Valley. A large garage facility is being constructed to house these buses.

The buses are used to carry members of the church back and forth between the three communities (Redwood Valley, San Francisco and Los Angeles) where the church's members are living. They also take members on vacations at no cost to those who go. And last summer the caravan of buses drove through the south on the way to the nation's capitol. One of the interesting sidelights of this tour was that in Mississippi a white man, after observing the tour members at rest stop, came to one of the tour leaders and in his presence tore up his KKK membership card.

In front of the bus garage is an Operational Center for church activities. It houses a recording studio where Jim Jones tapes sermons and messages that are broadcast from Los Angeles to Canada and in the state of Ohio. The Center also has a printing and publishing business which is now in the process of printing a coloring book for teaching. Nine people were working in the print shop when I visited it late at night.

The Center also has several offices for staff who handle answers to mail that comes in at the rate of 200 to 400 letters a day. Many of these people are volunteers and it was in one of the offices that I met Jean Brown who is a niece of Barton Hunter.

Behind the Peoples Temple Christian Church is a very modest ranch style parsonage where Jim and Marceline Jones and their nine children live. Marceline is a registered nurse and works for the State Welfare Department as a convalescent home supervisor. Eight of the Jones' nine children are adopted. Two are black, one is Indian and those that I saw or met seemed to be well adjusted normal teenagers.

Behind the Jones' house is another shelter for animals. It houses Mr. Muggs (a chimpanzee who attends all business meetings and rides the buses between Redwood Valley and Los Angeles), numerous dogs, goats, chickens etc. This shelter exists for all unwanted animals as a part of Jim Jones' concern is a "reverence for life" quite similar to that of Albert Schweitzer.

In addition to the social programs and concerns mentioned above, the church helps support approximately 150 young people in colleges and universities. It even owns several houses at state schools where some of these students live.

The church also operates two thrift stores, gives endless relief to people in need (at home and overseas), provides medical assistance to those who cannot afford their own, and makes available counseling service to people who need this kind of help. It even provides lawyers and social workers for this purpose and I was told that many of the 80 to 100 calls that Jim Jones receives a day are asking for assistance of this nature. Many times the church has helped get bonds for persons in trouble with the law. It then has assisted in their defense and rehabilitation.

Finally, the church has several long range plans or programs. One of these is to buy land overseas to grow food for relief of starvation in the world. The other is to start a free medical clinic in San Francisco. This latter program is going to necessitate doctors and the church plans on educating several young men for this cause.

Now before ending this report I want to talk about Jim Jones as the church is truly led by this charismatic man He met me in the church. A mackaw was sitting on his shoulders at the time, and for an hour or more he talked about his work, the healing he did, his theology, the church and its people. In many respects I found him to be very liberal in his theology and especially as to the social work that he promotes and helps to administer. He appears very humble, unpretentious, self-sacrificing, completely dedicated and committed to the fulfillment of the Gospel as he understands it.

CONCLUSION

The Peoples Temple Christian Church does not follow in the traditional Disciple mold of what a local church should be like. It is very different and in many respects proved to be an enigma to me. Many questions were left unanswered by my short visit but this was perhaps because I failed to raise them and the answers did not seem to be ovbious. However, from my numerous contacts with members and staff of the church, I can say that they are the most committed and dedicated group of people I have known in any church anywhere.

There is no doubt that this congregation would be far less effective in its ministries if it tried to conform to what may be called the "traditional pattern" of Disciples churches. Because of this, I would be one who would discourage the effort. This difference, however, will always cause many well intentioned persons to look with disfavor on this congregation and be suspicious of its successes. But, as long as it is identified by choice with the Disciples of Christ, I believe that it is good to foster this relationship for the mutual good that can be done for both Peoples Temple Christian Church, the regional and national manifestations. Perhaps this church is a very unique demonstration of the wide diversity that can be practiced in a denomination that stands for unity among all persons who walk after the way of our Lord.

-- Wade D. Rubick

The Methodist Church

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April 29, 1975

Religion in American Life
475 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Sirs:

I am prompted to write by a recent newspaper article which stated that Religion in American Life had designated Jim Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple in Redwood Valley, as one of America's leading clergymen. I simply want to thank you for honoring my friend and neighbor in this way. I have known Jim for almost five years and in that time my knowledge of him and my gratitude for his ministry among us has been an ever growing thing.

I was especially grateful for his personal support of my administration when I was president of the Ukiah Ministerial Association. I wanted to do something different on the occasion of our Community Thanksgiving Service and came up with the idea of holding the service where commodities were distributed to the poor. It seemed to me that the wealth of America's harvest should provide a fitting backdrop for a service of thanksgiving. The arrival of the Peoples Temple 90 voice choir assured us a good event. This actually was one of the highlights of my year as president. In a letter I wrote to the paper at the close of my term of office I publicly thanked Jim for his support and then went on to say: "I sure wish that even a few of my members liked me the way his love him!"

Just this last week, at a time of deep personal need, there came a message of encouragement from Jim to help me when I needed that help. He did this completely unsolicited which makes me fee that he has unusual psychic powers. However he does it - he does have a loving concern for his fellow humans and that even includes a brother minister.

I shall forever be grateful for having my ministry blessed by association with Jim Jones.

Warmly,

E. W. J. Schmitt

Dr. E. W. J. Schmitt, Pastor

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA • DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

April 30, 1975

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Regarding Reverend Jim V. Jones
Pastor of People's Temple Christian Church

I consider it a privilege to be acquainted with, and to have the opportunity of working with, Reverend Jim Jones, the Pastor of the People's Temple Christian Church. As the President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Northern California-Nevada it has been my happy experience to work with Mr. Jones in a number of different ways. I've always been impressed by his integrity, his courage, and the very selfless way in which he commits himself and his congregation to serve people in need.

Pastor Jones has a great organizational ability. He has been largely responsible for the establishment of a large congregation of everyday human beings from all walks of life binding them together in a truly extraordinary commitment to human service. The ministries of this pastor and his congregation are staggering in scope and effectiveness. They include a very excellent drug rehabilitation program, a 40-acre ranch for mentally retarded boys, senior citizen's homes which have been cited for excellent care, emergency food and housing relief in three local communities, college scholarships for young people, and free legal counsel for the poor. These programs result in a very close knit group of people who really do carry out the admonition of Jesus as found in Matthew 25. You will remember the words there -- feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and minister to the sick and the imprisoned.

Pastor Jones is really committed to the very basic Judeo-Christian tradition which believes that the highest worship to God is our service to fellowman. He not only believes this; he lives this admonition.

The People's Temple Christian Church is a joyous congregation of human beings. Their meetings are serious in purpose and yet children and old people enjoy real places of honor. I, for one, covet for all churches the vitality and the spirit of this group of people.

There is an additional aspect to this extraordinary ministry which is just now getting underway through an extensive agricultural mission in South America. Thirty different crops have been planted there to help alleviate hunger in that part of the world.

I am aware that many other people have written to express appreciation and support for the practical and genuine Christianity practiced by Pastor Jones.

In summary, let me say, that Jim Jones is a very compassionate and dedicated human being. I am grateful that our paths have crossed and that we share together in the ministry of Jesus Christ. It is a pleasure and a privilege to write this letter of commendation and reference.

Very sincerely yours,

Karl Irvin Jr.

Karl Irvin, Jr.
Regional Minister-President

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August 15, 1976

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter will introduce the Medical Staff of Peoples Temple. I am the Medical Doctor in charge of their treatment and examining facilities and oversee and consult with their staff as needed.

Peoples Temple presently plans to establish a medical facility and hospital at an outpost mission in South America which will be staffed with Medical Doctors, Family Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses and Licensed Vocational Nurses, a Physical Therapist and a Certified Respiratory Therapist. Medical Equipment and supplies for this facility need to be purchased in the immediate future.

We are presently in need of available information, including prices, on such equipment and would appreciate whatever booklets or other information you might have on hand so that the Financial Committee and Board of Directors can formulate a proposal for the purchases to be made.

Your courtesy in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Very truly yours,

CARLTON B. GOODLETT, PH. D., M. D.

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Enclosure: List of equipment and/or supplies needed.

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October 3, 1976

Dear Editor,

Recently we ran a story in the Sun Reporter about a man, Jim Jones, who is accomplishing remarkable things in the black community through his ministry, Peoples Temple.

Many of the programs in this church serve as models of how to effectively deal with the most critical problems black and minority people face today. The article brought an unusually good response from our readers.

This is a story that is certainly deserving of attention, and thus I am enclosing it with camera-ready pictures for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Carlton B. Goodlett M.D.

Dr. Carlton Goodlett

P.S. I would appreciate being sent a copy of the article as it is run in your paper should you choose to use it. Please send it to P.O. Box 15023, San Francisco, CA 94115.

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MEDICAL PROFESSION:

"I have known...Pastor Jim Jones quite some time and know him to be of good moral character, honest, sincere, and absolutely truthful in every respect. Pastor Jim Jones teaches Christianity, brotherly love, kindness, and willingness to help friends in need at all times. He teaches all of these things to his members, and insists that they live this type of life every minute of every day. One of his favorite expressions is: 'we are our brother's keeper.' This idea coincides with his teachings completely.... He should be seen and heard by people of the entire world.... This world will be a better place to live in because of Pastor Jim Jones."

J. Bruce Massey, M.D.
Physician and Surgeon

"I have found Rev. Jim Jones to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals...and all the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men.... He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive well adapted beahvior."

H. I. Perkins, M.D.
Drug Abuse Program Director

"I am deeply grateful and proud to know people who are honestly and openly working for a better world."

Price M. Cobbs, M.D.

"The Peoples Temple Christian Church has, indeed, an impressive record of accomplishments, and we congratulate you on your work. It is through these efforts that human life improves and it is up to all of us to try in the most effective way we can to make the lot of all safer and more pleasant."

John F. Burke, M.D.

"This is a splendid and wonderful thing that you are doing and I wish to commend your Pastor Jones and his staff for encouraging your members to maintain good health and for providing medical services for them."

John E. Ray, M.D.

"Many of the world's problems would be solved if others participated as fully and with as much concern as you have shown."

Phillip R. Lee, M.D.
Chancellor, University of California
San Francisco

"I wish to compliment you for the interest and concern you have on behalf of the health and welfare of all children."

Jay M. Arena, M.D.
Professor of Pediatrics
Director, Poison Control Center
Duke University Medical Center

"It is refreshing and gratifying to realize that there are organized groups in our community following the development of social welfare programs in our area with such close interest at all times. Your own commitment to community service projects is greatly appreciated as an even greater affirmation of your concern for the welfare of others in our community."

Craig M. McMillan, M.D.
County Health Officer
County of Mendocino

"I commend you and Pastor Jones and the folks of Peoples Temple for the fine work you're doing."

Cortez F. Enloe, Jr. M.D.

"We are aware of Jim's contributions not only to our community but throughout the state. He and his congregation are continuously giving to their fellow man in some Christian way."

Searles R. Boynton, D.D.S.

The Church and its leadership are to be commended."

Jerome A Lackner, M.D.
Director of Health
State of California

"We were deeply impressed with the work which your church has done in drug rehabilitation."

Lois Christopherson, M.S.W.
Chief Social Worker
Department of Surgery
Stanford University Medical Center

The work of Peoples Temple combines the qualities of communal living with the closeness

to nature, plus the spiritual concept of fellowship. I feel that if we are truly to reach the well-springs of better mental health, we will require to be set up alternative forms of living to that of cities and the human alienation that goes with them. Your work sounds like pioneer efforts in the right direction."

R. W. Shepherd

"I am personally very aware of the valuable resource that the Peoples Temple programs are for the Westside residents."

Alexandra M. Hunter, PhD
Director of the Pacific Medical
Center Day Treatment Program

LEGAL PROFESSION:

"I am presently the Municipal Court Commissioner appointed by the nineteen Municipal Court Judges of the City of San Francisco .... For the last several years I have worked closely with this Church which consists of one of the largest memberships in San Francisco. Their tremendous support within the community derives from the fact that they are involved in community service. The Peoples Temple is best known for reaching out to every kind of human need."

Jerrold Levitin
Municipal Court Commissioner
San Francisco

"I deeply respect Reverend Jim Jones and the work which he does and all of you who assist him in those noble goals."

E. Robert Wallach
Attorney-at-law

"As a former executive director of Consumer Action, I would like to share with you some of my impressions concerning the work of Peoples Temple in our City. Since Rev. Jones arrived in San Francisco, he has worked tirelessly to improve the lives of some of our city's poorest and most desperate individuals. Jim Jones has inspired thousands to think less of themselves and more about the plight of their neighbors. His ministry has earned the respect and admiration of concerned individuals throughout the Bay Area. Despite the great amounts of public praise and adulation that has come his way, Rev. Jones has remained humble and remarkably self-effacing."

Kay Pachtner, former director
Consumer Action

"What would this world be like without people with the kind of dedication you and your staff display?"

Benjamin Ward, Director
Pretrial Services Agency

"Over the years our organization has had frequent contact with Peoples Temple. These relations have given us the chance to appreciate their humanitarian, conscientious efforts on behalf of San Francisco's needy."

Hiram E. Smith, esq.
Executive Director/President
San Francisco Neighborhood Legal
Assistance Foundation

". . . the description that you and others have given me of the works of your church—and of your remarkable pastor, Jim Jones—make it clear how deep and broad and various are your commitments to improving and humanizing society, and how marvelously effective your tireless efforts have been."

Anthony G. Amsterdam, Professor
Stanford University Law School

"I am happy to hear that your Church, led by Pastor Jones, is so involved with some of the serious problems we face today, especially with regard to young people and young adults. I certainly wish to congratulate you and Pastor Jones on the excellent programs you have developed to work with young people, and on the excellent results you seem to have obtained. The efforts of the community and church groups is of primary importance in reaching young people today."

Charles A. O'Brien
Former Chief Deputy Attorney General
State of California

"Peoples Temple are experts in the First Amendment."

David M. Fishlow
American Civil Liberties Union

"I am familiar with its [Peoples Temple] work in this city. It is an unusual and unique organization, which puts religious principles into practice by working on the day-to-day problems of the people in this community. Its programs in child care, legal aid, housing, and rehabilitation enjoy an outstanding reputation. The people I have met from the Temple have been unfailingly courteous, enthusiastic and public-spirited."

Phillip Martin
Attorney-at-law

"You are truely a friend of the poor, the helpless and the oppressed."

Charles Lewis, President
Legal Defense League

"In addition, it is good to learn of the good work and devotion of the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church under the leadership of Pastor Jim Jones. Your interest in and concern about the total field of correction is important and encouraging."

Frederick R. Silber
Bureau of Prisons
Department of Justice

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EDUCATION:

"The efforts of your church to live in racial harmony and equality are exemplary; you are obviously putting into practice the humanitarian ideals most needed by our society and by our churches."

S. B. Ethridge
Director, Teachers Rights
National Education Association

"You are doing an important job in an excellent manner and I commend Reverend Jones."

Robert L. Docter, Ph.D.
President
Los Angeles City Board of Education

"I have known of the activities of Reverend Jones and belive him to be a man of great integrity and possessed of thehighest sense of social responsibilty. He works day in and day out to provide services for the destitue and outcast in our society and his activities on behalf of the church are a credit to our community. They [Peoples Temple and Rev. Jim Jones] are not motivated by petty political aims, but by a noble sense of principle sadly lacking in the nation in recent years."

Bill Maher
Commissioner
San Francisco Board of Education

"It is Ministers with a spiritual message and active participation to follow-up that message that provide an inspiration to those of us who so desperately need a guiding direction in all religious experiences. You are the epitome of caring for humans, sharing and providing basic needs for each other, helping the sick and afflicted and educating the youth. Everyone's struggle is your struggle; your fight for human dignity is beyond compare.

"Peoples Temple Community Church services a broad sector of the San Francisco communities. Many of the outreach programs of that Church enable persons to move about in their daily lives with dignity and integrity that would be impossible if these programs were not available."

Yvonne S. Golden
Coordinator
Opportunity II High School

"I have seen the outstanding workds of Pastor Jones in the San Francisco area. The members of his congregation whom I have known for a long time and whom I have recently met certainly exemplified the kind of training which they have received from Peoples Temple.

Approximately two years ago, my mother was hospitalized for a brain stroke and was paralyzed Pastor Jones. nurses and his well-trained Missionaries would come in daily to help the member of his church who was also in critical condition. My sister and I were very much impressed

because they also offered to do whatever they could for my mother. The nurse would bathe the member for Peoples Temple and stay with her all day. My sister had recently had a back operation, yet no one from my mother's church offered to stay and relieve my sister while I worked."

Frances Huff
Teacher and newspaper columnist

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

"I have been overwhelmed by you (Pastor Jones) and your congregations and your activities with law enforcement."

Winston Churchill, Chief
Indianapolis Police Department

"We, as minority law enforcement officers, know of the work and accomplishments of Peoples Temple in the area of youth programs and activities that are of a positive social nature. The Temple's work and concern for senior citizens puts it among the best type in San Francisco."

Wilbert K. Battle, President
Officers for Justice, San Francisco

"The Peoples Temple has done a fantastic job for us in the central part of the City. After considering the outstanding work of the Church, your kind words take on a special significance. I hope I will continue to merit both your support and your respect. ...Thank you again, Reverend Jones, for imparting the spirit of God and human fellowship to your congregation. We are deeply indebted to you for your hard work. With God's help, we will both continue to help men to live happier and more rewarding lives."

Edward M. Davis, Chief
Los Angeles City Police Department

"Your Congregation's firm stand in support of the police is most vital and germane in the performance of their dangerous and endless task of protecting and serving the citizens of our free society. Our alliance in maintaining law and order would represent to all citizens, Christian and non-Christians, our dedication to the principle of free society in which no person would be deprived of his freedom to worship in the faith of his free will. It is organizations like yours and thousands of others throughout the country that are to be especially commended for the nobility of reason and maturity of vision in giving the most needed support to the efforts of law enforcement.

Your expression of warmth and sympathy for the wives and families of police officers who have been victimized by the lurking dangers of their profession is as innately praiseworthy and reassuring as it is in keeping with the Christian principle of brotherly love. Goodness and wisdom are inseparable, indeed."

Frank Isbell, Director
Community Relations Section
Los Angeles City Police Department

"The knowledge of your good deeds has been with us for a long time, and we want to add our congratulations to the many you will receive. We hope your congregation will

enjoy the benefits of good health and good deeds for many years to come."

Willie E. Frazier, Secretary
The Police Commission
City and County of San Francisco

"I note the many humanitarian projects in which you and other members of your church are involved, and you are to be commended for your contribution to society."

Donald M. Scott, Chief
San Francisco Police Department

"Those in police work are constantly aware of the lack of community resources and existence of viable rehabilitation programs designed to help our young people return to productive lives. Tahnk heaven there are individuals and organizations, such as the Peoples Temple, who not only recognize this need but are also doing something about it."

H. E. Britton, Chief
Fresno City Police Department

"The continuing interest and support of your church family is not only deeply appreciated but also most encouraging to all of us...."

Anne Belisle Daley
Confidential Secretary to the Sheriff
San Francisco

Jim and his church members strongly support law enforcement and they also respect the property rights of others. They have never trespassed, destroyed or littered."

Donn D. Saulsbury, Chief
Ukiah City Police Department

"With support of people like you and the citizens of this country, law enforcement can go forward and make this country a better place in which to live."

J. F. Inman, Chief
Atlanta Police Department

"Your support of these organizations dedicated to the maintenance of law and order-- a very difficult task in these changing times -- is particularly gratifying."

J. R. Fisk, Chief Constable
Vancouver (Canada) Police Department

"In taking the action that you did, you set an example which should be emulated by all concerned with such vital issues as the defense of freedom of expression; and I am sure that your protest not only had a major influence on the outcome of the case itself but also enlightened countless persons throughout the country."

Albert Kahn, author

"I have known Jim for several years and have worked with him in the movement for liberation and self-determination of all peoples. Jim is a highly sensitive man, one who is completely dedicated to the cause of social justice. I have seen him under fire from reactionary elements, and has never wavered in his commitment. He is undoubtedly one of the most articulate and effective leaders in the United States today.

At the same time, he is a humble man who does not seek "to task in the limelight;' on the contrary, Jim has made a sincere effort to achieve accord among organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area, in the hope that unity will strengthen the defense against oppression, while submerging his own position in the process."

Carlton B. Goodlett, M.D. PhD.
President
National Newspaper Publishers

"You have done a tremendous job. I wish you continued success and, as a member of this community, thank you for what you are contributing to my city."

Steve Gavin
City Editor
San Francisco Chronicle

"For sometime I have been personally aware of your fine programs dealing with the problems of innner cities and your outstanding moral and spiritual guidance provided throughout the United States. ...The Peoples Temple Church certainly deserves accolades from those of us engaged in the field of crime prevention, for the moral, physical, and spiritual leadership it has provided for citizens...."

James M. Rochford
Superintendent of Police
Chicago, Illinois

RELIGIOUS LEADERS:

"No published list of 100 congregations in America showing exemplary leadership would be complete without your name on it."

H. Newton Hudson, Secretary
Religion in American Life

"Peoples Temple has an effective social ministry attracting people who, normally, are rejected by society....I support their ministry and I only wish many of us were as effective as they are at Peoples Temple."

Rev. Dr. A. C. Ubalde, Jr.
Bethany United Methodist Church

"The ministry and witness of Pastor Jones and the people of the Peoples Temple has great meaning for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)...the most meaning of any single incident or event that has happened to me in the days of my ministry for 20 years as a pastor in this part of the church...the ministry of Jesus Christ, which is the action of God in the world, has about it more that is clearly revealed probably by the Peoples Temple than any other member church of the Christian Church....That's an awesome thing and I just praise God...."

Bishop Karl Irvin, Jr. Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ)

"I keep talking about the extraordinary work that all of you do at Peoples Temple. All of you are committed to serve the needs of others in the name of Jesus Christ. This is true servanthood and when combined with love it is the most formidable force in the world....from my numerous contacts with members and staff of the church, I can say that they are the most committed and dedicated group of people I have known in any church anywhere."

Wade D. Rubick, Chief Counsel
Christian Church (Disciples of
Christ) in the United States and
Canada

"I am deeply impressed by the ministry which you carry out in the Peoples Temple under the leadership of Pastor Jim Jones and I doubt that I have much to suggest to add to it. It seems to me that the kind of concerns you are dealing with and the outreach in which you are involved is exactly the kind of thing that I find extremely significant....Peoples Temple is seriously trying to be faithful in its effort to relate the

"Peoples Temple offers a tremendous witness to the Gospel of liberation and justice within our community. Many judges refer young persons to Peoples Temple for rehabilitation programs. They also offer services in training for youth around such skills as carpentry, printing, broadcasting, electronics, auto mechanics, tutoring, etc. And Peoples Temple provides more food services than does St. Anthony's Dining Room! All of these are vital ministry with the people of our city. This type of ministry fulfills a great need which would otherwise have to be met by the city's Social Services and other agencies were it not for church groups like the Peoples Temple."

Rev. Norman E. Leach, D. Min.
Associate Executive Minister
San Francisco Council of Churches

"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice — compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent
United Methodist Church

"I have known Rev. Jim Jones for approximately 8 years and have come to know of his responsible commitment to poor people, multi-racial communities, and services he provides trying to bring about self determination.

We are pleased and honored that you will be with us on Sunday, January 16th to accept Glide's 4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Humanitarian Award, in recognition of your leadership and contributions to many communities of people."

What I appreciate about you is that you extend yourself beyond specific situations and provide the experience of sharing in the cause to which we are committed."

Rev. A Cecil Williams
Minister of Celebration and Involvement
Glide Memorial Methodist Church

"The ministry of this man and his congregation is surpassed by none in our denomination. Their witness in feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and ministering to the sick and imprisoned is sorely needed in this troubled age."

Dennis W. Short
Associate Pastor
Urban Life
Christian Church of Southern California

"The program of the congregation seems to be wide in its concerns, ranging from care of abandoned animals through orphans' homes, homes for the aged, financial support of students in college, legal services for the community, narcotics rehabilitation .... in fact, it is apparent that no human need is expressed without an attempt being made to meet that need. I have the impression that the congregation is ready, willing, and able to assist any human being with almost any problem.... One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to loveand to share.... Peoples TEmple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity....

I have found Reverend Jones to be perceptive, committed and dedicated to the empowerment of those who have been neglected or disregarded by normal processes and structures of our society."

Gerald B. McHarg, Assistant to the
Executive Pastor, Christian Church
of Southern California

"I continue to be impressed by the many ways the congregation has found to relate to its community and to the world."

Ian McCrae
Socal Action Newsletter
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Department of Church in Society

"There can be no doubt that you are actively striving to diminish the injustices and miseries that plague man."

John P. Mossi, S.J.
Jesuits for Peace and Justice
Jesuit School of Theology

"It is gratifying to know of other Christian groups that are deeply concerned about the welfare of mankind. Your church, under the leadership of your dedicated pastor, the Reverend Jim Jones, must truly be following the teachings of Jesus, not in words only, but in deeds."

Religious Society of Friends
Palo Alto, California

"In all my dealings with Peoples Temple Church, I have found them to be caring and supportive of the social-religious commands of Jesus Christ, going way beyond the call of the Gospel in order to (as their pastor Jim Jones says) 'Care about someone else besides yourself.' "

Montford Cardwell

Gospel to the unmet needs of persons in situations of extreme crisis, people who are victims of various forms of injustice. May God continue His work through the ministry of Peoples Temple."

Rev. W. Sterling Cary, President
National Council of the Churches
of Christ

"The Jewish community in the San Francisco area has developed a great respect for the contributions the Peoples Temple has made to the total community. At a time when many of our efforts in local social welfare and rehabilitation are faltering, the Peoples Temple has produced large, creative social services which produce results. That has been a heartening phenomenon for all of us.

At the same time, the Peoples Temple was one of the first forces in the City to concentrate on needed education against the growth of neo-Nazism in the area."

Earl Raab
Jewish Community Relations Council
of San Francisco, Marin and the
Peninsula

"Pastor Jones' vast ministry will surely attract ever increasing attention. One of Pastor Jones' many skills that I particularly admire is his ability to attract young people and enlist them in Christian service, even to rescue great numbers of them from the grip of drugs. That calls for tremendous spiritual power, which is rare indeed in our troubled time."

Father Alfred Boeddeker, O.F.M.
St. Anthony's Dining Room

"The City-wide Planning Committee for the Martin Luther King Celebration has chosen you as the local speaker because of your continuous effort in the struggle for equal rights and social justices for all people."

Donneter Lane, President
San Francisco Council of Churches

"I have been pastor in this city for fifteen years and what that church is doing to enable human life for all races, all styles of life in this city is a miracle."

Reverend Robert H. Stewart
First St. John's United Methodist Church
West Nob Hill Parish

THE MEDIA:

"It is impossible to adequately express the deep feelings we have for the members of the Peoples Temple who rallied to the cause of a free press during out recent incarceration at the Fresno County Industrial Farm.

To watch on television hundreds of persons marching in the Courthouse Plaza and to realize they were demonstrating on our behalf is something which we shall remember for the rest of our lives.

Even more important is that those of your congregation who were there, or who were among the hundreds in the church who took time to write to us in jail, understand the essential importance of a free press in this democracy of ours.

The unselfish show of human love and compassion will forever remain as an example to us and our families which demands far more recognition than we are able to give."

George Gruner
Managing Editor
The Fresno Bee

"I am very touched that your church has been so dedicated to issues of press freedom."

Katherine Graham
President
The Washington Post Company

"I cannot think of a person whom I've grown to admire more. What if more ministers were really involved in social issues? He certainly has my interest and support."

Julia Hare
Director of Community Affairs
KSFO Radio

"We at BLACK ENTERPRISE have the highest regard for groups such as the Peoples Temple."

Tamara Owens
Administrator, Public Affairs
Black Enterprise

"It is gratifying to see the evidence of the commitment of you and your fellow members of the Peoples Temple to freedom of the press."

Clayton Kirkpatrick, Editor
Chicago Tribune

GOVERNMENTAL AND POLITICAL LEADERS:

"I am grateful . . . for . . . the work of the Peoples Temple Christian Church in defending the First Amendment guarantees of freedom of the press, in managing the drug program, and in running the ranch for handicapped children. Knowing of the congregations deep involvement in the major social and Constitutional issues of our country . . . is a great inspiration to me."

Walter F. Mondale

"Those who are most familiar with the works of Peoples Temple and of your pastor, Mr. Jim Jones, speak glowingly of the numerous social programs your church has established in meeting every type of human need. Your commitment and compassion, your humanitarian principles, and your interest in protecting individual liberty and freedom have made an outstanding contribution to furthering the cause of human dignity."

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Secretary of Health, Education
and Welfare

"You and the other members of the congregation are to be commended for your work to aid young people and for your commitment to reach out beyond the walls of the church to make Christianity a meaningful part of all aspects of modern life."

Mervyn M. Dymally
Lieutenant Governor
State of California

"It is indeed encouraging to me to find that citizens such as yourself remain deeply committed to the vital freedoms which the First Amendment guarantees, and are sensitive to governmental actions which erode them."

Sam Ervin, Jr.
United States Senator

" . . . it is only through the hard work and commitment of persons like yourself and those in your church that our great social problems will finally be overcome. Let me express my heartiest approval, then, for the efforts you and your friends are making in your community."

Warren Magnusen
United States Senator

"Brotherhood and equality have long been pursued by those seeking a newer world. Contri-

butions by groups such as the Peoples Temple serve to keep these goals in sight and bring them ever closer to reality."

Philip A. Hart
United States Senator

"It is always good to hear that the spirit of the American people is still as vibrant and generous as ever. Pastor Jones seems to be a credit to your community, and I hope his good works continue to play an important power in the continued well being of your area. Citizen power has always been one of my watchwords, and I am glad to see it in action.

The work of Reverend Jones and his congregation is testimony to the positive and truly Christian approach to dealing with the myriad problems confronting our society today."

Hubert H. Humphrey
United States Senator

"I also welcome hearing of the fine work of your church, and the many projects which your congregation has undertaken, both on a community and a national level."

Henry M. Jackson
United States Senator

"The Peoples Temple Christian Church sounds almost too good to be true . . . . I cannot praise its membership too highly. You are truly practicing Christians in the finest sense."

Mike Gravel
United States Senator

"The Reverend Jim Jones has taken to heart the Biblical injunction, 'faith without works is dead.' He has translated his commitment to action. He has worked to alert others to the injustices which exist in our society and he has worked tirelessly with those who seek to correct these injustices.

Let me express my heartiest approval of the efforts you and the other members of your church are making to help the less fortunate in our community."

Phillip Burton
United States Congressman

"Let me commend your pastor, Jim Jones, for the dedication he is showing to his community and surrounding areas and also for the impact he makes on members of his congregation."

Ronald V. Dellums
United States Congressman

"I am grateful that Peoples Temple is located in the Fifth Senatorial District which I represent. Among the many services this church provides to San Franciscans are: a clinic in the San Francisco church, in which 80 persons are seen each day by qualified nurses for general check-ups or in special clinics, a physical therapy facility for seniors and handicapped persons, a drug rehabilitation program that claims to have 'rehabilitated' 300 former drug addicts, a legal aid program where some 200 people a month come with serious legal, usually criminal, problems, and a central kitchen that serves 1,800 persons a day.

It is heartwarming to have among us human beings who are willing to get involved."

Milton Marks
California State Senate

"Your contributions to the spiritual health and well-being of our community have been truly inestimable, and I am heartened by the fact that we can continue to expect such vigorous and creative leadership from the Peoples Temple in the future. By your tireless efforts on behalf of all San Franciscans, you have demonstrated that the unique powers of spiritual energy and civic commitment are virtually boundless, and that our lives would be sadly diminished without your continuing contributions."

George R. Moscone
Mayor
City of San Francisco

"I am very aware of the outstanding work being done by Pastor Jones and his tremendous contribution to all communities. Please extend to Pastor Jones and all his members my best wishes and my sincere desire that his inspirational work will long continue."

Terry A. Francois
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

"I have known Pastor Jones a long time and fully agree with the testimonials he has received about his great integrity and of the spirit of brotherhood and love that he has brought to his parishoners and to all with whom he comes in contact. He is also to be commended for his compassion and his deep unerstanding of the refugees from Vietnam, and for setting an example to the community by adopting Korean War orphans.

Joseph L. Alioto
Former Mayor
City of San Francisco

"Concerning them, I say without qualifications that this church has been second to none in preventing crime in the Western Addition. They have donated thousands of dollars to city-sponsored fund drives for the purpose of creating summer jobs for youth and programs for cultural enrichment. They have sent some of their wayward youth to their large agricultural

"I am personally acquainted with Pastor Jim Jones and the remarkable services of his congregation . . . I am particularly enthusiastic about his program because it shows what the volunteer sector can do with dedicated individuals and it is an extraordinary argument against those who would adopt the view that the government can effectively respond to the social needs of our nation. It is fair to say that Reverend Jones and Peoples Temple epitomize giving of self and service to others."

Don H. Clausen
Unites States Congressman

"This inter-racial church is well wknown for a host of splendid and effective projects which help people, including drug rehabilitation, senior citizen homes, convalescent-type homes, animal shelters, free legal assistance, and emergency services. The membership includes lawyers, nurses, teachers, community workers, factory and agricultural workers, and others who have committed lives to serving others. They are highly industrious, work well with other groups, and do good without seeking recognition for it."

George E. Brown, Jr.
United States Congressman

"I was most impressed to hear of the good works your church is doing. You are showing the kind of commitment to social justice which our nation so desperately needs."

Bella S. Abzug
United States Congresswoman

"Your pastor, Reverend Jim Jones, and your church certainly deserve commendation for the manner in which you exemplify a commitment to the precepts in which you believe. It is easier to claim belief in any religious faith than to actually live by them and your accomplishments certainly reveal the depth of your dedication."

Patsy Mink
United States Congresswoman

The Peoples Temple is to be commended for the active role it has taken in working for the preservation of press freedoms."

Lawrence Coughlin
United States Congressman

"I commend you and your staff on the broad scope of community services you provide for all the people."

Cardiss Collins
United States Congresswoman

"I only wish there were more like the people of Peoples Temple Christian Church."

Don Edwards
United States Congressman

"I applaud your defense of the First Amendment (of the U. S. Constitution with regard to Freedom of the Press) and commend your Pastor, Jim Jones, for his actions in this matter."

R. Eckhardt
United States Congressman

"Please pass on my commendation to Pastor Jones and the members of his Church for their Christian service to the community and to our country."

Jonathan Bingham
United States Congressman

I enjoyed reading about the journey that the members of the Peoples Temple made. My congratulations to all the members of your congregation for setting a fine example for the rest of the nation in your dedication to humane ideals. I especially admire Pastor Jones for his ability to envision and lead these efforts. He has done a great deal to foster the spirit of brotherhood both in individuals in the congregation and in the rest of the community."

Leo T. McCarthy
Speaker of the Assembly
California State Legislature

"I have had the great pleasure of knowing a leader with tremendous character and integrity Jim Jones, who is the founder of a large movement called Peoples Temple. The members come from virtually every racial, religious, and socio-economic background. Rev. Jones is reagrded among government officials, civic and religious leaders, and particularly the black community and working class people, with utter respect for what he has done to upgrade the quality of life in our area and to bring greater health and well-being to thousands of poor, minority, and disadvantaged people.

Rev. Jones influence for progressive change among the citizenry has been extremely impressive. His ministry, in addition to wide-ranging programs that reach out to every type of human need, also puts out its own newspaper to well over half a million people in this area alone."

Willie L. Brown, Jr.
California State Assembly

"Ninety-nine percent of all the work done by Peoples Temple is in servie to the elderly, poor families, and troubled youth, On many occasions I have referred destitute people to Peoples Temple for help and they all received it."

Art Agnos

mission in South America entirely at their own cost. This is truly an original, inovative and exciting program. If some of the youths that are in this program were left to roam the streets of San Francisco, the police department would have to have been enlarged, and many people would have lost a great deal of security."

Joe Johnson
Former Deputy Mayor
City of San Francisco

"I am greatly impressed with the ministry of Pastor Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple Christian Church, and feel that you are to be commended for making the Christian gospel relevant to the needs of the people today. Too often in the past the church in general has tended to withdraw from the real world of real people, and it is heartening to know that you are attempting to reverse this trend."

Terry J. Hatter, Jr.
Special Assistant to the Mayor
Director Urban Development
City of Los Angeles

"I am aware of the good deeds done by the Peoples Temple and Pastor Jim Jones. I commend you all for the fine job our are doing in the community."

Gilbert W. Lindsay
Councilman
City of Los Angeles

"Your church is the kind of church that is, indeed, doing something about the problems in our community. It is good to know that we have you as one of the congregations in my district."

David Cunningham
Councilman
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"Your projects are indeed worthwhile and we need many organizations such as yours to work with people who need help."

Lisa Naito
Hawaii State Legislature

"I am very impressed with the many wonderful things you are doing. I take special note of the efforts to help the elderly and to provide health care for those who cannot afford it. I join you and the congregation of the Peoples Temple of Christ in working toward the Christian goals of justice, equality, peace and fellowship. Only after we have accomplished these goals, will be be able to say we have a truly just nation and world."

Richard Gordon Hatcher
Mayor
City of Gary

CIVIL RIGHTS:

"We feel it extremely timely and fitting that the black community of San Francisco should tender to you this simple gesture of friendship, encouragement and honor for your dedicated and conscientious work in the area of humanitarianism and the social gospel. Your acquaintances speak glowingly of your numerous social concerns, involving efforts to rehabilitate drug addicts, provision of housing and health care for senior citizens, the development and maintenance of an animal shelter, and your multi-racial adopted family, all of which we believe is encompassed in the Judeo-Christian ethic--that man is his brother's keeper. These are tumultuous times, requiring that each individual be ever mindful of the prophetic words of Edmond Burke, spoken in the 18th century: 'All that is necessary for evil to triumph in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.'"

Carlton Goodlett, M.D., PhD

"The Reverend Mr. Jones has worked tirelessly and unselfishly to inspire the members of his congregation and followers to become involved in community affairs and to participate, and thereby influence, the decision-making process to ensure the establishing of policies and programs designed to meet the needs of the disadvantaged and dienfranchized citizens of San Francisco.

Joseph A. Meza
Human Relations Commission

"During this period when there are such serious problems with which our minorities are faced, it is encouraging to learn that there is such an effective effort which is being made by the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ."

Roy Wilkins, Executive Director
NAACP

"Pastor Jones and all of you are setting an example which, if followed by others, would certainly do much to make this world the place it could be."

Charles A Ericksen
Field Representative
U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

"AS the head of an organization that has worked closely with the Peoples Temple, the minister, and the members, I have the highest regard for the leadership they are providing, and the positive

contribution they are making in the city of San Francisco. Their commitment and dedication to ending human suffering of the oppressed and downtrodden are unsurpassed by any of the organized churches in the city."

"Your background and willingness to work make you and the others from the Temple a great asset to NAACP, and we hope that you will be participating in many NAACP activities in the months ahead."

Joe Hall, President
San Francisco NAACP

"Many Indian people when in need for family groceries have called upon us and when we run dry I feel secure because I know that I can place a call to the Peoples Temple and that these families will eat tonight. This has happened often. And it will no doubt happen again tomorrow."

Dennis Banks
National Director of AIM
Federal Indian Law Instructor
D-Q University, Davis, CA

STATEMENT OF ANGELA DAVIS
TO JIM JONES OVER RADIO PHONE-PATCH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1977

This is Angela Davis. I would like to say to my friend Jim Jones and to all my sisters and brothers from Peoples Temple who are in Guyana there: know that there are people here, not only in the San Francisco Bay Area but also across the country, who are supporting you, who are with you. I can personally speak for the National Alliance Against Racism and Political Oppression in cities throughout the country, from Birmingham, Alabama to (inaudible) that there are people who are aware of the contributions of Peoples Temple to our efforts to, for example, free Rev. Ben Chavis and the Wilmington 10. We know that you have participated and brought people to all the marches and demonstrations, and thousands of petitions that have been sent to government officials have been circulated and signed by members of Peoples Temple. And so we are very deeply obligated to you for what you have done to further the fight for justice, to further the struggle against oppression, to further the fight against racism.

I know you are in a very difficult situation right now and there is a conspiracy. A very profound conspiracy designed to destroy the contributions which you have made to our struggle. And this is why I must tell you that we feel that we are under attack as well. When you are attacked, it is because of your progressive stand, and we feel that it is directly an attack against us as well. Therefore, more of us need to know that we will be carrying on this idea, that we will do everything in our power to insure your safety and your ability to keep on struggling.

(In response to loud ovations from hundreds of people with Jim Jones in the Guyana interior, Angela states:) I attempted to say, though not very eloquently, that we are with you, and we appreciate everything you have done. And we know you are going to win, and, in the final analysis, we are all going to win.

THE FOLLOWING ARE A SELECTION OF EXCERPTS FROM STATEMENTS MADE IN RECENT DAYS BY A WIDE VARIETY OF CIVIC, COMMUNITY, AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN RESPONSE TO A SENSATIONALISTIC SMEAR CAMPAIGN DIRECTED AT PEOPLES TEMPLE AND ITS MINISTER, REV. JIM JONES.

MERVYN M. DYMALLY, Lieutenant Governor, California:

Not surprisingly, the metropolitan media have singled out Peoples Temple for scrutiny and criticism. This unusual attack on the Church is the cause of great concern and anguish among the friends of Peoples Temple. However, I am pleased to report that those of us who have looked at the great work of Pastor Jim Jones will continue to have strength in our commitment to him. My former colleagues in the state legislature and Mayor of San Francisco, George Moscone, who has given much assistance, has continued to express confidence in the Rev Jim Jones. The Chairperson of the Legislative Black Caucus and its members are strong in their support of the Peoples Temple and, so is the President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (Black Press of America), Carlton Goodlett.

WILLIE L. BROWN, JR., California State Assembly:

I have represented thousands of people in the metropolitan area where the headquarters of Rev. Jim Jones' church, Peoples Temple, is located, and I am very familiar with the outstanding work his organization has done in service to society. Rev. Jim Jones is one of the most principled voices for social justice in the nation, and he has been instrumental in providing forceful leadership in developing practical solutions to serious urban problems, such as crime, drug abuse, and neglect of the elderly. Because he is an extremely effective leader in the arena of social progress, Jim Jones has been the object of some malicious attacks from various individuals who (out of personal vindictiveness, racism, and other despicable motives) have mounted a smear campaign. This campaign has been denounced by progressive community leaders and public officials who are working effectively for the interest of blacks and other minority people in our society.

DOMMETER E. LANE. Executive Director, San Francisco Council of Churches:

It is a privilege that I/we have the opportunity to express a word of concern for the Christian ministry of the Rev. Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ) here in the city of San Francisco and throughout the state of California.

It appears that persons who contribute to humanity the human needs, find themselves in controversial situations, usually marked by misinformation and unsound reasoning. Rev. Jones has contributed to San Francisco and to the needs of the underprivileged and oppressed. He has not done this alone, but with the concern and co-operation of people who are disciples of Christ, in every sense of the word.

Throughout Christendom there have always been those who rejected those who would be followers of Christ. The Scriptures say "feed the hungry - clothe the naked - heal the sick." (He has the spiritual gift of healing and provisions provided for

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Rev. Jones has contributed spiritually to the San Francisco Council of Churches Board of Directors since becoming a member. His members have shown concern in the issue related to Council work. Theirs is a true spiritual commitment and voluntarily rendered. Rev. Jim Jones' philosophy is a challenge to the citizens of San Francisco and especially to Christians who are not committed to the Christian doctrines.

I/we have the honor and privilege to speak for one from our community and a member of the San Francisco Council of Churches.

CRISTINA VASQUEZ, National Representative, Equal Rights Congress:

To many people in this country, as well as throughout the world, your church and what you stand for has meant hope and justice. But what is more important, that hope has become a reality.

I for one have seen the fruits of your work and have seen that you practice what you teach. There is no doubt in my mind that when an issue of justice or human rights has come to your attention, you have always responded in every way possible to help.

I would like to express that although it outrages me to see what the news media is doing, it does not surprise me. In my life I have always seen that we are always played against each other -- church against church, blacks against latinos, latinos against blacks, every minority and working people blaming each other for their failures and problems beacuse that way they can keep us apart and not see that the real problems is between those who have and those who don't.

I would like...to do whatever little we can to show the media and whoever is trying to discredit your work that as long as we live we will not stand for anybody trying to destroy any of our honest, hard working leaders that are fighting for our rights.

REV. NORMAN E. LEACH, Program Administrator, San Francisco Council of Churches:

I am writing to express my concern for the work which the Rev. Jim Jones and the members of his Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ) perform in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As happens all too frequently, when someone actually attempts to live out the commandments of the Christian Gospel, there is adverse reaction from the non-Christian community. And even, sometimes, from within that community.

Peoples Temple in San Francisco has recently found itself under attack from a few persons who were former members, in addition to a few others who wish to discredit the work and ministry of Peoples Temple - for whatever their motives. I do not attempt to understand or to speak to the motives behind these actions; however, I can and will speak to my observations as to

the ministry of the Rev. Jim Jones and his congregation.

Peoples Temple offers a tremendous witness to the Gospel of liberation and justice within our community. Judges refer young people to Peoples Temple for rehabilitation programs. They also offer services in training for youth around such skills as carpetry, printing, broadcasting, electronics, auto mechanics, tutoring, etc. All of these are vital ministry with the people of this city. This type of ministry fulfills a great need which otherwise would have to be met by the city's Social Services and other agencies were it not for church groups like the Peoples Temple.

ART AGNOS, California Legislature, Majority Whip:

Recently in San Francisco a number of people have begun to attach a political meaning to the work carried on by the Rev. Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

As a politician, I am aware from firsthand experiences that the leadership and congregation of Peoples Temple carry out exceptional public service activities without partisan political overtones.

While it is true that their religious beliefs require active participation in issues confronting the community such as supporting in large numbers the tenants of the International Hotel, 99% of all the work done by Peoples Temple is in service to the elderly, poor families, and troubled youth. On many occasions I have referred destitute people to Peoples Temple for help and they all have received it.

It is most unfortunate that some people in San Francisco feel threatened by this very simple organization and philosophy of service.

JOSEPH E. HALL, President, San Francisco Branch, NAACP:

I am writing to let you know about the outstanding work of the Peoples Temple here in the San Francisco community. Rev. Jim Jones has been a friend to hundreds of youth in the city, and his church has rehabilitated many from drug use, helped young people out of legal difficulty and anti-social patterns, and brought out the finest potential in people who were held back due to the hardships and oppression of their lives. He has established tutorial and educational programs, opportunities for youth to receive free job training, and legal and medical services for the indigent. His church has taken in senior citizens cast aside by their relatives, and children abandoned by parents and unwanted by agencies. He has provided a wholesome environment where people are accepted and made to feel needed and productive regardless of race, sex, age or educational or religious background.

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ENOLA D. MAXWELL, Executive Director, Portrero Hill Neighborhood House:

I have known the Reverend Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple for ten years. During the years I have known him I have never heard it said that he turned down a person or organization in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

In my opinion his ministry best exemplified the life and teachings of Jesus Christ: What is the need, and what can I do to help.

For this Jesus Christ and Martin Luther King were persecuted, and many others were condemned without having done any evil.

DENNIS ROBERTS, Attorney (from a letter to Rev. Jim Jones):

I have been following with great interest the vituperative and defamatory attacks against you and the Peoples Temple which have appeared in New West magazine and, more recently, reprinted in the Mendocino Grapevine. I recently saw the July 21 editorial in the Sun-Reporter.

I initially met you in my capacity as attorney for Dennis Banks. At the time of our first meeting his wife, Ka-Mook, was incarcerated in Kansas under a $20,000 bail. The defense fund was virtually non-existent and the possiblity of Ka-Mook obtaining bail was slim indeed. Then you and the Temple stepped forward out of the goodness of your heart and produced virtually the entire bail for Ka-Mook. This put her in the position of being free to help prepare our defense. Today, we got the wonderful news that the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco held that the government's case against her must be dismissed. If you did not provide the bail, she would have had to sit in jail for about two years until she was ultimately vindicated, and instead of being free to be with her family and small babies. If I knew nothing else about you, this would be sufficient for me to sing your praises to every available ear. However, after our initial meeting I was so impressed with your good works that I started to do my own "investigation." Everyone spoke in the most glowing terms of you, the Temple, and the work that you have performed. You have consistently articulated the position of the underdog and provided the support necessary to stand up to overwhelming governmental attack. In so many cases you and the Temple made the crucial difference in the ability to withstand these attacks.

I am not a Christian and for many years have felt strongly about the hypocrisy of so many who called themselves "christians." It is only upon coming in contact with the Peoples Temple that I was able to start to reappraise this opinion and realize that there were people who did take their professed religion seriously and who, in fact, did live up to what I would like to believe being a Christian means.

JERRY S. GARDNER, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Mendocino Cty.):

I wish to take this opportunity to express my dismay with recent articles being published in local newspapers and by New West magazine, regarding the Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple Church.

I have known Rev. Jones for over seven years and have found him to be an honest, reverent, and Christian example in our community.

Temple members have been licensed by the State of California to provide care and supervision for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled. These Temple members have always been above reproach and among the most capable of providers. State evaluations of these facilities conducted in 1972 will bear this out.

It is unfortunate that such an exemplary man and organization must be subject to this sort of yellow journalism.

HOWARD WALLACE, Gay Action/Labor Committee:

I have read articles attacking Rev. Jim Jones and People's Temple in the last two issues of NEW WEST magazine. You may already know that this magazine was recently purchased by an Australian publisher notorious for his scandal-mongering and yellow journalism. It is with concern that the many good works of Peoples Temple continue uninterrupted that I am now writing.

For many years now, I have been a socialist and a trade unionist, an anti-war organizer and active supporter of the Black, Latino, feminist and gay movements in the United States. In that time I have witnessed a host of smear campaigns against all these movements. Peoples Temple is only the latest victim.

They are now an object of right-wing attacks because they practice what they preach--solidarity with the oppressed and exploited of the earth. The Temple's consistent struggle on behalf of democratic rights and against social and economic inequality is without parallel, even in San Francisco, historically a center of progressive movements. I am one of many thousands in this city who take pride in counting Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple among my friends.

RICHARD GELLER, Vice-President, Unity Foundation:

I write on behalf of Unity Foundation in reference to the good works of the Peoples Temple organization. Here in San Francisco these selfless Christians have brought help and happiness to countless thousands with their free offering of food, medical care, education, job training, drug rehabilitation, legal counseling, and spiritual guidance....It has been our delight to work with Peoples Temple, whose honesty and credibility we have found impeccable.

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E ROBERT WALLACH, Attorney-at-law:

As a matter of introduction, I am a past president of the B r Association of San Francisco (1975), a professor of law a· Hastings College of the Law and Consultant to the Dean at that school. I am a lawyer in active private practice. I do not belong to Peoples Temple and my only contact with them has been as a result of our shared interests in a variety of community projects in this city.

I have had an opportunity to meet and talk at length with Re·. Jim Jones, examined fully the services and programs of th Peoples Temple and know their reputation in this community in a variety of sources.

In all respects, the Peoples Temple makes a major contribution to the social wellbeing of this city, particularly among the disadvantaged, minorities and disabled within our community. Those individuals who often find it difficult to assemble support for their position as they seek to obtain lawful and appropriate rights from our society find a strong and giving ally in Reverend Jim Jones and those with whom he works.

ALBERT E. KAHN, Author, Journalist:

I became acquainted with Rev. Jim Jones more than a year ago and in the intervening period I have been much impressed with the assistance he has given to the peace movement in this area, to Chilean political refugees who have settled in the region, and to the care and welfare of underprivileged citizens, not only among his own followers but also in the general community.

It is my opinion that in all likelihood the present charges being made against him are, besides sensational journalism, in part the result of work of agents provocateurs operating within his organization, and I hope that in the future there will be concrete evidence of this probability.

MICHAEL R. SNEDEKER, Attorney-at-law, Prisoners Union:

believe their church (Peoples Temple) is one of the most important organizations in California. It combines strongly progressive social policies with a spirituality that makes our common humanity felt rather than simply known as an abstraction. The shortcomings of pure politics is precisely that it does not have content. The limits of pure spirituality are that it removes people from the world rather than connecting them with it. It seems to me that their efforts to combine the material and the spiritual into real existence, to effectively recognize the humanity of all races and ages, to realize the capabilities of everybody, to take care of each other and to take responsibility for the world in which they live, follows the grain of what must be done to build a fully human world.

I have attended their services, the first over ten years

ago in a remote rural section of California where I worked as a researcher and therapist in a large mental hospital. Their services are a unique blend of joyous music, intensely focused concern for suffering individuals, and attacks on the injustice that is part and parcel of our social order. I have known members of the church and one who left the church; he was a former drug addict who felt that he had gained immeasurably by his association with the Peoples Temple. I have also followed their work on behalf of people who were being unjustly treated and seen their efforts to unify the poor and dispossessed of this country into an effective force. They are a warm, energetic, and progressive group of people.

CHARLES BRIODY, Bay Area Ecumenical Committee of Concern for Chile; Former National Chairperson of the Presidential Campaign for Dr. Benjamin Spock:

I hope that you understand that the media attack on Rev. Jones is part of what appears to be a coordinated right wing propaganda offensive aimed at dividing working people that currently is sweeping our country and is characterized by a resurgence of the Nazi Party, Ku Klux Klan, anti-Semitic "New Right" and racist organizing - in a period of extreme economic crisis when such periods classically appear in many capitalist societies.

Knowing of the internationally coordinated fascist plot which overthrew the government of Salvador Allende in Chile, I cannot but be sensitive to the totally contrived and subversive nature of the media smears against this exemplary man, Jim Jones.

JOE JOHNSON, San Francisco:

I have been active in community programs in the San Francisco area for over forty years. I am a member of long standing in the I.L.W.U. - Longshoreman's Union, the Third Baptist Church and a Deputy Mayor of the City. I am well acquainted with the activities of Peoples Temple Church and with the integrity and character of its pastor, Reverend Jim Jones.

Concerning them I say without qualification that this church has been second to none in preventing crime in the city. They have donated thousands of dollars to city-sponsored fund drives for the purpose of creating summer jobs for youth and programs for cultural enrichment.

Too often clever and cynical newswriters, skilled in the art of withering sarcasm and satire can capture the imagination of people, take statements violently out of context and create an atmosphere where violence and harassment result.

On two occasions that I know of, this church has been burned, its members physically attacked, its youngsters

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The article printed by New West and others are typical of the forced of evil who would destroy a good thing.

MARGIE BAKER, Supervisor, San Francisco Public Schools:

I am very honored to be acquainted with the Reverend Jim Jones and the congregation of Peoples Temple located in San Francisco, California. Rev. Jones' church is located in one of the lower socio-economic areas of San Francisco. His membership seems to consist of members of all races creeds and colors. Rev. Jones and his congregation have done so much for young people who, otherwise, would be wasting their lives away. The Peoples Temple also has excellent programs for senior citizens, excellent health programs, and other programs too numerous to mention.

CONNIE WILLIAMS, Owner, "Connie's Restaurant;" President of West Coast Caribbean Association:

I am writing to express my feelings about Jim JOnes and the Peoples Temple. This church, for many years, has been a refuge for literally thousands of poor people, mainly black but consisting of all racial backgrounds in the country.

Because Jim Jones has boldly defended the rights of the poor and oppressed in this racist society, he has suffered continuous harassment and persecution. It is not only difficult but dangerous, as you might well imagine, to stand for egalitarian principles in our society. This automatically results in attacks by reactionary forces. But Jim Jones has always remained undaunted, and, in the face of it all, has proceeded with his work.

ALEXANDRA HUNTER, Ph.D., Day Treatment Director, Westside Community Mental Health Center:

I am writing in support of the Peoples Temple and their community projects. As you may have heard, certain self-serving media persons, seeking fortune and fame for themselves, are using the Temple and Reverend Jones as the means to their goal.

I am a resident of the Western Addition as well as a director of a mental health program in this area. I am very aware of the services provided by the Peoples Temple to both young and old, mainly minority persons of our community. These services would not be available otherwise.

PHILIP MARTIN, Attorney-at-Law:

Although I have no personal official association with Peoples Temple, I am familiar with its work in this city. It is an unusual and unique organization, which puts religious principles into practice by working on the day-to-day problems of the people in this community. Its programs in child care, legal aid, housing, and rehabilitation enjoy and outstanding reputation. The people I have met from the Temple have been unfailingly curteous, enthusiastic, and public-spirited.

Recent attempts to smear the Temple here in San Francisco are, as far as I can tell, without any foundation in fact.

JOAN A. BRANN (wife of the late Franklyn Brann):

I am a member of San Francisco's black community.

Rev. Jones is being maligned by the press. This man is sincerely committed to the poor, the elderly, and to those whose spirits have been worn down by the vicissitudes of racism.

Rev. Jones and his congregation were a great source of comfort to me in a time of painful crisis in my own life. His response to those of us who asked for his help goes far beyond any ordinary call of duty.

YVONNE S. GOLDEN, Co-ordinator, Opportunity II High School; President, Black Teachers Caucus:

The vendetta against Reverend Jim Jones is not a new story. History is replete with examples of the persecution of those who challenge the status quo. At one level, Rev. Jim Jones should feel a sense of pride in being immersed into the ocean of a most distinguished community of humanity --- where justice, and not expediency, is the good to be pursued; where the legitimate interest of the many, and not the whim of the few, is the mandate of the day; where truth, and not consistency, is the goal to be achieved, and where courage is one of the exacting prices for peace of mind.

No less a stalwart than Martin Luther King found his entry into the so-called political arena by speaking out against the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war, and invoked the absolute wrath of the well organized army of apologist of the status quo. Only the blind, the deaf, the dumb and the apologists fail to see the compulsive realtionship between the latest avalanche of inconsistencies, half-truths, and outright lies against the Rev. Jim Jones and the upcoming elections in San Francisco.

We who support Rev. Jim Jones will continue to stand by him. We find solace in the eloquence of Thomas Paine:

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CARLTON B. GOODLETT, Ph.D., M.D., Publisher of the Sun Reporter, President of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (Black Press of America):

Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple represent some of the most invigorating and challenging religious organizations to appear in California in recent years....In attempting to use the moral force of Christianity in dealing with man-made problems that bedevil, haunt and dehumanize the social order, Jones has created a cyclone where formerly the political leaders, economic scoundrels, and even impotent religious leaders have failed the very foundations of their ethics, and their leadership mantles have been rent, torn asunder, leaving those pompous pseudo-leaders naked and to be viewed as the hypocrites that they have been for decades.

An institution that feeds the poor, houses the homeless, rescues young and old from the wretchedness of despair and drug addiction, marshals the political potential of a people, and husbands the economic pittance of the poor masses into a powerful instrument for justice, freedom, and equality, while building a just and humane society, by its very nature will have many enemies hidden, lurking in the shadows of greed, ignorance, neurosis and hallucinations. If such an institution becomes powerful, then it must expect its enemies to become powerful. While the New West article was intended to defame and dismember and deter an increasing band of followers of Christian ethics, the great possibilities are there that the story will boomerang, and that which they seek to destroy out of this momentary irritation will become a potent antidote to the hopelessness and despair that permeate the masses....Surely many good men and women of courage, steadfastness, and fundamental belief in the power of the organized masses will see in Jim Jones and Peoples Temple not a comet that momentarily lights up the darkness, but another reminder of the meanings of Edmund Burke's prophetic words, uttered before the birth of the nation 200 years ago: "All that is necessary for evil in the world to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

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John V. Moore Douglas M. McCoy
Ministers

Dr. and Mrs. John V. Moore have just recently returned from a visit to the Peoples Temple Agricultural and Medical Mission in Guyana, South America, where they visited their two daughters and grandson who are residents there. Dr. Moore, with thirty-four years experience as a pastor, campus minister, and district superintendent of the United Methodist Church, is currently pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Reno, Nevada. Mrs. Moore is a writer who has worked closely with groups concerned with ministry to prisoners and their families, farmworkers, disturbed teenagers and runaways.

The Moores have written the following article to capsulize their impressions of their trip to the remarkable model community established by Rev. Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ.

A VISIT TO
PEOPLES TEMPLE COOPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL PROJECT
JONESTOWN, GUYANA

During the month of May, 1978, we had an amazingly beautiful adventure. We visited Peoples Temple Cooperative Agricultural Project in Guyana, South America.

Because so much adverse publicity has been circulated regarding this heroic cooperative of caring and sharing, we felt it important to share our first-hand experience in a town of 1100 people transplanted from Peoples Temple, Disciples of Christ, in the U. S. A.

Our two daughters, one a nurse and the other a teacher with our three-year-old grandson, had written glowing accounts of their life in this unusual project. We wanted to see for ourselves this new land.

We flew to Georgetown, the capital of Guyana, to the Peoples Temple headquarters, which is a lovely home where we were housed with others awaiting a flight to Jonestown, the site of the cooperative. Some of the people we met were planning to retire in Jonestown. One small boy had just had adjustments made on an artificial leg and eagerly awaited the hour-long return flight to the hinterland of Port Kaituma, and then home to the cooperative.

The quaint, attractive government buildings of Georgetown and its friendly Black and East Indian culture in a democratic-socialist country we found most pleasing.

From Georgetown we were flown over a vast ocean of jungle to Port Kaituma where our small plane landed on a tiny air-strip. Members of the Temple met us as our plane arrived and drove us through the exquisite interior region to a turn-off where we observed the sign "Welcome—Peoples Temple Cooperative Agricultural Project".

What a miracle it is! Over eight hundred acres of jungle have been cleared since 1974, most of it within the last year. All along the road we could see rows of cassavas, eddoes, bananas, sugar cane, and citrus groves. Further along the road we saw the "piggery" and the "chickery" and the dairy center worthy of the best in scientific animal husbandry.

What we found at the cooperative was a loving community of people in the true New Testament sense.

Educational facilities and nursery care and equipment are excellent. The school is government accredited, and unusually creative in its approach to the learning process. Teachers are excited by the possibilities for teaching in a setting so different from town and urban schools where they had previously taught.

Medical services under the supervision of a brilliant young doctor, Larry Schacht, are excellent. Larry, a recent graduate of the University of California Medical School in Irvine, is in radio communication with specialists in the United States and South America. His corps of nurses and technicians are well trained, and the scientific equipment is first-class. All retired residents are checked daily. Services are also provided for nearby Amerindians and others needing medical care.

A nutritionist is constantly experimenting with vegetable and fruit products in an effort to discover maximum utilization of food grown in Guyana. The farm is thriving. Meals are a delight and are rich in protein, natural grain and vegetables.

Soccer, baseball, a good band, crafts, a library of 8,000 volumes and outstanding teachers provide recreational and cultural opportunities for the youth of Jonestown. Birds and animals have become community pets. The band often plays for Georgetown events. It's tops!

The nurture of children and family life is evident. Jonestown offers a rare opportunity for deep relationships between men and women, young and old who come from diverse racial and cultural backgrounds. Single adults, one-parent families, and nuclear families feel at home in the community.

Jonestown is a mixture of frontier life and contemporary society. The small, neat gardens of the retired residents are in evidence on every pathway. There are opportunities for seniors also to take classes, sew, read, or just to sit. An older woman hoeing her garden brought to mind the words of Micah (4:4)–"...they shall sit every one under his vine and his fig tree, and none shall make them afraid..."

Whereas life is somewhat simple in Jonestown, the latest equipment and techniques are employed, for example in putting up pre-fabricated houses in one day.

Morale is exceedingly high. There is a sense of ownership which is rare in collective societies and not present under private ownership.

We came away from the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project with a feeling for its energy and enthusiasm, its creative, wholesome ways (imagine no television–but weekly movies for all), and an understanding of the fascination and high sense of adventure it holds for its residents.

John and Barbara Moore

RESOLUTION NO. 8

RESOLUTION TO CCNC-C ANNUAL MEETING
May 18, 19 & 20, 1973

WHEREAS, the church stands for freedom, and the free flow of information, and

WHEREAS, the public media, namely the press, is under increased challenge as to its exercising freedom in news and programming, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, and

WHEREAS, one of our congregations, Peoples Temple Christian Church, Redwood Valley, California, has made a financial contribution for use in defense of a free press as guaranteed by the First Amendment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada (Disciples of Christ) meeting in its Annual Meeting May 18, 19 and 20, 1973, at First Christian Church, Modesto, California, encourage its member congregations to make their voice heard in support of a free and responsible press by either making financial contributions to insure a free and responsible press or by letting our elected officials, representatives of the communications media, and others know that we oppose any action which infringes on the First Amendment.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada (Disciples of Christ), meeting in its Annual Meeting, May 18, 19 and 20, 1973 at First Christian Church, Modesto, California make known to our elected officials, representatives of communications media, and others our support of a free and responsible press and our commitment to that position and our rejection of any action which infringes on the First Amendment.

The Church Board, First Christian Church
San Jose, California

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Sunday, May 20, 1973

Church Meet Delegates Back Press Freedom

Delegates to the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, annual conference in Modesto voted 4 to 1 yesterday to support freedom of the press, and urged their congregations to make cash contributions and speak publicly "to ensure a free and responsible press."

The resolution was submitted by the First Christian Church of San Jose. It followed the example last January of the Peoples' Temple Christian Church, Redwood Valley, which gave $4,400 to 12 newspapers, a news magazine and a television station.

230 Attend

Some 230 delegates from 79 Northern California and Nevada Disciples of Christ congregations attended the weekend conference, at the First Christian Church of Modesto, representing about 16,000 members.

Delegates also encouraged a federal cabinet - level Department of Peace to draw together scattered agencies such as the Peace Corps and Arms and Disarmament Agency; supported conscientious objection to military service; and urged election of young people under 25 on church governing boards.

The delegates also planned to debate resolutions calling for dismantling of the Selective Service System; amnesty for Vietnam era draft resisters and allocation of at least the military funds spent in 1969-72 for Indochina reconstruction and redevelopment.

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REDWOOD VALLEY, CALIFORNIA... January 31, 1974

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PEOPLES TEMPLE HUMAN SERVICE MINISTRY OFFERS $2000 TO MEET DEMANDS FOR PATRICIA HEARST:

Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ Denomination, led by Pastor Jim Jones, has voted to contribute $2,000 to meet the demands for Patricia Hearst, who was taken hostage recently by the Symbionese Liberation Army. The church obtained a consensus of over 500 of its several thousand members who are on Social Security that they would not take the $70 worth of food demanded by the S.L.A. Peoples Temple has the facilities to take care of its people when their incomes can't meet their needs. In a letter to Miss Hearst's father, newspaper publisher Randolph A. Hearst, Peoples Temple stated:

> "Our primary concern is to help save the life of your daughter, Patricia, and, secondarily, to make public our belief that if anything happens to her, it will only serve to aid those who want 'Big Brother' demagogic types of government."
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> "We would like to contribute more money at this time, but cannot because of our ongoing commitments which include sending food to hungry people in this and other lands."

All of the Peoples Temple expenses are financed through offerings and church projects, such as rummage and bake sales. This ministry has never received inheritances, nor have we received gifts of properties from any of the people we serve.

Peoples Temple also recently gave $300 to each of the bereaved families of the innocent persons senselessly slain on the streets of San Francisco, as well as offered a reward for the capture of

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Peoples Temple also channels thousands of dollars yearly through its denomination to support a host of other humanitarian programs. The above list, which is only a small segment of the support given and the work being done for others, is given only in the hopes of demonstrating that Peoples Temple consistently and daily works to meet human needs -- not just on a one time basis -- but as they are brought to its attention. Thus, although the church would like to contribute more towards the demands given to the Hearsts, the above amount is all that can be afforded at the present.
In addition to making its own contribution as a church, Jim Jones encourages members to make contributions to worthy non-church causes, such as the support of both liberal and conservative persons facing possible political persecution. Members are urged to get involved, individually, in the cause of civil rights or any matter that reflects human dignity, freedom, and the sanctity of life.

We hope others will join with us in assisting people to meet the demand to aid needy people with food supplements, and particularly to save a young innocent woman's life. It is up to Americans now to demonstrate the care we have traditionally shown when someone faces such extreme adversity.

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Commendation received from the General Council of the denomination of Christian Churches of 1.4 million people, who quotes the President and overseer of our entire national-international brotherhood: "As you well know, the ministries of Peoples Temple have the endorsement and total support from the Regional Executives to us here in Indianapolis. Dr. Teegarden speaks highly of what Jim Jones is doing and I've heard nothing but praise from him for what Peoples Temple is doing for those in need. It is my hope to see some of your work first hand and to renew our friendship in April.

Faithfully yours in Christ.."
Wade D. Rubick, General Council
for the leadership of Denominational
Headquarters...

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the murderers. As an interracial group the church and Pastor Jim Jones felt it essential for everyone who could to do something positive, however small, in an effort to keep the country from becoming further divided along racial lines. Peoples Temple has given many times to the families of law officers killed in the line of duty.

The Reverend of Peoples Temple, Jim Jones, has chosen to live modestly, and with his wife, Marceline, has adopted many children of five different ethnic and racial backgrounds. Pastor Jones has established a ministry that includes care homes for senior citizens, orphans and exceptional children; college dormitories where young people of all faiths reside, who are on church scholarships and want to help humanity; convalescent sanitoriums; a community center, with an indoor swimming pool, that is open to the entire public; and a large animal refuge center where sick abandoned and stray animals are taken in, cared for, and treated (neutered and immunized) by veterinarians.

Under Jim Jones' guidance and inspiration, an extensive and highly regarded ministry of human services has been developed which provide emergency food, clothing, legal counsel, nursing care, and effective drug rehabilitation. Major humanitarian mission work has been undertaken both at home and abroad. For example, food and supplies have been sent to aid sick and hungry people in poverty regions all over the world, including Biafra, Bangladesh, Africa's Sub-Sahara, Appalachia, and Indian reservations in America. Consistent support involving thousands of dollars has also been given to a wide range of charities, groups, and causes. They include the following:

- "Operation Breadbasket" in Chicago
- Soviet Jewish refugees in Eastern Europe
- NAACP Legal Defense Fund
- Medical Research for cancer, sickle cell anemia, multiple sclerosis
- Retarded and exceptional children
- Medical check-ups financed for those unable to afford them
- Reporters facing trial over free press issue
- Law enforcement programs involving anti-drug abuse, traffic safety, community relations, prison rehabilitation
- Financial assistance to persons out of work
- Equal Christmases to all children who come, without restriction
- Yearly gifts to many other denominations and ecumenical organizations

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FEATURE NEWS ARTICLE

August 6, 1974

"CARAVAN OF HOPE" CROSSES AMERICA --- PROCLAIMS BROTHERHOOD AND COOPERATION AS CURE FOR NATION'S ILLS

As the buses rolled by, one...after another...after another, in seemingly endless succession, and the people inside smiled, waved and gave the "peace sign", you realized that this wasn't any ordinary tourist group.

A few days ago, well over 700 members of the California-based Peoples Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ denomination) completed a strenuous three-week, 10,000 mile missionary journey that, by anyone's standards, was most unique. The project was conceived and engineered by Pastor Jim V. Jones, dynamic leader and founder of the "Temple", which has a remarkably well-integrated membership of several thousand, in addition to large numbers in each of many cities across the nation.

Throughout their pilgrimage, the Temple travelers bore witness to thousands of people that, in spite of the pessimism that is evidently growing in our nation, here indeed is a group that is determined to keep the American dream alive. In a stand for the survival of traditional American values of freedom, justice, and equality for all, in a context of Christian social service, Temple members follow the vision and inspiration of Pastor Jones, a former metropolitan human rights commissioner, grand jury foreman, and schoolteacher. Jones has been a tireless and outspoken advocate of civil liberties and the Bill of Rights for twenty-five years.

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The banners proclaiming "BROTHERHOOD IS OUR RELIGION" on the sides of racially integrated buses brought some difficulty more than once. While fueling in the South, a truck deliberately ran into the lead bus, narrowly missing a young man who was washing the windshield. Without provocation, a group of people from the vicinity gathered and began directing racist slurs and threats at the bus caravan. Pastor Jones quickly took command of the situation, and made a firm, humane appeal for understanding. The mood of the hostile group cooled dramatically. The Pastor refused to press charges against the apprehended truck driver who had struck the bus, taking into consideration the ill will that would have almost certainly been vented upon blacks living in or visiting the area afterwards. The owner of the truck stop was so moved with the kindness that Jones displayed that he pledged to pay all damages. He stated, incidentally, that he would hope to visit the church in their Redwood Valley (Calif.) headquarters on his vacation.

There were other incidents: several windows were broken by rocks, and gunshots were fired at the caravan. But no-one was injured during the entire trip.

On the positive side, greatly outweighing these episodes, was the overwhelmingly enthusiastic, admiring, and appreciative response that the Temple convoy of buses found just about everywhere they went.

The vast Temple membership has won many friends in its mission of realizing in America the goals of racial justice and equality in the spirit of the Christian "social gospel" that sees man's basic responsibility as being his brother's keeper.

Swinging down through the Deep South and up into Canada, staying in churches, community centers, and university gymnasiums, the mammoth 18-vehicle caravan presented an amazing spectacle as it made its way from city to city. On board eleven Greyhound-type buses were some 200 senior citizens, some in their 80's and 90's. Visible everywhere were hundreds of children, teenagers, and young adults representing the entire spectrum of racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Wherever the caravan went, people marveled at the scope of the undertaking. Often the question was heard: "How do they manage it?" At first glance, the organizational factors (no hotels, no restaurants, so many people, etc.) appear overwhelming, if not impossible. But the answer can be found in the incredibly co-operative spirit that Pastor Jones has infused into his church.

Due to careful and detailed planning, everyone on the caravan was organized and had a specific function. Bus drivers, hostesses, a nursing staff, clean-up squads, food-preparation units, and helpers of every sort worked together in highly coordinated and disciplined fashion, insuring the group comfort and security at minimal cost. One staff member noted that senior citizens without funds, as well as many of the children, were able to go free of charge. Many of these people had never traveled outside of California.

Watching this living example of human co-operation arrive at various stops along the highways of America, many were especially struck by the magnificent thoroughness with whic the grounds and facilities were left free of litter. The young woman attendant at a beautiful Nebraska rest stop was visibly moved. "That entire group is neater than

single families," she remarked. Everyone, including children and seniors, willingly helped out policing the grounds.

At the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, the public relations unit was so impressed with the Temple visitors that it insisted on photographing everyone on the museum's front steps. Earlier, at the nation's Capitol, the caravan was greeted and congratulated by Congressman Don Clausen of the First Congressional District of California, where Pastor Jones and many of the Temple members reside and carry on a human service program that meets the needs of thousands, and which has earned the respect and praise of governmental, civic, and law enforcement agencies, especially for its outstanding record in the area of drug rehabilitation. In the Redwood Valley area, some 100 miles north of San Francisco, the Temple has established senior citizens homes, a large animal shelter (which will have, until places are found for them, several homeless dogs and cats picked up by the caravan along the way), a forty acre children's ranch and agricultural complex, as well as a community center with many fine facilities, such as an indoor heated pool.

Other human service centers in the Bay Area and Los Angeles are busy with activity. One program has sponsored over a hundred needy youngsters through college, and maintains dormitories in several locales.

To be sure, the missionary caravan of over seven hundred gave to many Americans this summer an assurance that, in the words of Pastor Jones, "there is indeed hope for our troubled nation...for in this single, spirited church there is alive the type of dedication and commitment to brotherhood

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and fundamental human co-operation that may well be the best solution to the problems that beset our land." His comment was echoed by the manager of a large commercial bakery in Chicago who said: "This group is demonstrating what religion should be. We would not have wars if everyone thought and lived as these people do."

If you should publish this article, either in its entirety or in part, please forward a copy (dated) to Peoples Temple Christian Church, P.O. Box 214, Redwood Valley, California 95470, c/o Prof. R. D. Tropp. Thank you.

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November 25, 1974

IN THE WAKE OF RACIAL VIOLENCE this year, good news in the area of race relations often has gone by without notice. One item that might have gotten lost was the 10,000 mile "Pilgrimage of Hope" undertaken by over 700 members of the California-based Peoples Temple Christian Church. The racially-integrated group, formed and headed by Rev. Jim V. Jones, is determined to make a stand for the survival of traditional American values of freedom, justice, and equality for all. Visiting ten major cities, as well as the nation's Capitol, where they met with their district's Congressman, the Temple's caravan of buses carried people from 3 to 100 years old, whose spirit of brotherhood, co-operation, and good-will showed America's better side in an era of growing social tensions.

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PEOPLES TEMPLE — A DYNAMIC CHURCH THAT IS GROWING STEADILY BECAUSE IT TAKES ON THE CHALLENGE OF PUTTING PRINCIPLE INTO PRACTICE...

Fired with hope and encouraged by their own "not inconsiderable achievements...", an astonishing group of practicing Christians, called Peoples Temple, has opened the door to a new era for churches. Pastor Jim V. Jones and the Peoples Temple Christian Church members are infused with the conviction that something CAN be done to overcome the apathy and moral degeneration that threatens to destroy the very fabric of our society.

Peoples Temple Christian Church (an affiliate of the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination) is proving that the church can be an invigorating and restorative presence in community life. Its intense dedication to fundamental Christian principles of brotherhood and human service is providing a useful model of practical Christianity, and generating programs and projects involving thousands of people.

Perhaps the most significant fact about Peoples Temple is that it has been able to forge a unified, active, and extensive congregation that has remarkable ethnic diversity. Some have characterized the church as a miniature "family of man"; while others see it as a "vast cross-section of the human race", for Black, White, and Brown have found a way to work together in harmony at the Temple. One soon discovers that the inspiration and vision of Pastor Jones is largely the reason for this. He has often emphasized that the "highest worship of God is service to our fellow man".

The focus of human "responsibility" is reflected everywhere: in the work undertaken with senior citizens and medical convalescents; in child care, legal counsel, and education as well as many other community activities. The guiding concept of responsibility to others is creatively combined with a spirit of 5-021 voluntarism that generates results.

"We used to count the number of young people that our Drug-Rehabilitation Program had unhooked, but we lost track! Hard-line heroin addicts, lifetime alcoholics, and many others who were drug users of one kind or another are now working productively. These very persons are now helping straighten-out the lives of others. Many are receiving professional training under church sponsorship in schools and universities. While some have been complaining about the drug culture,

Peoples Temple has made a significant contribution towards the elimination of the problem." This comment comes from a female social worker who has been helped by the Temple. She continues: "I just couldn't get myself together...but I met Jim Jones and this beautiful group of people: they made the difference and I came out of a living death of drugs." Physicians in the drug abuse field who have seen the program at the Temple recognize it as "saving many from disaster".

Many senior citizens, and more than a few in their 80's and 90's, had nothing but loneliness and desolation facing them. They are now residing in lovely homes maintained by the Temple members. With a new lease on life even the seniors participate in the "help humanity" programs; their activities include quilting, canning, baking, arts, crafts, and gardening. Hundreds go on periodic tours around the nation on the church's own fleet of eleven Greyhound buses.

At the other end of the spectrum, the hundreds of children at the Temple benefit from a host of activities and programs, including working with animals of all kinds in the large refuge shelters maintained by the church, free music lessons, tutoring, and helping in the Temple's organic gardens. One of the gardens is planted on a scenic 40 acre ranch located by a beautiful winding river; this is also the site of a grape vineyard and a children's home. Through these church programs even the youngest Temple members are taught responsibility to their fellow man. Young people are given a foundation of decency in their life-style which is free from race prejudice. They are instilled with a deep appreciation and respect for life. The group is proud of its record with its young people who have steered clear of trouble with the law and away from drugs.

Pastor Jones and his busy staff have set up a legal counsel program, a credit union instrumental in helping members get started in business, job counseling, nursing care, and an extensive college scholarship program that has fully sponsored the educations of well over 100 youngsters in many fields, including medicine and law. College dormitories are maintained to house these students, many of whom grew up in ghetto poverty and would not otherwise have had such a valuable opportunity.

Peoples Temple facilities also reach out to non-members through convalescent centers (some of which have been cited by the State for their high level of care) and a community center, with an indoor heated swimming pool open to everyone. Funds and assistance have gone to many social service programs of all descriptions.

Active in the 1.4 million member Disciples of Christ Denomination (notable for having in its membership Congressmen and Governors of diverse political persuasions), Peoples Temple is striving to redefine the roles of a "church" in the conventional sense of the term. It is a comprehensive and functional ministry that is growing and reaching for new goals all the time. In the spirit of its work to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and minister to the sick and imprisoned (Matthew 25: 35-40 is a favorite scripture of Pastor Jones), the Temple has, in recent months, established an agricultural mission on a huge tract of land in South America, where "pioneers" are already working diligently in a unique program to help feed the hungry in the wake of the world food crisis. This program is also giving the local residents an opportunity for training and employment. Here is an undertaking that again represents the fundamental dynamism and practical emphasis of the Temple.

The agricultural mission is showing amazing progress. Already a host of crops are in with some 300 acres cleared, part of which is planted. Plans for a dairy herd and other livestock are being finalized, and the Temple's introduction into the tropics of a large, ecologically balanced farm (as opposed to a single crop plantation) is already arousing interest among local agricultural officials.

The formula of cooperation, voluntarism, and self-help, in the context of a "family" of the faithful, has produced notable achievements. Pastor Jones has expressed the idea that Peoples Temple, in fostering among people a sense of responsibility for one another's welfare, is creating the kind of practical model for individual and congregational involvement that can work as a buffer against the threat of totalitarianism from both the fanatical Right and Left, as well as providing an answer to the "welfare state" by releasing the burden from government.

Observers in political, business, medical and religious circles have commended Peoples Temple enthusiastically. Jones has been frequently praised for his work, receiving the merit award for outstanding citizenship from Dr. Carlton Goodlet, President of The National Negro Newspaper Association. Dr. John Moore, a California District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, sees the Temple as "a caring community of people of all races and classes" who "bear the mark of compassion and justice". According to a leading denominational official, Rev. Gerald McHarg, "One gets the impression at Peoples Temple, of being in the midst of the human race at its best." A prominent physician in San Francisco, one of many in the Jewish community who have been impressed by the Temple, sees Pastor Jones' dedication to

his fellow man as "unsurpassed". His congregation, affirms Chicago attorney Wade Rubick, "is the most committed and dedicated group of people I have known in any church, anywhere."

The dialogue continues concerning the role of the church in national life, but this amazing congregation in California has gone further, perhaps, than anyone else in translating ideas into actions.

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A FOOTNOTE TO CONSIDER:

It is indeed unfortunate that, in recent days, the humanitarian efforts of the Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission in South America have been the victims of politically motivated attempts by fanatical extremists to link them with the CIA. Pro-Marxist political factions in the area of the Temple mission distributed literature to this effect, even after citing our successful efforts to share our produce with the local Amerindian population. The Rev. Billy Graham has also been attacked by this same element.

Our church, first of all, considers such allegations ludicrous to the point of being hardly worthy of comment. We are opposed to unlawful intrusions of the CIA (as have recently been alleged) into domestic affairs, and we would also oppose terribly any involvement of the CIA in Watergate operations, if they were guilty of this. However, we also feel that the CIA itself has been maligned on many occassions, and its name used as a means of manipulating ill will, as in our case and so many others.

Peoples Temple Christian Church receives no outside funds whatsoever from denominational sources or from any governmental agency. All funding comes in free will offerings from our service-minded congregation, in small amounts. Again, those who have perpetrated such untrue allegations are apparantly threatened in some way by a church that is doing a positive voluntary work: we feel that it is precisely this kind of effort, in the ghettos, transitional neighborhoods, and abroad, that constitutes a buffer against totalitarianism from the extreme Right or Left.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SOCIAL MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

"We're going to have to get our heads out of the sky and realize that if we want heaven, we'll have to build it here, on earth, for ourselves."

The words are those of the Rev. Jim Jones, dynamic founder and pastor of a California based ministry known as Peoples Temple.

At once erudite and down to earth, speaking without notes, Jones combines the language of the street with masterful oratory and a biting wit, making him one of the most effective voices in the church today. Speaking with a kind of fiery conviction that holds his audiences enthralled, Rev. Jones takes on high-level corruption with a consistency and boldness rarely found on the church scene.

"I guess I shake people up a bit," Jones ruefully admits. "But complacency in these times is deadly."

Although affiliated with the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination, Peoples Temple boasts a vast membership from all walks of life, including virtually every racial and religious background.

In a time when crime, unemployment, and racism are victimizing our communities, Jim Jones and his parishioners are proving that churches can do something about it. With central headquarters in San Francisco, the Temple, under Jones' inspired leadership, has been instrumental in rescuing hundreds from extreme poverty, drug addiction, and oppressive conditions.

The Temple's many human service programs meet people's basic needs, and more, providing free medical and legal assistance, senior citizens' homes, a 40-acre children's ranch, a community center with an indoor heated swimming pool, drug rehabilitation, college educations and technical training, day care, and even refuge shelters for sick and abandoned animals.

Rev. Jones doesn't disallow the spiritual side of the church by any means. But the practical emphasis gained morethrust from the belief in Peoples Temple that the highest worship of God or Deity is service to one's fellow man.

However, Rev. Jones does conduct a calm, sane spiritual healing ministry, something that one might not expect to find in a social action oriented church. Parishioners--among them, attorneys and professional medical people--say Rev. Jones' healing ministry has brought deliverance to thousands and is the most effective they've seen.

Referring to various miraculous healings, including those of crippled people who were enabled to walk again, Dr. J. Bruce Massey, a surgeon, has stated, "As a physician of many years experience, I am convinced that these miraculous cures are genuine and permanent. Pastor Jim Jones should be seen and heard by people of the entire world."

One would also not expect to find a man of such dimensions to have a modest personal lifestyle-- one that is completely without frills. But Jim Jones takes no anniversary gifts, appreciation days, or personal offerings of any kind. He owns no car, wears only used clothing, and has only one pair of shoes ("That's all I can wear at one time," he deadpans.) The frugal

minister feels he has no right to live above the people in his church. His wife, Marceline Jones (an RN who is a State Dept. of Health official over convalescent and care facilities in Northern California) takes the same position. The couple have adopted eight children of various ethnic backgrounds, in addition to their natural-born.

Rev. Jones has captured the public eye not only for his humanitarian programs and the extraordinary model of active social service the church is providing, but also for the repeated stands he and the Temple have taken on behalf of individuals who have suffered injustice.

"Jim is a fighter, and means to see that America lives up to her ideals of equality and justice, and the guarantees of liberty contained in the Bill of Rights," says Eugene Chaikin, one of the volunteer attorneys on the Temple's legal services staff. The Temple has thus supported Angela Davis, the American Indian Movement, newsmen jailed for refusing to disclose their sources of information, as well as many other causes and organizations in the forefront of defending human rights and civil liberties.

As an uncompromising foe of racism and inhumanity, Jim Jones is highly respected among youth. His rapport with young people has enabled him to establish an effective social structure, infused with compassion and guidance. The program, remarkably, has kept all Temple youth out of trouble with the law, off drugs, and away from violent lifestyles. For the first time in their lives, a multitude of young blacks live with a sense of utter pride and dignity, because Rev. Jones has fought to provide them

the opportunity to realize their goals-- in terms of education, specialized training, and jobs.

Rev. Jones is equally concerned about senior citizens, many of whom came to Peoples Temple from poor and destitute backgrounds. But instead of living in a state of hopelessness, fear and despair, as they once did, they now live in comfortable residences, thanks to the Temple program. They are active in a variety of activities--arts and crafts, drama, music, cultural tours, seminars--whatever they want to do, because Rev. Jones feels they are owed that much. He has also stepped in with church resources to save many senior's homes when they were about to be lost because payments could not be met.

Jones, himself, grew up amid the grinding rural poverty of the Depression. He worked his way through school, became thoroughly familiar with the underside of America, and vowed to do something about it. While still in his twenties, he became the director of a human rights commission in a large city, and integrated scores of businesses when it was dangerous to even try. When he was taken to a hospital with an appendicitis attack, he discovered that the patients were segregated, and there was unequal treatment. Though in great pain, he demanded that the hospital be integrated, and refused treatment until it was done.

His work earned him respect and the reputation for being someone who "meant business." That was many years ago. Today, Jim Jones still means business, particularly when it comes to defending fundamental human liberties and First Amendment free-

doms, such as Freedom of the Press.

Recently, when four newsmen of the Fresno Bee newspaper were jailed for refusing to reveal a source of information--a right guaranteed them by California's Shield Law--Jones took the Temple's fleet of buses and a thousand members to Fresno to demonstrate in protest. After two such trips and several all night vigils outside of the Fresno County Courthouse, the newsmen were freed. They brought their families to a benefit dinner at Peoples Temple, just after their release, where 7000 people showed up, including California's Lt. Governor, the mayor of San Francisco, several congressmen, and other governmental and community leaders, to pay tribute to Rev. Jones' ministry.

The "Fresno Four" expressed their appreciation to Jim Jones and Peoples Temple for their support, in words that were felt by everyone, judging by the long and loud ovation: "There is no doubt in our minds that what you, Rev. Jones, and your flock did in Fresno and, we understand, elsewhere at other times, is the most eloquent testimony possible to the brotherhood of man. You are truly a remarkable group of people, an affirmation of all that is best in the human race."

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Picture captions reading from top row left to right:

1. Rev. Jim Jones, founder and pastor of Peoples Temple churches, speaks to thousands at a meeting with Temple members in Chicago.

2. Rev. Jim Jones, marching in demonstration with 1000 members of his church, Peoples Temple, in behalf of the four Fresno Bee newsmen. The newsmen who were jailed for refusing to reveal a confidential source, have been released.

3. The multi-racial Africano Dancers perform for Peoples Temple members and guests. The dance troupe is one of the Temple's many performing groups.

Bottom row from left:

4. Some of the 750 young and old Temple travelers at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. where they met wit h congressmen in a private meeting, and viewed the public session in which the nation's laws are made.

5. "...If we want heaven, we'll have to build it here, on earth, for ourselves," Rev. Jones said in his keynote address delivered to 20,000 people at the Spiritual Jubilee in Los Angeles this past May. The unprecedented unity meeting between Christians and Muslims also attracted representatives from virtually every major faith.

6. Rev. Jones enjoys the company of some of the hundreds of children who accompanied him on the Temple's nationwide tour, covering 22 states and 10,000 miles, this summer.

7. Peoples Temple services are a combination of entertainment, cultural and educational activities, highlighted by Rev. Jones' stirring social message sermons. In the above pictured service at the Temple's church headquarters in San Francisco, the congregation is entertained by a creative dance performance portraying the Black struggle for freedom.

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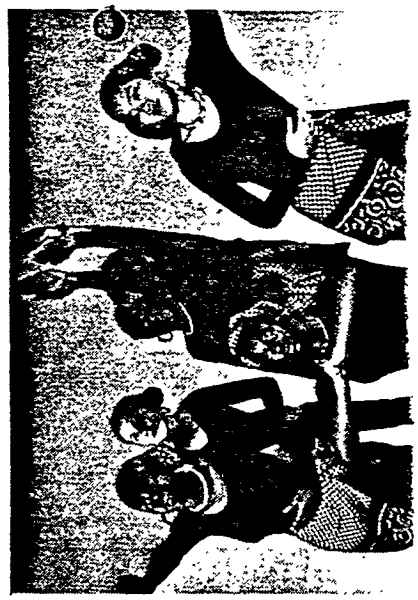

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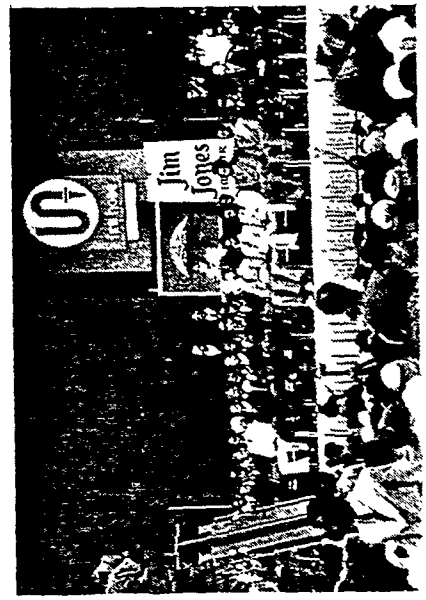
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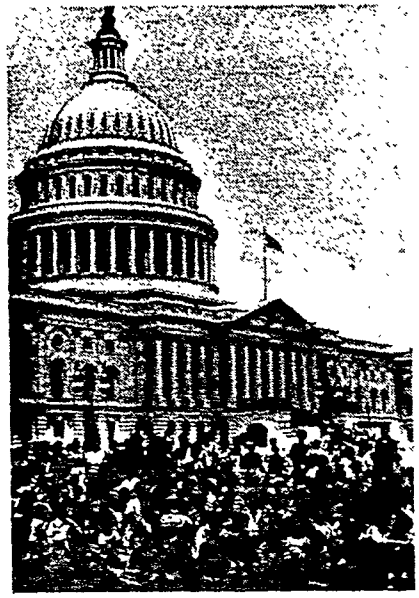

TEMPLE BROTHERHOOD AT DISNEYLAND

A visit to Disneyland doesn't sound like much of an undertaking. But when many hundreds of members of a church decide to go...together...as did the several congregations of Peoples Temple Christian Church this past Labor Day, it's a different story.

Pastor Jim Jones, the spiritual leader and director of the church's vast human service ministry, decided that hundreds of the thousands of Peoples Temple members who couldn't afford to go to the world famous amusement center individually, should be given the opportunity. He wanted the many city young people who had never been to Disneyland to be able to enjoy themselves for an entire day there. He also wanted senior citizens of the church to come along, too.

So, equipped with a nursing staff and medical students, security personnel, and everyone organized into supervised groups, the entire fleet of Greyhound-type buses that are owned and operated by the church, rolled into the Disneyland parking lot in a caravan half a mile long. The great gathering came from the church's main Temples in Los Angeles and San Francisco, California and some from the many other states where Peoples Temple has members.

It was a trip that the children, especially, won't soon forget-- although all of the seniors, too, expressed that they had a grand time. Mobile chairs were provided for the many elderly members so they wouldn't have to walk long distances. But the seniors didn't just want to view the exhibits; they also wanted to go on the rides. One spirited soul who is nearly 90 years old went on almost every ride with the young people and even insisted on going on the "Rocket Plane." So a nurse went with her and they had the time of their life.

Disneyland staff personnel showed astonishment that such a large group could be so well organized. One official exclaimed, "I've never seen anything like this in my life! I'm simply overwhelmed by all these hundreds of different people-- they're like one huge family." The Temple has also sent other groups at other times to Disneyland throughout the year.

But this isn't really anything new for Peoples Temple. It's buses have taken members on many excursions, including several cross-country tours that have gone into Canada and Mexico as well. During one of the most recent trips, they were honored as "Tourists of the Year" by the Washington Post, and last year the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry recognized the Temple throng for its unique demonstration of co-operation and brotherhood when they stopped there for a day's outing on their 10,000 mile "Pilgrimage of Hope."

With so much racial animosity, tensions, and violence in the news these days, there is very little evidence that co-operation and harmony among people of different races and backgrounds can exist here in America. The Disneyland venture of Peoples Temple, however, symbolized as well as demonstrated in a concrete fashion, the possibility of a true and living "brotherhood of man" with equality for all. From infants to seniors in their 90's, the members of Peoples Temple have virtually eradicated racial barriers and generation gaps.

One might wonder how this all came about. It has all been made possible by a co-operative structure and vision of human harmony which the Temple's founder and pastor for nearly 25 years, Jim Jones, has infused into his congregations. But beyond the

periodic excursions and trips, Pastor Jones has been the inspiration for Peoples Temple Christian Church (a Disciples of Christ affiliate) to establish a wide range of human service programs that have brought over 200 young people of drug habits, put scores through college, established innovative, self-managing senior citizen homes, provided legal and medical assistance, and taken care of a host of other vital human needs.

On the eve of America's Bicentennial, here is a unique group that is serious about not merely celebrating what our nation is really all about, but giving the "American dream" reality.

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"Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done it
Unto one of the least of these...
...Ye have done it unto me."

Matthew 25:35-40

April 15, 1978
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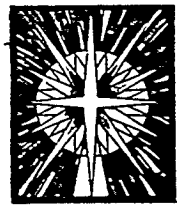
"PEOPLES TEMPLE SHOW A SUCCESS"

The following is a reprint from a recent article in the Guyana Chronicle, the leading newspaper of Guyana, South America, where Rev. Jim Jones and some 1500 members of the Peoples Temple presently reside:

The Peoples Temple Agricultural Project presented its cultural variety show entitled "A Cooperative Feeling" last week at the National Cultural Center with a style never before seen in Guyana, which literally prompted the audience to shout for "More!" following some of the performances. The theme of Cooperation was carried throughout the program, which consisted of over 20 different presentations including Guyana's own Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and the Yoruba Singers. Although the program ran past midnight, few people could be seen leaving.

"The Peoples Temple show kept us on the edge of our seats with unique and exciting performances that always had us wondering what might be next", said two members of the Pegasus Soundwaves, a local band. The audience was roused by several outstanding singers and dance groups. One singer, Dianne Wilkinson, moved many to tears with a song she had adapted called, "Guyana is so Beautiful". A talented twelve-year-old boy who seems to have a bright future delivered a powerful song he wrote entitled,



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April 18, 1978

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To the Members of the Press:

Please find enclosed a copy of the transcript of the statement that was made to the press on Monday, April 17, at Attorney Charles Garry's office. The statement was read by Harriet Tropp, a Temple member at the Agricultural/Medical mission in Guyana, via radio phone patch.

There are a few additional things that ought to be noted in connection with the charges that have been made against us by a self-styled group of "Concerned Relatives" of Temple members in Guyana. In the first place, we do not have guards nor gates nor fences. The enclosed article from the Guyana Chronicle, the nation's largest newspaper, describes the national cultural event of April 1 in the nation's capital in which over 100 Temple members participated enthusiastically. All the participants from Jonestown travelled to the capital by different routes: some by boat, some by plane. They went there freely, and they returned freely. There was a city-wide power black-out during the event. The government put emergency power into the auditorium so the Temple program -- which included dancing, singing, skits, cultural displays and movies of the project -- could continue. Obviously, the Temple members who were staying with all sorts of friends throughout the capital city for the several-day event, are doing what they want to be doing. During the black out, or at any time during their stay in town, they could have departed for the U.S. Embassy, had they desired to do so.

The fact is, there is tremendous freedom of movement at the Agricultural/Medical mission. Well over fifty people per week, on a regular basis, travel back and forth to the capital by boat and plane. These include professional persons such as our teachers, medical staff, and pharmacists; they include children who go in for orthodontia and other dental care, and who are on field trips to visit other schools and cultural sights; and persons who are buying supplies and finding potential outlets for the products our community industries are very busy manufacturing.

Regarding the threat of mercenaries, these "Concerned Relatives" have now belied their true intentions with this new element of violent force. You can be sure that the

Guyanese government is stepping up her defences against the threats of this kind. The Guyanese government as well as the U.S. State Department have all been alerted to this whole affair. One member of the State Department has asked us how he can be of help in protecting Jonestown from mercenaries. Everyone who hears of this is appalled by the threat.

We should hope, too, that the issue over Maria Katsaris is finally settled after this conference. She is quoted as saying, in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, that her father "cannot stand the fact that I am grown up and refuse to work with him. I am fed up. I am leading my own life and want no part of him. It is time for him to give up. I want you to leave me alone." Surely, when she was alone with the U.S. Consulate and the Ambassador during her father's visit to Guyana to see her, (and she was alone with them with her father, contrary to what he says), Maria could have asked them for a ticket back to the U.S.. In regards to her comments to the press and to her father, how could somebody make a person 25 years old say something she doesn't want to say?

Sincerely,

Jean F. Brown

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The following is a transcript of the message read to members of the press by Harriet Tropp, member of Peoples Temple Agricultural Project at Jonestown, Guyana, South America. She read the statement via amateur radio phone patch at Charles Garry's office:

"I am speaking on behalf of Peoples Temple in response to the grossly false and malicious statements that continue to be made about our community here in Guyana. Individuals participating in a self-styled group of "Concerned Relatives" have now threatened publicly to hire mercenaries to illegally enter Guyana and use whatever means necessary, including armed attack and kidnap, to capture relatives in the Peoples Temple community. These threats were made public in a California newspaper. Peoples Temple has already alerted the President, the U.S. State Department, and appropriate government officials in Guyana. This group of "Concerned Relatives is a cruel hoax. If they have to send mercenaries -- hired guns who will violate laws and resort to killing and mayhem to fulfill their contract -- then they reveal the real nature of their efforts.

"We demand to know where the money is coming from to allow them to hire killers. We also demand that the media, which has shown such eagerness to attack our organization, show equal vehemence in condemning this criminal effort and its perpetrators. Actually, this is not a new tactic in the move against the Guyana community; armed agents have already been sent in illegally and have tried to assassinate Rev. Jim Jones and others, as well as kidnap people. Those attempts have been sucessfully thwarted. We hope that the public will see the cruelty and evil

behind the base, nasty motives of these public liars. The people involved have been brought together and have been given assurances that they would be backed up in whatever they were trying to do against Peoples Temple. Their number is very small compared to the many relatives and parents who are coming here to visit the project.

"Our community is a dramatic expression of our deep desire to build a meaningful future for mankind through cooperation and sharing and eradication of class division. Our contribution has been recognized by many, many people who have come to visit this democratic cooperative. Teachers, workers, government officials -- people from all walks of life in Guyana, as well as representatives from nations the world over have come and congratulated us for what is being accomplished. They have praised us for the example of cooperative living and diligent development of this beautiful region.

"The chairman of the Guyanese Livestock Corporation, a man who is a member of one of the most important business families in Guyana, called this project the purest egalitarian society he had ever seen, a community without elitism. Just this week 35 educators from an attending school district, together with a delegation of the most outstanding students in the entire nation, visited us unannounced and spent the entire day. They were overwhelmed with what we are doing. We are making tons of friends here. We are building good will. Providing a constructive presence, we can only enhance cooperation and counteract the negative stereotype of North American people.

"Our medical department is known far and wide for its excellent services, and many lives have been saved. We have programs in agriculture, livestock development, a complete school system and a host of community projects. Just a few days ago, representatives from one

of the largest news agencies in the world spent several days with us. Representatives from other news agencies have been to the project as well, and have pronounced it a remarkable, impressive achievement. Within three to four weeks, several relatives and parents who are not members will be visiting here. They are coming even with a degree of cynicism because they have been approached by this committee. We do not ask that people who come agree with us; however, these relatives are not coming with an intention to harass, and so they are very welcome. One is the leader of another church denomination.We object to this small committee of"concerned relatives" because we have firm proof that all involved in that group have talked about kidnapping and mercenaries. That type of element is not welcome by ourselves nor by the people of Guyana.

"Young people here are finding productive, new lives, free from the pitfalls of inner city environment that would have caused a large percentage of them to become involved in one form of anti-social behavior or another -- behavior which would have cost the U.S. taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. We are tired of seeing people and organizations that are trying to develop constructive alternatives, to build cooperative lifestyles, being harassed unmercifully, lied about, falsely accused of crimes, and, in many cases, brought down. In recent months alone, there have been several examples of this in the Bay Area.

"Here in Guyana, we have come to build a community for a significant number of people, well over a thousand, who have been hurt, angered, alienated and victimized by adverse conditions that prevail in the declining inner cities of advanced western society. Many who were not in such desperate circumstances have also come to join us and build because of the peaceful, natural environment, ideal weather, and the chance to

serve. The vast majority of our members remain in the U.S.

"Finally, we would like to address ourselves to a point that has been raised, it seems, about some statement supposedly issued officially by Peoples Temple whose contents we here are unaware of. It is supposed to have been to the effect that we prefer to resist this harassment and persecution even if it means death. Those who are lying and slandering our work here, it appears, are trying to use this statement against us. We are not surprised. However, it seems that any person with any integrity or courage would have no trouble understanding such a position. Since it is clear that the persons who are plotting so actively to destroy our organization have neither integrity or courage, we are not at all surprised that they would find it offensive. Dr. Martin Luther King reaffirmed the validity of ultimate commitment when he told his Freedom Riders: "We must develop the courage of dying for a cause." He later said that he hoped no one had to die as a result of the struggle, but, "If anyone has to , let it be me." And we, likewise, affirm that before we will submit quietly to the interminable plotting and persecution of this politically motivated conspiracy, we will resist actively, putting our lives on the line, if it comes to that. This has been the unanimous vote of the collective community here in Guyana. We choose as our motto: not like those who marched submissively into gas ovens, but like the valiant heroes who resisted in the Warsaw ghettos. Patrick Henry captured it when he said, simply: "Give me liberty, or give me death."

"If people cannot appreciate that willingness to die, if necessary, rather than to compromise the right to exist free from harassment and the kind of indignities that we have been subjected to, then they can never understand the integrity, honesty, and bravery of Peoples Temple nor the type of commitment of Jim Jones and the principles he has

struggled for all his life.

"It is not our purpose to die; we believe deeply in the celebration of life. It is the intention of Jim Jones, and always has been, to light candles rather than curse the darkness, to find and implement constructive solutions rather than merely complain about problems. But under these outrageous attacks, we have decided to defend the integrity of our community and our pledge to do this. We are confident that people of conscience and principle understand our position. We make no apologies for it.

** Q U O T E S **

Charles Garry, Attorney: "I have been to Paradise. It's there for anybody to see....I saw a community where there is no such thing as racism....There is no such thing as age-ism....I have never seen so many happy faces in my life as I did in Jonestown the three days I was there....Why are those people so happy? They are learning a new social order. They are learning an answer to a better life. When I returned to the States, I told my partners in the office that I had seen paradise. From what I saw there, I would say that the society that is being built in Jonestown is a credit to humanity."

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Dr. Peter Fernandes, Chairman of the Guyana Livestock Corporation and world traveler: "Jonestown is the purest egalitarian society I have ever seen."

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Dr. Ng-a-Fook, Guyanese Dental Surgeon: "The Peoples Temple Agricultural and Medical Mission is a first-class example of community life. I have never before seen so many people of varying races working happily side by-side....I could not help but be impressed."

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Or in prison,
And came unto thee?

"Verily I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done it
Unto one of the least of these...
...Ye have done it unto me"

Matthew 25:35-40

UPDATE: THE LATEST FROM JONESTOWN

Dear Friends,

Bringing you news of Jonestown is like trying to make time stand still! As soon as the words are in print, whole new vistas of development have already opened and a new story is ready to be told. The Peoples Temple community here in the United States is not only proud, but amazed at the progress being made, not only because the technical, social, and material aspects are all so remarkable, but because it is living evidence that the network of conspiracy launched against us has failed. Rev. Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple are succeeding more remarkably than ever before.

What was just a "jungle outpost" a very few years ago is now a center of productive activity. A Guyanese official who visited recently wrote in the guest book: "This is a model community that should be emulated all over the world." Recent visitors have included a delegation from the Ministry of Education and the Minister of Interior Development. The Ministry of Education delegates were thrilled with our nursery and educational programs, which include instruction in several foreign languages, corrective work for many types of learning disabilities, mathematical and scientific training, and a non-competitive, ungraded system which permits every child to progress at his or her own speed. Physical and motor development are emphasized as well, and the playground at Jonestown is being used as a model for the local community, as it is especially designed to build motor skills.

The Minister of Interior Development was also astounded at our progress. They studied our wells, pumps, water and electrical systems. The Minister found our drainage system so excellent that he plans to use it as a model for interior development all over the country. His response is typical of that of the many officials, dignitaries and people from the surrounding areas who make up a constant stream of visitors to the project.

TOP HEALTH CARE

The medical department, considered by many to be the most unique of its kind for this type of community, deserves a detailed description. Its comprehensive plan includes preventive care and education as well as treatment. The staff includes a medical doctor, a pharmacist, a dietician, a pediatric specialist, several nurse practitioners, and a num-

ber of RNs and LVNs plus many medical assistants, full-time health care workers, and trainees. The nurse's office is open 24 hours a day; there is a physical therapy department, under the supervision of a licensed therapist, and a nursery. The doctor and medical staff teach a class every day. For several hours they teach health care workers—paramedics, people who can assist and perform routine health care procedures.

We conduct regular cancer clinics, both in Jonestown and in nearby communities. It could scarcely be said of any general population anywhere that every single person has had a thorough medical exam for possible malignancies—breast, pelvic, prostatic, and rectal. Now eleven people have been discovered to have malignancies. Two were very young, and it never would have been suspected. All have been referred for treatment and will be fine.

The schedule for checkups and monitoring of health is conscientiously planned and followed. The health care workers check with each and every resident daily to see that they are well. The medical team holds regular meetings in which the entire staff reviews, analyzes, and critiques treatment in various cases. They discuss the program and always find ways it can be improved. There are daily supervisors meetings to monitor all aspects of each day's nursing program, to review progress and set priorities.

Medical equipment includes two EKG machines, a centrifuge, electronic microscope, and an autoclave. We will soon be getting an X-ray machine, to be operated by a licensed technician with 20 years of experience. All lab work such as urinalysis and blood testing, is done by our lab technician. There are regular health care check-ups for all children, including complete physicals on a regular basis and daily checks for small things like scratches and sores. The pharmacist supervises the giving out of medications carefully. Dieticians and teachers emphasize clean health care habits, and the dentist visits regularly. (Dr. Ng-a-Fook, the visiting dental surgeon, was so inspired by what is happening in our community that he wrote a beautiful article which was published in the Guyana Chronicle, Guyana's leading daily newspaper.)

Diets are carefully planned. Extra snacks and special foods are provided for those underweight, and a special losing diet (which is very nutritious and filling), is recommended for overweight people. Diabetics are given special diets, though diabetes has, for the most part, become normalized through the combination of natural diet and exceptionally healthy environment. Expectant mothers' diets include extra protein and other supplements.

FIRST BABY BORN IN SETTLEMENT

Recently our first child was born in Jonestown, a beautiful little girl. Her mother had taken Lamaze natural childbirth classes with one of our registered nurses there, and experienced no pain whatsoever. She was attended by our doctor and medical staff, who made sure she had every modern medical benefit.

We have also been able to treat children from the surrounding area who have not been so fortunate as to receive skilled care previously. Two twin babies suffering from a serious digestive problem, an inability to assimilate protein, were saved by our medical staff. We have cared for a little boy who suffered with a serious congenital problem. His mother was unable to get the child to the capital for treatment. The child will shortly be able to be returned to her, his condition completely rectified by the Temple medical staff. The mother is thrilled the boy's life has been spared. The child's critical condition came to the attention of our doctor as he was holding one of his frequent clinics among the local Amerindian population.

In summary, the effectiveness of the medical program here, we feel, is to be found in its inter-relationship with all facets of community life: the dietician works closely with the kitchen staff; the nursery staff includes health-care trainees; a sanitation committee is very active in monitoring household conditions, pest control, sewage and drainage; the senior's center combines daily health care monitoring with recreational activities and social functions.

EXPANDING AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

This is an environment where everything grows and thrives. We have just cleared another 200 acres of lush jungle land for planting—a continuing process as our agricultural programs expand. We have food stored months ahead of time, to prepare for self-sufficiency of the project. Frequently, too, we take large amounts of food into nearby communities to distribute.

To meet protein requirements, we are acquiring milk cows. Already we have two bulls for propagation of a herd. The pigs are thriving, and a flock of thousands of chickens has just graduated 2000 chicks from modern incubators to add to its population. We are raising a number of rabbits for food.

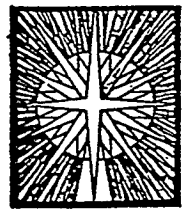
Some of the local animals have found their way into the hearts of our Jonestown family. Our darling pet anteater not only eats ants, but drinks milk from a bottle. Other pets include a brightly colored parrot, a beautiful toucan, and a baby capuchin monkey—one of the most intelligent of the monkey species—who enjoys perching on people's shoulders.

INDIVIDUAL TALENTS FLOWER

In stark contrast to the North American urban ghettos, the rundown schools, the inadequate housing and health care, and the racist oppression out of which many of our Jonestown residents have come, life in this cooperative environment is secure and fulfilling. It provides for the needs of each resident as well as opportunity for development of individual creativity and potential. In fact, a whole host of craft and cottage industries have taken hold as the individual talents of residents flower for the collective good. A whole range of durable, exquisitely hand-crafted toys form what is a rapidly expanding toy manufacturing department. A wide variety of toys are made, all from local materials, ranging from trains to swings. A handicrafts department is making rugs, dolls, baskets, combs, and the like. Our handcrafted furniture is constructed from indigenous hardwoods, and is coming widely into

demand for its beautiful finish and professional craftsmanship. Chairs, tables, pre-school furniture and children's furniture are among the items made. This is only one example of man-made beauty being drawn from and directly enhancing the great natural beauty of the environment. The community is very colorful, a true modern village, as homes are being landscaped with fruit trees, gardens and decorative fencing.

The excellent health of residents here and the astounding growth of the project are glowing reflections of the spirit of socialist cooperation. Everyone is motivated to function at their very best, as they see their talents being used directly to help others. Almost needless to say, everyone feels very secure and well cared for in an environment like this. The experience of Jonestown, and the inspiration of its founder-leader Jim Jones, is building happy and healthy lives. We are more proud than we can say of what we have been able to accomplish in such a short time in this beautiful jungle interior, and look forward to even greater growth and progress in service to the nation and people of Guyana. We are happy to share this news with you, our friends, and look forward to bringing you reports of future developments.



PEOPLES TEMPLE

Jim Jones, Pastor

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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OPEN STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF PEOPLES TEMPLE
IN JONESTOWN, GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

The statements of public accusations that have been presented at press conferences staged by a group of people calling themselves "Concerned Relatives" represents the latest in a long series of preposterous attacks against Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

We have repeatedly and in great detail made it clear to the public that what they have been witnessing is a series of elaborate charades that only imperfectly masks a politically motivated conspiracy, using former members of Peoples Temple who have worked within our organization as agent provocateurs. We are only one of a large number of progressive groups who have been targeted for destruction because we are uniting poor and working class people across racial lines giving them power over their own lives and doing it non-violently.

The fact that we have pointed to the failure of the so-called Free Enterprise system to provide for all segments of the population and the fact that we have taken up justice and liberation causes; the fact that we have been able to put together all those successful survival programs that have made the difference for thousands of people, providing food, medical assistance, jobs, training, the kind of corporate power and solidarity that racist forces in the U.S. want to keep for themselves; the fact that we have several thousand members; the fact that we live a cooperative lifestyle, and have been able to generate some wealth thereby -- which has been used for the welfare of all the people in the form of human service; the fact that we have been able to put out a free newspaper that hits hard on injustice: these are the real reasons why we are under attack.

The group of "Concerned Relatives" is only the latest ploy. These shallow appeals indicate that they are growing desperate. "Concerned Relatives" are now groaning about "human rights violations" against individuals who have publicly stated that they want nothing to do with them. The statement of the "Concerned Relatives" was signed by a sordid crew of individuals who, among other things, have tried blackmail; have embezzled from Peoples Temple while infiltrating it; have even been involved in the manufacture of ammunition and have advocated ridiculous and mad schemes of violence in order to achieve revolutionary "ends" in the classic manner of agent provocateurs. Included in the group are people who have used and trafficked in drugs; some who have molested children, including their own, such as Maria Katsaris just publicly exposed her father; who have operated credit card rackets, forged checks, stolen money from the treasury in the amount of thousands of dollars;

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who have actually abused and treated black youngsters as house slaves; who have engaged in welfare fraud and who have exhibited a series of highly unstable personal patterns in their private lives, e.g. sadism.

They are organizers, collaborators, and recruits, both paid and volunteer, in a conspiracy that has tried every trick in to the book to -- in the words of one of them--, "destroy" us.

Conspiring with other individuals, leaders in the group have lied about us, getting the worst kind of smear and innuendo-filled articles in the press. They have sent out aides to bribe people to lie about us; who have the devices and "dirty trick" methods of Cointelpro that have been used repeatedly to harass other progressive organizations.

They have tried a host of schemes: sabotaging our communications; instigating bogus investigations that get headline media coverage while turning up nothing; using lies, distortions, faceless accusers to create an aura of implied guilt; they have attempted to cut off pensions to elderly people in our organization, at our beautiful agricultural project in Guyana, in an effort to actually starve them out. They have tried to use the Offices of high officials in the State Department, everyone they could think of to sabotage our work here, which has been described by thousands of visitors as a model of cooperation, earning praises all over the world. They have circulated lies about us everywhere and have even tried to send undercover agents hired to snatch away children illegally and violently from their rightful parents and homes, and have tried to bribe and pay off officials to help them. It is all documented fact.

Today, the organizers of these efforts are particularly infuriated because they haven't gotten anywhere with their schemes to date. So here they are again, mostly the same cast of characters, now with the new name, "Concerned Relatives", now talking about "human rights", with sanctimonious expressions on their faces, and the mask of outraged antiquated morality which they have learned to wear so well.

The group is lead by a gentleman who cannot stand the fact that his 24-year-old daughter has asserted her independence from his emotional tyranny over her, and has been desperately trying to reunite daughter to "doting daddy". (This individual is also a clergyman of sorts, and once instructed her to "worship me as an icon unto God".) The group also includes people who have publicly threatened to hire mercenaries to do whatever necessary to "liberate" their children. An interesting approach coming from persons supposedly concerned about "human rights"! With the help of their lawyer-leader, Tim Stoen, the group has put together a document that is filled with distortions, misportrayals, and lies.

It is interesting and instructive that many of the "Concerned Relatives" have shown only a token concern in the past about their "loved ones" that they now claim to agonize over. These loved ones... the truth is that they are glad to be free of these relatives, and they wish to be left alone to lead a life of their own choosing. It is a most basic human right which the "Concerned Relatives" are violating, not Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple.

Let us look at it a little more closely. The "Concerned Relatives" are merely threatened by the fact that Peoples Temple and Jim Jones have been able to provide the meaningful, wholesome lifestyle that they have failed to provide for those whom they profess such "concern" about. The accusa-

tion that Jim Jones is "power hungry"; the sing-song of the documents is predictable as it is absurd. What sort of power is being referred to? No answer. The authors and signers of the document reflect again their total inability to understand the dynamics of a collective unit that seems threatening to them precisely because it is no worship of self, no power hunger. They prove their own "power hunger" in their possessiveness of their relatives, a state which is completely inconsistent, indeed impossible, in the cooperative, sharing, socialistic lifestyle that Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple live in Jonestown. They cannot even relate to that: there is something about a person deciding to devote themselves to a cause, an ideal, to the well-being of others outside their own narrow ken, that shakes these people up.

They are unable to understand the ultimate commitment of people to a cause that transcends their own personal self-interests. Their "concern" --about a group of people who feel strongly enough about their work for justice and human liberation that they would give their lives for such a cause-- is at once phony and disgusting. Such dedication has always been a puzzlement and a threat to people who have no such commitment, to people whose lives move on a superficial moral plane, circumscribed by a thousand fears, and compensation for the half-realization of the emptiness of their lives; people who --devoid of principle-- are content merely to read the newspaper and live for self.

Accusations of "power hunger" are not new to Jim Jones, or to other principled leaders who have called humanity to a higher road. There is no question that, in the process of choosing a path in life that transcends the "us four and no more" syndrome, people will leave their biological relatives, not so much out of rejection as from a parting of the ways on the grounds of conviction in conscience, which finally transcends mere biology and genetics. Those who are left behind cannot, because of their emotional sickness, accept the choice of those who have responded to the call of a different drummer, to a life of service, to a renunciation of selfishness, to the building of brotherhood. For a time, they will live with a hopeless contradiction, recognizing the validity of that road, but morally unprepared to travel it. They will finally seek to eradicate their pain by trampling, villifying, sabotaging and crucifying the standard-bearers of that higher vision. Sooner or later, they find each other, band into desperate confraternity, and plan their crimes, being careful always to gloss over their infamy with the appearance of righteousness. It is in such a perspective that we must view the statement of the "Concerned Relatives". Such statements have been issued many times through history, beginning perhaps with the pleas of the outraged parents in ancient Athens about a teacher who was "corrupting" the minds of their children. We publicly repudiate not only the "interpretations" of the "Concerned Relatives" of the commitment of our organization to ideals of economic justice and human liberation for which we are willing to give our lives, but we repudiate their "concern". We call it a vicious hoax. We've no use to even dignify their lying and inane allegations.

Our community in Guyana is an open book. It has been visited by hundreds of pepple some of whom have decided to join with us even though they had no previous association with Peoples Temple. Others visiting are relatives of residents, both members and non-members of the organization. What they have found in this city shows the lie of all the perverted portrayals of the ringleaders of the "Concerned Relatives" group: a

community of joy, beauty, industry, accomplishment, total lack of racism. A community where people whose lives were being wasted and thwarted are now finding meaning and purpose. A community that has been called a model of cooperation by the countless number of people who have penned glowing entries into the guest book (a partial list of visitors and their comments is attached). This group with their fictitious complaints represent only the tiniest fraction, even, of the relatives of people in Jonestown who are coming to the Project in increasing numbers and are thrilled by what they see. Soon a Methodist Superintendent and his wife, parents of Jonestown residents, will be visiting, and they are only one visit amongst many.

So, who precisely, are these "Concerned Relatives"? Briefly, the ringleaders are two individuals, fathers, who are moaning about their daughters, both of them in their twenties, one of whom is living in Guyana with her mother; whose parents were divorced before the daughter was born, and has always lived away from him. The other is Tim Stoen, whose civil case has already been clarified by his own sworn statement that his "son" is not really his own at all. He must uphold the fiction of paternity since his entire reputation rests on it. So he's been the main force behind the "Concerned Relatives". The three dubious fathers are joined by others who have been absolute false witnesses against Jim Jones since the smear campaign was instigated over a year ago. A few others are recent recruits, and in practically every case they are whiningabout adult married relatives, some of whom are in their 50's and 60's and have families of their own in Jonestown.

But neither we nor many others are fooled. One of these chariatans has now publicly threatened to hire mercenaries. Underneath the sanctimonious lying, there is a particular viciousness of a vindictive, desper. band of people, secretly jealous of their loved ones' desire to live a life of principle and service that many of them once professed but never practiced.

Their lies we do not take seriously, but threats of hired killers we do. We know from experience what individuals with wounded pride, unable to confront their own failure and guilt, will do when desperate. We have therefore notified the President of the United States, members of Congress, and appropriate officials in the Department of State and the government of Guyana as well including local law enforcement agencies, o: the clear threat to violate laws and send violence experts in to terrorize our organization.

Persecution is nothing new to us -- since Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple began to make social justice and economic equality work over 25 years ago, we have been beset by racists, arsonists, hired assasins, and every kind of effort to discredit, even destroy the Peoples Temple work. But we have not been intimidated even slightly, and we have had enough. We state without equivocation or reserve that we will never back down, whatever heinous actions are attempted against us. We will continue to fight this conspiracy --and expose it-- every step of the way. Several thousand strong, we stand on our record of human service, and will never abandon our beliefs, not their practice which has built the most humane kind of community on this Earth.

REV. JAMES W. JONES—AS VIEWED BY OTHERS

Rev. James W. Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church, headquartered in Redwood Valley, California, has in recent months been in the news for his ministry of spiritual healing. As authentic and helpful to people as that ministry is, it remains clearly secondary to his ministry of human service, which is based on an intensely literal interpretation of the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned. One result: more than 150 young people have been rehabilitated from drugs, many of whom live in college dormitories provided by the church.

Jim Jones is an officially-ordained minister of the 1.4 million member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination, and has been pastor of his church for 21 years. He has adopted children of various races, lives modestly, has served in many civic posts, including Foreman of the Mendocino County Grand Jury, and weekly ministers to three churches in Redwood Valley, Los Angeles, and San Francisco.

What follows are brief statements about this significant ministry as others see it:

1. A "Christ-Centered" Pastor. *"Pastor Jim Jones has brought me to a deeper relationship with Christ. He is so principled, so Christ-centered in his commitment to serve people that I don't know where to begin. He is usually last in line to get his food and the first to take care of a chore needing to be done. He seems to overflow with love for people and for other living things. I saw him speak to a man badly crippled from birth and the man got up and walked away unassisted. Jim gave the credit to God. I've seen him cup little insects in his hand and tenderly carry them outdoors. Unless I had seen these things first-hand, I would never have believed life could be so hopeful. I came to Peoples Temple a few months ago. It is by far the greatest thing that's happened to me. I am so very grateful."*

Pat Grunnet, public school teacher and Chapman College graduate

2. A Growing Church. *"People's Temple ranks as probably the largest Protestant congregation in Northern California, according to various estimates by officials of several Protestant denominations."*

Sacramento Bee (October 30, 1972)

3. A "Highly Regarded" Church. *"Called less formally Peoples Temple, this church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."*

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4. Its Charitable Activities. "[There] *are the many charitable activities of the People's Temple: a drug rehabilitation program, college grants, convalescent homes, a home for mentally retarded youth, three senior citizen homes, an animal shelter, and emergency legal and medical aid."*

Santa Rosa Press Democrat (January 18, 1973)

5. Support for Police. *"A strongly ... pro-civil rights church, which has a congregation in the Fillmore District, has started a fund to aid the families of slain policemen. 'We are utterly horrified by this move to murder police all over this nation,' the Reverend James Jones ... told the Chronicle yesterday. The Disciples of Christ congregation started off the fund with $150. The money collected will go to the families* [of a Berkeley officer and two] *officers killed last weekend...."*

San Francisco Chronicle (September 4, 1970)

6. Support for a Free Press. *"Twelve newspapers ... and a newsmagazine and a television station have been awarded grants totalling $4400 by Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ for use 'in the defense of a free press.' Announcement of the grants was made yesterday in Ukian, Mendocino County, by the board of trustees of the church, which has a statewide membership of more than 7500. Speaking for the board, trustee James R. Pugh said: 'We believe the American way of life is being threatened by the recent jailings of news reporters for refusal to reveal their sources. As a church, we feel a responsibility to defend the free speech clause of the First Amendment, for without it America will have lost freedom of conscience and the climate will become ripe for totalitarianism.'"*

San Francisco Chronicle (January 17, 1973)

Pastor and Mrs. Jones with a few of their adopted children and their natural-born son.

7. A Relevant Church. *"I think Pastor Jim Jones is Godly – and I plan to become a member of the Temple in Los Angeles. I can relate to his teachings. I had not, until a Sunday in December, 1972, been inside of a church for 15 years."*

Editorial page comment by Publisher, Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch (January 18, 1973)

8. Special Citizenship Award. *"It gives me extreme pleasure to announce that you have been selected as recipient of The Sun-Reporter 1971 'Special Merit Award.'... Your acquaintances speak glowingly of your numerous social concerns, involving efforts to rehabilitate drug addicts, provision of housing and health care for senior citizens, the development and maintenance of an animal shelter, and your multi-racial adopted family – all of which we believe is encompassed in the Judeo-Christian ethic – that man is his brother's keeper. These are tumultuous times, requiring that each individual be ever mindful of the prophetic words of Edmund Burke, spoken in the 18th century: 'All that is necessary for evil to triumph in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.'"*

Carlton B. Goodlett, Ph.D., M.D., Publisher, The San Francisco Sun-Reporter (letter dated April, 1972)

9. "He was Superb." *"The Rev. James Jones will be sorely missed as executive secretary of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights. He was hired after long search.... He was superb. He went about his job diplomatically but thoroughly and produced results."*

Editorial, The Indianapolis Times (Scripps-Howard) (as quoted in the Ukiah Daily Journal, June 3, 1968)

10. A Family Man. *"The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a fiery archangel, a humble servant of humanity, an erudite wit, a loving family man with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children – and a plain human being who sometimes finds the battle 'heavy going.'"*

Kathy Hunter, Ukiah Daily Journal (June 3, 1968)

11. Helping Sick People. *"James Jones seems to have great qualities. His parapsychological powers are quite extraordinary.... Obviously this man has some powers (not dissimilar to those of Jesus in the Biblical record) that are beyond those of most of us. His capacity to help sick and decrepit people is also evident..."*

James Carley, Professor at Christian Theological Seminary *(in letter published in the Indianapolis Star, Dec. 22, 1971)*

12. The View of a Medical Doctor. *"I have known Reverend Jim Jones for more than one year and have found him to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible and all of the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men. It was with pleasure that I attended his services and witnessed his utter, complete involvement. He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive well adapted behavior."*

I. H. Perkins, M. D. (In a letter "To Whom it May Concern" dated March 2, 1972)

13. Protection of Individual Liberty. *"This church, the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, has a distinguished pastor, Reverend James W. Jones, and they have never failed to respond to public or private appeals for assistance in the pursuit and protection of individual liberty and freedom."*

Publisher of the San Francisco Sun Reporter (in letter to University Dean dated February 5, 1973)

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Reverend JAMES W. JONES .....

Reverend James W. Jones is an officially-ordained minister of the 1.4 million member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination. He has been pastor of his church for 22 years. He is a graduate of Butler University, has studied extensively in Biblical History and exegesis, spent two years on sabbatical as a foreign missionary establishing programs for orphans abroad, and has, with his wife Marceline, adopted impoverished children of five ethnic backgrounds. For many years he had a "tentmaker" ministry, combining the pastoring of a church with being a public school teacher and with being a very successful businessman. During all this time, he has followed the Disciples of Christ tradition of emphasizing the restoration of the "primitive Christian Church" and has worked hard to establish a congregation of Christ-centered, principled Christians who would practice literally the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, shelter strangers, visit the sick and imprisoned. The result has been Peoples Temple Christian Church, through which God is doing wondrous things, including the rehabilitation of over 150 young persons from drugs, many of whom are now living in college dormitories provided by the church and are training for careers in medicine and other human service. Invested with the New Testament gift of healing, Rev. Jones exercises this stewardship by carrying on a subordinated, calm, sane spiritual healing ministry known for working closely with medical science. He weekly ministers to three churches in Redwood Valley, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Rev. Jones' strong belief in the Constitution and Christian citizenship has led to his serving with acclaim in many civic posts, including foreman of the local grand jury and executive director of the human rights commission of a large midwestern city. Last year he was given the Special Merit Award for civic leadership by the San Francisco Sun-Reporter. Rev. Jones and his family live modestly a cinder-block house with wood trim, exemplifying a deep reverence for all life.

What follows are brief statements about this significant ministry as others see it:

AS VIEWED BY OTHERS...

Pastor and Mrs. Jones with some of their adopted children and their natural born son.

1. View of Methodist District Superintendent:
"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice – compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

. . . Dr. John Moore, Dist. Superintendent of the United Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay, Calif. (March 2, 1973). . .

2. View of Local Clergy:
"(Progress in meeting) the needs of people . . . is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven day a week program of the People's Temple with its team of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."

. . . Dr. Elmer Schmitt, Pres. of the Ukiah Ministerial Association (In Report on Church Progress, published in Ukiah Daily Journal, 1971). . .

3. A "Christ-Centered" Ministry:
"Pastor Jim Jones has brought me to a deeper relationship with Christ. He is immeasurably Christ-centered and principled in his commitment to serve people. He is usually last in line to get his food and the first to take care of a chore needing to be done. He seems to overflow with love for people and other living things. I saw him speak to a man badly crippled and the man got up and walked away unassisted. Jim, of course, gave the credit to God. I've seen him cup little insects in his hand and tenderly carry them outdoors. Unless I had seen these things first hand, I would never have believed life could be so hopeful. I came to Peoples Temple last summer, and now have the privilege of supervising an innovative cultural-enrichment program for the children. Such meaning my life has!"

. . . Pat Grunnet, public school teacher and Chapman College graduate (March, 1973). . .

4. Epitomizes the Giving of Self:
"The Peoples Temple Church, motivated and inspired by their pastor, Jim Jones, epitomizes giving of one's self for human services."

. . . Marge Boynton (Officer, Republican State Central Committee, in letter that is dated February 22, 1973). . .

5. A "Highly Regarded" Church:
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"While a news bureau chief for the CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, I came to do a feature story on Peoples Temple in November, 1972. I discovered the most dedicated person to the cause of humanity I've ever met. I found Pastor Jim Jones' motives and humanitarian principles to be unquestionably honorable. He is exemplifying the life of Christ by working day and night to relieve suffering and establish true brotherhood, wherever he can. I have become so impressed with the integrity of this humble and selfless man that I recently gave up that position to work full time for this incredible ministry."

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. . . Editorial Page comment by the Publisher of the Los Angeles Herald-Dispatch (Jan. 18, 1973) . . .

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. . . San Francisco Chronicle (Sept. 4, 1970). .

11. Support for a Free Press:
"Twelve newspapers . . . and a newsmagazine and a television station have been awarded grants totalling $4400 by Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ for use 'in the defense of a free press.' Announcement of the grants was made yesterday in Ukiah, Mendocino County, by the Board of Trustees of the church, which has a statewide membership of more than 7,500. Speaking for the Board, Trustee James R. Pugh said: 'We believe the American way of life is being threatened by the recent jailings of news reporters for refusal to reveal their sources. As a church, we feel a responsibility to defend the free speech clause of the First Amendment, for without it America will have lost freedom of conscience and the climate will become ripe for totalitarianism."

. . . San Francisco Chronicle (Jan 17, 1973). . .

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"It gives me extreme pleasure to announce that you have been selected as recipient of the Sun Reporter 1971 SPECIAL MERIT AWARD. . . Your acquaintances speak glowingly of your numerous social concerns, involving efforts to rehabilitate drug addicts, provision of housing and health care for senior citizens, the development and maintenance of an animal shelter, and your multi-racial adopted family – all of which we believe is encompassed in the Judeo-Christian ethic – that man is his brother's keeper. These are tumultuous times, requiring that each individual be ever mindful of the prophetic words of Edmund Burke, spoken in the 18th century: 'All that is necessary for evil to triumph in the world is for enough good men to do nothing.'"

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. . . Editorial, The Indianapolis Times (Scripps-Howard), 1965 . . .

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"The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a fiery archangel, a humble servant of humanity, an erudite wit, a loving family man with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children – and a plain human being who sometimes finds the battle 'heavy going.'"

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"James Jones seems to have great qualities. His para-psychological powers are quite extraordinary. . . Obviously this man has some powers (not dissimilar to those of Jesus in the Biblical record) that are beyond those of most of us. His capacity to help sick and decrepit people is also evident. . ."

. . . James Carley, Professor at Christian Theological Seminary (in letter published in the Indianapolis Star, December 22, 1971). . .

16. The View of a Medical Doctor:
"I have known Reverend Jim Jones for more than one year and have found him to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and talent possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals obtain cures believed impossible and all of the while being a considerate, understanding leader of men. It was with pleasure that I attended his services and witnessed his utter, complete involvement. He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive well adapted behavior."

. . . I. H. Perkins, M. D. (in a letter "To Whom It May Concern," dated March 2, 1972). .

17. Protection of Individual Liberty:
"This church, the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, has a distinguished pastor, Reverend James W. Jones, and they have never failed to respond to public or private appeals for assistance in the pursuit and protection of individual liberty and freedom."

. . . Publisher, San Francisco Sun-Reporter (In letter to University Dean dated February 5, 1973). . .

Dear Elected Official:

Although this business matter is unknown to the media, it is being sent to you as an elected official for two reasons:

1) Your support for safeguarding the First Amendment, and

2) The attached resolution adopted by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for Northern California - Northern Nevada, which requests each congregation to:

"make their voice heard... by letting the elected officials... know that we oppose any action which infringes on the First Amendment."

PLEASE NOTE...

Often, churches like ours which do human service work are not well known to the general media. We are not wanting publicity unless it would encourage others to do something worthwhile in these areas. We would like you to be aware of the various things we're doing, in case you should come in contact with people who need our services. We have many programs in drug rehabilitation, sickle-cell testing clinics, legal services, children's events (such as Christmas parties where all children receive gifts of equal value), youth counseling, and others. We'll gladly help anyone...in any straits. We've had especially good success with young people who have tried everything and failed, and are in need of concerned help.

Thank you.

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Pastor Jim Jones is so totally equalitarian that when he takes his vacation he always takes his church family along with him. For this vacation 12 buses full of excited travelers toured the United States in August, 1973, going from Redwood Valley through Houston, Texas; to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; back through Chicago, Illinois; to San Francisco, and finally returning to Redwood Valley after two wonderful weeks.

Many of the people who journeyed with this group had never been outside of California before, even though some of them were in their advanced years.

The children all went with them, and their welfare was uppermost in the minds of those who were in charge. At each rest stop special areas were available for the children to run and play so that they could get the exercise and fun time that they needed.

When the vacation was over, each person who accompanied Pastor Jim came back with glowing reports about the wonderful time they had had, already eager for the next vacation.

PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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SUMMER VACATION

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VACATION HIGHLIGHTS

This is the Capitol Building in Washington D.C., where the entire group of [illegible] buses stopped on their trip around the country this August, 1976. The group was warmly received by Congressman [illegible] who arranged for tours through the building.

While we were in Washington D.C. we were impressed by the leading newspaper of the area, and a front-page story was written, telling of the activities of Peoples Temple and praising our interracial group. Imagine, if you can, the impact of a group of nearly [illegible] people, totally integrated, going to the Capitol Building to visit this representative.

What a welcome sight this group was to those who are interested in brotherhood and equality! How thankful we are that we can be living witnesses that INTEGRATION DOES WORK!

Even though it was somewhat out of the way, Pastor Jones and the group unanimously decided to visit his home town, Lynn, Indiana. The group was fortunate to see points of historic interest that marked the beginning of Pastor Jim's ministry, and to visit with his dear friend, Myrtle Kennedy, who was a positive influence in his early life.

Myrtle Kennedy took him in as a child and fed him when he was hungry. She spoke with him often, listening to the words of wisdom that seemed to come from a deep understanding of life far beyond his years.

Here you see Pastor Jim giving Myrtle Kennedy her copy of his record, which includes the song "Down From His Glory" sung by Pastor Jones, and other Temple favorites. He also delivered her copy of THE LIVING WORD, the magazine that is published by the Peoples Temple staff.

Her relatives, also shown here, warmly received Jim after having heard about him from her.

Here is the Lynn Tabernacle, located in Lynn, Indiana. When Jim Jones was only 7 and 8 years old, this location was a store-front church that he attended. He was often asked to preach as a child because even then it was realized that he had a message that could improve the world if people would listen to him and heed the message that he gave.

Even at that young age his life was dedicated to helping others, and he knew that he had a mission to fulfill which no one else could fulfill.

This old store-front church was later made into the lovely tabernacle.

...as others see him

Reverend James W. Jones is an officially-ordained minister of the 1.4 million member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination. He has been pastor of his church for 22 years. He is a graduate of Butler University, has studied extensively in Biblical history and exegesis, spent two years on sabbatical as a foreign missionary establishing programs for orphans abroad, and has, with his wife, Marcelina, adopted impoverished children of five ethnic backgrounds.

For many years Jim Jones combined the pastoring of a church with being a public schoolteacher and with being a very successful businessman. During all this time, he has worked hard to establish a congregation of principled persons who would practice literally the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned. The result has been Peoples Temple Christian Church, through which significant things are being done for humanity, including the rehabilitation of over 150 young persons from drugs, many of whom are now living in college dormitories provided by the church and are training for careers in medicine and other human service.

Jim Jones carries on a calm, sane spiritual healing ministry known for working closely with medical science. He ministers each week to three churches: in Redwood Valley, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Rev. Jones' strong belief in the Constitution and responsible citizenship has led to his serving with acclaim in many civic posts, including foreman of the local grand jury and executive director of the human rights commission of a large midwestern city. Last year he was given the Special Merit Award for civic leadership by the San *Francisco Sun Reporter*. Jim and Marcelina Jones exemplify a deep reverence for all life and care for all kinds of animals. They live modestly in a cinder block house with wood trim, in Redwood Valley, California.

WHAT FOLLOWS ARE BRIEF STATEMENTS ABOUT THIS SIGNIFICANT MINISTRY AS OTHERS SEE IT:

"PROBABLY THE LARGEST":

"People's Temple ranks as probably the largest Pentecostal congregation in Northern California, according to various estimates by officials of several Protestant associations."

—*Sacramento Bee*, October 30, [illegible]

A "HIGHLY REGARDED" CHURCH:

"Called [illegible] formally Peoples Temple, this church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."

—*San Francisco Chronicle*, Feb. 8, [illegible]

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"We feel the future this Hall of Scribes is a most [illegible] a very archangel, a [illegible] servant of humanity, an [illegible] [illegible], a living [illegible] man [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] – and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]."

—[illegible], *Sacramento Bee*, June 8, [illegible]

Pastor Jim Jones and his dedicated wife, Marceline, are seen here with their beautiful, adopted rainbow family, "homemade child" and grandchildren.

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PRAISE BY METHODIST DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:

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DEFENDING THE FIRST AMENDMENT:

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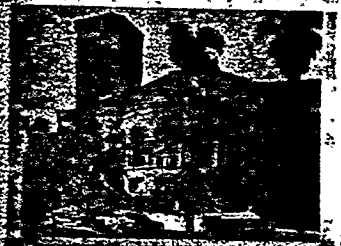
IAPA News, Feb-March 1970, Inter American Press Association, in article entitled, "Church Donation Aids Fight for Press Freedom."



Peoples Temple, Los Angeles, was founded a quarter of a century ago, the results of our thousands of Southern California converts.

SUPPORT FOR A FREE PRESS:

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Further, I have attended many meetings of Pastor Jim Jones' of Peoples Temple and many times have I seen him demonstrate his supernatural power before the eyes of all present. I have also seen Pastor Jim Jones heal people who had been crippled with arthritis for many years. These people were able to walk with raptured strength with the power of Jim Jones.

As a Physician of many years of experience, I am convinced that these miraculous cures are genuine and permanent. Pastor Jim Jones is unique in his performance. He should be seen and heard by people of the entire world. He has the power to prove all of his claims if he is given the chance to do so. This world will be a better place in which to live because of Pastor Jim Jones."

. . . J. Bruce Massey, M.D. ("Physician and Surgeon") in letter "To Whom It May Concern," dated July 21, 1972 . . .

VIEW OF FORMER TV NEWS BUREAU CHIEF:
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"Jim Jones is the most principled, compassionate, and dynamic human being I've ever encountered. He knows his own mind and is totally secure. He loves people, fears nothing, and stands publicly for everything he believes privately. Although remarkably intelligent, he speaks in simple terms and lives a simple life. His respect for little insects and all other life in the eco-system is immense. He believes fiercely in the Bill of Rights, appreciates the blood and sweat from which these rights were forged, and is prepared, I am convinced, to lay down even his life in their defense. He rigorously opposes totalitarianism in any form. He has inspired his congregation, too, to care about society and to have the courage of their convictions. How utterly fortunate it is that America has Jim Jones — a citizen who truly lives his ideals."

. . . Eugene B. Chaikin, Attorney at Law (July, 1973) . . .

DISCIPLES LEADER SPEAKS:
"The program of the congregation seems to be wide in its concerns, ranging from care of abandoned animals through orphans' homes, homes for the aged, financial support of students in college, legal services for the community, narcotics rehabilitation; in fact, it is apparent that no human need is expressed without an honest attempt being made to meet that need. I have the impression the congregation is ready, willing and able to assist any human being with almost any problem. Concern for social structures and processes is also evident. . . . One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve. . . . Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity."

. . . Rev. Gerald McHarg, Associate Regional Pastor, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for Southern California, in Staff Report dated April 6, 1973 . . .

VIEW OF THE WASHINGTON POST EDITORS:
"The hands-down winners of anybody's tourists-of-the-year award have got to be the 980 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif.—who bend over backwards to leave every place they visit most attractive than when they arrived. Like thousands of other tourists, they went calling on the U.S. Capitol the other day; but unlike others who tramp through our town spreading litter helter-skelter, this spirited group of travelers fanned out from their 13 buses and spent about an hour cleaning up the grounds.

One 82-year old woman who was policing the area at the foot of the Capitol explained to reporter Frank Jones that the members take pleasure in sweeping across the country this way. The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, has already won friends in dozens of cities since its tour left Redwood Valley Aug. 8, and still more areas will benefit by the members' stopoffs on their return trip!"

. . . Editorial, *Washington Post* (Aug. 18, 1973)

PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH: AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY OF HUMAN SERVICES INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF PASTOR JIM JONES

Through many programs designed to relieve human suffering and bring health and well-being to the disadvantaged, Peoples Temple has reached out to help persons all over the world. Food and supplies have been sent to help needy persons facing disease and starvation both at home and abroad - - including the Sub-Sahara region of Africa, Biafra, Bangladesh, Appalachia, and Indian reservations everywhere. Peoples Temple has also contributed funds and assistance to many Catholic, Protestant and Jewish social service programs, as well as aiding Soviet Jewish refugees in Eastern Europe.

Various kinds of support have been given to all kinds of humanitarian concerns and charities representing a host of efforts toward common goals. One of Pastor Jones' biggest concerns is medical care and he has directed that funds be sent regularly to support medical research. Also legal services are available for those who need them.

Peoples Temple provides emergency assistance in practically every kind of human crisis situation where immediate help is required. When a family has been burned out of their home or has been about to lose it due to hardship, Peoples Temple responded. A community center has been built for use by all people, no matter what race or religion, agency or organization they may belong to. Whenever possible, members of Peoples Temple meet the needs of others by contributing their own physical labor. This was done most recently when Temple members organized a team to paint a local public elementary and junior high school, saving the school district thousands of dollars.

Pastor Jim Jones has drawn together people of all races and creeds to work as a united "family" for the good of humanity. Unfortunately, there are elements in our society which attempt to propagate hate and are unable to appreciate people who do not simply preach, but endeavor to practice brotherhood and equality. Despite this, Peoples Temple remains a peace-loving group, which even transferred its funds to the Bank of America when Board Chairman Louis Lundborg announced his opposition to United States military involvement in Southeast Asia. It is the fervent desire of Pastor Jones and Peoples Temple members to help establish a society where hate and violence do not exist, and where, instead, a cooperative spirit of harmony and brotherhood prevails.

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PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TAKES LEAD IN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, RESPECT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS.

Peoples Temple started a fund several years ago to assist the families of policemen who were killed by senseless acts of violence. "We are utterly horrified by this move to murder police all over this nation," Reverend Jim Jones told the San Francisco Chronicle. Since then, Peoples Temple has sent funds to the families of slain policemen all over the nation on countless occasions.

Pastor Jim Jones, who has served as Grand Jury Foreman, and as a highly respected member of the regional Juvenile Justice Commission, feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities today and in the future. Local officials have consistently commended Pastor Jones' congregations for being exceptionally law-abiding. The Pastor's emphasis upon respect for law enforcement has resulted in a remarkable record for Peoples Temple members in helping many persons to become rehabilitated and successfully reintegrated into the mainstream of society. The Temple's program also has been an effective instrument for bringing scores of youth off hard-line drugs and guiding them to a life of productive citizenship. Some of them are now working in law enforcement around the state.

Inspired by Pastor Jones' example, the Peoples Temple congregation voted long ago to make substantial contributions, amounting to thousands of dollars, for law enforcement programs and for equipment that the Police Department budgets did not allow for. For example, in Los Angeles, Peoples Temple has frequently contributed to community relations programs and offered its church annex to the Ramparts Division for holding Basic Car Plan meetings. In San Francisco, support has been given to the Drug Prevention Program and a contribution made to the Police Summer Youth Fishing Program. In Ukiah, Peoples Temple has supported the Police Drug Abuse Program, purchased reserve officers' uniforms, financed a public address system in the Mendocino County Jail, and donated to the California Highway Patrol for its Drunk Driving Prevention Program. The Temple also helped to put out a booklet on junior citizenship entitled, "Laws for Ukiah Youth," which was circulated in all area public schools.

Pastor Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church wish to:

EXPRESS THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION to the Law Enforcement personnel of California - - especially in the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Ukiah areas - who practice with valor the Equal Enforcement of the Laws, and

PROMISE THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT of vital, unheralded work in protecting the Constitutional Liberties of our American citizens, and

PLEDGE THEIR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION in Drug Abuse Prevention efforts, Reserve Officer Programs, Community Relations work, and in rendering assistance to families of policemen slain in the line of duty.

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FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF STATEMENTS ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF PEOPLES TEMPLE AS OTHERS SEE IT:

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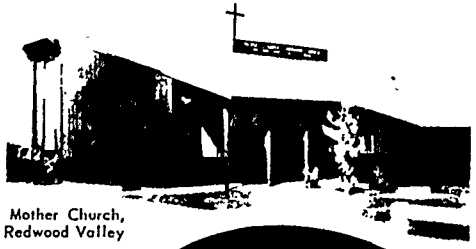
PEOPLES TEMPLE

Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

IS OUR RELIGION

Pastor JIM JONES has taught us that being our brother's keeper is the highest form of faith. Our facilities at the Mother Church in Redwood Valley are a tribute to this principle. It is said in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and minister to the sick. Peoples Temple is making those words of Christ a reality in our day.

Peoples Temple apartments, laundromat, and project center in Redwood Valley.



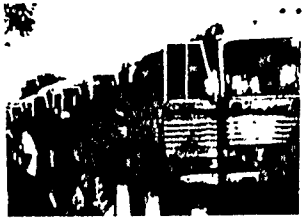
Mother Church, Redwood Valley

Hilltop Haven Convalescent Home was recently commended by state officials for its outstanding level of geriatric care.

Peoples Temple, Los Angeles, was established a year ago to meet the needs of our thousands of members in Southern California.

Pastor Jones' concern for every living thing is manifested by the number of stray and abandoned animals he has taken into the animal shelter. He is seen here with some of his little friends.

Happy Acres Boy's Ranch is managed by Peoples Temple members who love and care for handicapped children.



Temple buses are on the road every day of the week as we spread [illegible] News of Pastor [illegible] Spiritual Healing [illegible] vice Ministry.

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PASTOR JIM JONES
&
PEOPLES TEMPLE
As Viewed By Others

Medical Doctor: "I have attended many meetings of Pastor Jim Jones, and many times have I seen him demonstrate his supernatural power before the eyes of all present. . . . I am convinced that these miraculous cures are genuine and permanent. Pastor Jones is unique in his performance, he should be seen and heard by people of the entire world."
. . . Dr. J. Bruce Massey (Physician and Surgeon)

Report on Peoples Temple: "I have the impression the congregation is ready, willing, and able to assist any human being with almost any problem. One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best; a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve. Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity."
. . . Rev. Gerald McHarg, Assoc. Regional Pastor,
Christian Churches, Southern California

General Council of National Denomination: "From my numerous contacts with members and staff of the church, I can say that they are the most committed and dedicated group of people I have known in any church anywhere."
. . . Wade Rubick, Attorney

Seminary Professor: "Obviously this man has powers not dissimilar to those of Jesus in the Biblical record. . . "
. . . James Carley, Professor, Christian Theological Seminary

District Superintendent of United Methodist Churches: "Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice - - compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."
. . . Dr. John Moore

Former TV News Bureau Chief who resigned his post to join Peoples Temple: "Pastor Jones manifests the life of Christ by working day and night to stand courageously against all forms of injustice, to relieve human suffering of every kind, and to establish brotherhood among peoples of all different backgrounds."
. . . Michael Prokes

The Congressional Record: (A prominent legislator stated on the floor of congress) "Mr. Speaker . . . I would like to commend the Rev. James Jones and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded.

Attorney at Law: "Pastor Jim Jones is the most loving, Christ-like human being I've ever met."
. . . Eugene Chaikin

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PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TAKES LEAD IN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, RESPECT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS.

Peoples Temple started a fund several years ago to assist the families of policemen who were killed by senseless acts of violence. "We are utterly horrified by this move to murder police all over this nation," Reverend Jim Jones told the San Francisco Chronicle. Since then, Peoples Temple has sent funds to the families of slain policemen all over the nation on countless occasions.

Pastor Jim Jones, who has served as Grand Jury Foreman, and as a highly respected member of the Juvenile Justice Commission for our county, feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities today and in the future. Local officials have consistently commended Pastor Jones' congregations for being exceptionally law-abiding. The Pastor's emphasis upon respect for law enforcement has resulted in a remarkable record for Peoples Temple members in helping many persons to become rehabilitated and successfully reintegrated into the mainstream of society. The Temple's program also has been an effective instrument for bringing scores of youth off hard-line drugs and guiding them to a life of productive citizenship. Some of them are now working in law enforcement around the state.

Inspired by Pastor Jones' example, the Peoples Temple congregation voted long ago to make substantial contributions, amounting to thousands of dollars, for law enforcement programs and for equipment that the Police Department budgets did not allow for. In San Francisco, support has been given to the Drug Prevention Program and a contribution made to the Police Summer Youth Fishing Program. In Ukiah, Peoples Temple has supported the Police Drug Abuse Program, purchased reserve officers' uniforms, financed a public address system in the Mendocino County Jail, and donated to the California Highway Patrol for its Drunk Driving Prevention Program. The Temple also helped to put out a booklet on junior citizenship entitled, "Laws for Ukiah Youth," which was circulated in all area public schools.

Pastor Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church wish to:

> *EXPRESS THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION to Law Enforcement personnel who practice with valor the Equal Enforcement of the Laws, and*
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> *PROMISE THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT of vital, unheralded work in protecting the Constitutional Liberties of our American citizens, and*
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> *PLEDGE THEIR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION in Drug Abuse Prevention efforts, Reserve Officer Programs, Community Relations work, and in rendering assistance to families of policemen slain in the line of duty.*

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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

"The apparent depth of respect which your congregation holds for law enforcement agencies in general and for this Department, in particular, is most gratifying and deeply appreciated.

"Your congregation's firm stand in support of the police is most vital and germane in the performance of their dangerous and endless task of protecting and serving the citizens of our free society. It is organizations like yours . . . throughout the country that are to be especially commended for the nobility of reason and maturity of vision in giving the most needed support to the efforts of law enforcement."

E. M. Davis, Chief of Police

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"You are to be commended for . . . outstanding service to mankind."

Donald M. Scott, Chief of Police

"The knowledge of your good deeds has been with us for a long time."

President, S. F. Police Commission

FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Those in police work are constantly aware of the lack of community resources and existence of viable rehabilitation programs designed to help our young people return to productive lives. Thank heaven there are individuals and organizations, such as the Peoples Temple, who not only recognize this need but are also doing something about it.

"My congratulations to you and your organization for your much appreciated efforts. If we can ever be of assistance, do not hesitate calling on us."

H. E. Britton, Chief of Police

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

."The Peoples Temple Church certainly deserves accolades from those of us engaged in the field of crime prevention, for the moral, physical, and spiritual leadership it has provided for citizens . . . "

James M. Rochford, Superintendent of Police

UKIAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

"I wish to introduce you to the Reverend Jim Jones and members of the Peoples Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, California.

"Jim and his church members strongly support law enforcement and they also respect the property rights of others. They have never trespassed, destroyed or littered. In fact, any area they visit will benefit because the grounds are 'policed' and all litter is removed prior to their departure.

"Any assistance you may give to the church members will be greatly appreciated. If, for any reason, you desire additional information, feel free to contact me or any member of my department."

Donn D. Saulsbury, Chief of Police

Pastor Jim Jones Welcomes Mayor to Peoples Temple

The Honorable Mayor of Los Angeles, Thomas Bradley, came to worship at the beautiful Peoples Temple in Los Angeles on a recent Sunday. The mayor appeared sincerely touched by what he saw, as he spoke to an overflow congregation which packed the huge sanctuary. Here are some of his remarks:

"I am really pleased and inspired by what I have seen. Here truly is a man - Pastor Jim Jones - who is touched by God. He has not been able to bring you together from such a variety of backgrounds, such a difference of interests, such a difference of colors, such a difference of education - without being sent to do that very thing."

"My ultimate ambition is the same as yours and Pastor Jones'. It is to bring about the unification of people . . . to bring together people from various backgrounds so that they may understand that, indeed, each is his brothers' keeper. If we can develop that kind of universal love, we won't have to worry about unemployment, crime, drugs, and all the other things that plague us in our lives. The Spirit will unite us and we shall overcome!"

"I ask for your prayers and your blessings and help, but most of all I ask that you continue to support - continue to lift up - Pastor Jim Jones."

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They said it could not be done, but it happened. More than 700 members of Peoples Temple were transported in nearly 20 vehicles over 10,000 miles, on a round trip cross-country tour in three weeks time. It was a sight to behold! People everywhere marveled at seeing the Temple's fleet of Greyhound-type buses, a semi-truck and trailer loaded with various supplies, a food truck and ice van, and several utility and support vehicles, all moving down America's highways and biways together, through mountains, valleys and deserts, in a five-mile long Caravan of Hope. There were inter-racial people of all ages, from babes in arms to senior[illegible] in their 80's and 90's. They [illegible] in major cities with s[illegible] at such places as the United States Capitol, In Washington, D.C., Martin Luther King's home in Atlanta, the Canadian country-side, and beautiful Niagara Falls.

This beautiful rainbow family originally came from every type of educational, social, and religious background, but now their message is the same — ". . .brotherhood among all people, irrespective of race or creed, does work and is the answer to the most serious problems facing a great nation."

PEOPLES TEMPLE
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Brotherhood is Our Religion

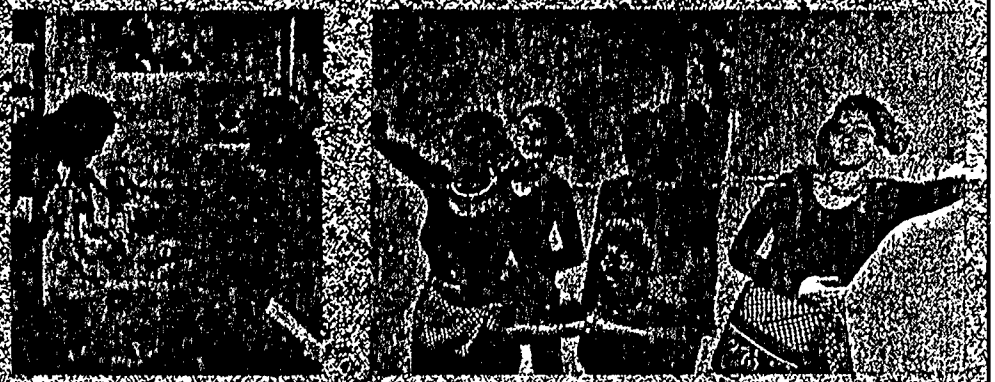
For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat:
I was thirsty and ye gave me drink:
I was a stranger and ye took me in:
Naked, and ye clothed me:
I was sick and ye visited me:
I was in prison and ye came unto me.

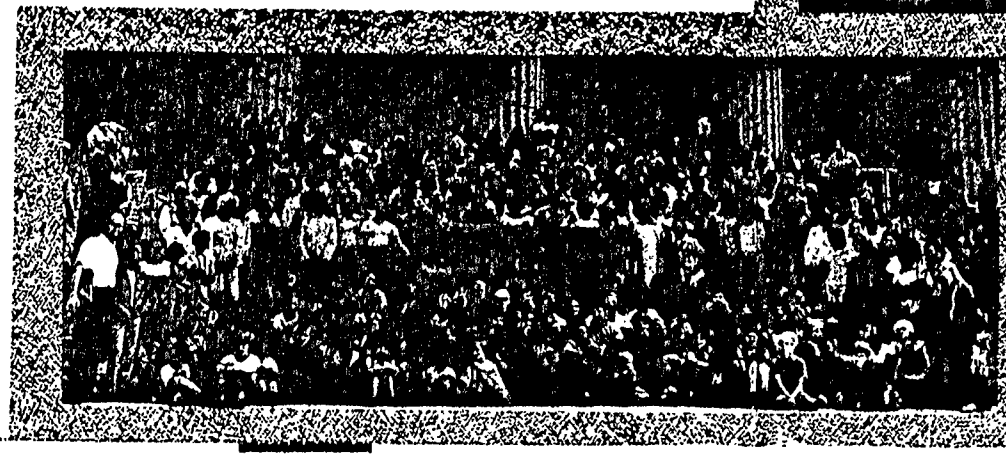
Then the righteous shall answer Him, saying,

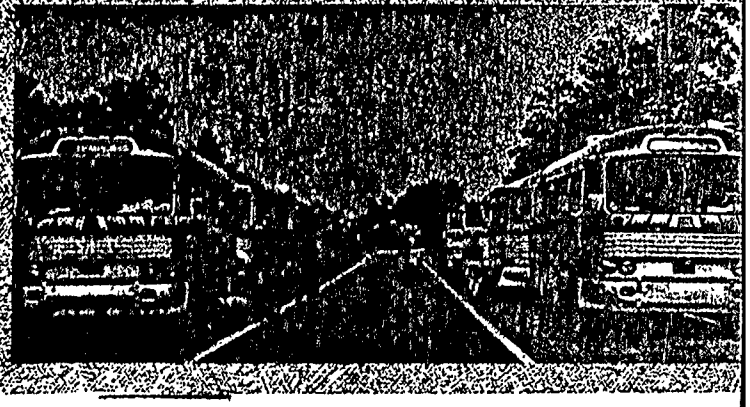
When saw we thee an hungered and fed thee?
Or thirsty and gave thee drink?
When saw we thee a stranger and took thee in?
Or naked, and clothed thee?
Or when saw we thee sick,
Or in prison and came unto thee?

Verily, I say unto you,
Inasmuch as ye have done it unto
one of the least of these,...
Ye have done it unto me.

Matthew 25: 35-40

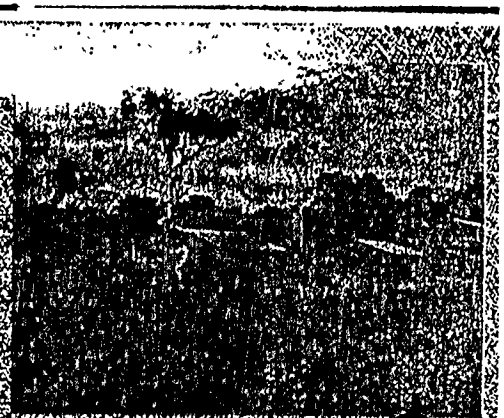


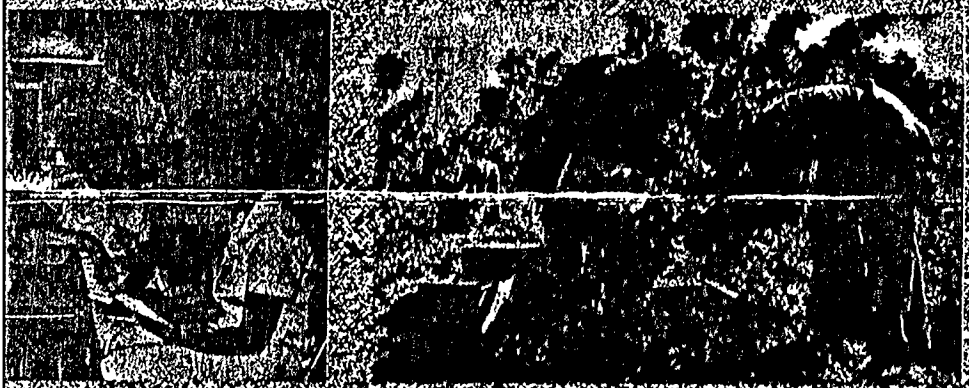


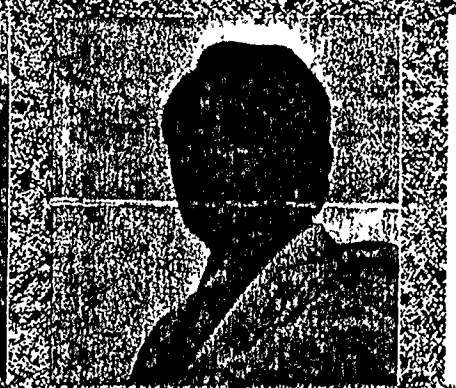


This extensive and highly regarded ministry provides various kinds of support to all types of humanitarian concerns and charities, representing a host of efforts toward common goals. One of the Temple's biggest concerns is medical care. Funds are sent regularly to support medical research into a wide range of areas including cancer, sickle-cell anemia, and multiple sclerosis. The church's own staff of professional medical people, including registered nurses, give care to members and to the community. Legal assistance is provided by a staff of attorneys to those who need it. Food and clothing are provided on an emergency basis. A unique, effective drug rehabilitation program has successfully rescued more than 200 young people from dangerous drug habits. Many individuals with backgrounds in crime and militancy have been reformed by the church and Pastor Jones' non-violent teachings. They are now productive and respected citizens, and there has been practically no return to former patterns.

Peoples Temple provides assistance in almost every kind of human crisis situation where immediate help is required. In some cases where families were burned out of their homes as well as in many hardship cases, Peoples Temple has responded. A community center with an indoor swimming pool has been built by the church for use by all people, no matter what race or religion, agency or organization to which they may belong. Impressive care homes have been established for senior citizens, orphans, and exceptional children. Modern convalescent sanitoriums, operated by Temple members, have won commendations for their high level of care. Educational programs are sponsoring the training of young people of all faiths on Temple scholarships. These young people desire to help humanity with their educations. A large animal refuge center, known throughout the region, takes in sick, abandoned and stray animals, which are all treated by veterinarians and given the best of care.

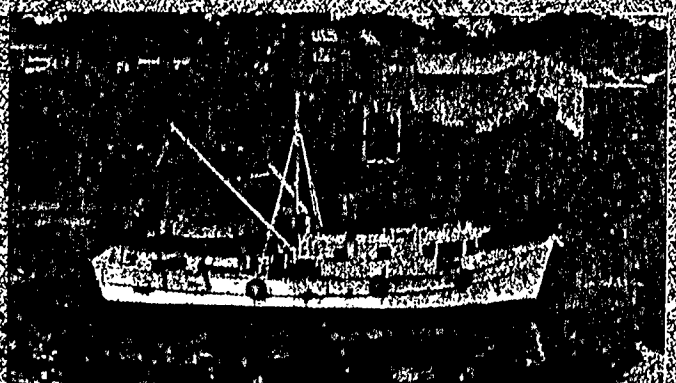






The efforts of the Temple have received recognition from community, civic, religious and national officials. Jim Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple, is an ordained minister in the 2 million member Disciples of Christ denomination. He has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding clergymen by Religion in American Life, and has won recognition by newspapers for his work as a committed and tireless humanitarian.

Pastor Jones has chosen to live modestly and simply. He and his wife, Marceline, have adopted many children of different ethnic and racial backgrounds. Rev. Jones has drawn people of all races and creeds together to work as a united family for the good of humanity. He has demonstrated that if every church would attempt to meet the needs of its own, this nation would have the answer to the problems of the welfare state, as well as the strongest deterrent to totalitarianism, whether it threatens from the so-called Left or the Right. It is the fervent desire of Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple to establish a society where hate and violence do not exist, and where, instead, a cooperative spirit of harmony and brotherhood prevails. (Pastor Jones, at left, is pictured speaking at the Nation of Islam's headquarters mosque for the U.S. and Western World.



KNOW YOUR ENEMY

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SYMBIONESE 'DECLARATION'

This is the complete text of the "Declaration of Revolutionary War" that accompanied the ransom letter received yesterday in the Patricia Hearst kidnaping case:

THE SYMBIONESE FEDERATION & THE SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY DECLARATION OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR & THE SYMBIONESE PROGRAM

AUGUST 21, 1973

The Symbionese Federation and The Symbionese Liberation Army is a united and federated grouping of members of different races and people and socialist political parties of the oppressed people of The Fascist United States of America, who have under black and minority leadership formed and joined The Symbionese Federated Republic and have agreed to struggle together in behalf of all their people and races and political parties interest in the gaining of FREEDOM and SELF DETERMINATION and INDEPENDENCE for all their people and races.

The Symbionese Federation is NOT A GOVERNMENT, but rather it is a united and federated formation of members of different races and political parties who have agreed to struggle in a UNITED FRONT for the independance and self determination of each of their races and people and The Liquidation of the Common Energy.

And who by this federated formation represent their future and independant pre-governments and nations of their people and races. The Symbionese Federation is NOT A PARTY, but rather it is a Federation, for its members are made up of members of all political parties and organizations and races of all the most oppressed people of this fascist nation, thereby forming unity and the full representation of the interests of all the people.

The Symbionese Liberation Army is an army of the people, and is made up of members of all the people. The S.L.A. has no political power or political person over it that dictates who will fight and die if needed for the freedom of our people and children, but does not risk their life or fight too for our freedom, but rather the S.L.A. is both political and military in that the army officer, whether female or male is also the political officer and they both are the daughters and sons of the people and they both fight as well as speak for the freedom of our people and children.

The Symbionese Federation and The Symbionese Liberation Army is made up of the aged, youth and women and men of all races and people. The name Symbionese is taken from the word symbiosis and we define its meaning as a body of dissimilar bodies and organisms living in deep and loving harmony and partnership in the best interest of all within the body.

We of the Symbionese Federation and The S.L.A. define ourselves by this name because it states that we are no longer willing to allow the enemy of all our people and children to murder, oppress and exploit us nor define us by color and thereby maintain division among us, but rather have joined together under black and minority leadership on behalf of all our different races and people to build a better and new world for our children and people's future. We are a United Front and Federated Coalition of members from the Asian, Black, Brown, Indian, White, Women, Grey and Gay Liberation Movements.

Who have all come to see and understamd that only we unite and build our new world and future, will there really be a future for our children and people. We of the people and not the ruling capitalist class, will build a new world and system. Where there is really freedom and a true meaning to justice and equality for all women and men of all races and people, and an end to the murder and oppression, exploitation of all people.

We of the Symbionese Federation and The S.L.A. are the children of all oppressed people, who have decided to redefine ourselves as a Symbionese Race and People. Yet, recognizing the rich cultures of each and enforcing our rights to existence of our many cultures within a united federation of independent and sovereign nations, each of them flourishing and protected by its own laws and codes of self determination.

We are of many colors, but yet of one mind, for we all in history's time on this earth have become part of each other in suffering and in mind, and have agreed that the murder, oppression and exploitation of our children and people must end now, for we all have seen the murder, oppression and exploitation of our people for too long under the hand of the same enemy and class of people and under the same system.

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Knowing this, the Symbionese Federation and The S.L.A. know that our often murderous alienation from each other aids and is one of the fundamental strengths behind the ruling capitalist class's ability to murder and oppress us all. By not allowing them to define us by color, and also recognizing that by refusing ourselves to also internalize this false division definition, knowing that in mind and body we are facing the same enemy and that we are all comrades of one people, the murdered and oppressed, we are now able to become a united people under the Symbionese Federation and make true the words of our codes of unity that TO DIE A PACE, AND BE BORN A NATION, IS TO BECOME FREE.

Therefore, we of the Symbionese Federation and the S.L.A. DO NOT under the rights of human beings submit to the murder, oppression and exploitation of our children and people and do under the rights granted to the people under the Declaration of Independance of The United States. do now by the rights of our children and people and by Force of Arms and with every drop of our blood. Declare Revolutionary War against the Fascist Capitalist Class, and all their agents of murder, oppression and exploitation. We support by Force of Arms the just struggles of all oppressed people for self determination and independance within the United States and The World. And hereby offer to all liberation movements, revolutionary workers groups, and peoples organizations our total aid and support for for struggle for freedom and justice for all people and races. We call upon all revolutionary black and other oppressed people within the Fascist United States to come together and join The Symbionese Federation and fight in the forces of The Symbionese Liberation Army.

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THE GOALS OF THE SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY

1. To unite all oppressed people into a fighting force and to destroy the system of the capitalist state and all its value systems. To create in its place a system and sovereign nations that are in the total interest of all its races, and people, based on the true affirmation of life, love, trust, and honesty, freedom and equality that is truly for all.

2. To assure the rights of all people to self determination and the rights to build their own nation and government, with representatives that have shown through their actions to be in the interest of their people. To give the right to all people to select and elect their own representatives and governments by direct vote.

3. To build a people's federated council, who will be a male and female of each People's Council or Sovereign Nation of The Symbionese Federation of Nations, who shall be the representatives of their nations in the forming of trade packs and unified defense against any external enemy that may attack any of the free nations of the federation and to form other aids to each others' needs.

4. To aid and defend the cultural rights of all the sovereign nations of The Symbionese Federation, and to aid each nation in the building of educational and other institutions to meet and serve this need for its people.

5 — To place the control of all the institutions and industries, of each nation into the hands of its people. To aid sovereign nations of the federation to build nations where work contributes concretely to the full interest and needs of its workers and the communal interest of its communities and its people and the mutual interest of all within the federation of nations.

6 — To aid and defend the rights of all oppressed people to build nations which do not institute oppression and exploitation, but rather does institute the environment of freedom and defends that freedom on all levels and for all of the people, and by any means necessary.

7 — To give back to all people their human and constitutional rights, liberty, equality and justice and the right to bear arms in the defense of these rights.

8 — To create a system where our aged are cared for with respect, love, and kindness and aided and encouraged to become assets in their own ways to their nations and to their communal community. That the life that moves around them is not a frightening and murdurous one and where life is not a fear, but rather one of love and feeling and of unity.

9—To create a system and laws that will neither force people into nor force them to stay into personal relationships that they do not wish to be in, and to destroy all chains instituted by legal and social laws of the capitalist state which acts as a reinforcing system to maintain his form of imprisonment.

10—To create institutions that will aid, reinforce and educate the growth of our comrade women and aid them in making a new true and better role to live in life and in the defining of themselves as a new and free people.

11—To create new forms of life and relationships that bring true meanings of love to people's relationships, and to form communes on the community level and bring the children of the community into being the responsibility of the community, to place our children in the union of real comradeship and in the care and loving interest of the revolutionary community.

12—To destroy the prison system, which the capitalist state has used to imprison the oppressed and exploited, and thereby destroy the love, unity, and hopes of millions of lives and families. And to create in its place a system of comradeship and that of group unity and education on a communal and revolutionary level within the community, to bring home our daughters and sons, and sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers and welcome them home with love and a new revolutionary comradeship of unity.

13—To take control of all state land and that of the capitalist class and to give back the land to the people. To form laws and codes that safeguard that no person can own the land, or sell the land, but rather the nations' people own the land and use it for their needs and interest to live. No one can own or sell the air, the sky, the water, the trees, the birds, the sun, for all of this world belongs to the people of this earth.

14—To take controls of all buildings and apartment buildings of the capitalist class and fascist government and then to totally destroy the rent system of exploitation.

15—To build a federation of nations, who shall formulate programs and unions of actions and interests that will destroy the capitalist value system and its other anti-human institutions and who will be able to do this by meeting all the basic needs of all of the people and their nations. For they will be all able to do this because each nation will have full control of all of its industries and institutions and does not run them for profit, but in the full interest of all the people of its nation.

16—To destroy all forms and institutions of Racism, Sexism, Ageism, Capitalism, Fascism, Individualism, Possessiveness, Competiveness and all other such institutions that have made and sustained capitalism and the capitalist class system that has oppressed and exploited all of the people of our history.

By this means and the mutual aid and unity of each nation within The Symbionese Federation, will each nation be able to provide to each person and couple and family free of cost the five basic needs of life, which are food, health care, housing, education and clothing, and in this way allowing people to be able to find and form new values and new systems of relationships and interests based on a new meaning to life and love

IF THE QUEST FOR FREEDOM IS DEATH
THEN BY THE DEATH OF THE ENEMY WILL
BLACK AND OTHER OPPRESSED PEOPLE
FIND AND REGAIN THEIR FREEDOM

TO THOSE WHO WOULD BEAR THE HOPES
AND FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE, LET THE
VOICE OF THEIR GUNS EXPRESS THE WORDS
OF FREEDOM.

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UMOJA—LA UNIDAD—UNITY — To strive for and maintain unity in our household, our nation and in The Symbionese Federation.

KUJICHAGULIA—LA LIBRE DETERMINACION—SELF-DETERMINATION — To define ourselves, name ourselves, speak for ourselves and govern ourselves.

UJIMA—TRABAJO COLECTIVO Y RESPONSIBILIDAD—COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY — To build and maintain our nation and the federation together by making our brothers' and sisters' and the Federation's problems our problems and solving them together.

UJAMAA — PRODUCTION COOPERATIVA — COOPERATIVE PRODUCTION — To build and maintain our own economy from our skills, and labor and resources and to insure ourselves and other nations that we all profit equally from our labor.

NIA—PROPOSITO—PURPOSE — To make as our collective vocation the development and liberation of our nation, and all oppressed people, in order to restore our people and all oppressed people to their traditional greatness and humanity.

KUUMBA—CREATIVO—CREATIVITY — To do all we can, as best we can, in order to free our nation and defend the federation and constantly make it and the earth that we all share more beautiful and beneficial.

IMANI—Fe—FAITH — To believe in our unity, our leaders, our teachers, our people, and in the righteousness and victory of our struggle and the struggle of all oppressed and exploited people.

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THE UNITED SYMBIONESE WAR COUNCIL
TERMS OF MILITARY/POLITICAL ALLIANCE

Our commitment to the revolutionary struggle for self-determination for all oppressed people and races and the international proletarian revolution is total and fully uncompromisable. Therefore, any relationship the Symbionese War Council has with any group or organization is based on their active military-political commitment to the goal of gaining freedom for all oppressed people and races.

1. — Our alliance with any group or organization is based upon their firm decision to fight as well as talk in behalf of the people's interest, and once this commitment is clear then we can come together in order to:

1) collectively develop a common strategy
2) work together to develop tactical co-ordination
3) Assist each other in developing the abilities and talents of all the members of the Symbionese War Council and to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the leadership in order to constantly better all aspects of the ability and actions of the War Council, and its individual leadership from other organizations.

2. — Command positions of The War Council are subject to the approval of all members of the council, based upon the military/political thinking and ability of the presented officer to work with others in the interest of freedom for all people and races.

3. — Command positions in The War Council are not appointed by one who knows, ones sex, ones color or by the group or organization one belongs to, but only by ones Courage, Determination, Intelligence, Aggressive Initiative and Capability as a leader and ones Military/Political thinking.

4. — All members of The War Council are expected and fully are responsible for the military/political leadership of The S.L.A., they must fight and speak for the people and this must be understood clearly by all members.

5. — No member of The War Council can elect or select himself or herself to a position such as the head of a government or people's council; the War Council is totally an alliance OF WAR AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY. The people themselves shall have and hold the ONLY RIGHT to select and elect their governments and government heads of state.

6. — It is NOT the policy of The War Council to rip off leadership or membership from other organizations, but rather it is the policy of The War Council to aid and support the development and education of leadership to fulfill truly its responsibility to the people, and to allow the collective intelligence, leadership and resourcefulness of the leadership from different organizations and groups to flourish together and grow together; thereby forming an area where the collective interests and needs as well as weaknesses and strengths of each can benefit each IN THE COMMON STRUGGLE TO LIQUIDATE THE COMMON ENEMY.

7. — A successful military force is a necessity for actualizing political goals and must therefore be held as a priority; therefore, the true assistance in the supplying of military equipment, materials, finances, personal is of the utmost importance, once these forces have fully committed themselves to open and total warfare against the common enemy and members of The War Council must understand this clearly.

8.—Leadership of any group or organization who is truly committed and in agreement with the goals of The S.L.A. and the terms of military-political alliance may be presented to The War Council; however, the presented officer's membership is not confirmed until it is verified that prior to presentation for membership a combat action has been taken part in by that group or organization within the last 12 months.

9.—Once The War Council collectively agrees to an action or plan of strategy then that action shall be understood as an action of The S.L.A., and not of any single group or organization. Just as the fingers cannot call themselves a fist, and the fist cannot call itself the fingers. From time to time the membership on The War Council may disagree upon a particular action or strategy. When in disagreement, that particular membership need not participate in The S.L.A. action, but membership on The War Council is maintained only as long as all commitments made to the collective Symbionese War Council are continued to be fully adhered to. It is the disagreeing group or organization's responsibility to, on its own, prove out their ideas in order to change or modify its own or the collective War Council's direction.

10.—It is the policy of The War Council not to involve itself in the internal political affairs of disagreements that may result within different organizations or groups. However, The War Council recognizes and accepts membership to the Council of any military-political unit, cell or organization that qualifies and shall recognize them as true representatives of that particular organization or group. It is the collective policy of The War Council that the failure of the elected leadership to take her or his revolutionary responsibility as far as the War Council is concerned shall be totally the responsibility of the elected leader and not that of The War Council.

11.—Organizations or groups that wish to serve in combat units must select two persons, one female and one male (if possible), who have full responsibility and authority to act and represent their group or organization and who will hold a command position in the unified command of The United Symbionese War Council.

12.—All members of The Symbionese War Council must clearly understand that our commitment is total and our goal is the total freedom of the people and children and the destroying totally of the common enemy. Therefore, it is held that any restraining of supplies or other war materials, etc. for political reasons or reactionary reasons or political chess games with the enemy, by any officer or other persons in the War Council that by its actions endangers the lives of the women and men of The Symbionese Liberation Army shall be held as a full and total violation of this alliance pact and compromising with the enemy and the freedom and life of the people and children and therefore is punishable by death.

TO THOSE WHO WOULD BEAR THE HOPES AND FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE, LET THE VOICE OF THEIR GUNS EXPRESS THE WORDS OF FREEDOM.

Gen. Field Marshall
CIN
S.L.A.

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TACTICAL SUPPORT UNITS

Each cell of The S.L.A. TACTICAL SUPPORT UNITS is composed of elements of other organizations and groups and individuals. Under the strategy of The S.L.A. it is totally impossible to follow the egotistic aspirations of many leaders of political organizations, since they continue to organize new organizations everytime one falls apart. When they fail to understand that the people always organize to fight the enemy; and when leaders fail to start the fight, then the people fall from that organization.

To continue in this manner is totally reactionary, egotistic, opportunist and anti-revolutionary, since to do only allows for the continued grouping and regrouping of the same revolutionary people for the fight that never ends and with the only purpose of organizing.

This is totally anti-revolutionary for within the purpose of revolution there is only TWO DEEP PURPOSES: TO DESTROY THE ENEMY AND FREE THE PEOPLE. This in itself means the need for an army of the people that fights the enemy.

In order to organize, one must organize in support of something, one does not organize in support of having no purpose to organize around, and since in revolution it is a purpose to organize around, and since in revolution it is the purpose to organize to fight the enemy and to support those that fight on the front lines, it is then clear that the people organize to fight and destroy the enemy. They do not organize to fight the enemy and then when it comes time to fight, claim that to fight the enemy will end the organization for this would show them to be loyal to positions and the organization and not true revolutionaries that love the people and children.

Since you as members of the people have organized to fight the enemy, for the reason that you are and do love the people, then it is clear to you where your true responsibility is, and that is to join and support those who are on the front lines fighting the enemy for us all, regardless of what color, group or organization they belong to, for the people are just this, they are not or organization or color or group, they are the oppressed, exploited and the murdered; they are those we love and for whom we, if needed are willing to die for, they are our children.

Therefore what is needed now is for you as lovers of the people to select in what area you are able and willing to fight in or give support to, either in the combat units or support units of The S.L.A., the choice is yours alone: to be and show yourself as lovers of the people and our children and true to your word revolutionaries or as egotistic opportunists and lovers of the group and organization and enemies of the people.

verted by the conditionings which they have been subjected, they have been conditioned to be afraid of revolutionary violence. I no longer have these fears because as a comrade of mine named Osceola has taught me. "The only way to destroy fear is to destroy the makers of fear, the murderer and the oppressor." A revolutionary is not a criminal nor is she or he an adventurer, and revolutionary violence is nothing but the most profound means of achieving internal as well as external balance.

I would like to correct and clarify the information given to you by the regime-controlled media and police-state reports associating the Symbionese Liberation Army with the August 7th. First of all, statments about August 7th literature and original communiques being found in the Concord house are completely untrue. The Symbionese Liberation Army is NOT the August 7th; in fact, the August 7th is a counter revolutionary Oakland City and California State police plot to discredit revolutionaries and confuse the people. Freedom fighters act only in the interest of the people, they do not unnecessarily shoot down a helicopter whose crashing would endanger lives of people in their communities, nor do they credit themselves with events or accidents that occur in which they had no part, nor do they issue threats which they are unprepared to carry out, nor do they expose the nature and whereabouts of their forces, as for example in the recent statement issued by August 7th saying that armed guerrilla units existed inside the prisons. The events and communiques associated with the August 7th served only enemy purposes: that is, a state wide lock-down went into effect in the prisons and the people began to think of revolutionary action as that which would endanger their lives and homes. As a member of the SLA I can tell you that the SLA takes full credit and responsibility for its actions, we acknowledge everything that we do, and if we had shot down a helicopter, we would say so, and if I had participated as a decoy in a taxi cab incident I would say so. However, I would like to tell you not to rely solely on my analysis that the August 7th and the Oakland and California State Political Police are one in the same, but instead, just take a look for yourselves. Ask yourselves of the extent to which the police state will go to discredit revolutionaries by labelling all street violence as revolutionary activity and by issuing nothing but threatening communiques and then saying that such threats were coming from revolutionaries. It isn't just coincidence that the week the August 7th issued an idle threat against the life of prison official Procunier, was the same week that the California legislature re-instated the death penalty.

The house in Concord, Calif. was a Symbionese Liberation Army information/intelligence headquarters, nothing more. The house was set on fire by me only to melt away any fingerprints that may have been overlooked. It never was intended that the fire would totally destroy the premises, because there was nothing left there that was of any real consequence to us, nor was there any material left behind that could stagnate the functioning ability of The SLA to carry on the struggle. The reports that mass armaments were found in that house is a lie. It is an attempt to frame my 2 comrade brothers and it is an assertion to cover up the fact that there were no weapons found there. All that remained were 3 broken BB guns, a couple of malfunctioning gas masks, a few research books, and several liberation posters on the walls. Also, let me tell you that no one living or coming to that house was a part of the SLA combat forces. This can be easily verified; first of all, everyone in SLA combat forces is offensively armed with cyanide bullets in all weapons that they carry; and up until today this had NOT been the case for SLA information-intelligence units or any any support units, at that time all units but combat were only defensively armed with hand guns and carried no cyanide bullets. Secondly, we can easily verify that the ballistics on the .380 now in the hands of pig agents do not match those of the weapon used in the attack on the Oakland Board of Education. Information-intelligence units or any support units were never allowed to possess or have any contact with combat type weapons. Beginning January 11th however, a directive was issued by The SLA and The Court of the People stating that as of that date, all units of The Symbionese Liberation Army are to be heavily, and offensively armed with cyanide bullets in all their weapons. I would like to convey the word, to my 2 captured companeros: you have not been forgotten, and you will be defended because there has been no set back and all combat forces are intact.

There really are no words available to me to express what I feel about the capture of my two companeros. They are in a concentration camp now because none of us were offensively armed, and because I was not aware that they were under attack. But my beautiful brothers, as we have said many times, we learn from our mistakes, and we learn from our active participation in struggle, not from political rhetoric, so we won't cry, but simply fight on; and right on with that. A comrade of mine, Bo, says something that I'd like to leave you with:

"There are two things to remember about revolution, we are going to get our asses kicked, and we are going to win."

"DEATH TO THE FASCIST INSECT
THAT PREYS UPON THE LIFE OF
THE PEOPLE."

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5TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 805

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 3, 1977

r. McDONALD (for himself, Mr. STUMP, Mr. SYMMS, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. BADHAM, Mr. ROUSSELOT, Mr. ASHBROOK, Mr. MARRIOTT, Mr. DORNAN, and Mr. CRANE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

hereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has declined to oppose the admission of Communist Vietnam to the United Nations; and

hereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has sought to transfer the governing power in anti-Communist Rhodesia to the pro-Marxist guerrilla coalition which calls itself the "Patriotic Front"; and

hereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has, while on official diplomatic business in the anti-Communist nation of South Africa encouraged persons in that country to undertake economic boycotts; and

hereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has pledged to increase United States taxpayer funding for the Marxist government of Guyana from the current $1,100,000 to $12,300,000 over the next three years; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has characterized two recent Presidents of the United States, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon, as racists; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has condoned the presence of Communist troops in Africa from Castro's Cuba, as a "stabilizing force"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has forecast that racial conflict in the United States would be predicated on events in Africa; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations declared in Playboy magazine that Alabama Governor George Wallace formerly, "was advocating bombings—of black folks"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has said, "It may take the destruction of Western Civilization to allow the rest of the world to emerge as a free and brotherly society"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has harbored in his home members of the family of Robert Sobukwe, leader of the Communist-terrorist Pan Africanist Congress; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has said that the decent and democratic State of Israel must negotiate with the international terrorists of the Palestine Liberation Organization; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations served as cosponsor to the Communist Party promoted "National Coalition to Fight Inflation and Unemployment"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has accused our British Allies of "inventing racism"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has criticized the people of Sweden as "terrible racists"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has averred that black American soldiers would not be willing to fight African Communist Forces if called on to do so; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has stated "communism has never been a threat to me"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations supported the action of his aide, Brady Tyson, who used his official position on the United Nations delegation as a platform for denouncing United States opposition to the Marxist regime of Salvatore Allende; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations actively supported the appropriation of a $100,000,000 fund to assist a transition to Marxist rule in Africa; by supporting Red Forces in Tanzania, Mozambique, and Angola; and

Whereas, prior to his appointment, the present United States Ambassador to the United Nations, as a member of the "Gulf Boycott Coalition" evidenced his active support for a Marxist victory in Angola and worked for the election of Angela Davis and other avowed Communists to the board of the Gulf Oil Corporation; and

Whereas, prior to his appointment, the present United States Ambassador to the United Nations, in 1975, was a co-

sponsor of the Communist Party-backed second National Conference in Solidarity with Chile; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has worked to increase United States taxpayer subsidies to the Castroite Marxist regime in Jamaica; and

Whereas the sponsors of the resolution manifest deep concern regarding the performance of United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young and convey their lack of trust and confidence in his fitness to continue in that position: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That he shall be impeached under article II,
2 section 4, of the United States Constitution.

95TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. RES. 805

RESOLUTION

Impeaching Andrew H. Young, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

By Mr. McDonald, Mr. Stump, Mr. Symms, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Badham, Mr. Rousselot, Mr. Ashbrook, Mr. Marriott, Mr. Dornan, and Mr. Crane

October 3, 1977
Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

THE LATEST SMEAR

Following the death by murder (which even the papers called mysterious), of Chris Lewis, another vicious comment appeared in the news. It was inferred that Chris was a hired bodyguard for Jim Jones. That is an outrageous lie! The Temple has never hired anyone, and Chris never worked for us in this or any other capacity.

He did make contributions to the Temple by helping young people come off drugs. It was Jim Jones and the Temple that helped him with a trial that he went through some years ago and had gotten Chris off drugs. His efforts on behalf of young people with drug problems are documented and proven by the large number of youth living happy, useful lives today who came through the Temple rehabilitation program.

Chris' family were members of the Temple. His mother lived and died in our church and was a very good woman. We help the families and loved ones of members; that is our standard practice. Though Chris himself did not follow our advice, he did help get many troubled youth off drugs—and we know that for a fact.

If the authors of the news article on Chris Lewis concluded that he was a part of us, then a lot of questions should be raised. Because the night of his death a threatening phone call came to the Temple saying, "There will be more. Tonight was the first."

And it was undoubtedly these lies that he was a Temple "bodyguard" that got him shot. We don't believe this was a gangland murder. We believe the conspirators are responsible—there are those who would sacrifice anyone if it served their purpose. We had to talk to some of his friends outside the church to keep them from taking revenge. This murder we will not forget.

A CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT JIM JONES?

There is only one reason why some people would attempt to paint such a bizarre image of Jim Jones as has been done over the past months. He cares about ALL people. And he can do something about the plight of the poor and oppressed. Reactionary forces are trying to destroy his image because he is the most persistent fighter for social justice. Next time you see this terribly bizarre, distorted attention—think.

For months the distortions and lies have been hashed and rehashed—but never a word is printed or spoken about the lives salvaged and millions of your tax dollars saved through Temple rehabilitation programs.

Perhaps some agencies felt they had to discredit Jim Jones and Peoples Temple in order to protect the system. But when Peoples Temple endeavors only to relieve society of its many burdens, it is ridiculous that they resort to such cruel and inhumane tactics. No one else seems to be willing to help. The fact that Jim Jones was appointed to the San Francisco Housing Commission and elected head commissioner speaks for itself. Good citizens would not have placed him in that position if he had been the type of person the media has tried to smear in the public mind. He has never done anything fraudulent.

YOU SHOULD HELP, BECAUSE NEXT TIME IT MAY BE YOU!

What follows are quotes from religious, political and community leaders who have seen through the lies being spread about Jim Jones and have spoken out on behalf of this great leader for social and racial justice. The names of these prominent officials are not used here, because we do not want them to get the kind of harassment we have suffered.

"You are the epitome of caring for humans, sharing and providing basic needs for each other, helping the sick and afflicted and educating the youth. Everyone's struggle is your struggle; your fight for human dignity is beyond compare."

"Peoples Temple is targeted for destruction because it represents a determined effort to deal with the most fundamental problem of our society—oppression of the poor."

"One gets the impression (at Peoples Temple) of being in the midst of the human race at its best; a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve....Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity."

UPDATE: THE LATEST FROM JONESTOWN

Charles Garry lived with us several days and nights at the Temple project in Guyana. He is a man known to speak the truth all the time—and he called Jonestown "PARADISE".

An article dated December 11, 1977, in the Guyana Chronicle, the country's leading newspaper, calls the Temple agricultural project "a first-class example of community life." Written by a Dental Surgeon who stayed several days at the project, the article further states: "I have never before seen so many people of varying races working happily together, side by side, without a single spark of friction. With its own school, saw-mill, electricity, roads, houses, and so on, all being scrupulously clean, I could not help but be impressed."

What was just a "jungle outpost" a very few years ago is now a center of productive activity. A Guyanese official who visited recently wrote in the guest book: "This is a model community that should be emulated all over the world." We have yet to get the first criticism from any government leader or any delegation, and we have visitors from the U.S., Europe, and many South American countries all the time. Our project has been praised by government leaders throughout the world. Recent visitors have included a delegation from the Ministry of Education and the Minister of Interior Development. The Ministry of Education delegates were thrilled with our nursery and educational programs, which include instruction in several foreign languages, corrective work for many types of learning disabilities, and mathematical and scientific training.

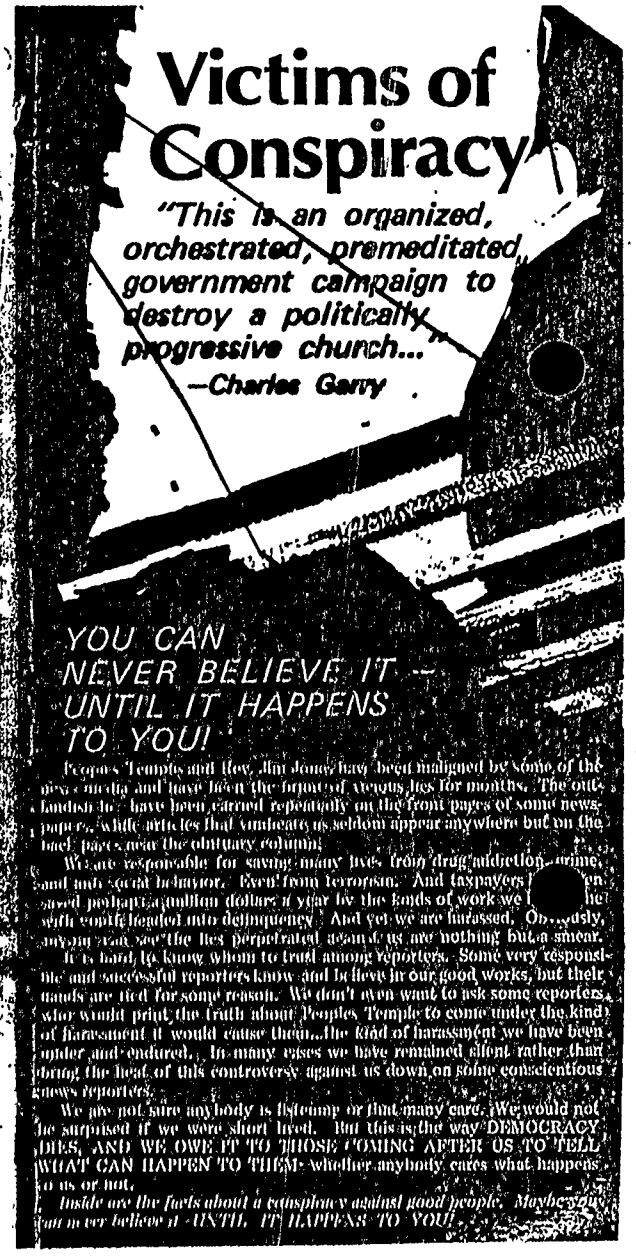
The medical department is considered by many to be the most unique of its kind for this type of community. The staff includes a medical doctor, a pharmacist, a dietician, a pediatric specialist, several nurse practitioners, and a number of RNs and LVNs plus many medical assistants, full time health care workers, and trainees. There is a physical therapy department, under the supervision of a licensed therapist. We conduct regular cancer clinics, both in Jonestown and in nearby communities. We have also been able to treat children from the surrounding area who have not been so fortunate as to receive skilled care previously.

Medical equipment includes two EKG machines, a centrifuge, electronic microscope, and an autoclave. We will soon be getting an X-ray machine, to be operated by a licensed technician with 20 years of experience. All lab work such as urinalysis and blood testing, is done by our lab technician.

This is an environment where everything grows and thrives. We have just cleared another 200 acres of lush jungle land for planting—a continuing process as our agricultural programs expand. We have food stored months ahead of time, to prepare for self-sufficiency of the project. Frequently, too, we take large amounts of food into nearby communities to distribute. To meet protein requirements, we are acquiring milk cows. Already we have two bulls for propagation of a herd. The pigs are thriving, and a flock of thousands of chickens has just graduated 2000 chicks from modern incubators to add to its population. We are raising a number of rabbits for food.

A whole host of craft and cottage industries have taken hold as the individual talents of residents flower for the collective good. Toys, furniture, and handicrafts are among the items made. The community is very colorful, a true modern village, as homes are being landscaped with fruit trees, gardens and decorative fencing.

The excellent health of residents here and the astounding growth of the project are glowing reflections of the spirit of socialist cooperation. Every person is motivated to function at their very best, as they see their talents being used directly to help others. Almost needless to say, everyone feels very secure and well cared for in an environment like this. The experience of Jonestown, and the inspiration of its founder-leader Jim Jones, is building happy and healthy lives. We are more proud than we can say of what we have been able to accomplish in such a short time in this beautiful jungle interior.



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When Hitler came for the Communists, I didn't speak up, for I wasn't a Communist.
When he arrested the Jews, I didn't protest because I wasn't a Jew.
When the Nazis arrested the trade unionists, I didn't protest, for I was not in a union.
Then they came after the Catholics, but I didn't speak out because I was not Catholic.
When they came for me it was TOO LATE...There was no one left to stand up for me.
—Rev. Martin Niemoeller

TEMPLE GOOD WORKS VICIOUSLY ATTACKED WHILE EX-NAZI BUTCHER GOES FREE

Have you heard of the ex-Nazi who ordered the execution of 6,000—10,000 Romanian Jews during Hitler's fascist reich who is living in the United States—now the Bishop of an entire orthodox denomination in this country?

Probably not. News of this butcher is scarce, even though he had the bodies of tens of thousands of Jews stamped "Kosher meat" and hung from meat hooks in a slaughterhouse—even though he has been indicted for lying to the U.S. Immigration Service in order to obtain his U.S. citzenship—there is hardly one word said about him. He moves about freely.

Yet more and more "news"—outrageously biased articles and outright lies—have been printed about Jim Jones day after day.

Why? We think we have an idea. Among the sources used in most of the vicious stories against the Temple is an admitted Nazi. The Temple, in its community newspaper, the Peoples Forum, has openly printed the truth about this ex-Nazi butcher who poses as a "man of God". We have consistently run articles exposing the activities of neo-Nazi groups in the U.S. and right here in San Francisco. We were warned months ago not to touch that subject or those people. Yet we have felt strongly that somebody had to print the truth about these NAZIS who are thriving in our midst.

It is very strange that some of the people used as sources for the disparaging articles were outright advocates of terrorism....And that some of the harassment and threats we have been subjected to we have traced to NAZIS....And that the tactic of using the media to lay down a relentless barrage of bad publicity to destroy someone was perfected in NAZI Germany by Hitler's propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels....

BLACKMAIL ATTEMPT: Dennis Banks Is Offered a Deal for His Freedom.

The following are excerpts from the personal testimony of DENNIS BANKS, American Indian Movement leader:

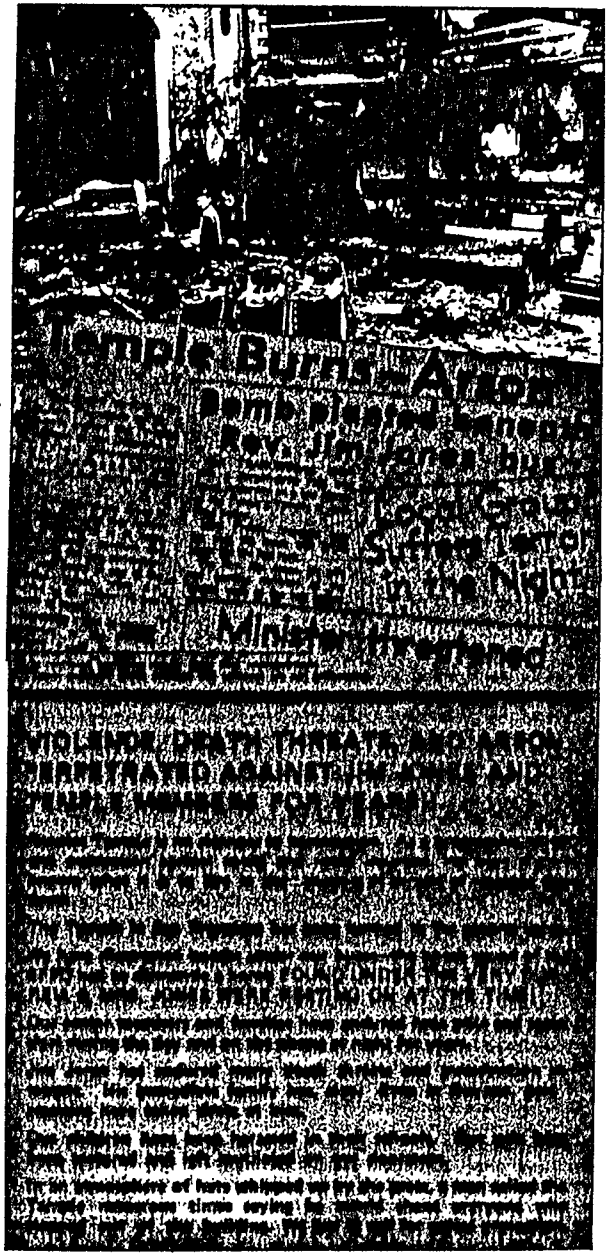
"He (David Conn) said that my association with Peoples Temple could reflect very badly on my extradition. He then asked me to make a public denunciation of Jim Jones. He assured me that if I made such a denunciation, the rulings in my extradition would go in my favor.

"Conn was obviously trying to make a deal with me, and I was being blackmailed. Conn let me know that besides working with Treasury agents and other government agents, that he was already working with ex-members of the Peoples Temple, such as Grace Stoen....

"Conn pressed hard for me to meet with a U.S. Treasury Department agent alone that very night. These agents all knew I had a lot hanging over me. Besides the extradition (which to me is certainly a life and death matter), I also had a case in Federal Court in which the Treasury Department was involved.

"It was not just a matter of Conn indicating that it would go well with me if I cooperated, but the implication was that if I didn't cooperate, it would go badly for me.

"Conn also said that he in no way wanted this information revealed for fear that it would 'blow their cover' and ruin any possible meeting between me and the Treasury agents." signed, DENNIS BANKS



U.S. CUSTOMS SEIZES TEMPLE CARGO

In August, 1977, seven agents of the U.S. CUSTOMS (DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY) broke into crates of supplies being shipped by the Temple to our agricultural mission in Guyana, South America.

The Customs agents refused to give any explanation or probable cause for this sudden search and interruption of our shipment.

When Attorney CHARLES GARRY demanded an explanation of the U.S. Customs Department, they replied they were "Exempt from disclosure" and refused to provide any answer.

TAMPERING WITH U.S. MAIL

A mail package containing important documents and church-related business documents arrived at the San Francisco Temple Headquarters from Guyana completely destroyed. The package had been opened, tampered with and its contents completely ruined. A substance the color and scent of wine had been poured all over the papers. Legal documents and affidavits were lost.

Letters requesting an explanation from the Post Office [illegible] unanswered.

SURVEILLANCE

When MRS. UNITA BLACKWELL WRIGHT (black woman Mayor of Meyersville, Mississippi and fellow traveller with Shirley MacLaine to Peoples Republic of China), came to speak at Peoples Temple, two men were caught spying on the meeting.

They were found standing in the narrow corridor beside the Temple with large briefcases, and they fled when they were approached by a curious Temple member.

Their license plate traced them to Biloxi, Mississippi, and then to Keesler Air Force Base, where they were confirmed to be high-ranking government employees and electronics experts.

Letters from Congressmen got only vague answers from the Department of the Air Force: "The alleged activities are not within the Air Force's investigative jurisdiction. We understand your concern and regret we cannot be of more assistance."

FREEDOM of RELIGION VIOLATED

The Social Security checks of hundreds of senior citizens, members of Peoples Temple residing at the Temple's Guyana mission, are being deliberately withheld.

Guyana is a country where one may legally receive one's Social Security benefits. The Social Security Administration is supposed to automatically transfer the checks on request of the recipient.

Each and every one of the seniors who are Social Security recipients filed for automatic transfer of their checks to Guyana.

But tens of thousands of dollars worth of these checks have been withheld.

We have located a memo which was circulated by the local Post Office demanding the "return of all SSI (gold checks) and Social Security (green) to the Department of H.E.W. (Health, Education and Welfare) when there is a forwarding order for Georgetown, Guyana, South America".

Congressmen and attorneys have written on our behalf and have so far been ignored by H.E.W. It appears to be a flagrant move to deny subsistence funds to the elderly, blind, and disabled, and to cut off their economic lifeline. The Temple also questions if this does not constitute a violation of its First Amendment rights of religious freedom, maintaining that surely religious preference should in no way pre-empt U.S. citizens from receiving benefits they labored for, and which is their legal due.

INTERPOL Special Agent Attacks Jim Jones & Peoples Temple

WE HAVE DOCUMENTED PROOF THAT "PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR" JOSEPH MAZOR IS A SPECIAL AGENT FOR INTERPOL —THE NAZI-INFESTED INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION BEGUN IN HITLER'S GERMANY!

This is the man who, according to the Berkeley Barb, admitted that he has been employed since November of 1976 to "investigate" Peoples Temple, yet refused to say who pays him. We know that he is working closely with Elmer and Deanna Mertle, former members of the Temple and sources for the vicious media attacks. We know also that he has contacted the Guyanese embassy in the United States and has played on personal loyalties, family ties, and child custody matters to the point of obviously trying to wear Temple unity down. By his own admission to Barb columnist Art Silverman, Mazor hired one of the largest public relations firms in San Francisco—Ruemom, Lowry and Lacper—to "show him how to handle the media" on the Peoples Temple "project". Sources close to the Barb said that Mazor had approached Lowry, Ruemom, and Lacper saying "he wanted to become San Francisco's next Hal Lipset", (a famous investigator), and that the Temple controversy "presented an excellent opportunity to garner publicity."

NOW WE HAVE LEARNED OF THIS MAN'S INTERPOL CONNECTION. AND WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL THAT INTERPOL IS CIRCULATING THE SAME VICIOUS LIES TOLD IN THE MEDIA ABOUT THE TEMPLE AND ITS LEADER, PLUS MORE. INTERPOL IS CIRCULATING THE FALSE REPORT THAT JIM JONES PARTICIPATED IN A RIOT IN GUYANA AND IN THROWING TEAR GAS AT A TIME WHEN HE WAS NOT EVEN THERE. This too can be proven. It is an obvious attempt to discredit Jim Jones and his progressive organization in the country where we have established our immensely successful agricultural mission.

WHO IS THIS MAN, JOSEPH MAZOR? He is a man with a lengthy criminal record. He has served time in jails in three states on a variety of charges (bogus checks, fraud) and has violated probation and parole on three occasions by committing more crimes. The California Adult Authority report (1970), evaluates Mazor as a "smooth con man with an insatiable desire to get ahead. He is cunning, well-educated, and so well-versed in the law that he had five attorneys in the Pomona area convinced that he had a law degree. It is felt that the subject is a menace to the community." This is the profile of the man who is parading himself as a respectable private investigator. ***THE FACT THAT HE IS ALSO AN AGENT FOR INTERPOL RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS***

Joseph Mazor is now under an intense investigation. His Interpol connections are only the beginning. We will not stop until we have exposed every detail of his inhumane attempt to destroy a great humanitarian leader.

What is INTERPOL?

INTERPOL is a private international police organization made up of national police representatives from over 100 member nations. Supposedly organized to apprehend criminals, control drug traffic, etc., Interpol's U.S. branch is funded, staffed, and housed in the U.S. Treasury Department, across the street from the White House. It has a direct hook-up to the computerized National Crime Information Center (NCIC), run by the FBI, and direct contact with state and local police. All Interpol nations have access to US files and records denied to U.S. citizens. Any police state, or private group in any member nation, via their police, can obtain information on U.S. citizens, businesses, tourists, immigrants, suspects, etc., without regard to validity, relevance, truth, or source. Yet, for U.S. citizens, Interpol files are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act! The NCIC computerized files at the disposal of Interpol are massive. A foreign agency, operating through Interpol, could even plant information in U.S. government files.

INTERPOL is basically a Nazi organization. Its vice-president in the 1930's and 40's was Nazi General Kurt Daluege, executed later for war crimes. During Hitler's power period, Interpol was headquartered in Berlin. Its 1939 conference was held under the patronage of the Reichsfuehrer, the SS, and the Nazi chief of Police, Heinrich Himmler. In 1968, Paul Dickopf, a former henchman in Hitler's Security Police, was elected president. During his reign, the organization became affluent, due to large contributions by three member nations where, coincidentally, the Nazi SS (Odessa) brotherhood is still very much alive.

[Information on Interpol compiled from The Peoples Almanac, by David Wallechinsky and Irving Wallace, Doubleday & Co., Garden City, 1975. Article by Vaughan Young.]

White liberal suffers abuse from 'both sides'; still struggles on

By PAT WILLIAMS STEWART

Symbolic of sincere civil rights advocates who must suffer needless frustrations, unwarranted abuses and unjustifiable misery is Rev James Jones, a white minister who recently returned to Indianapolis from Brazil, South America, where he has been doing missionary work for two years.

The victim of both white and Negro taunts and ill-treatments, especially while serving as director of the Mayor's Human Relations Commission, Rev. Jones' doctor ordered him to change his way of life due to failing health.

From 1962 to 1964 Rev. Jones taught and fed meat regularly to 300 underprivileged children at an Escola, DaFavela, school of slums.

So cruel have so-called prominent Negro and white citizens been that one Negro Baptist clergyman rumored that Rev. Jones was in a "lunatic asylum for the past two years."

He is presently pastor of the interracial Peoples Temple Disciples of Christ Church from which droves of white members left due to Rev. Jones' uncompromising principles. The congregation is now meeting in the Broadway Christian Center, 17th and Broadway.

Throughout his life, Rev. Jones has undergone tormentors opposing his righteous convictions. When he accepted the position as Commission head in 1960 for three solid months segregationists tossed rocks at his home, called the phone demanding: "Nigger lover get out of town," threw explosives in his yard, and some racists went so far as to write anti-Negro sentiments to prominent civil rights workers and attributed them to Rev. Jones by signing his name.

Branded a "radical" and rabble-rouser,' Rev. Jones still vigorously strived for equal rights, although opposed by conservative whites on one hand and reluctant Negroes on the other.

Constantly living in annoyance, although not fear, he has been threatened already even though he hasn't been home two months.

Rev. Jones believes firmly that the field of civil rights is no place for "compromising souls." Many feel that while he was director he moved "too fast" for the conservatives, and the "liberals' let him know they were afraid of the pace.

With little "thanks," all the drawbacks and little if any moral support. Rev. Jones was still able to accomplish much as Commission director.

One of his major victories was the integration of wards at Methodist Hospital while a patient. Rev. Jones was accidentally assigned to a "Negro ward" because his family doctor, E. P. Thomas, is a Negro. The leader refused to be moved to a "white ward" and after some conferment desegregation was agreed upon.

Ironically enough, the "Champion for Negro Rights," received but one phone call other than church members during his lengthy stay at Methodist.

Everyone in the civil rights field knows that Rev. Jones is 100 percent real in his beliefs and convictions. Persons doubting him should realize that due to the integration of the Peoples Nursing Home the management has struggled to maintain it. Potential white patients, when learning that Negroes are admitted boycott the premises, while Negroes refuse to patronize it for some unknown reason. It is said to be the "finest in the city."

Rev. Jones feels that the Negro has tremendous talent and success but should share his resources in a cooperative manner with other Negroes as is common among the Jews. "The Negro should also stand firmly in the corner of those backing his cause," Rev. Jones asserts.

Rev. Jones' fight for rights dates back to his boyhood days in Lynn, Ind., a city which led to his characterization of his father as a Ku Klux Klan type. Negroes weren't allowed in town after sundown.

The pastor, who did not see a Negro until he was 12 years old, somehow realized through some supernatural power, that his father's anti-Negro, anti-Semetic, views were not right.

After completing his education at Indiana University, Rev. Jones moved to Indianapolis where he pastored a southside Somerset church and operated an integrated community center. Due to his liberal beliefs, Rev. Jones was constantly jeerde during services by bigots who killed cats and tossed them in the church yard or dropped them in outdoor toilets then sent someone inside the church to inform Rev. Jones of the mischeed and directing him to come out and see.

Rev. Jones was finally forced to organize the Community Unity Church where he carried out his unbiased objectives.

An idealist, Rev. Jones is one who can't compromise with his conscience and advises others who feel the same way not to get involved in the civil rights movement.

Through all of his suffering he would do it over again. He commends strongly his devoted wife whom he says has been separated from most of her family due to their liberal activities. He describes his integrated Peoples Temple Church as including "the best of white people and the strongest of Negroes" — really topnotch people.

The Jones friends are few—they don't really belong in the white or Negro community. They find themselves rejected from both societies because they're so-called "too controversial."

But The Joneses do not pity themselves for the agony suffered, even if it seems those benefitting do not appreciate it, because they have a happy family of four children, James, Jr., their three-year-old son; a Japanese American child, 11; a Korean-American boy, 7, and a natural born child, 4. Another American Indian daughter is married and well-situated. Their other Korean-American daughter was killed in a car accident. Besides this, the Jones have "a few friends who mean so much."

Rev. Jones admits that as pro-integrationist the family will never be popular, but they are grateful for getting along royally with neighbors and have no plans to move from their home presently. In the future Rev. Jones visions larger quarters for the children. He predicts that had his "international family" been in a white neighborhood some harm might have come or his home might have been painted up or damaged by vandals.

Rev. Jones is still active in the civil rights picture but he works in a different role, not by choice but by certain circumstances and the nature of his convictions. He is now working with the Broadway Christian Center.

"Being cut off from superficial relationships is one of the greatest ovations. I am interested in anyone who is right and decent without regard to ethnic background.

One of the most memorable unfortunate incidents occuring to The Jones family happened to his loyal and understanding wife. Mrs. Jones was awaiting a bus to take their Negro son to the clinic when a middle-aged white woman spit in Mrs. Jones' face. When she began to weep, the woman returned to spit in the baby's face.

Another time Rev. Jones suffered a slight concussion when he was struck in the head with a milk bottle as he attempted to open his door. He believes a teenage young white boy," scared as a jack rabbit," was his assailant while his father awaited in the car.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones were most frightened when someone warned that something would happen to The Jones children, if they were not taken from the playground. The stern admonishment was: "Lay off civil rights.

THE JONESES: Although suffering abuses for the racial stands taken by the sincere Rev. James W. Jones, pastor of Peoples Temple Disciples of Christ Church now meeting in the Broadway Christian Center, the international, interracial family has still managed to maintain a happy home life. Rev. Jones, former director of the Mayor's Human Relations Commission, is pictured with his humane family (from left to right) Lew Eric, 11; Jimmy (James W. Jones Jr.) 3, Rev. Jones, Agnes, 21, and married; Mrs. Marceline Jones, Richmond, Ind., native, a devoted and understanding wife; Stephan Gandhi, 7, and Suzanne, 4. (Recorder photo by Houston Dickie)

ARTICLE FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE OF JANUARY 17, 1973

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IAPA NEWS

FEB.-MAR., 1973 INTER AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION NO. 215
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PEOPLES TEMPLE IN THE Congressional Record

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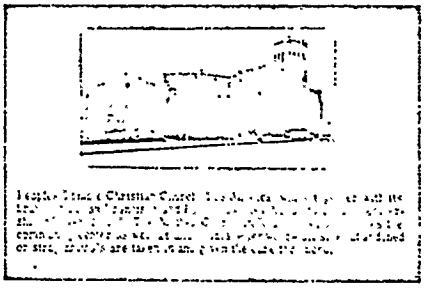

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Pastor Jim Jones is a duly ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ (whose membership has included the late President Lyndon B. Johnson). Having adopted children of all ethnic backgrounds, he feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities, both today and in the future. In this light, the church has donated several hundred dollars to each of the following agencies:

UKIAH: Police Drug Abuse Program; Purchase of Reserve Officers' uniforms; Mendocino County Sheriffs Department, for a Public Address System in the County Jail;

SAN FRANCISCO. Drug Prevention Program; Police Summer Youth Fishing Program;

LOS ANGELES: Law Enforcement Community Relations Program.

Inspired by his example, the congregation long ago voted to make substantial contributions to the families of slain policemen.

Pastor JAMES W. JONES, together with the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church, part of the Disciples of Christ denomination of 1.4 million members, hereby:

EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION to the Law Enforcement of the San Francisco, Ukiah and Los Angeles areas who practice with valor the Equal Enforcement of the Laws, and

PROMISE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of your vital, unheralded work in protecting the Constitutional Liberties of our American citizens, and

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REV. JAMES W. JONES,

Many law enforcement people have asked to know more about the life and work of this minister who works so hard to bring about a just society and respect for peace officers. Here, then, are some comments about Pastor Jim Jones by others.

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View of Methodist District Superintendent:

"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice – compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

...Dr. John Moore, Dist. Superintendent of the United Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay, Calif. (March 2, 1973)...

View of Local Clergy:

"(Progress in meeting) the needs of people ... is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven-day a week program of the Peoples Temple with its team of teachers and lawyers, to mention just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."

...Dr. Elmer Schmitt, Pres. of the Ukiah Ministerial Association (In Report on Church Progress; published in Ukiah Daily Journal, 1971)...

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...Marge Boynton (Prominent state republican leader, in letter that is dated February 22, 1973)...

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A Family Man.

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...Kathy Hunter, wife of Editor, of the Ukiah Daily Journal (June 3, 1968)...

(Presented to members of Peoples Temple Christian Church in appreciation of those in law enforcement. For further information about the [illegible] Temple Christian Church, Post Office Box [illegible], [illegible], California.)

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The text of the resolution follows.

Whereas, the church stands for free[illegible] and the free flow of information, and

Whereas, the public media, namely [illegible] press, is under increased challenge as [illegible] exercising freedom in news and programm[illegible] as guaranteed by the First Amendme[illegible] the Constitution, and

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The Church Board, First Christian Chur[illegible] San Jose, California.

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The Washington Post METRO Local News

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1973

Tourists Pick Up and Go

California Church Group Collects Litter at Capitol

A 13-bus caravan of Californians arrived with thousands of other tourists at the U.S. Capitol yesterday, but instead of staring up at the dome they spread out over the Capitol grounds and began picking up litter.

The group of 650 members of the People's Temple Christian Church was doing what it has done in Philadelphia, Gulfport, Miss., and dozens of other cities it has visited since it left Redwood, Valley Calif., last Wednesday.

"We like to leave everyone, everywhere we go, thinking we left the place a little bit better than when we came," said one 82-year-old woman who was policing the area at the foot of the Capitol.

The church's clean-up campaign has earned them friends everywhere they've visited, according to the group's leader, the Rev. Jim Jones, although he said the integrated group was shot at by a "lady" as their church-owned buses passed through one Southern town.

The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, is part of the Disciples of Christ Church. "Former President Lyndon Baines Johnson was a member,, of that church, said Mr. Jones.

The group was welcomed to the Capitol by California Congressman George E. Brown Jr. who said he had learned of the church through its financial contributions to aid newsmen jailed in California. The church has also been active in drug rehabilitation programs in Northern California and operates its own geriatric home and an animal rescue shelter.

The church group now plans a "leisurely" trip back to Redwood Valley, cleaning up along the way, Mr. Jones said.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1973

The Washington Post

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

The Welcome Tourists

The hands-down winners of anybody's tourists-of-the-year award have got to be the 600 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif.—who bend over backwards to leave every place they visit more attractive than when they arrived. Like thousands of other tourists, they went calling on the U.S. Capitol the other day; but unlike others who tramp through our town spreading litter helter-skelter, this spirited group of travelers fanned out from their 28 buses and spent about an hour cleaning up the grounds.

One 82-year-old woman who was policing the area at the foot of the Capitol explained to reporter Frank Jones that the members take pleasure in sweeping across the country this way. The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, has already won friends in dozens of cities since its tour left Redwood Valley Aug. 8, and still more areas will benefit by the members' stopoffs on their return trip.

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Peoples Church Supports Plight Of Condemned Men

Special to the Sun-Reporter

A prominent California church has begun a campaign to raise legal fees for three Washington, D.D. men who are the apparent victims of gross injustice.

The case involves defendants Jesse Watson, Vernon Brown, and Bobby Hines who allegedly raped a white woman and have been sentenced by a Raleigh, North Carolina jury of eleven whites and one black to die in the gas chamber. The fact that the "victim" offered to have sex with the men, and was reportedly dropped off by them near her home, unharmed, has aroused the outrage and indignation of Georgia legislator Julian Bond, President of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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Bond stating his conviction that the defendants are innocent, corresponded with the Peoples Temple Christian Church, well-known for its repeated demonstrations of aid to worthy causes, for help in raising legal expenses. Bond informed Jim V. Jones, the Pastor of People Temple, that the three men refused to enter a guilty plea for a lesser charge of "attempted rape" which carries a three-year maximum penalty.

Peoples Temple responded quickly with an initial $1,000 demonstrating, as they have so many times before, their firm belief in justice for all people through positive action. The church is considering organizing a special rally and musicale to raise more money for these men's legal expenses, and encouraging other organizations to help by doing likewise.

During a congregational discussion of this case, it was pointed out that no-one with assets of more than $50,000 at the time of conviction has ever been sentenced to death, and that the vast majority of those on death row are black, a sizeable minority are Mexicans and Indians, and only a small number are whites (poor).

In the wake of this kind of injustice, Peoples Temple has encouraged all individuals and groups to take positive stands: the church has rendered help to the families of victims of street killings, and law enforcement officers as well as others who have been senselessly killed.

Nazi

Professor R. S. Troop, one of the Jewish members of Peoples Temple who lost many of his relatives in Nazi concentration camps, stated that "defending and maintaining justice for all peoples is everyone's concern and must be strongly supported," adding that "the Peoples Temple is trying to be a positive force in the community, providing emergency food, clothing, free legal counsel, nursing care, and effective drug rehabilitation in a comprehensive effort to create a climate of good will and a spirit of community cooperation. These three men in the North Carolina case are going to die unless something is done, and done quickly."

JIM JONES

It appears that the female "victim" of this "rape" had been spotted by a neighbor after being dropped off by the three men, and evidently, in order to "save face" the woman said that she had been raped, though according to reports her clothes were not torn and she was unscratched. The men have insisted upon their innocence and have refused to plea bargain.

Biafra

Bond contacted the Peoples Temple for help, no doubt in recognition of their previous record of taking strong humanitarian stands. For example, the Temple, under Jim Jones' guidance and inspiration, has sent food and supplies to aid sick and hungry people all over the world, including Biafra, Bangladesh, the Sub-Sahara, Appalachia, and Indian Reservations in the United States. Consistent support involving tens of thousands of dollars has come from this single but tremendously dedicated interracial church to a wide range of charities, groups, and causes.

Pastor Jones was a recent recipient of the Special Merit Award for outstanding civic leadership, bestowed by one of Northern California's largest newspapers. Father of eight legally adopted children of many racial backgrounds, Pastor Jones has been a tireless fighter for civil rights and equal justice for twenty-five years.

Peoples Temple Christian Church is affiliated with the two million member Disciples of Christ denomination. Several thousand members reside in the Bay Area.

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People's Temple Makes Friends Across The Nation

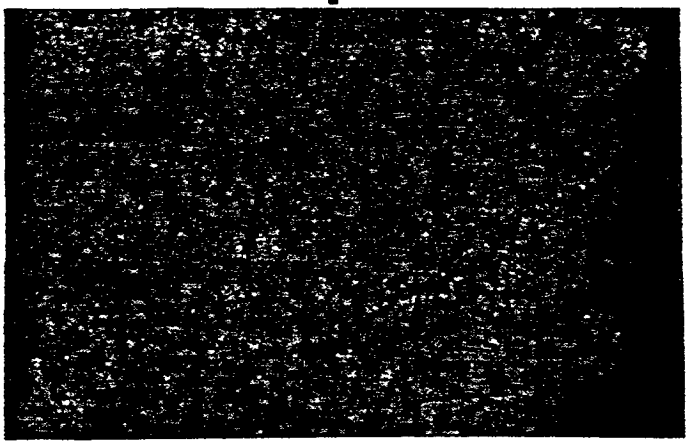
"Caravan Of Hope" Proclaims Brotherhood

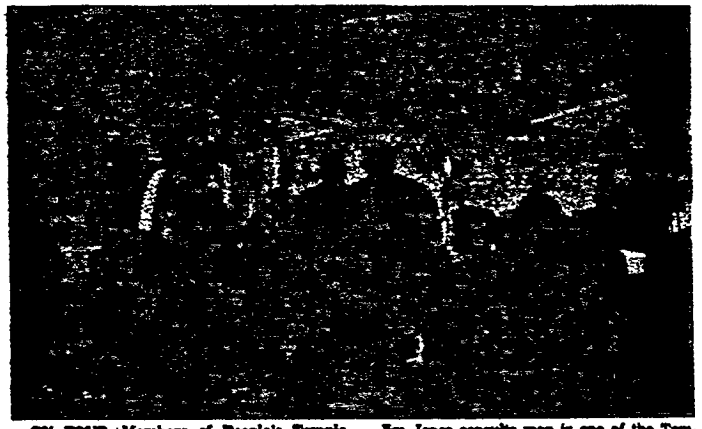
Temple 'Caravan of Hope' crosses U.S.

As the buses rolled by, one...after another...after another, in seemingly endless succession, and the people inside smiled, waved and gave the "peace sign", you realized that this wasn't any ordinary tourist group.

A few days ago, well over 700 members of the California-based Peoples Temple Christian Church, Disciples of Christ denomination, completed a strenuous three-week, 18,000 mile missionary journey that, by anyone's standards, was most unique. The project was conceived and engineered by Pastor Jim Jones, dynamic leader and founder of the "Temple", which has a remarkably well-integrated membership of several thousand, in addition to large numbers in each of many cities across the nation.

Throughout their pilgrimage, the Temple travelers bore witness to thousands of people that, in spite of the pessimism that is evidently growing in our nation, here indeed is a group that is determined to keep the American dream alive. In a stand for the survival of traditional American values of freedom, justice, and equality for all, in a context of Christian social service, Temple members follow the vision and inspiration of Pastor Jones, a former metropolitan human rights commissioner, grand jury foreman, and schoolteacher. Jones has been a tireless and outspoken advocate of civil liberties and the Bill of Rights for 35 years.





ON TOUR—Members of People's Temple Christian Church in Redwood Valley explore the nation's Capitol, above. Below, Pastor Jim Jones consults map in one of the Temple's 11 Greyhound-type buses.

The banners proclaiming "brotherhood is our religion" on the sides of racially integrated buses brought some difficulty more than once. While fueling in the South, a truck deliberately ran into the lead bus, narrowly missing a young man who was washing the windshield. Without provocation, a group of people from the vicinity gathered and began directing racist slurs and threats at the bus caravan. Pastor Jones quickly took command of the situation, and made a firm, humane appeal for understanding. The mood of the hostile group cooled dramatically. The pastor refused to press charges against the apprehended truck driver who had struck the bus, taking into consideration the ill will that would have almost certainly been vented upon blacks living in or visiting the area afterwards. The owner of the truck stop was so moved with the kindness that Jones displayed that he pledged to pay all damages. He stated, incidentally, that he would hope to visit the church in their Redwood Valley headquarters on his vacation.

There were other incidents: several windows were broken by rocks, and gunshots were fired at the caravan. But no one was injured during the entire trip.

On the positive side, greatly outweighing these episodes, was the overwhelmingly enthusiastic, admiring, and appreciative response that the Temple convoy of buses found just about everywhere they went.

The vast Temple membership has won many friends in its mission of realizing in America the goals of racial justice and equality in the spirit of the Christian "social gospel" that sees man's basic responsibility as being his brother's keeper.

Swinging down through the Deep South and up into Canada, staying in churches, community centers, and university gymnasiums, the mammoth 18-vehicle caravan presented an amazing spectacle as it made its way from city to city. On board eleven Greyhound-type buses were some 200 senior citizens,

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some in their 80's and 90's. Visible everywhere were hundreds of children, teenagers, and young adults representing the entire spectrum of racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Wherever the caravan went, people marveled at the scope of the undertaking. Often the question was heard: "How do they manage it?" At first glance, the organizational factors (no hotels, no restaurants, so many people, etc.) appear overwhelming, if not impossible. But the answer can be found in the incredibly co-operative spirit that Pastor Jones has infused into his church.

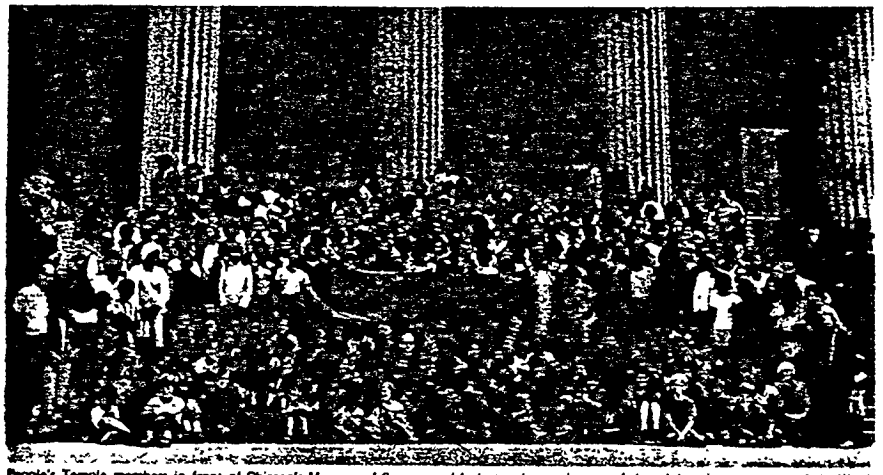
Due to careful and detailed planning, everyone on the caravan was organized and had a specific function. Bus drivers, hostesses, a nursing staff, clean-up squads, food-preparation units, and helpers of every sort worked together in highly coordinated and disciplined fashion, insuring the group comfort and security at minimal cost. One staff member noted that senior citizens without funds, as well as many of the chilren, were able to go free of charge. Many of these people had never traveled outside of California.

Watching this living example of human co-operation arrive at various stops along the highways of America, many were especially struck by the magnificent thoroughness with which the grounds and facilities were left free of litter. The young woman attendant at a beautiful Nebraska rest stop was visibly moved. "That entire group is neater than single families," she remarked. Everyone, including children and seniors, willingly helped out policing the grounds.

At the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, the public relations unit was so impressed with the Temple visitors that it insisted on photographing everyone on the museum's front steps. Earlier, at the nation's Capitol, the caravan was greeted and congratulated.

Pastor Jones and many Temple members carry on a human service program that meets the needs of thousands, and which has earned the respect and praise of governmental, civic, and law enforcement agencies, especially for its outstanding record in the area of drug rehabilitation. In the Redwood Valley area, some 100 miles north of San Francisco, the Temple has established senior citizens homes, a large animal shelter (which will have, until places are found for them, several homeless dogs and cats picked up by the caravan along the way), a 40-acre children's ranch and agricultural complex, as well as a community center with many fine facilities, such as an indoor heated pool.

Other human service centers in the Bay Area and Los Angeles are busy with activity. One program has sponsored over a hundred needy youngsters through college, and maintains dormitories in several locales.



People's Temple members in front of Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry during the group's late July missionary tour of the Windy City. The museum staff was so impressed by the exuberance and idealism of the group that they asked them to pose for pictures

The Washington Post

The Welcome Tourists

The hands-down winners of anybody's tourists-of-the-year award have got to be the 660 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif.—who bend over backwards to leave every place they visit more attractive than when they arrived. Like thousands of other tourists, they went calling on the U.S. Capitol the other day; but unlike others who tramp through our town spreading litter helter-skelter, this spirited group of travelers fanned out from their 13 buses and spent about an hour cleaning up the grounds.

One 82-year-old woman who was policing the area at the foot of the Capitol explained to reporter Frank Jones that the members take pleasure in sweeping across the country this way. The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, has already won friends in dozens of cities since its tour left Redwood Valley Aug. 8, and still more areas will benefit by the members' stopoffs on their return trip.

The missionary caravan of over seven hundred gave to many Americans this summer an assurance that, in the words of Pastor Jones, "there is indeed hope for our troubled nation....for in this single, spirited church there is alive the type of dedication and commitment to brotherhood and fundamental human co-operation that may well be the best solution to the problems that beset our land." His comment was echoed by the manager of a large commercial bakery in Chicago who said: "This group is demonstrating what religion should be. We would not have wars if everyone thought and lived as these people do."

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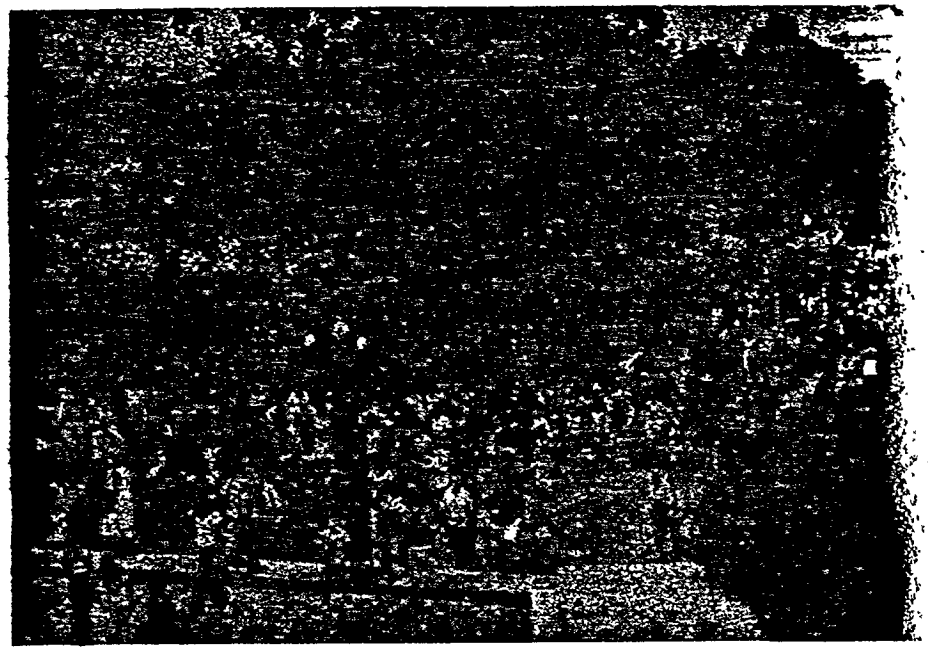
Pilgrimage Draws Ages 3 To 100



NO GENERATION GAP - Recently a 10,000 mile "Pilgrimage of Hope" was undertaken by over 700 members of the California-based Peoples Temple Christian Church. The racially-integrated group, headed by the Reverend Jim V. Jones, visited ten major cities, meeting with their Congressmen in Washington. A caravan of buses carried people from 3 to 100 years old, whose brotherhood, cooperation and good-will showed America's better side.

The reason we are printing this news item is that we feel that the public desperately needs to hear more positive new from the media.

Constant playing up of negative aspects about the American people, especially in the field of race relations, first of all gives a misleading picture of America, besides reinforcing in the public the idea that blacks, browns and whites are doing nothing to resolve differences and live in harmony. We of the POST feel that publication of this item and others like it, will help restore balance and will perform a service to the community.

The "Pilgrimage of Hope" was a genuine and significant demonstration that the great cause of Brotherhood and integration in America is not dead by any means, as some would want the public to believe.

We read extensively in the news about busing violence, of the tragic murder of Mrs King, and about James Earl Ray and the assassination of Dr. King, but there is very little in the nation's press -- Black or white -- to indicate that the spirit of Dr. King's life is still alive.

While not desiring that coverage of racially motivated acts of violence be minimized, we feel it is high time that the instances where Blacks and whites are demonstrating the capability of overcoming their antipathy and mistrust (no small achivement!) get wide coverage.

Seeing blacks and whites working together amicably and harmoniously helps to calm tensions and ease potentially tragic occurences motivated and fostered by race prejudice.

That is what the pilgrimage of the press is all about.

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POSITIVE THINKING
by Norman Vincent Peale

It's bad to get mad

According to tradition a man approached Mohammed and asked of the prophet a suggestion for spiritual benefit. "Do not get angry," Mohammed replied. Thinking the prophet had misunderstood the question the man repeated it. Again Mohammed answered, "Do not get angry."

Anger is one of the trickiest personal problems. The folklore and religious teachings of history are full of warnings about its bad effects. "Anger is short madness," wrote the Roman poet Horace, "so control your passion or it will control you." Will Rogers cracked: "People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing." All these people are saying, "It's bad to get mad."

Anger of the slow-burning variety, commonly known as resentment, sometimes does more damage than do fits of violent temper. Easier to conceal, oftentimes hiding in the unconscious, it is harder to come to grips with and difficult to cure. John Ellis Large relates an interesting case of smoldering resentment.

George had become quite a problem to his wife, to himself, to everybody. He was irritable, irascible, critical of everyone, always out of sorts. His state of mind affected his health, and he suffered from nervous tension — got so he took a dozen kinds of pills. George was not doing well in business, either, and others were being advanced ahead of him.

George's boss, also concerned, told Sara that her husband was contentious, hard to get along with, downright cranky. He said, "I hope you can do something with him. He's got a lot of ability but he is his own worst enemy."

So Sara tried to get a few thoughts across to her husband. But he responded, "Get off my neck! then went to see Dr. Large. "I'm in trouble. I have a real problem — my husband." And she told him how things were.

"Stop talking to him about himself," Dr. Large advised her. "Don't nag him, don't pester him. Lay off. Just love him. But that won't be enough. Your husband's trouble is deep-seated. We must try to reach the disorder in his basic attitudes. What are George's sleeping habits?"

"He tosses most of the night but about five a.m. falls into a deep, sound sleep."

Sara was then given what seemed strange advice. She was told to awaken at the time her husband went into deep sleep, and to work mentally and prayerfully to project creative thoughts into George's deep unconscious. In thought she was to picture this man as peaceful and free of tension; she was to visualize him as affable and friendly in his relationships. This procedure was to be followed daily until a change in the man's attitudes was noted.

So this devoted wife got herself awake at five o'clock every morning and followed directions. Weeks went by without any sign that George felt different in any way. Then one day he said, "Wonder how come everybody at the office is so much nicer than they used to be? They must have begun to realize how badly they'd been treating me."

Some weeks later the boss called George in and informed him, "I'm making you a division manager."

George was astonished. "But why?" he involuntarily blurted out.

"Because of the way you've changed," the boss said. "I've never seen a more remarkable change in a man. You're coopera-

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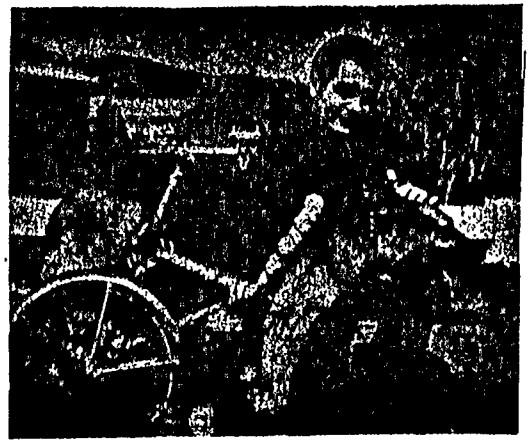

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Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.

Robert F. Kennedy

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Lutheran churches form action group

the article about Peoples Temple recently appeared in this large Southern California newspaper!

An "Action Group," involving seven area congregations of the Lutheran [illegible] Lakewood [illegible]

The American Lutheran Church [illegible] organized [illegible] war[illegible] [illegible]

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Rev. John Stendahl [illegible] Mr. Cecil Ambuhel, Holy Spirit Lutheran in Lakewood.

Rev. Paul Egertsen and Mr. John Bratt, St. Timothy Lutheran-Lakewood.

Rev. Rolf Brog-Broen and Mr. Palmer Olen, Bethel Lutheran.

Rev. Joseph Johnson and Mr. Wallace Moore, Christ Lutheran.

Mr. Fred Streetz and Ms. Marcia Strahl, Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity.

Rev. Virgil Bjerke and Dr. Roy Anderson, Our Saviour's Lutheran

Mr. Robert Scaith and Mr. Allan Freeman, University Lutheran.

The United Mission Appeal (UMA) seeks a minimum of $25,000,000 in addition to the church body's regular budget which is $26,225,000 for 1975. The gifts, which will be pledged [illegible]

[illegible] munity Center. The carnival will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the temple, 6441 Del Amo Blvd., Lakewood. Also participating in the carnival are Temple Beth Shalom, Temple Beth David and Temple Israel. Cal Worthington is master of ceremonies and grand marshal.

Jewish music

"Jewish Music Through the Ages" will be presented by Cantor Philip Model and members of his choir and dance group Sunday, 10 a.m., at a breakfast of the Men's Club of Temple Beth Shalom, 3635 Elm Ave. Women and children are welcome to attend. Model, cantor of Temple Beth Emet in Anaheim, studied and worked in Ireland, Germany and Israel.

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Temple Joins Efforts To Overcome World Hunger

The critical shortage of food around the world has prompted Peoples Temple Christian Church in Redwood Valley to take direct action by developing a unique agricultural mission on thousands of acres of fertile land provided for the local human service ministry by the Republic of Guyana.

"Throughout the years we've sent food and supplies to help those who face disease and starvation, both at home and abroad," says the pastor of Peoples Temple, Rev. Jim V. Jones. "Now we're attempting to expand that effort and hopefully assist in providing needy people with the tools and training to feed themselves from food produced on their own land."

So armed with a desire to help feed the hungry of the world, scores of Temple workers have been sent abroad with bulldozers, tractors, and other farm machinery to clear away dense jungle growth and plant a wide range of crops. Already the workers have managed to build a road leading to their living compound, clear hundreds of acres of land, and cultivate 18 different crops — though the project began less than a year ago.

The Peoples Temple project isn't typical of traditional missionary efforts administered from church headquarters stateside which cause the people being served to become dependent on the people who do the so called serving. The Temple project is designed to avoid the fostering of such dependency by providing employment and administrative training for the disadvantaged in the mission region. Accordingly, local residents already are fully involved in the work.

The humanitarian ministry (which is affiliated with the 1.5 million member Disciples of Christ denomination, noted for having governors and congressmen of diverse political persuasions in its membership) also wants to do something about the health care needs of the region. Rev. Jones' wife, Marceline, who works in a governmental program in California, is coordinating plans for an outpatient clinic, following a recent visit to the country in which the Temple's medical staff gave free health examinations to residents throughout the area of the mission.

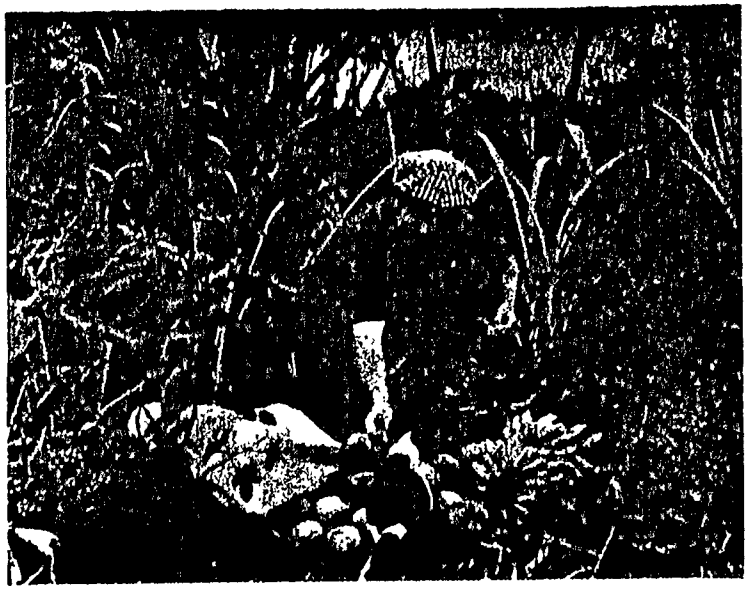
"Our pastor, Jim Jones, has always emphasized that the highest worship of God is service to our fellow man," says Eugene Chaikin, a prominent attorney who gave up his well-known practice to join the Peoples Temple ministry. "We're convinced that here we've found the best way of fulfilling the most important teaching of Jesus Christ, where He says in Matthew 25 that we naked, and taken in the stranger. We've even been able to legally adopt some beautiful native children of all races here," says Chaikin, beaming.

At the moment both planting and harvesting are going on in the project. The first harvest at the end of last year was a complete success, producing enough to share with various communities throughout the local region. The crops included corn (which grew an amazing nine feet tall!), potatoes, avocadoes, pears, bananas, black-eyed peas, ginger, peppers, coffee, soybeans and other protein foods.

The Temple's project directors are collaborating with the officers of the agriculture ministry in the country on techniques of tropical farming. The mission workers then pass the knowledge along to the region's peasant farmers.

In addition to food crops, plans have been finalized to begin raising pigs, beef cattle, and a dairy herd. The project workers are interested in operating a large ecologically-balanced farm of plants and animals, in determining the most effective and efficient way of producing food for world-wide distribution.

"This is an effort to create a practical model that promotes self-sufficiency among needy people," states one of the woman coordinators of the mission team. "We also believe such a program acts as a buffer against totalitarianism from elements of the fanatical Right or Left, as well as providing an effective answer to the problems of the "welfare state" by taking the burden of providing for people off of the



UNIQUE EXPERIMENT — Pastor Jim Jones offers food produced at Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission to one of his many animal friends. At the site, men and women workers of all faiths use the project's [illegible] trees have been planted [illegible]

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People's Temple ocean-going boat

'Marceline' serves needy in S. America

ROCKSHIRE — The Peoples Temple boat at dock on the Kaituma River near the Venezuelan border where it delivered food and supplies to needy residents of the local region. Some members of the interracial Temple crew leisurely await the departure for their next humanitarian mission.

For years Peoples Temple Christian Church, of the 1.5 million member Disciples of Christ, has maintained a traveling human service ministry on a state and national level with its fleet of Greyhound-type buses, but recently its outreach has been extended to the world by way of the sea. The Temple has acquired a large ocean-going boat which can hold 80 tons of supplies and will be used to transport food produced in the church's agricultural mission to critical hunger regions of the world.

While awaiting the next harvest, the vessel is already being put to practical use, taking sick people to hospitals, and delivering food, clothing, and other supplies where they are needed by people living in remote areas of South America.

The ship's captain is an Englishman named Phillip Blakey, a Temple member who is delighted by the success of the sea operation.

"When Pastor Jim Jones suggested we look into buying a big vessel, I didn't envision the practicality of the idea at the time," Blakey says. "But now I can hardly believe how much more productive we've become in helping people who are really suffering, mainly from hunger and insufficient health care."

The boat has been christened the "Marceline" after Rev. Jones' wife, who is a state official, and it is also being used to assist the government abroad. While one of the government's steamships is temporarily out of service, the "Marceline" is handling some of the local shipping needs.

The new vessel has full navigation and radio equipment and is powered by a huge diesel-cat engine. It is manned by a volunteer crew of Peoples Temple members. Some of the crew have many years of naval experience, while others were specially trained to help operate the "Marceline" on the high seas.

Peoples Temple in the United States is based in Redwood Valley.

Our readers On Peoples Temple

EDITOR'S NOTE: On Feb. 15 we carried a feature story about a country church in Northern California. It is the Peoples Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Redwood Valley. The church has huge branches in San Francisco and at 1366 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles, and an extensive agricultural mission in South America. Peoples Temple has members in Long Beach. Here are a few of the many letters we received. They show the intense love, devotion and purpose a dynamic church can inspire.

Real justice

Religion Editor:

You've accomplished something few people have been able to do — you've grasped the spirit of Peoples Temple right unseen and infused it into your recent article in the *Independent, Press-Telegram*. I'd like to thank you for your own fine spirit! It's always good to find another person who shows concern about the matters which are important to us at Peoples Temple.

My introduction to this remarkable church came about a year and a half ago; I was truly amazed at what I found there. As an Administrative Assistant in the California State Bar Association, I was personally and professionally concerned about justice. But I'd never seen anything like the intrinsic and effective justness of Pastor Jones. By causing thousands of us to work and share together to help others, regardless of race or background, he has taught us that real justice is nothing short of all people being treated as equals. This is why, at Peoples Temple, we practice Brotherhood as our religion.

Your article made me think you have a height-ened appreciation for the commitment it takes to organize thousands of people around this principle. Not everyone is so sensitive to the deep dimensions of Pastor Jones' ministry. I just wanted to let you know your gracious spirit won't be forgotten.

CAROLYN LOOMAN
540 Van Ness Ave.,
Suite 300
San Francisco

Practical love

I want to thank you for the fine article you wrote about our Pastor Jim V. Jones and church People's Temple of the Disciples of Christ. It was passed on to me by several of our many members in your area.

The example that Pastor Jones has set has drawn many people together from many diverse backgrounds. It is his example that has motivated us to work together in helping others. The congregation is comprised of members of many professional backgrounds: doctors, nurses, lawyers, social workers, teachers, to name but a few.

My own experience as an engineering graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then a Peace Corps Volunteer had only made me aware of the extent of needs and suffering in our world today. But it wasn't until I met Pastor Jones and the People's Temple that I found a truly positive and viable way to work with others in meeting and overcoming the needs of so many.

Your article points out some of the many ways in which we have been able to translate the spirit of Christian love and concern into practical everyday terms. It has been through the work of our Pastor that I see today a place where young and old come together in mutual respect, where animals are taken care of, where there is no generation gap, and where the ideals of liberty, justice and freedom are taught and cherished.

DONALD BECK
Ukiah

Legal aid

When I was visiting our Los Angeles branch of Peoples Temple last week, a friend there brought out the February 15 issue of your paper and showed me your comprehensive study of our church and the work of Pastor Jim Jones.

I have worked with legal services offices for about seven years and have found it rewarding in that poor people with legal problems usually find help there. One drawback is that legal services is restricted to civil cases and the criminal area is in the department of the much belabored and understaffed local public defender. So when I joined Peoples Temple several years ago, I was intrigued by the volunteer time put in by the attorney members, who ask no remuneration yet do all they possibly can to help members who have friends and relatives in prison or facing trials, prison terms, etc. Since I've been here and have been fortunate to be involved in the legal program of Peoples Temple, I have seen people released by the California prison system; and other states, to Peoples Temple custody with the assurance that they will have a direction and a meaningful rehabilitation. I have seen young kids, strung out on drugs, turn around and commit themselves to helping others without worrying about themselves first.

So I really a-preciated your positive article. It is nice to know you have realized the sincerity here, and that you took time to let it be publically known so that others might benefit. Thank you.

JUNE B. CRYM
Ukiah

Significance

Words cannot fully express how gratified I was to see the article you wrote about my church and Pastor in the Long Beach paper. Thank you! I appreciated the sensitivity with which it was written. Your journalistic integrity is very evident.

I have been a member of Pastor Jones' Congregation for over four years and feel that if there is anyone who deserves recognition for accomplishments in all that is decent, just, and caring in this world, it is Jim Jones.

I am a high school English teacher here in Ukiah and enjoy very much working with young people. But I know that the really significant work I am involved in stems from the comprehensive and relevant programs that make up Peoples Temple Christian Church.

Sincere greetings from many members of our congregation who think you are pretty wonderful.

JEAN F. BROWN,
Redwood Valley

Real potential

I am writing to thank you for your very fine coverage of the work of Peoples Temple. I am a member of the church for several years, and also a local social worker in Mendocino County, and I know first-hand that all you wrote is true.

I hope this article had wide circulation, and can give much encouragement to those who are earnestly seeking the real potential of church work in our day. Thank you for your comprehensive and concerned reporting.

(MS.) LAURIE EFREIN
Redwood Valley

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Jim Jones Restores Sight To Woman

NEW VISION - 108 year old Mrs. Georgianna McCallister, pictured with Pastor Jim Jones of Peoples Temple, was blind for ten years. She is believed to be the oldest person ever to have eye surgery at any hospital in the United States. Pastor Jones encouraged the operation, and, extraordinarily, it was a success.

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He also held a prayer meditation for the centenarian, after arrangements for an operation were made. Then, before she underwent surgery, the pastor stated publicly to thousands in one of his recent Los Angeles services that he had an unusual feeling her sight would be restored.

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Former Lynn Resident, RHS Graduate, Leads 10,000-Member Church In Dramatic Projects

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By Dick Reynolds
Assistant Managing Editor

A 1949 Richmond High School graduate believes that the "highest worship of God is service to our fellow man" and he follows that belief on a scale that approaches the incredible for those wedded to practicality.

He is Pastor Jim Jones 43, of Redwood Valley, Calif., a rural community about 120 miles north of San Francisco.

He's known generally, however, as Pastor Jim Jones to the thousands who are members of his church and to other thousands who know of his work in California and in South America.

A native of Crete in Randolph County who spent most of his boyhood years in Lynn, also in Randolph County, Pastor Jones has been in California for 10 years.

In that decade, his church, the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ denomination, has grown from a meeting place in the garage of his home to 10,500 active members including congregations in Redwood Valley, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Michael J. Prokes, one of the church's associate ministers, says:

Members United

"Peoples Temple is made up of thousands of people from every racial, religious, and socio-economic background, united by a vision of brotherhood among all human beings.

"Since establishing this church 10 years ago, Pastor Jones has achieved tremendous things in the humanitarian field. . .

"As a bureau chief for the CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, I came to do a film documentary on Peoples Temple a couple of years ago and became so impressed with the program that I resigned my position to join as a full-time staff worker."

Another view is offered by Wade Rubick of Indianapolis, general counsel of the 1.5-million-member Disciples of Christ denomination. He said of Peoples Temple:

"From my numerous contacts with members and staff of the church, I can say they are the most committed and dedicated group of people I have seen in any church anywhere."

Pastor Jones puts it this way:

"I'm not an ardent fundamentalist. However, the church is required, through the admonitions of Jesus, to take care of its people.

"If every church attempted to meet its own needs by first taking care of the households of the faith, this nation would have the answer to the welfare state by taking the burden of providing for the people off the government, freeing the government to deal with other national priorities.

"We believe, then, in the Jeffersonian ideal that the government governs best which governs least."

Major Projects

Some of the major projects of Peoples Temple are care homes for orphans and senior citizens, a 40-acre ranch for retarded children, convalescent centers, college dormitories, and a refuge shelter for animals.

Prokes declares:

"Pastor Jones believes that through such voluntary action programs, the church can best help in combatting communism and other tyrannical systems that threaten a free society."

Pastor and Mrs. Jim Jones pose with their children and four grandchildren in a photo snapped recently.

One of the most dramatic programs of Peoples Temple is the planting of 20 different crops on several thousand acres in South America.

The church also has acquired a ship, named the "Marceline," which can hold 50 tons of supplies. It is used to transport food produced in the church's agricultural mission to critical hunger regions.

Pastor Jones is the first to admit that these accomplishments aren't his alone. He credits members of the congregation and the associate ministers.

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May Be Largest

Prokes says it may be the largest Protestant congregation in America. Because of that vast membership, talents in almost every field of endeavor are available for work and advice, he adds.

Peoples Temple members often wonder just how a new project will be accomplished. But most of them have become convinced that anything is possible. One such person is Phillip Blakey, an Englishman who is the captain of the church's ship. He said recently:

"When Pastor Jim Jones suggested we look into buying a big vessel, I didn't envision the practicality of the idea at the time. But now I can hardly believe how much more productive we've become in helping people who are really suffering from hunger and insufficient health care."

How are the various projects accomplished? Contributions to a church with a congregation ranging from 10,000 to 20,000 are considerable. The church sponsors many money-making events ranging from bake sales to concession stands at baseball games.

Perhaps most important is the contribution of church members, from volunteer labor to the counsel of lawyers, doctors and numerous ordained ministers who have joined the congregation.

Where Did It Begin?

Pastor Jones recently was selected by Religion in American Life as one of the top 100 most outstanding clergymen in the nation. The question then is posed: how did it all begin for this 43-year-old transplanted Hoosier?

His parents were James and Lynetta Jones. His father, a construction engineer, died in 1951 while young Jones was a student at Indiana University. His mother now resides with her son and his wife in California.

After growing up in Lynn, Pastor Jones spent his senior year in high school in Richmond to obtain courses needed to prepare him for college. He graduated from high school with honors.

He also worked at Reid Memorial Hospital to earn some extra money and it was there he met Marceline Baldwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Baldwin, who now reside at 149 South West Sixteenth St.

She was a student in Reid's School of Nursing and they were married after his graduation from high school. She couldn't know then that a ship was to be named for her.

Pastor Jones first goal was teaching and he took education courses at Indiana University, later transferring to Butler University at Indianapolis.

His wife, in Richmond recently as her parents prepared to observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary, says it was about this time that her husband decided "he couldn't reach enough people in the teaching field and decided to enter the ministry."

Before graduating from Butler, young Jim Jones became at 21 a student pastor in Indianapolis and his organizational ability began to manifest itself.

Launches Campaign

He launched a campaign among members of both Catholic and Protestant denominations to build a recreation center for the children living on the south side of Indianapolis.

In later years in Indianapolis he formed the first Peoples Temple and more than 100 members followed him to California when he decided to move there to organize a church in a more progressive area, his wife said, and for the sake of his family.

While still in Indianapolis, he was named the first director of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights. It was also in the early 1960s that he and Mrs. Jones spent two years in South America as missionaries and it was in this period that he developed the friendships which led to the agricultural mission his church has set up there. His friends aren't surprised that he also built an orphanage during that two-year stint.

An officially ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ long before he left Indianapolis, Pastor Jones combined in his early years in California the pastoring of a new church, public school teaching, and a business career.

But his goal was to establish a congregation "of principled persons who would practice literally the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and to visit the sick and imprisoned," a church leaflet recalls.

Pastor and Mrs. Jones have seven children, six of them adopted from impoverished and different racial and ethnic backgrounds. Another adopted child was killed in an auto accident before the family left Indiana.

In Modest Home

Pastor and Mrs. Jones and their children still at home reside in a modest cinder block house in Redwood Valley. He accepts no formal salary. Mrs. Jones, a registered nurse since her graduation from Reid school here, is a health care evaluator for the California Department of Health.

While in Richmond, she discussed her husband's work. She said, simply:

"He doesn't believe Peoples Temple is important. What is important is humanity."

In their early married years she said she doubted some of her husband's planned projects could be accomplished.

But she has no doubts now and hasn't for many years.

Pastor Jones, who remembers "very affectionately the neighborliness" of Lynn and Richmond, leads six to eight services a week in the three congregations.

The work of Peoples Temple involves other areas than those mentioned earlier, including a continuing battle against the use of drugs and the development of ways to assist rehabilitated youthful drug users and others through college and over the hurdles of legal problems. Pointing to the work of the church, the San Francisco Chronicle has said:

". . . this church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."

Two Incidents

Meanwhile, Mrs. Jones and the files of The Palladium-Item provide two incidents which demonstrate the early concern of Pastor Jones for humanity.

Mrs. Jones remembers that she and her husband went to a nursing home to visit a member of their church while they still lived in Indianapolis. She recalls:

"The conditions were so pitiful that we picked her up bodily and carried her to our home. Terminally ill, she lived in our home until she died eight months later.

"The conditions at that nursing home gave my husband one of his early reasons to build care homes for the elderly."

This newspaper's files show a story written in 1953 by reporter William B. Tremi. The story told of the young student minister, Jim Jones, and his campaign for a recreation center in Indianapolis.

But it also recalled an incident when Jim Jones was only 6 years old.

His mother told reporter Tremi that her son saw a ragged, bearded tramp near their Lynn home. The year was about 1938.

A Child's Questions

As the child questioned the stranger, the man finally answered:

"I don't have a friend in the world. I'm about ready to give up."

The boy then said firmly:

"What do you mean, mister? God's your friend and I'm your friend. And mom will help you get a job."

Mrs. Jones did just that and Tremi wrote in his story:

"The rejuvenation of a man who had lost hope marked a milestone in Jim Jones' life. His love for humanity and his desire to help the unfortunate was eventually to lead him to the ministry."

There is no way the reporter of 22 years ago could have realized how prophetic his words were.

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Jones Honored By Organization

By VIRGIE W. MURRAY

The pastor of Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, James V. Jones, was recently named one of the 100 most outstanding clergymen in the nation by Religion In American Life, an inter-faith organization.

Jones was honored for his guidance and inspiration in establishing the many humanitarian programs and facilities in Peoples Temple that attempt to meet every type of human need.

Peoples Temple is scattered over California, with members in many cities, traveling in the church's fleet of Greyhound type buses to worship services in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and the church in Redwood Valley.

A native of Indiana, Pastor Jones has been in California for 10 years. In that decade, Peoples Temple has grown from a meeting place in the garage of his home to 10,500 members in the three congregations.

RESPONDS

This ministry is known for responding to both public and private appeals for assistance, giving support to the local school system and law enforcement. The Temple has rehabilitated over 175 young people from hard-line drug habits and educated many local residents through its college program.

Pastor Jones and Peoples Temple have been viewed by many people. Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church said, "Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice – compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

INJUSTICE

Michael Prokes, former TV News Bureau Chief, who resigned his post to join Peoples Temple, stated, "Pastor Jones manifests the life of Christ by working day and night to stand courageously against all forms of injustice, to relieve human suffering of every kind, and to establish brotherhood among peoples of all different backgrounds."

The Rev Gerald McHarg, assoc. regional pastor, Christian Churches. Southern California, commented, "I have the impression the congregation is ready, willing, and able to assist any human being with almost any problem. One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve."

CONGRESS

A legislator stated on the floor of Congress, "Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the Rev. James Jones and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded."

The Rev. Karl Irvin Jr., regional minister-president, The Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada, Disciples of Christ, said "Pastor Jones has a great organizational ability. He has been largely responsible for the establishment of a large congregation of everyday human beings from all walks of life, binding them together in a truly extraordinary commitment to human service The ministries of this pastor and his congregation are staggering in scope and effectiveness"

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SAFEGUARDING HEALTH — People's Temple nurses Hattie Newell, foreground, and Chris Rice, standing, prepare to examine Loretta Coomer as part of the church's new health program.

Temple's medical staff begin physical exams

The Peoples Temple team of medical personnel, whose members are in various stages of training and who work in hospitals and care facilities in the community, are giving routine physical examinations at a new office in Redwood Valley.

The service is provided free of charge to the many hundreds of members in Peoples Temple, who are then referred to local doctors if health problems are discovered.

"We do not make any sort of diagnosis if we find that someone has health troubles," said Larry Schacht, a four-year medical student. "Our only concern is to determine if a problem exists. Then we ask them which local doctor they prefer, and we encourage them to make an appointment and to tell the doctor to call us if he so desires."

The Temple medical staff is interested in finding particular health patterns so that the members can take steps through their personal doctors to head-off serious health afflictions by preventative therapy. Members are advised to see their doctor at least once a year and preferably semi-annually for seniors.

"Our pastor, Jim Jones, insists that all of our members get regular exams, with the church paying the cost for members who cannot afford it," said Schacht. "Our church has the highest regard for the outstanding medical community in this area, and we want all of our people to benefit from it."

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THE SUN REPORTER, Saturday, November 1, 1975

Peoples Temple Helps Keep Clinic Open

The Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center and Health Clinic was at the point of possibly closing its doors last week when Peoples Temple Christian Church donated $1500 to cover its entire financial deficit.

Beyond that, the large interracial ministry pledged to make a specified monthly payment for a year to help the program carry on.

The Tel-Hi program, as it's called, serves the Chinatown and North Beach areas with a variety of free and low-cost educational and humanitarian services for youth and senior citizens, in addition to health care.

When the pastor of Peoples Temple, Rev. Jim Jones, heard that Tel-Hi was in danger of being terminated, he immediately called the center to find out what his church could do to help.

"We feel strongly that when such a fine program, that is meeting so many legimate and critical needs, is having trouble, good people should come together to try to save it," said Rev. Jones.

But when almost no one stepped forward and Tel-Hi was forced to schedule a benefit, Rev. Jones felt the burden and pledged the entire amount of the deficit. He put up some of the money out of his own pocket and raised what he could through the church to cover the remainder of the debt plus make a substantial monthly donation.

Peoples Temple, at 1859 Geary Blvd., has an extensive human service ministry with wide-ranging programs and facilities of its own that also reach out to the many needs of youth, the elderly, and the poor.

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A Ministry of Human Services

JAMES THURMAN JONES, 43, is known as Pastor Jim Jones to the thousands who are members of his church, the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ denomination. The church has grown from Jones and a few followers meeting in the garage of his home to 10,500 members including congregations in Redwood Valley, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

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While Peoples Temple lists its active member rolls at about 10,500, it is estimated that another 10,000 attend services of the three congregations, with many of the latter also involved in the church's wide-ranging projects.

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Church Donation

Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, 1859 Geary boulevard, yesterday donated $500 to the family of a California Highway Patrol officer who died last month from gunshot wounds sustained when he stopped a motorist for a defective headlight.

The officer, Al Turner, 35, of Los Banos died 12 days after the December 4 incident on Interstate 5 near Fresno. He lived in Los Banos.

In a letter to The Chronicle that accompanied the check, Eugene B. Chalkin of Peoples Temple said, "We are utterly disgusted that another law officer has been slain.

"We also want to show that black people in no way condone this type of action, as we have many black members and ministers in our San Francisco congregation of 6000 active members, who all deplore this horrible tragedy."

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HONORED — Pastor Jim Jones of Peoples Temple receiving "Humanitarian of the Year" award. Some of the honored guests at the ceremony were, from left: Dr. and Mrs. John Moore, Methodist district superintendent in California, Pastor Jones, Mr and Mrs. Gerald McHarg, regional pastor of 300 Christian churches, Mrs. Lorenza Cole, publisher S. Alexander, Dr. Yvonne Mao, and Dr. Charles Hall, a prominent dentist.

Vast humanitarian ministry

Temple expands outreach program

Peoples Temple Christian Church, of the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination of two million members, expanded its extensive outreach program this past year to include a large number of wide-ranging groups, organizations, and causes, all concerned with improving the welfare of the citizenry.

Among those who received financial and other kinds of support from the Temple were the Fresno Bee newsmen arrested for refusing to reveal their confidential sources of information; a medical clinic (Tel-Hi) serving the Bay Area, which otherwise would probably would have had to close its doors; the American Cancer Society; the Mendocino County Heart Association and other medical research and testing programs, such as Sickle-Cell Anemia; KQED and other educational broadcasting stations; Big-Brothers of America; anti-hunger groups such as Bread for the World; Indian relief; city schools; hospital development; various church programs operated under Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish sponsorship; the purchase of at least 1,700 concert tickets to benefit the Center for Self-Determination; and many others, the most recent being a donation of $300 to the family of a slain highway patrolman in the Fresno area, for which the Temple was highly praised last week in an article in the San Francisco Chronicle.

The above support was in addition to the Temple's own vast humanitarian ministry, pastored by Rev. Jim Jones of Redwood Valley, which is widely recognized for providing its many thousands of members, and others who are non-members with care homes and convalescent centers; a children's ranch on 40 acres; apartment units for senior citizens; free legal services and health care, including effective drug rehabilitation; bus transportation; college education for young people; food, clothing, and other round-the-clock emergency services; and large refuge shelters for all kinds of animals.

Pastor Jones' ministry is concerned not only with helping to meet the needs of those who are disadvantaged, but also with identifying the causes of those needs so that they might be eradicated from our society.

It is because of this consistent and genuine effort that Pastor Jones received the highly coveted award of the Los Angeles Herald as the "Humanitarian of the Year." In a ceremony he was presented with a beautiful painting from internationally known artist Dr. Yvonne Mao, and a trophy.

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Charity — alive in the Tenderloin

The Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ yesterday gave $6,000 to save a Tenderloin aid program for older people.

Funds for the Seniors' Assistance program would have run out today, said one of the group.

The gift was handed to Paul Godsey, one of seven men in the program, by the Rev. Jim Jones. It will pay bills for another three weeks, including the $150 weekly salaries for Seniors' Assistance workers plus cab fares for the elderly and administrative costs.

Louis Langston, a spokesman for the group, noted that the federal money which created and supported the program for four months wasn't enough to pay for everything.

One worker fed an elderly person himself for two weeks until the man could get his affairs straightened out with various agencies, Langston said.

Their work — caring for the unprotected elderly who live in the Tenderloin — includes escorting them to banks to cash Social Security checks, taking them shopping or to hospitals and buying groceries for those who can't leave their rooms.

The announcement last week that the federal program was ending caused the Rev. Mr. Jones and his church board to act.

"I was so moved when I saw a photograph of a large young black man supporting a small white woman — in these times of alienation of the races.

"It was the least we could do," he said. "We hope to do more."

In accepting the check, Godsey noted that the head of the seniors' group, Jean Mellor, would have been present but was camping out at the Department of Social Services in Sacramento until a permanent solution to the funding problem is found.

Langston, Robert Cobb and Ron Collins led a tour through the Tenderloin area.

One physically disabled man had walked to breakfast, four doors from his hotel. "It probably took him 15 minutes," Collins said. He stayed behind to help the man safely home again.

Langston and Cobb visited a 70-year-old man, who had been evicted from his hotel because a social service worker forgot to pay his rent. They have moved the man's belongings to a "safe" hotel, one with light, sprinklers and protective gates.

The man has lost contact with his family. Cobb knelt beside his chair to comfort him. "There's somebody cares," he said gently.

"I'll be back later. I'll bring some dinner," Langston assured him.

The Seniors' Assistance seven have had to learn more than the first aid they were taught in training for the job. They have to know about the ripoffs — on the streets or at the hands of brutal and dishonest hotel managers. They've had to understand loneliness and how to help with that. And they've had to learn to deal with red tape of every kind and how to find bureaucrats who can apply swift scissors.

"It's a lot to throw away. We feel we owe them," Langston said.

Gift will allow Robert Cobb (left) and his group continue aid to Tenderloin

OPINION

San Francisco Examiner

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Editor's Mail Box

Church that cared enough

Many thanks are due to the Peoples Temple for taking on the burden of the senior citizens in the Tenderloin by bailing out the Veterans Escort program. This program is one of the most creative responses designed to meet three major social needs, for senior assistance, veterans' employment and crime prevention.

. . . The Senior Escort Program should become a permanent service . . . yet without the humane concern of the Peoples Temple and Rev. Jones it would have died .

It is good for our city that this church cared . . . and to jolt others who must also do their share to take care of our people.

CAROLYN LOOMAN
San Francisco

The actions of Rev. Jones and his congregation should be a sign to the people who are responsible for funding this program that you can't just drop something like this and expect nobody to take notice. I'm hopeful that others will follow in the footsteps of Peoples Temple and insure that this vital program will continue.

RICHARD D. TROPP
San Francisco

. . . Those who direct and work in this program are to be commended for their will to keep it going. It is sad that people-related programs always seem to suffer the cut of the economic knife first. We should be grateful there are people like Rev. Jones who care enough to do something. I'm glad charity is not dead.

REV. G.B. YOUNG
Oakland

2 San Francisco Chronicle ★ Thurs., Jan. 22, 1976

Protective Escort Service Hangs On

Elderly Tenderloin hotel residents haven't lost their protective escort service after all. Not yet anyway.

Spokesmen for the North of Market Seniors Organization, which says the escort service has stopped muggings and rapes, announced yesterday that a $6000 gift from Peoples' Temple of the Disciples of Christ, 1850 Geary boulevard, will enable seven Vietnam War veterans to continue to serve the elderly for six more weeks.

Eight veterans, all of whom were on welfare, have worked the last four months to assist the aged, and mostly poor, in making shopping, medical and other necessary trips.

But a $64,000 federal grant had been exhausted. Jean Mellor, president of the senior citizens' group assisting Tenderlion residents, has sought funds in recent trips to Sacramento.

The Rev. James Jones of the Geary boulevard church said his board authorized the gift of the money because the interracial nature of the escort service was inspiring. Most of the veterans are black: most of the elderly people they escort and do errands for are white.

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San Francisco Examiner, Feb. 5, 1976

Changing habit from heroin-to helping

By James Schermerhorn

Marie Duckett was a heroin addict mainlining $250 a day into her system when she first heard the Rev. Jim. Jones speak at his Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ.

She had pleaded guilty numerous times to petty theft, to felony petty theft and to felony possession of dangerous drugs. She had spent time in prison.

Heroin ran her life and she hated it.

"I tapped him (Jones) on the shoulder when he came down the aisle," she said. "I told him, 'I need your help.'"

Jones says, "I saw her desperation . . . She looked 46 . . . I thought she was mentally broken. I wondered if she could recover."

He took her to his home, a farm operated by the church 10 miles outside of Ukiah, with his wife and eight children.

That was more than three years ago. She has not been near heroin since.

She has been living in a church home, either in The City or at the farm in Ukiah. Her four children are here, and are cared for with the church's help.

She has worked for various agencies treating drug addicts, at local hospitals as a nurses' aide, and at her studies.

Marie today looks her 31 years. She is strong and healthy.

The promise is there — if she doesn't have to go back to prison.

Ironically, her past caught up with her because of her work for the church.

The church board wanted to send her to Guiana, to help operate its experimental farm project.

When she was asked to go, Marie was forced to admit she was a parole violator because she had not been reporting to the California Rehabilitation Center, a state prison where she was sent as a heroin addict in 1969.

There is an unresolved petty theft charge, and violation of probation on other offenses, as well, she said.

She said she was sure to be caught if she applied for a passport, and the church would be "embarrassed," Jones said.

But Jones and his church are not embarrassed, and they want to help her.

Gene Chaikes, who volunteers his service as an attorney for the church, — where her troubles with the law occurred — went to Southern California to learn the details of what she faces. It could mean as long as nine years in prison, he said.

Marie, once a movie extra and a dancer, was an addict for five years. It began when the man she lived with began stealing money she had saved to attend nursing school. She learned he was buying heroin with it.

"I was 22, and dumb. He was a brilliant man and I still don't know why he took heroin.

Marie Duckett's future is promising — if she doesn't have to go back to prison

Examiner Photo by Seymour Sauer

"But one day I put out my arm. I said, 'We share everything else, we might as well share this.'"

She left nursing school and the career she wanted.

Then her common-law husband was sent to prison, leaving her in the world of addicts, thieves, prostitutes and pushers.

He left her only one thing: Heroin addiction.

Marie is going to turn herself in before a Superior Court judge in Los Angeles tomorrow. It was her decision.

At her side will be Los Angeles attorney Robert L. Winslow, a former Superior Court judge in Mendocino County who is donating his services.

Jones will be there, too. He hopes, on the basis of her record with the church, she may be released into his care.

"When someone is rehabilitated in our program, I know it. She is one of these," he said.

He is ready to describe the things she has done here — from the most tedious volunteer tasks to the study of engines, farm equipment and various sciences.

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Peoples Temple Attracts Heroin Addicts, Youth

By VIRGIE W. MURRAY

Someone has written, "As you think and as you love, you attract. You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. You cannot escape the results of your thoughts."

This could be said of the Rev. James Thurman Jones, pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Rev. Jones has been in California about 11 years, and, in that time, he has established three congregations.

Beginning in a garage in his home, the Rev. Jones now has three congregations of more [illegible] 10,000 members. From [illegible]dwood Valley came the [illegible]urch in San Francisco, and [illegible] the church in Los [illegible]geles at 1366 S. Alvarado

The local edifice is like a [illegible]rch "by the side of the [illegible]." It sits by the side of the [illegible] where Hoover splits and [illegible]ide is Alvarado and the [illegible] is Hoover. This church, as well as the others, has attracted many people.

INSPIRATION

[illegible]y drug addicts, senior citizens, young people some with needs and some with talents to give, have found inspiration at Peoples, from the pastor and the members.

The Rev. Jones' thoughts and planning have produced several successful projects.

Peoples has several senior citizen homes, a 40-acre ranch for retarded children, care homes for orphans, convalescent centers, college dormitories, a refuge shelter for animals and an agricultural mission in South America.

Marie Duckett, a local young woman was a $250-a-day heroin addict when she went to Peoples and met the pastor The Rev. Jones recalled "She came up the aisle one day over three years ago She grabbed me by the arm in desperation.

REHABILITATION

"She was in miserable condition, now she looks healthy, and vivacious. She said to me, 'Will you please help me?' I saw her desperation, she looked 45, and I thought she was mentally broken. I wondered if she could recover," continued the Rev. Jones.

The minister also told how Miss Duckett was cared for. "My wife and I took her into our home in Redwood Valley. My wife is a registered nurse; we have seven adopted children, and one natural born. She stayed with us many days, and went through the withdrawal system, which in her case was rather grave My wife took care of her along with me and some of my children.

AGRICULTURE

"Marie is training herself in all phases of agriculture. She is very sharp I've found many of the heroin addicts that we have rehabilitated are very sharp, when you get them straightened around. They've learned to manipulate so much that it is very difficult for us to cope, because every heroin addict that I've dealt with has been exceptionally intelligent.

"During this period of over three years, she didn't tell us the problem that she had. That was, she was a fugitive When the time came to go to the agricultural mission in Guiana, she volunteered on her own. She said, 'I'm afraid it might be embarrassing; I've broken probation. So now our church has pledged to fight this all the way," declared the minister.

Miss Duckett went to court Feb. 6 to turn herself in before a Superior Court judge. Several attorneys volunteered their service to the church, one of them will assist her. She did not report to the California Rehabilitation Center, a state prison, where she was sent as a heroin addict in 1969. There is an unresolved petty theft charge, and violation of probation on other offenses.

VOLUNTEERS

One volunteer, Atty Gene Chaiken, found that Miss Duckett could face nine years in prison. Another volunteer, Atty Robert L. Winslow, a former Superior Court judge in Mendocino County, will assist the former addict in court.

The Rev. Jones said he and the church will stay by her all the way.

The personable [illegible] year-old young woman, who quickly went through her withdrawal, has been living in one of the church homes for four children are with her and are cared for with the church's help.

She has worked for various agencies treating drug addicts, at hospitals as a nurses' aide, and is continuing her studies.

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AFFLICTION

When the heroin was sent to prison, she was left with heroin addiction

The church has a record of more than [illegible] addicts it has helped to overcome drugs

One young woman said, "When I came by this church, I didn't know what to do, or where to go. If I had not received help here, I know I would be dead today."

But, today, she has gone through the withdrawal and is a senior at the University of California at Berkeley. She said she had no idea that she would be graduate from college, for she had no money for education.

This church supports many various projects and causes

Peoples raised legal fees for the three Washington, D.C., men who allegedly raped a white woman and sentenced by a Raleigh, N.C. jury to die in the gas chamber. This aroused Georgia legislator Julian Bond, who has been instrumental in bringing several other injustices to the attention of the Rev. Jones and the Peoples congregation

"PLEDGE T[illegible]GHT" — Miss Marie Duckett, a former $250 a day hero[illegible]addict, is shown talking to the Rev. Jim Jones, pastor of [illegible]oples Temple Christian Church. The Rev. Jones and Peo[illegible] helped Miss Duckett through the withdrawal period, [illegible] assisted in her starting a new life. A probation v[illegible], Miss Duckett turned herself in Feb. 6. The Rev. Jon[illegible] the church "pledged to fight for Miss Duckett" [illegible]WIDER-THOMAS PHOTOS

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PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH — A church "by the side of the road," is Peoples Temple Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), 1366 E. Alvarado. The church sits by the side of the road where Hoover splits and one side is Alvarado and the other is Hoover. The church attracts many people. The Rev. James T. Jones is pastor, assisted by associates Paul Nguyen and Johnny Brown.

SUPPORT

Food and supplies have been sent to aid the sick and hungry people all over the world — including Biafra, Bangladesh, the Sub-Sahara, Appalachia and Indian Reservations in the United States.

Financial and other support has been given to a medical clinic, American Cancer Society, Sickle Cell Anemia, Big Brothers, of America and many others causes.

Through the Rev. Jones' leadership, Peoples Temple Christian Church contributed more than $4,000 for the defense of William Farr and other reporters jailed for refusing to reveal their sources of information.

Last month a Tenderloin aid program for older people in San Francisco, was saved by Peoples. The church gave $5,000 to support this group. Federal money created and supported the program for four months, but it wasn't enough to pay for everything.

This program cares for unprotected elderly who live in the Tenderloin, escorting them to banks, taking them shopping, to hospitals or doctors and buying groceries for those who can't leave their rooms.

MEDICAL STAFF

Peoples has a medical staff, whose members are in various stages of training and who work in hospitals and care facilities in the community. They also give routine physical examinations in the office in Redwood Valley.

Whenever a member is in the hospital, staff members are with that person around-the-clock, while they are hospitalized. Members are advised to see their doctors annually and senior citizens at least semi-annually.

A fleet of Greyhound-type buses was purchased by the church to transport members for vacations, shopping and other outings. The church travels across country in the buses.

The Rev. Jones remarked "When I take a vacation, we all take a vacation together and get on the buses and go wherever we want to."

Last year more than 700 members participated in a three-week 10,000-mile trip. The group was remembered in every city where they stopped. It was noted that when they left a park it was cleaner than when they arrived. There were more than 200 seniors in their 80's and 90's on this trip and hundreds of children, teenagers, and young adults of every racial and ethnic background.

LARGE BOAT

With its agriculture mission in South America, Peoples acquired a large ocean-going boat which can hold 50 tons of supplies and is being used to transport food produced in the mission to critical hunger regions of the world.

Several thousand acres assigned to Peoples by the government in South America, are producing 30 different crops to serve the food needs there and, in time of emergency, shipments will be made to the United States as well.

The ship is also used to take the sick to hospitals and deliver food, clothings and other supplies where they are needed by people living in remote areas of South America.

The Rev. Jones and Peoples have received numerous awards and commendations for their many projects.

The 93rd Congress commended them in its Congressional Record for its support of the First Amendment.

Mayor Tom Bradley praised the church and pastor on a recent visit to the church. He said, "My ultimate ambition is the same as yours and Pastor Jones.' It is to bring about the unification of people . . . to bring together people from various backgrounds so that they may understand that, indeed, each is his brother's keeper."

CHILDHOOD

A native of Crete in Randolph County, Ind., the Rev. Jones spent most of his childhood in Lynn, also in Randolph County.

He and his wife, Marceline, the natural parents of one daughter, have adopted seven children of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

One son, who is black, bears his name, Jim Jones Jr.

"We have a rainbow family, with all colors and backgrounds. Two Asian children, fathered by American servicemen, are in our family, along with an Indian and others," Rev. Jones said. His daughter is married and the Joneses have four grandchildren.

The successful endeavors of the Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple Christian Church can be shown in their thoughts, for "you cannot escape the results of your thoughts."

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A Fully-Integrated Church in Action

By RALPH RATH
Tribune Religion Writer

The Rev. Jim V. Jones made some enemies in Indianapolis.

Several Molotov cocktails were thrown at his house. Phone calls threatened the lives of several of his children.

It was quite clear, the Rev. Mr. Jones said, that this animosity sprang from racial prejudice.

In the mid-1960s, the clergyman was named the first director of the Indianapolis Mayor's Commission on Human Rights.

"I integrated 200 to 300 businesses just by talking," the Rev. Mr. Jones said of his two-year effort in the post.

But a number of people did not approve of his work and apparently also did not approve of the fact that his church, Peoples Temple Christian Church, was integrated and the fact that his family of eight children, seven of whom were adopted, was fully integrated.

Partly because of the threats on the lives of his children and partly as a last-ditch effort to get the liberal mayor re-elected, the Rev. Mr. Jones resigned his city position in the summer of 1965.

It didn't work. The mayor was defeated and racial tensions increased.

"The Ku Klux Klan is once again growing in Indiana," the Rev. Mr. Jones reported in an interview last week.

Born, reared and educated in Indiana, the Rev. Mr. Jones reluctantly decided to move, that sad summer of 1965.

The place that he felt held the most promise for life free from racial tensions was Northern California. So he and his family moved to Redwood Valley, just north of Ukiah.

In a spontaneous gesture of support, the "whole church," about 160 persons, joined the Jones family in the move to California.

Things were much better on the West Coast, the Rev. Mr. Jones said, though the congregation still met with some racial prejudices. "I was surprised by the latent prejudices of a rural community," the clergyman said.

In fewer than 11 years since the move, Peoples Temple has grown to more than 20,000 members. It remains fully integrated.

Peoples Temple of Los Angeles has 10,000 members. The church in San Francisco at Geary Boulevard and Fillmore Street has 7,000 members, including 1,000 from the Eastbay.

The Redwood Valley church has 1,000 members. There are sizable congregations in Bakersfield, Fresno and Sacramento. Many large cities in the country also have members of the Peoples Temple community, though they continue to worship at their local churches. Some have indicated that they might move to California.

Affiliated with the 1.5-million-member Christian Church-Disciples of Christ, Peoples Temple stresses lively worship services, a healing ministry and personal care and support of members.

The church has trained 80 members to be registered nurses and encourages all members to undergo a medical checkup at least once a year. There is a clinic on the San Francisco premises to give free checkups. This program has enabled breast cancer in 140 women to be detected in time and treated.

The church has been successful in treating heroin addicts. One reformed addict currently is completing studies to become a physician He and another medical stu dent plan to work as medical missionaries.

The church has helped ir the education of 12 lawyers , conducts a legal assistan program for the poor.

The church has an extensi education and job-trainir program A recent surv found that fewer than 2 p cent of the members of Pe ples Temple were on welfa

Peoples Temple has a h for retarded children and e eral homes for older pers To a great extent, the o persons run their own p grams and decide for the selves how they will live t lives.

For the past six sumn church members have p into their fleet of buses toured the country.

In 1973, for example members in 13 buses and an support trucks travele the way to the East c camping out in chur schools and camping ar

They brought along a s bus engine, automotive re gear, food, medical sup and even an ambulance w never was needed.

Since they were fully i grated, there were a few fortunate incidents wher traveled in the South

A truck driver delibe rammed one bus and r the Rev. Mr. Jones hours to calm an angry that formed in the worst dent. Several shots were at the buses.

A woman supervisor camp in Georgia turne the water and locked th lets.

The travelers from Pe Temple simply gritted teeth and went about p up all the litter in the ground.

The supervisor relente stored water and facilities invited the visitors to over night.

The supervisor's hus was so moved by the pe attitude of the Christian t elers that he tore up his Klux Klan membership car in their presence.

Ronald James (left), Anita Kelley, [illegible]ev. Jim Jones, Michael Prokes, bus driver [illegible] Harris

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JIM JONES DECLINES HUMAN RIGHTS POST

San Francisco Mayor George Moscone revealed "sad news" at a swearing-in ceremony of new commission appointees last week when he announced that Rev. Jim Jones of Peoples Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ denomination) was declining a post on the Human Rights Commission.

The mayor said, "Rev. Jones examines his conscience more thoroughly than anyone I know," in explaining that the Reverend felt, at least at the present time, that he could provide a higher service—not only to his congregation but to people who look to him for leadership—outside of the political process.

Rev. Jones said he was honored by the mayor's appointment, but he could not give the commission's duties and responsibilities the undivided time the mayor would expect and his own conscience would demand. He said that presently his time is completely taken up in coordinating the many human service programs and facilities the church provides for thousands of people in its California-based ministry.

Mayor Moscone said that Rev. Jones was not "playing hard to get" and he will be urging him to reconsider and take another post in the city's administration.

Rev. Jones has just returned to the City from his agricultural mission in South America, following a ceremony in New York at the Waldorf-Astoria where he was honored by the national interfaith organization. Religion In American Life, which has named him one of the nation's most outstanding clergyman.

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A family reunited: From l., Dennis Banks, daughter Tasina, Rev. Jim Jones, Leigh Brightman who harbored Banks; foreground, Ka-mook and baby Iron Door Woman

Examiner Photo by Bob Bryant

Indian leader regains his family

By James Schermerhorn

American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks stood for a long moment before the Disciples of Christ Church. In his arms was his 4-month-old daughter he had not seen until his family arrived by plane last night.

His wife, Ka-mook, freed on bail from a federal charge, in Oregon with $20,000 of the church's money, stood beside him. In her arms was an older daughter, 18-month-old Tasina.

When he finally found words, Banks said softly, "A week ago my wife was behind an iron door, my children were in Oklahoma. You in your love, have moved the iron door."

The Rev. Jim Jones, pastor of the Peoples Temple here, led more than 4000 men and women in the crowded church in singing, "We Shall Overcome."

Then in his strong voice, Jones affirmed his congregation's support of Banks and declared, "We shall not settle for anything less than his liberty!"

At the moment that seems difficult to achieve.

Banks is wanted in South Dakota, where he was convicted last July of possessing arms in a riot and assault with a dangerous weapon "without intent to kill."

In the trial, defense witnesses said they would not testify because they were threatened by the prosecutor, the state's attorney general, and in mid-trial, Banks' counsel withdrew for the same reason, leaving him to defend himself alone. His appeal for a mistrial was denied.

He and his wife also face charges of possessing destructive devices in Oregon.

Extradition to South Dakota, he declares, will mean his certain death, and he has appealed to Gov. Brown to deny extradiction.

Jones said he asked the church board and congregation last week to take the action.

Peoples Temple Brings Religion Down To Earth

by David Johnston

One recent Saturday night, a 45-year-old Creek Indian named James Jones, leader of 8000-member Peoples Temple in San Francisco, sat in a small room off the Temple lobby vexed by what he was about to do. Jones was wondering about his decision to invite Kathleen Cleaver to speak to the congregation, which at the moment was gathering in the big second floor auditorium.

The appearance of Kathleen Cleaver, whose husband Eldridge had become an object of loathing to considerable segments of the Bay Area progressive community, represented the first time Jones had taken up a cause that threatened to split the Temple. "I imagine we're going to get it tonight," Jones was saying, "but we'll give her the floor and let her appeal. Unpopularity doesn't disturb me. But, there are so many causes, my God am I spread thin."

Spread thin is hardly the word. Jones ministers to not just the Geary Boulevard temple, but to two others, in Redwood Valley and Los Angeles. And the temples are not merely places for "meetings," as the Disciples of Christ call their services, but are centers for "human services programs." This year, for instance, the San Francisco Temple's service program will account for a sizeable part of its annual half-million dollar budget (which doesn't take into account the all-volunteer Temple help).

Besides the swimming pool, the 40 acre children's ranch, the two retirement homes and several "senior" care facilities, the Temple operates clinics which run the gamut from general medical, to infant care, to special services for the elderly.

But, that's just part of it. In addition, the Temple conducts a drug treatment facility, annually sends 100 kids to college on Temple scholarships and runs an agricultural mission in what used to be called British Guiana. The mission is actually a farm where, Jones says, "the harder juvenile cases are sent to learn farming skills." The Temple-owned shrimp boat "Marceline," with a 50 ton cargo capacity, delivers the farm's output to hungrier points around the globe.

And there's more. The Temple also owns a fleet of 13 buses (maintained by Temple mechanics) which, when they are not running seniors to medical appointments, carry poor kids and the elderly on vacation trips. This year the Temple took in Washington, D.C. Last year there was a trip to Mexico. And Jones travels each week to Los Angeles, in one of these same buses, rejecting all appeals that he go by air because, according to his aide Michael Prokes, "Jim is just too humble to fly."

The reason why Peoples Temple has set up this mini-empire of goodwill, according to Jones, is that the Disciples believe in "New Testament sharing" as written in Matthew 25: 35-40. The grit of that passage, "For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat," is why Jones says, "we believe that the highest service to God is service to our fellow man."

In recent years, the Temple's works have also included helping financially-troubled groups. There was the $6,000 the Temple gave to the South of Market Street Senior Escort Service when federal funds were cut this January, and there was the $1,500 deficit-covering gift to the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center and Health Clinic last November. The Temple is currently providing financial help to Pets Unlimited, a non-profit animal shelter and clinic, to keep it afloat.

Moreover, the Temple has been funnelling cash to individuals who have been harassed by the government. A $4,400 donation in 1973, among other things, helped defend William Farr of the L.A. Times, who refused to name sources for a story about the Manson family, and assisted the four editors and reporters from the Fresno Bee, who would not reveal where they had gotten a secret grand jury report. The church has backed leftists Angela Davis and American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Dennis Banks, and has also aided a John Birch Society member in getting back his teaching job.

"Our politics," said Tim Stone, one of the Temple's staff of volunteer attorneys, "is really an effort to actualize the Bill of Rights."

Kathleen Cleaver's speaking invitation, however, unlike previous Temple merc. missions, left Jones wondering uncomfortably about how the congregation which had filled the hall above to overflowing, would react.

Janet Fong

Pastor Jim Jones at recent rally

While their choruses resonated through the ceiling of the room where Jones waited, he twisted uncomfortably in his second-hand leisure suit. "I'm not taking any political position," he explained. "I wish I had the right answers, we help people, it doesn't really matter whether they're left or right. Like anybody else, Cleaver is entitled to his own beliefs. If Cleaver is an agent," frowned Jones, "and that's how they treat them ... My

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God."

James Jones left his Somerset, Indiana church with his wife, Marceline, and their 10 children (nine of whom are adopted) in 1964. Along with 100 members of his former congregation, he started the Redwood Valley Church in Mendocino County. In 1967, he expanded into San Francisco and shortly afterwards got a temple underway in Los Angeles.

Peoples Temple accepts no grants, has no endowments and, according to Temple members, spends only the money that is contributed or earned through bake and rummage sales. Decisions on how funds are to be spent, say members of the congregation, are "democratically" arrived at by a vote of the membership.

The growth of Peoples Temple has been remarkable and Jones, asked how he's managed to come so far so fast, shrugs: "I don't honestly know how we got where we are. Hard work I guess, we are very frugal and we don't have any paid staff."

Such a sprawling organization, however, has inevitably led to critical speculation about the Temple. Jones' aide Prokes first met the pastor when he was working as a CBS reporter in Sacramento. Prokes says, "I figured at the time that he couldn't be for real, so I went through the books. I even went back to Indiana to check him out. I was so impressed with the character and integrity of this selfless man, I gave up my position in broadcasting to work full-time for this phenomenal program." Prokes adds, "I just couldn't find anything that was at all suspect."

Another member of the congregation said, "I've been here for five years and have looked for a gimmick the whole time. I'm still here and I'm still looking and I've almost decided that if there's a gimmick behind this thing, I'll buy the gimmick."

Jones moved slowly from the small room beneath the auditorium and climbed the stairs to the hall, where at least 2800 members of his Temple were waiting. He disappeared down a corridor and in a moment was standing in a ship's bow pulpit on a stage overlooking the crowd. He led them through "United We Stand" and stood watching while seven teenagers danced "Chains of Freedom" to a cracking record.

Kathleen Cleaver was sitting behind him on the stage, but Jones did not look at her. The dance ended. Jones quietly told the crowd to write protest letters to American firms doing business in South Africa. Then, turning to Kathleen Cleaver, he said, "We all welcome her here, don't we?" When the murmured groans and scattered applause died away and Cleaver began to speak, Jones ducked to the back of the stage and opened the door to a small examining room. Inside a small boy was having his head wrapped for an ear infection.

Spiritual Jubilee proclaims
A new heaven and a new earth

(Photo by Ted Gray)

LEFT: The Chief Minister emphasized: "The Book tells us that God is coming. We've been looking for a physical person or a personality when we should have been looking for a mentality. A man's mentality is what puts him in hell and a man's mentality is what puts him in heaven."

RIGHT: The Rev. Jim Jones observed that: "Whether we are Christian or Muslim, agnostic or atheist, we must first learn to forget our differences because the oppressors, be they economic or social, and the hate mongers are on our backs."

CHRISTIAN AND Muslim unity: Mayor Thomas Bradley (left), the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad (center) and the Rev. Jim Jones (right) joined hands in a massive Spiritual Jubilee. In his message of oneness, Minister Muhammad declared: "God wanted only one division—a separation between ignorance and knowledge, a separation between corruption and purity, a separation between truth and lies." Concerning the only goal of the Nation of Islam, he observed: "We live for the truth and we die for truth. We don't live for Africa; we live for truth. We don't live for Europeans; we live for truth. We don't live for the rich; we live for truth. We don't live for the poor; we live for truth."

(Photo by Muhammad Hughes)

DURING HIS lecture the Honorable W.D. Muhammad proclaimed that: "If the darkness of your Christianity holds you more than the light of Jesus, then you are in the den of Satan. If the darkness of your Judaism holds you more than the light of your Israel, then you are in the den of Satan. And, likewise, if the darkness of your Islam holds you more than the light of the Quran, then you are in the den of Satan."

(Photo by Muhammad Hughes)

Bilalian News

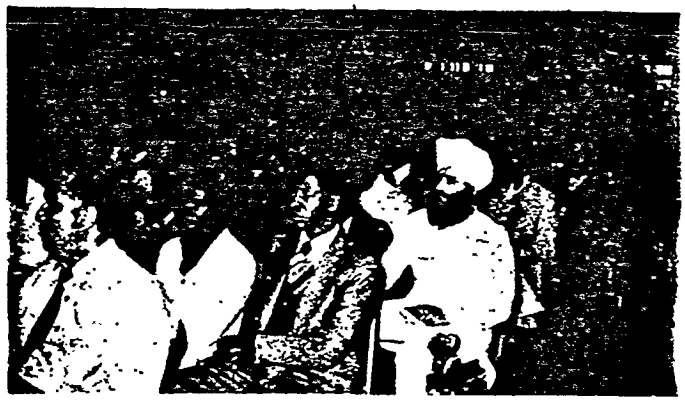
By L.C. Shabazz
and Malik S. Hakim

LOS ANGELES — More than 30,000 people flocked to the Convention Center here on Sunday, May 23, to participate in an unprecedented display of religious unity—the Southern California Spiritual Jubilee. The Nation of Islam and the Peoples Temple Church co-sponsored the historic gathering.

Dignitaries, both Caucasian and Bilalian, lent their support to a call for unity which transcends all religious, ethnic, social and economic barriers.

The principal lecturers were the Rev. Jim Jones, founder of the Peoples Temple Church and the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, Chief Minister of the Nation of Islam. The Chief Minister spoke on the topic "A New Heaven And A New Earth."

Weeks before the affair, the electricity of expectation had already charged the atmosphere of the City of Angels as well - coordinated preparations unfolded. A $50 a plate dinner at the Century Plaza Hotel took place the evening before the Jubilee.



CHRISTIAN AND Muslim, Caucasian and Bilalian, Hindu and Buddhist, rich and poor converged at the Los Angeles Convention Center to witness the historic Spiritual Jubilee.

(Photo by Pulsonic Hughes)

OPENING REMARKS

In opening remarks on Jubilee Day, Minister Abdul Karim Hasan, Western regional representative of the Honorable W.D. Muhammad, observed that: "The idea of bringing people together from all walks of life regardless of their color or creed is an idea that should continue to grow and develop to such an extent that all men and women can enjoy peace of mind and contentment."

Among the key speakers were: Mayor Thomas Bradley; California's Lieutenant Governor Mervyn Dymally; Sister Angela Davis of the National Alliance Against Racism and Repression; Mr. Kenneth Hahn, a Los Angeles County supervisor; Dr. Carlton Goodlett, noted publisher; the Rev. Priscilla Chaplin of the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches; Imam Rashid Tifrit, assistant director of the Islamic Foundation of Southern California; the Rev. Earl Hazly, president of the United Christian Association; and Minister Makhia Khalsa of the Sikh Dharma Brotherhood.

Endorsees included: Dr. Mohammed Mehdi, secretary general of the Action Committee on Arab-American Relations; Rabbi Morton Hoffman of the Bureau of Jewish Education; Dr. Armando Rodriguez, president of East Los Angeles City College; and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone.

One of the first speakers, media expert Michael Prokes, lauded the multi-racial Peoples Temple Church as an institution which has "saved hundreds of people from jail sentences and hard-line drugs" while giving "medical care to thousands of senior citizens." The Temple also operates an agricultural mission in Guyana, South America.

Mr. Prokes cited another positive example—the adoption by the Rev. Jones and his wife Marceline of six children of different nationalities.

Dr. Goodlett reminded the audience that this year's Bicentennial also marks the "200th anniversary of the exodus of Richard Allen from the United Methodist Church because he was no longer able to endure racism in organized religion."

Mr. Kenneth Hahn emphasized that: "When the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad consented to come here, I wanted to be here to listen to Him."

WOMEN MEMBERS of the Peoples Temple Church actively participate in all church programs, including: homes for orphans and senior citizens, drug rehabilitation centers; legal assistance programs and an agricultural mission in Latin America.

(Photo by Pulsonic Hughes)

MAYOR BRADLEY

Mayor Bradley characterized the Jubilee as " magnificent occasion which will bring togethe diverse elements and set the tone for othe communities around the country."

Angela Davis pointed to the rising up of peopl across the globe to challenge "the forces disease, illiteracy and starvation. They hav discovered that their most important weapon unity." She cautioned citizens about stepped u repression in the United States.

The S-1 bill, if it is passed, "could even outla such wonderful gatherings as this," she said. Ju last week, she added, the "Federal Center fo Experimentation and Behavior Control wa opened in Buckner, North Carolina." Miss Dav called for a unified struggle to free unjust imprisoned men such as the Rev. Ben Chavis.

Mr. Dymally noted that "Fourteen years ago wasn't safe to greet anyone with 'As-Salaam Alaikum.'" He reflected on the brutal attack the Los Angeles Police on Muhammad's Mosq No. 27 in 1962. His support of the Nation of Isla in that case led to racists branding him as "Black Muslim."

"My, my how times change!" he remarke "That 'Black Muslim' is now your acti governor."

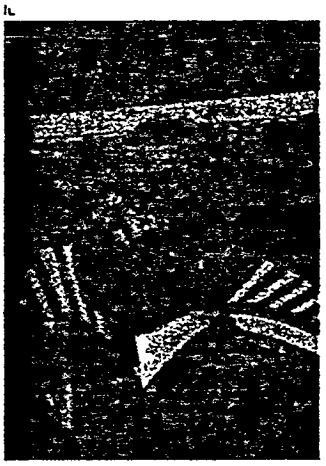
REV. JIM JONES

The Rev. Jim Jones expressed joy in t "symbolic and literal union" of the Peopl Temple and the Nation of Islam. That union, said, "represents a victory over the forces th seek to sow disunity."

The Native American evangelist warned th materialistic powers of racism, greed and pro now threaten to go to the extent of "destroyi our planet." But oppressed people everywhe "are beginning to come into a resurrection humanistic reality"—a keen awareness of t need to unite or perish.

Bro. Jones bore witness that: "I have recei more acceptance and brotherhood from Nation of Islam in these past few months tha have received from many quarters of Christian Church." He paid tribute to the wise administration of the Chief Minister who h liberated the role of the woman and welcomed a races to the worship of one God.

"If the Muslims and Peoples Temple can ge together, anybody can make it," the Rev. Jone



LT. GOVERNOR Mervyn Dymally commented: "This is a historic occasion. You have shown the people that working together — young and old, rich and poor, white and black, Muslim and Christian — we shall overcome."

MAYOR TOM BRADLEY remarked: "I am pleased that it is the first such Spiritual Jubilee and that it happened here in the City of Los Angeles."

proclaimed. He advised listeners not to fall into "the trap of religious sectarianism and provincialism." All religious groupings, he observed, must forget their petty differences in order to overcome exploitation.

He mentioned that only a few days ago some misguided individuals had fire-bombed his church's property and made threatening telephone calls concerning the Jubilee, but instead of discouraging him, these incidents only "proved that this meeting was the hand of God upon us."

The Rev. Jones called the Honorable W.D. Muhammad "a prophet," and declared, "With the alternatives I see on the horizon, I only wish he were running for President."

Turning to the pages of history, he pointed out that "Muslims made room for Jesus and gave him honor. And its saga time that Christianity gave honor to Muhammad." Bro. Jones underscored the dangers of taking scriptures literally, citing the Biblical verse which reads: "Servants, obey your master."

Referring to the example of Jesus, he observed: "Jesus said there's only one way you can be saved—'Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, let the oppressed go free.'

"Who is fulfilling the words of Jesus? Who opened his arms and said, 'Come Christians, come Jews, come atheists, come agnostics?' Who is fulfilling the words of Jesus any better than the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad?" The Rev. Jones concluded his speech with these words: "If you come after the Nation of Islam—you better come after me."

THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Honorable W.D. Muhammad voiced appreciation for Bro. Jim Jones and for "the great community that he heads—the Peoples Temple Church. In time," he noted, "maybe we will all realize just how much the world is indebted to the step that has been taken this day."

Delving deeply into scripture, the Chief Minister showed that there is no compulsion in religion. "God never imposes His way on anybody or any community. Almighty God's way is an open way." He went on to say that Almighty Allah had purposely let different religious communities flourish around the world in order to test man and to eventually produce a unity from diversity, a oneness which would lift all peoples to Him.

The Chief Minister demonstrated the unity of all true believers and the oneness of all the great heroes of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. "Those who believe that they should conform to God's righteousness are all brothers in the brotherhood," he declared.

"Jesus verified the truth of Moses and continued the chain of truth....Muhammad came and he supported the teachings and the teachings of the Old Testament. He spoke of Jesus as brother in the faith."

Thus, there is no division in the family of prophets, but there is division among humanity. "That alone is evidence that we have strayed from the pure teachings of those prophets," Honorable W.D. Muhammad stressed.

"The world has become a world of enemies because religious orders have promoted this disorder. "They have condemned the other communities as infidels." However, prophet Muhammad ibn Abdullah of 1,400 years ago (peace and blessings) "taught his followers to protect the sacred houses of other religious communities."

Today, the Lost-Found Nation of Islam pursues only one goal, Minister Muhammad said, proclaimed: "to preach the truth regardless of whom or what. . . .Jesus said, 'Know the truth and the truth will make you free.'"

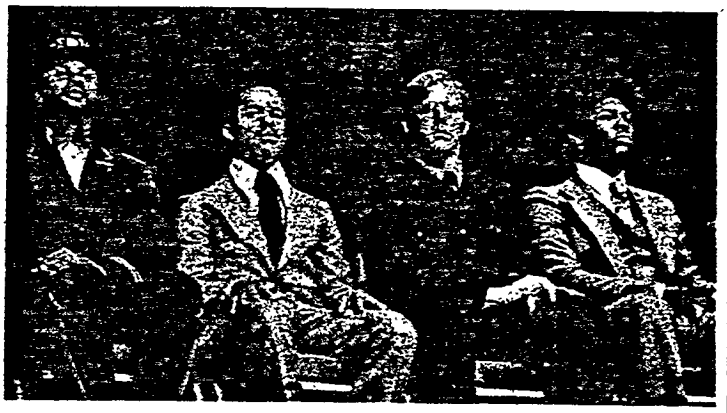
The Chief Minister pointed out that Christians have been praying to an "old heaven" but God himself says that He's going to make a New Heaven and a New Earth. Minister Muhammad stressed that a wicked mentality which "portrayed itself as light" had established a kingdom and buried the real, life-giving word of God.

We've come to see rabbis, priests and imams spit out nothing but air," because there has been "a famine in the Earth—not for food, but for the word of God." The Chief Minister added that has been religious leadership which "has left the world, not politics, nor science.

"Where are you, Pope?" he asked "Where are you, imams?"—"Rabbis, its time for you to come out of your hiding place."

In conclusion, the Honorable W.D. Muhammad assured his listeners that: "God has ordained a natural movement to destroy the corrupt and establish truth. This is our day!"

LEFT (INSERT): Dressed in white, the Honorable W.D. Muhammad arrives at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Right: The multi-ethnic Peoples Temple Church Choir delivers a stirring rendition of "Sing A Simple Song of Freedom."



LEFT: Joint security; Members of the F.O.I. (Fruit of Islam) and the People's Temple Church hold security posts in front of the speaker's rostrum.

RIGHT: Minister Abdul Karim Hassan of Mosque No. 27 said just before the Chief Minister's lecture: "Today we are blessed. Something is going to be put into the atmosphere that will blow away the clouds of confusion, that will dry up the vestiges of hate and discord."

Nation of Islam's interfaith rally

By John Hart

(Times Religion Writer)

LOS ANGELES — The Nation of Islam, once known commonly as the Black Muslims, joined Sunday in its first interfaith rally.

Wallace D. Muhammad of Chicago, Chief Minister of the Nation of Islam since the death of his father, Elijah Muhammad 15 months ago, spoke to an estimated 18,000 persons, all of whom had to pass through airport-type security checks to enter the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Muhammad criticized today's world religious leadership for failing to end oppression or achieve unity, and he noted the traditional Islamic indebtedness to Moses and Jesus as predecessors of Muhammad.

There is no division in the family of prophets, he said, but there is division in us.

Under Wallace Muhammad's leadership, Caucasians have been admitted to membership in the Nation of Islam and friendly relations have been established with Arabic Islamic representatives. Sunday's "Spiritual Jubilee" marked the Nation's first venture into interfaith cooperation.

Preceding Muhammad on the platform was the Rev. Jim Jones, the white founder-minister of Peoples Temple Church, which claims more than 12,000 members in three California churches.

Peoples Temple co-sponsored the program.

Jones, a Protestant minister, recalled that several years ago, tension was high between his San Francisco church and a neighboring Nation of Islam Temple.

"But under Wallace Muhammad all those things have changed," Jones said—"peace has come."

The Peoples Temple Churches, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), are considered unorthodox under the Rev. Jones' leadership. The emphasis is on community service and support of worthy secular causes.

The Rev. Jones said that even atheists and agnostics are welcome to his church as long as they agree with the gospel messages to serve others.

Pointing to the fact that traditional Islam regards Jesus as a prophet, the minister declared—to the cheers of the audience—"Its high time Christianity gave honor to Mohammad."

Representatives of the predominantly Arabic Islamic Foundation of Southern California, and the Southern California Council of Churches extended their congratulations from the platform.

Some speakers began with an Arabic Islamic greeting of peace, including Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally. The latter recalled that it wasn't safe" to give years ago, recalling the exchange of gunfire between police and Muslims at a Mosque in Los Angeles in 1962.

Greetings were also extended by activist-educator Angela Davis, Mayor Thomas Bradley, and a young Black woman member of the Sikh Dharma Brotherhood who wore white clothing and headgear similar to the attire of thousands of Nation of Islam women in the audience.

The Honorable W.D. Muhammad said those who knew of the rally but stayed in their churches or temples (the doors opened at 11 a.m. for what turned out to be a five-hour event), "stayed in the darkness of Satan."

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Peoples Temple: *Actualizing The Bill Of Rights*

"We're going to have to get our heads out of the sky and realize that if we want heaven, we'll have to build it here, on earth, for ourselves."

The words are those of the Rev. Jim Jones, dynamic founder and pastor of a California-based ministry known as Peoples Temple.

At once erudite and down to earth, speaking without notes Jones combines the language of the street with masterful oratory and a biting wit, making him one of the most effective voices in the church today. With a fiery conviction that holds his audiences enthralled, Rev. Jones takes on high-level corruption with a consistency and boldness rarely found on the church scene.

"I guess I shake people up a bit." Jones ruefully admits. "But complacency in these times is deadly."

Although affiliated with the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination, Peoples Temple boasts a vast membership from all walks of life, including virtually every racial and religious background.

In a time when crime, unemployment, and racism are victimizing our communities, Jim Jones and his parishioners are proving that churches can do something about it. The keynote is Jesus' practical Christian teaching as it is found in Matthew 25 (35-40) where His disciples are admonished to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, minister to the sick and imprisoned, because inasmuch as it is done unto the least of human beings, it is done unto Him (Jesus).

With central headquarters in San Francisco, the Temple, under Jones' inspired leadership, has been instrumental in rescuing hundreds from extreme poverty, drug addiction, and oppressive conditions.

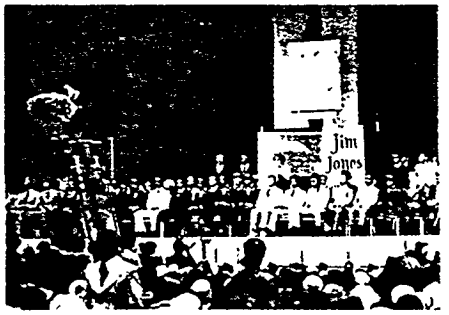
The Temple's many human service programs meet people's basic needs, and more, providing free medical and legal assistance, senior citizens' homes, a 40-acre children's ranch, a community center with an indoor heated swimming pool, drug rehabilitation, college educations and technical training, day care, and even refuge shelters for sick and abandoned animals.

Rev. Jim Jones, founder and pastor of Peoples Temple churches, speaks to thousands at a meeting with Temple members in Chicago.

Rev. Jones doesn't disallow the spiritual side of the church by any means, but it is secondary to his human service ministry. Jones' church lives by a modern-day Golden Rule which views service to one's fellow man as the highest worship of God or Deity. Rev. Jones conducts a calm, sane spiritual healing ministry, something that one might not expect to find in a social action oriented church. Parishioners—among them, attorneys, and professional medical people—say Rev. Jones' healing ministry has brought deliverance to thousands and is the most effective they've seen. Dr. J. Bruce Massey, a surgeon, agrees: "Many times have I seen him (Rev. Jones) demonstrate supernatural power by removing tumors from members of the audience with rapidity and completeness before the eyes of all present. I have seen him heal people who had been crippled. . .for many years. These people were made to walk with regained strength. As a physician of many years experience. I am convinced that these miraculous cures are genuine and permanent. Pastor Jim Jones should be seen and heard by people of the entire world."

Jones has a modest personal lifestyle that is completely without frills. The Reverend takes no anniversary gifts, appreciation days, or personal offerings of any kind. He owns no car, wears only used clothing, and has only one pair of shoes. ("That's all I can wear at one time," he deadpans.) The frugal minister feels he has no right to live above the people in his church. Virtually all

Some of the 750 young and old Temple travelers at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. where they met with congressmen in a private meeting, then viewed the public session in which the nation's laws are made.



". . .If we want heaven, we'll have to build it here, on earth, for ourselves," Rev. Jones said in his keynote address delivered to 20,000 people at the Spiritual Jubilee in Los Angeles this past May. The unprecedented unity meeting between Christians and Muslims also attracted representatives from virtually every major faith.

Peoples Temple services are a combination of entertainment, cultural and educational activities, highlighted by Rev. Jones' stirring social message sermons. In the above pictured service at the Temple's church headquarters in San Francisco, the congregation is entertained by a creative dance performance portraying the Black struggle for freedom.

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donations are used for the benefit of people in need. Everything is put right back into the community where it comes from, in the form of practical services that aid the people directly.

Rev. Jones has captured the public eye not only for these humanitarian programs and the extraordinary model of active social service the church is providing, but also for the repeated stands he and the Temple have taken on behalf of individuals who have suffered injustice.

According to Gene Chalkin, one of the volunteer attorneys on the Temple legal services staff, the church will get involved when it's clear a person's rights are in jeopardy: support is given irrespective of race, background or ideology.

"Jim is a fighter, and means to see that America lives up to her ideals of equality and justice, and the guarantees of liberty contained in the Bill of Rights, wherever and whenever he can," says Chalkin. "He correctly assumes that our constitutional rights must apply to all, or they will ultimately apply to none."

The Temple has supported Angela Davis, the American Indian Movement, newsmen jailed for refusing to reveal their sources of information, as well as many other organizations that are in the forefront of defending human rights and civil liberties.

Most recently, Jones made a public appeal calling for fair treatment in the case of Eldridge Cleaver. He took the controversial position, not on the issue of personality or the views of Mr. Cleaver, but again, squarely on the higher ground of justice—the right of a man to be free from custody on reasonable bail.

By consistently demonstrating that he has the courage of his convictions, Rev. Jones is highly respected among youth. He speaks to their needs and aspirations. He has earned their trust because they see that he lives his principles, unlike so many of the nation's leaders whose private lives and behind-the-scenes practices have caused youth everywhere to be skeptical about "leaders."

Jim Jones' rapport with young people has enabled him to establish an effective social structure, infused with compassion and guidance. The program has kept youth out of trouble with the law, off drugs, and away from violent lifestyles. For the first time in their lives, a multitude of young Blacks have been able to live with utter pride and dignity, because Rev. Jones has fought courageously to provide them the opportunity to realize their goals—in terms of education, training and jobs.

Senior citizens have come to Peoples Temple from all walks of life. But instead of living in hopelessness, fear and despair, they now live in comfortable residences, thanks to the Temple program. With a new lease on life, the seniors have become active and vibrant. They can participate in a variety of programs—arts and crafts, drama, music, cultural tours, seminars—whatever they wish to do—because Rev. Jones feels they are owed that much.

"For so long, seniors have been made the last priority by our youth-conscious society, and so in Peoples Temple, they are put first," says Rev. Jones.

This is not just empty rhetoric. The Temple has stepped in and saved many homes of the elderly that were about to be lost when payments could not be met.

Jim Jones grew up in the grinding rural poverty of the Depression. He worked his way through school, was thoroughly familiar with the underside of America, and vowed to do something about it. A man of great resourcefulness, he founded Peoples Temple in the midwest, while barely out of his teens, upon universal religious principles of brotherly love, justice, and service to humanity.

While still in his twenties, he became the director of a human rights commission for a large city, and integrated scores of businesses when it was dangerous even to try. He soon was recognized as an uncompromising foe of racism, oppression, and inhumanity. Taken to a hospital with an appendicitis attack, he discovered that the patients were segregated, and there was unequal treatment. Though in great pain, he demanded that the hospital be integrated, and refused treatment until it was done.

His work earned him respect and the reputation for being someone who "meant business," but naturally drew the ire (and fire) of bigoted elements. He and his family, which includes six adopted children of various ethnic backgrounds in addition to his natural born, suffered repeated persecution. Seeking a better environment for his family, he moved to Northern California in the mid-sixties, and over one hundred of his extended "church family" went with him. There the Temple has flourished and now has three churches, located in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Mendocino County, serving many thousands of members throughout California.

The multi-racial "African" Dancers perform for Peoples Temple members and guests. The dance troupe is one of the Temple's many performing groups.

Rev. Jones enjoys the company of some of the hundreds of children who accompanied him on the Temple's nationwide tour, covering 22 states and 10,000 miles, this summer.

On another front, Jim Jones has taken a giant step towards religious unity. He and the Nation of Islam's Chief Minister, Wallace D. Muhammad, brought the Christian and Muslim faiths together in an unprecedented demonstration of brotherhood and mutual cooperation at a "Spiritual Jubilee" in Los Angeles this past May. The event was attended by prominent religious, community, civic, and national leaders, as well as 20,000 other people, who came from all over the U.S.

Recently, Peoples Temple completed a 10,000 mile summer tour around the nation, traveling in the Temple's large fleet of Greyhound-type buses. 750 members of all ages, from infants to seniors in their 80's and 90's, participated. Its theme was racial harmony and brotherhood. Associate Minister Michael Prokes explained that the trip was meant to serve as an example and inspiration that the American dream of equality, and social and racial justice is very much alive. Prokes is a former CBS television affiliate news bureau chief who joined the Temple while covering it on assignment.

The national tour gave many people their first opportunity to visit scenes of America's past, including Indian reservations and stations of the "underground railroad" that brought slaves to freedom.

Rev. Jones spoke to thousands of people in each of six major cities, incisively pointing out the social ills America has failed to treat. Speaking from the same New York podium at which Malcolm X was assassinated, the Reverend declared: "The Bicentennial can be no cause for celebration because the Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence have not been actualized in the lives of millions of people of all races here in America. As a result, they remain unable, through no particular fault of their own, to gain their fair share of the pie. For these people, as Malcolm X put it, 'the American dream is a nightmare.'

Hundreds of people who heard Rev. Jones decided to become members of the Temple, with some even joining the "caravan" to relocate in California near the Temple's headquarters. The press took notice of the 22-state tour, and praised Peoples Temple for its success in achieving a working, rather than just merely tokenistic integration of people.

Here in California, Rev. Jones continues the struggle to provide young and old with opportunities to achieve practical goals.

"This kind of church," Jones explains, "is very close to the type of life prescribed by Jesus for His apostles. It represents a marriage of the 'religious' and the 'social gospel.'

Peoples Temple has come to exemplify a reawakening of the church to its original mission. Jim Jones has made it a place of harmony and love, where each person assumes the role of being his brother's keeper. Other churches and institutions are sitting up and taking notice.

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Peoples Temple: Service To Fellow Man

By RAY STEELE JR.
Bee Staff Writer

PEOPLES TEMPLE is many things to many people.

Its demonstrations last week on behalf of four jailed Fresno Bee newsmen is emblematic of its active role in society.

The church, based in the Bay Area, provides housing and care for the elderly and orphans and dormitories for college students.

It operates a farm mission in South America to produce food for the underprivileged while teaching the nationals self-sufficiency and attempting to dispel a bad image of the United States.

It has a fleet of Greyhound-type buses for transporting its 2,000 members throughout the state to church meetings and rallies.

It offers free legal services and health care.

It has a boat sailing off the South American coast which provides medical and agricultural assistance to these countries.

Each year it channels thousands of dollars into so many philanthropic organizations that its list of beneficiaries rivals a United Way directory.

Let the Peoples Temple hear of a need and the congregation jumps in to help.

IN THE LAST YEAR, the congregation's donations have:

— Helped keep open a medical clinic in San Francisco which otherwise would have closed.

— Benefited research in the medical fields of cancer, heart disease and sickle-cell anemia.

— Supported educational broadcasting such as KQED.

— Provided emergency cash to distressed families, particularly those of slain law enforcement officers.

— Boosted the treasuries of groups fighting hunger, building schools, developing hospitals, opening church programs or working with Indians.

— Aided civil rights causes, both financially and through demonstrations, including those involving discrimination and the jailing of The Bee newsmen and Los Angeles Times reporter William Farr.

Peoples Temple Christian Church, as it is properly called, is affiliated with the 3-million member, nationwide Disciples of Christ.

THE MAN BEHIND the many-faceted church is the Rev. Jim Jones, 44, a pastor and missionary for 25 years, and formerly a teacher and businessman.

Jones' theology is succinct: "The highest worship to God is service to your fellow man."

Members of the church interviewed

'I visualize God as love. You can reverse that, too, and say love is God.'

Jones admits he doesn't adhere to fundamentalist teachings of the Bible, but is driven by his oft-repeated phrase of serving fellow man.

He does it with a budget of $600,000 — "We try to be frugal," he says — and a congregation that is willing to leave home or job to get involved.

"I visualize God as love," he said in an interview. "You can reverse that, too, and say love is God. I try to manifest the highest degree of love and compassion that I can with my finite being.

"Jesus, in Matthew, put the pressure on the church by emphasizing it's what you do for others that counts. That's what we try to do, to serve others."

A NATIVE OF Indiana where he was graduated from the University of Indiana and a Bible college, Jones began preaching soon after he got out of school. He also worked part-time as a school teacher to supplement his income.

After serving several pastorates there, he came to California 11 years ago, settling in the small Mendocino County community of Redwood Valley, eight miles north of Ukiah.

"We considered California more progressive," said Jones of the family's decision to come West. "Having adopted a black child, we thought it created a lot of pressures. We heard there were a number of ethnic groups scattered in Redwood Valley and it would give us an opportunity to grow up on a small farm."

Jones noted that of his nine children, eight are adopted and most are of mixed ancestries including Korean, Indian, Mexican and Japanese.

THE CHURCH is as diverse as his family, and has been described by one religious writer as the most multiracial congregations ever seen. Jones said about 35 per cent are Caucasians, 45 per cent black, 10 per cent Chicano and 10 per cent Indian and Asian.

"We go out of our way to break down all barriers between socio-economic and ethnic classes," said Jones. "We find a very wholesome union between all these people.

"We think there is something important in the Kerner Commission Report which said we are heading toward two societies, separate but unequal, one black, one white. One of the sharpest messages of the Scriptures is that God doesn't see a difference in people.

"One of the challenges of this church is that there are no barriers between young and old. The typical thing you see in a church is a gap between age. You don't see that in our church. Neither do you see a gap between race or creed."

In the same vein, the church is open to all beliefs. There are both fundamentalists — "not too many," said Jones — and agnostics. "We even have people who come here just because they like to help people and care about serving people. They feel they are equals. We don't claim to be a highly evolved people."

THE BASIC TENET, Jones said, is that members should subscribe to the practical teachings of Jesus Christ.

"We don't attempt to define the furniture of heaven or the temperature of hell," said Jones. "I'm not futuristic. That's one of the dangers. Jesus said we should build the kingdom of heaven on earth. Well, when we were marching, some said it was the Lord's will for those men to be in jail. I think that is a dangerous escapism."

Jones began his California ministry in the garage of his Redwood Valley home. Some members of his Indiana congregations followed him west and the church grew.

He opened a branch church in the Fillmore district of San Francisco seven years ago. It now serves as his headquarters. Another branch was opened in Los Angeles four years ago.

THERE ARE MEMBERS throughout the state who are transported to services on Fridays, Saturdays and

'Being that we are activists, we also want it known that we are opposed to violence.'

Sundays at one of the three churches by its fleet of buses. Jones or one of 12 associate ministers conducts the services, with Jones alternating weekends in Los Angeles and the Bay Area.

The San Francisco church is in what Jones calls a "transitional area," a kind way of saying a number of the buildings are deteriorating.

It is a church without permanent pews so that the facility can be transformed into a community center.

From there, area residents are offered free medical care provided by volunteer nurses and doctors, and free legal services provided by volunteer attorneys.

Additionally, there are geriatric facilities for the elderly, a drug rehabilitation program which Jones says has helped more than 126 persons kick the habit and a food commissary.

HOWEVER, UNLIKE rescue missions, Jones said Peoples Temple does not require any kind of religious indoctrination of hungry persons before giving them food.

Besides its own social programs, Peoples Temple has funneled thousands of dollars into other causes such as the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, Big Brothers of America, an Indian relief program and a plan to combat hunger.

When a law enforcement officer is critically shot or slain, the church usually steps into help with money, said Jones. The church gave the family of a slain Highway Patrolman in Los Banos $300.

"Being that we are activists, we also want it known that we are opposed to violence," said Jones. "Whenever an officer is slain, we make a donation to the family. The typical image of the person who protests for peoples' rights is that they are militant. We are pacifists."

JONES SAID THE bulk of the church's protest is limited to letter writing. However, about 1,000 members of the church, wearing paper "Free The Bee Four" buttons on their lapels, participated in last week's opening of the Democratic headquarters in San Francisco.

One of those attending was Rosalyn Carter, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, who asked Jones to dine with her.

"I can tell you this," said Jones, "I told her all about The Bee Four."

Jones said the money for all the church's activities comes from members "and others just wanting to help."

"We have no demand on tithing," said Jones. "When the congregation sees things happening, they tend to respond. Some causes just stir people so that they put on rummage sales or bake sales. That helps raise money."

JONES ALSO SAID the church is "very frugal," and cited the use of the San Francisco church "sanctuary" as a multipurpose facility as an example.

Jones said the motivating force for many involved in Peoples Temple is the work or the cause.

"We are interested in your newsmen, for example, because freedom should be a concern for everyone," said Jones. "We have demonstrated since the Civil Rights marches years back. But we saw that the only people showing concern were the newsmen, so we decided to get involved."

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Testimonial honors Fresno Four

By KATHY HUNTER

If you came to spend an evening with Assemblyman Willie Brown, Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally, San Francisco's Mayor George Moscone, Police Chief Charles R. Gain, District Attorney Joseph Freitas, Eldridge Cleaver and his wife and a member of the John Birch Society, where do you think you would be?

At a political rally, right? Wrong!

You would be one of the more than 5,000 people who turned out for a testimonial dinner in San Francisco for Pastor Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple honoring the Fresno Four newsmen with the proceeds to go to the church's many charitable projects.

The whole evening was precipitated by the participation of approximately 1,000 members of the Peoples Temple who traveled from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Ukiah churches to protest the continued confinement of the Fresno Bee newsmen in a peaceful demonstration supporting the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Mike Prokes, an assistant minister of the church and Assemblyman Willie Brown shared the emcee duties of the evening which featured the public thanks of the "Fresno Four."

THANKS FROM THE 'FRESNO FOUR' — A special feature of the testimonial dinner held in San Francisco Saturday night for Pastor Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple church was the appearance of the four Fresno Bee men who were jailed on contempt of court charges for refusing to divulge their news sources and came to the dinner to personally thank Jones and the 1,000 members of the Peoples Temple who went to Fresno to make a peaceful demonstration protesting the confinement of the newsmen and in support of the First Amendment to the Constitution. Pictured with Jones at far right are, from left: Joseph Rosato, reporter; James Bort, city editor; William K. Patterson, reporter, and George Gruner, managing editor. (See page 2 for additional pictures and story.) —Journal photo by K. Hunter.

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REPUBLICANS ALSO TALK TO DEMOCRATS — Dr. and Mrs. Si Boynton of Ukiah visit with Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally and his stunningly beautiful wife, who everyone agreed could win any office she chose to run for.

WELCOME! — Sandy Bradshaw of Ukiah, who was one of the hostesses for the Peoples Temple dinner, makes S.F. Police Chief Charles Gain especially welcome to the evening's festivities while Tim Stoen exchanges a witticism with a dinner companion.

"We have seen no greater example of the brotherhood of man," said James Bort, city editor of the Fresno Bee speaking for himself and the other three newsmen, "than was exemplified by Rev. Jones and the members of the multi-racial, inter-faith Peoples Temple" who came to Fresno in their support.

Mayor George Moscone presented a plaque thanking Jones for "his personal support given on many occasions whenever asked" and State Senator Milton Marks presented the pastor with a resolution on behalf of the entire State Senate commending the work of the Peoples Temple.

A certificate of honor was also presented Jones by Bob Mendelsohn on behalf of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors thanking the church for its many projects "which have been so beneficial to all the citizens of the Bay Area."

Claude Worrell, ambassador to the Guyanese embassy in Washington, D.C. was present at the head table to thank Jones and the Peoples Temple for their present agricultural mission to his country and Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial church was also present to give Jones and the Temple a plaque of appreciation for the Temple's work in humanitarian ministry.

Perhaps the most poignant accolade came from Lt. Gov. Dymally who commented that all people can live, work and love together for here was an example of thousands who had come together —blacks, whites, orientals, the young and the old of all denominations —in a temple, God's temple."

The evening, which included outstanding band and vocal entertainment as well as dancing by the Temple's young people, concluded with Jones telling the assemblage that prayer alone wouldn't do the job—"you have to put legs to your prayers."

He also introduced and thanked Walter Heady and Dr. and Mrs. Si Boynton of Ukiah for their support, counsel and friendship during many difficult times.

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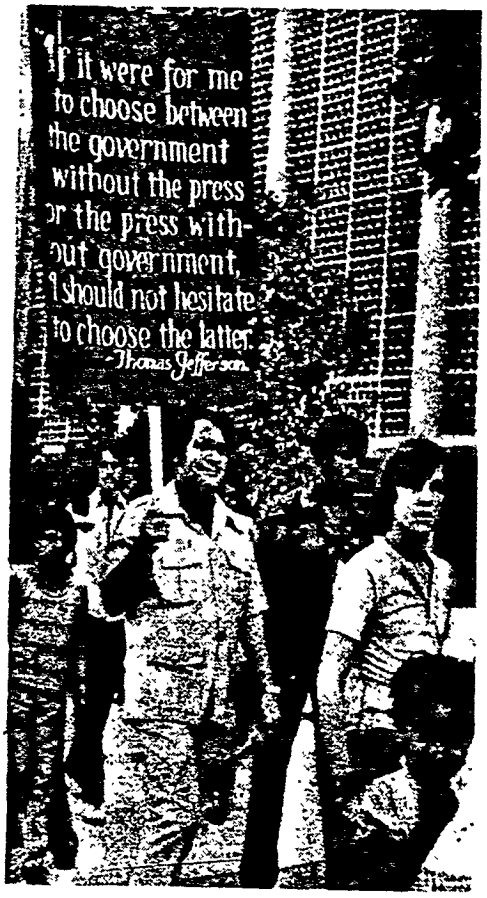
Peoples Temple was not seeking publicity when the co[illegible]lation took up a march on behalf of the Fresno Bee Four. Actually, the demonstrators requested that the press not publicize the Temple itself, but convey the seriousness of the issue at stake. The demonstration received the grateful support of the McClatchy family, owners of the Fresno Bee, Sacramento Bee, and Modesto Bee, as well as TV and radio stations in several cities. The New York Times, AP and UPI all covered the event, displaying prominent, bold-type headlines. Major TV and radio stations across the nation carried the story as well.

Peoples Forum has reprinted, in this issue, excerpts of articles about the Fresno demonstration in order to impress upon our readers the utter seriousness of the Bee Four issue. The loss of freedom has always started with the demise of freedom of the press.

Defending Others' Rights

SF Church Members Demonstrate Support For Newsmen



Rev. Jim Jones holds sign in Bee Four vigil.
Bee Photos by Ralph Thrasherry

It is difficult to watch the quiet demonstration of support for the Bee Four in Courthouse Park without having tears of emotion cloud your vision.

They walk somberly and almost silently, courteously stopping the parade from time to time to permit others to pass through their lines.

Sprinkled among the 500 or so demonstrators from Peoples Temple in San Francisco are hand-carried signs with such slogans as "Free Our Newsmen, Now." Most of the demonstrators are women and the majority are black.

They are Americans demonstrating quietly their belief that an injustice is being done in the sentencing of the four Fresno Bee newsmen to indefinite jail terms until they reveal their source of information for a series of news stories.

The strength of their belief is moving and impressive. They have subjected themselves to the elements – heat Thursday and then rain Friday and Friday night – to long, tedious bus rides, to the inconvenience of public toilet facilities, meals prepared on a bus. They could easily have stayed home enjoying far more comforts.

They chose not to. They chose to demonstrate in support of four newsmen none of them had ever met. But they have a solid acquaintanceship with the principles of human rights. One said "In the church...we learn to respect each other's rights and to defend them if necessary."

This is what America is all about – defending each other's rights. Thank you, members of Peoples Temple, for showing it to others.

Jim Jones
Peoples Temple
Courthouse Park
Fresno, California
Dear Rev. Jones:

The four of us have been deeply touched by the remarkable outpouring of good will and support shown by the members of your church the past two days.

It is heartening to know that people like you and your congregation understand the principles we are standing for and that you hold them so dearly that you will take the time and expense to demonstrate your belief in them.

Words cannot adequately express the depth of our feelings. To watch on television that long line of marchers and realize we were the beneficiaries of such a demonstration is something we will hold in our memories for a long time.

We thank you and may God be with you.

The Bee Four

Jerry Gruner
Joe Rosato

The New York Times

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JAILING OF NEWSMEN PROTESTED ON COAST

10 Busloads of Church Members From San Francisco Picket Courthouse in Fresno

By WALLACE TURNER
Special to The New York Times

(Excerpted from New York Times article which included a photo of the demonstrators.)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. Sept. 10:

Ten busloads of demonstrators from an activist church in a depressed district here will picket the Fresno County Courthouse around the clock this weekend to protest the jailing of four newsmen on contempt of court charges.

"We feel that the Judeo-Christian tradition's most prominent concern is freedom," said the Rev. Jim Jones, 44 years old. "Where the spirit of God is, there's liberty. We've always been very freedom-conscious."

Two Fresno Bee editors and and two reporters were jailed Sept. 3 in an attempt to make them tell the court how they gained access to secret grand jury testimony in an investigation of civic corruption. No public outcry has arisen in Fresno about the treatment of the local paper's staff.

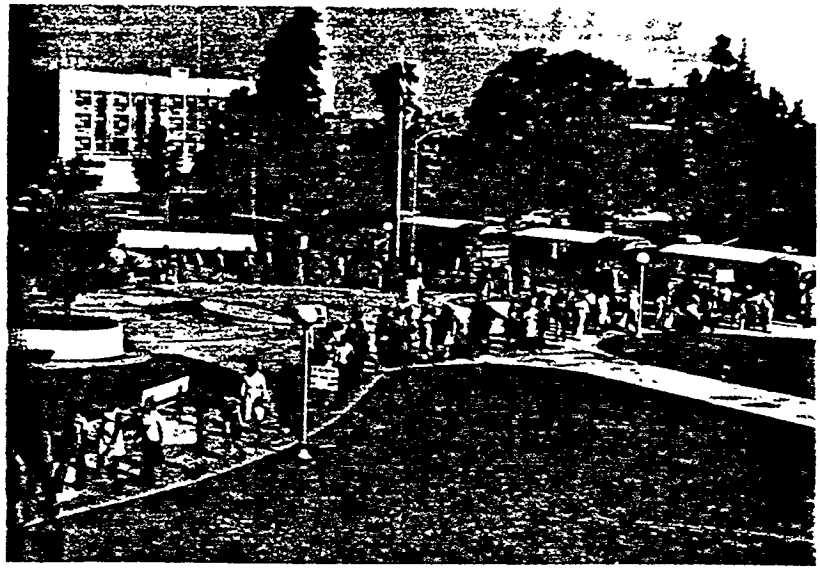
Apathy Scored

Mr. Jones, the pastor of the San Francisco church group picketing here, said, "The apathy is appalling. Either it's that or despair. I don't know what to make of it."

He said the pickets walked all night and planned to continue until early Sunday. As they marched, they polled passersby.

"Teachers and social workers had wholesome attitudes," Mr. Jones said. "Some of the lawyers have been more sympathetic to the court's attitude. The most understanding people that we meet are the Chicanos. They hear of things in Mexico City that make them worry about this."

"I was a missionary in Brazil, and I saw a coup d'etat," he said, "and the people there were less apathetic than I think we are at this stage in American life. This is not just the press's battle. The least we could do is stand out here and walk."



Members of the Peoples' Temple Church of San Francisco picketing the Fresno County Courthouse.

Daily Journal, Ukiah, Calif. Monday, September 27, 1976

Testimonial honors Fresno Four

The following are excerpts of an article written by the wife of the editor of the Daily Journal who was one of the guests at the benefit dinner.

...Assemblyman Willie Brown shared the emcee duties of the evening which featured the public thanks of the "Fresno Four."

"We have seen no greater example of the brotherhood of man," said James Bort, city editor of the Fresno Bee speaking for himself and the other three newsmen, "than was exemplified by Rev. Jones and the members of the multi-racial, inter-faith Peoples Temple" who came to Fresno in their support.

Mayor George Moscone presented a plaque thanking Jones for his personal support given on many occasions whenever asked," and State Senator Milton Marks presented the pastor with a resolution on behalf of the entire State Senate commending the work of the Peoples Temple.

A certificate of honor was also presented Jones by Bob Mendelsohn on behalf of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors thanking the church for its many projects "which have been so beneficial to all the citizens of the Bay Area."

Perhaps the most poignant accolade came from Lt. Gov. Dymally who commented that all people can live, work and love together for here was an example of thousands who had come together – blacks, whites, orientals, the young and the old of all denominations – in a temple, God's temple.

Rev. Jim Jones and the Fresno Four, (from left: William K. Patterson, Managing Editor George Gruner, City Editor James Bort Jr., and Joseph Rosato).

Thousands Pay Tribute to Jim Jones' Ministry

Over 7,000 people of widely divergent backgrounds, including government officials and community leaders, joined together for a benefit dinner Saturday night at Peoples Temple.

Originally the affair had been scheduled as a testimonial to Rev. Jim Jones, the founder and pastor of Peoples Temple churches, and the man responsible for the wide-ranging San Francisco based human service ministry. At Jones' insistence, however, the event had been changed to a benefit for the many local charitable causes supported by the Temple.

Lt. Governor Mervyn Dymally and Mayor of San Francisco George Moscone saw fit to praise Jones despite his request to remain unacknowledged. Senator Milton Marks gave Jones a written commendation from the State Senate; Supervisor Mendelsohn presented Jones with a Certificate of Honor unanimously approved by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and Rev. Cecil Williams expressed Glide Methodist's appreciation for the good works of Peoples Temple and its Pastor with an inscribed plaque.

Assemblyman Willie Brown, the Master of Ceremonies, described Rev. Jones as the "total human being," and introduced him as a man who represents what's best in some of the world's great leaders.

A thunderous, prolonged ovation greeted Rev. Jones as he came forward. Addressing the gathering of over 7,000 in the main auditorium of various banquet halls viewing by closed circuit television, he spoke forthrightly about the danger to freedom in the land today.

Jones warned the crowd that whether a person is black or white, a worshiper of God or an atheist, a liberal or conservative his or her right to stand up strongly for what he or she believes may well be in jeopardy. Citing recent threats to the press, he said that the American people should resist such erosion of First Amendment guarantees with every ounce of their energies. He emphasized that the press is "both the arm and the protector of the people." (Cont'd on next page)

Mayor Moscone of San Francisco commends Rev. Jones and the Temple Ministry.

Senator Milton Marks presents Rev. Jones with a commendation from the California State Senate.

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Persons of both the so-called "Left" and "Right" of the political and philosophical arena made up the diverse gathering. The Mendocino and Lake Counties section leader of the John Birch Society, a friend of Jim Jones, was there, along with conservatives such as Dr. and Mrs. Boynton. Marge Boynton is head of a Republican State Steering Committee and present campaign chairperson for Congressman Clausen. Equally prominent were the progressive lawyers such as Vincent Hallinan and Charles Garry.

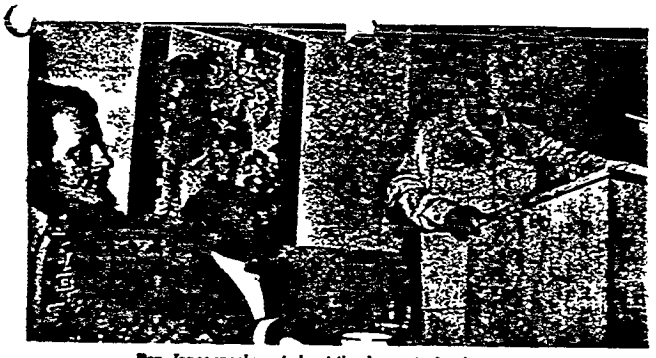
Also among the many guests were: Dr. Carlton Goodlett, President of the National Newspaper Publishers' Association and publisher of the San Francisco Sun Reporter and other Bay Area newspapers; District Attorney Joseph Freitas; Chief of Police Charles Gain; Deputy Ambassador to the Guyanese Embassy in Washington, D.C., Claude Worrell; Executive Director of the Northern California Ecumenical Council, Dr. Lynn Hodges; the Regional Bishop of the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination (to which Peoples Temple belongs), Rev. Gerald McHarg; Mr. Steve Gavin, City Editor of the Chronicle; Dr. Ruth Love, Superintendent of Oakland Schools; Mrs. Kathy Hunter, editorial assistant and wife of the editor of the Ukiah Daily Journal of Mendocino County and active in democratic politics; and a host of other civic, religious, and official dignitaries.

The four Fresno Bee newsmen–William K. Patterson, Managing Editor George F. Gruner, James H. Bort, and Joseph Rosato–recently released from jail following demonstrations and all night vigils held by over 1000 members of Peoples Temple, came with their families. The newsmen had been jailed for refusing to reveal a confidential source of information. Their own words conveyed their thanks:

"THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT WHAT YOU, REV. JONES, AND YOUR FLOCK DID IN FRESNO AND, WE UNDERSTAND, ELSEWHERE AT OTHER TIMES, IS THE MOST ELOQUENT TESTIMONY POSSIBLE TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN. YOU ARE TRULY A REMARKABLE GROUP OF PEOPLE, AN AFFIRMATION OF ALL THAT IS BEST IN THE HUMAN RACE."

Included in the evening's entertainment were exciting performances by the Africano dancers and the Black Velvet Revue, groups selected from among the talented youth of the Temple because of their participation in the vigils for the Fresno Four newsmen. Their performances were designed to especially honor the Bee Four.

Rev. Jones requested that no one who indicated a desire to come be turned away on the basis of their inability to pay, and thus nearly half of the crowd was served the four course dinner for free. Hundreds of Peoples Temple parishioners are comprised of just average working people. The food was served by hundreds of parishioners who volunteered to help put on the huge benefit – the first of its kind at Peoples Temple. A vast majority of those in attendance, however, were members of Peoples Temple San Francisco Church.



Rev. Jones speaks out about the danger to freedom in the land today.

Rev. Jim Jones and his wife, Marceline, greet San Francisco Police Chief, Charles Gain.

Temple volunteers catered the entire banquet so that the donations could go directly to benefit local charities.

The San Francisco Chronicle Tues., Oct. 19, 1976

Housing Agency's 2 New Members

By Marshall Ritzoff

Two San Francisco churchmen with experience in a wide range of social causes were nominated by Mayor George Moscone yesterday to sets on the Housing Authority.

The names of the Rev. Jim Jones, 44-year-old pastor of the People's Temple at 1859 Geary boulevard, and the Rev. A. C. (Tony) Ubalde Jr., 36, the pastor of the Bethany United Methodist Church at 1266 Sanchez street, will go before the Board of Supervisors for confirmation.

The Rev. Mr. Jones is the politically aware leader of a congregation of 8000 black and white members. He has loaned his time and resources to such diverse causes as the defense of four jailed Fresno Bee newsmen, African liberation groups and a bail fund for Eldridge Cleaver.

His church spends money to support such causes as senior citizen escorts, retarded children, a police fishing program for youth and roof repairs for another Methodist church.

The Rev. Mr. Jones previously turned down a Moscone nomination to the Human Rights Commission because the minister said he lacked the time.

"Now I think I have more time and I think that housing is one of the most important problems that we have to face," he said.

"I'm especially concerned about Hunters Point That place is a no-man's land and I know the tenants out there are unhappy," the Rev. Mr. Jones added.

The Rev. Mr. Ubalde, who is Filipino, has been a leader in such social welfare and educational organizations as Urban Network Ministries, the Asian Center for Theology and Strategies and the Coalition for Effective Schools.

The Rev. Mr. Ubalde also has worked on behalf of senior citizens, Mission district health groups and low-cost housing for Asians.

"The two big problems that I'll face on the job are trying to find the money for renovating some of the housing units and also improving the environment in public housing that affects the quality of life for a resident," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Ubalde will fill an unexpired term that will run until May 3, 1977. This term was formerly held by the Rev. Hamilton Boswell, who resigned earlier this year.

The Rev. Mr. Jones will start a full term that will last until April 27, 1980. His seat was formerly occupied by Stephan Walter.

The Seven-seat Housing Authority controls approximately 8200 units occupied by 35,000 residents who are unable to afford living accommodations on the conventional market.

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Church Leader Rejects Politics

By RICHARD SPENCER

SAN FRANCISCO—On Nov. 2, while those who voted were busy electing Jimmy Carter president, the city's voters passed Proposition T, which means members of the board of supervisors will be elected from 11 districts, rather than on a citywide basis.

There are those who say the Rev. Jim Jones, 45, of the People's Temple of the Disciples Church in the heart of the Fillmore district and his congregation of approximately 8,000 pulled one of the votes that helped the proposition cross the victory line.

Not so, said the Rev. Mr. Jones.

"There is no danger of us becoming partisan in our politics. We are concerned with social problems," he said. "I have no political ambitions. I'd never make it."

He spoke in the quiet confines of his office at the church, while on the floor above children played in the daycare center, senior citizens embarked on a breakfast of bacon and eggs, nurse-practitioners examined a patient, a physical therapist worked, and a volunteer staffed a printshop that offers its services free to community groups.

"I don't know how you can serve this type of community without participating in the working the streets."

The Rev. Mr. Jones began his ministry in Sacramento, Indiana, in the early 1960s, and took the congregation from 17 to almost 200.

"It was dead when I got it," the Rev. Mr. Jones said.

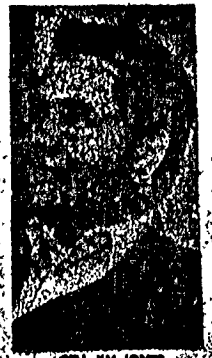
Does he champion any political candidate?

His answer was an "unequivocal no," although he is a member of the city's housing authority. "I am right now, as of this day," he said with a smile.

More than 1,000 members of the church's congregation come from the Eastbay.

"I think in practical terms we have something that might cause others to venture," the Rev. Mr. Jones said about the church's services to the community. "I think it's hypocritical to be in the community and not provide services."

Commenting further on his politics, he said, "In the long plan, I'm going to have to be greatly concerned the people sleep are going to keep their



REV. JIM JONES, "Not partisan"

president."

He said the church exists mainly on contributions and is open 24 hours a day, working to as many fields in the community as it can. The temple, he said, has no ideas of expansion, opting on a philosophy of strengthening Maple, not horizontally.

"I'm concerned about the country," the Rev. Mr. Jones said. "We'll be right in there trying to make the system work."

Pointing out the church has brought many young people and others back into the system, he said, "It was never, 'We were here when they needed help.'"

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Huge MLK Celebration

Martin Luther King Day was celebrated in different ways throughout the Bay Area Last Saturday, but nowhere more spectacularly than at Peoples Temple in San Francisco, where more than 8,000 people of all races gathered for an afternoon of music, speeches, and prayers. Governor Jerry Brown, Mayor George Moscone, and state Senator Milton Marks were among the dignitaries on hand to hear from Rev. Jim Jones, Rev. Booker Anderson, and Rev. Hannibal Williams, in addition to featured speaker Ben Brown, from Atlanta, Ga., a member of President Carter's transition team. See Page 35 for more.

TV News reporter Ed Arno records comments of Governor Jerry Brown, who came as Rev. Jim Jones's guest to help commemorate and reaffirm the ideals for which Martin Luther King stood.

More than 8,000 people packed the sanctuary and severa' smaller auditoriums at Peoples Temple (1859 Geary) to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King last Saturday. The moving event saw the huge congregation hold hands during song and worship in a dramatic demonstration of unity among people of all races and religions. Rev. Jim Jones, founder and pastor of Peoples Temple (pictured above to the right, on the pulpit along with Rev. Booker Anderson and Rev. Hannibal Williams), declared to the crowd, "We must lay our theological differences aside and unite in a struggle against the social problems that plague us all."

Other speakers included Rev. A.R. Robinson of the Black Ministers Alliance, and Southern legislator Ben Brown, a member of President Carter's transition team. Also on hand were Governor Jerry Brown, Mayor George Moscone, and Senator Milton Marks. The inspiring event marked a new day of unity and cooperation among a vast cross-section of the religious and cultural-ethnic communities, according to the testimony of many persons in attendance.

A DREAM THAT WILL NOT DIE

Thousands of persons of all races and religions at Peoples Temple raise each others arms with clasped hands in singing "We Shall Overcome" at the Martin Luther King Birthday observance.
On the pulpit, Rev. Hannibal Williams leads singing as Rev. Booker Andersen and Rev.Jim Jones join in.

Government officials, community leaders, and churchmen alike were in attendance at the Martin Luther King Day event, which was sponsored by the S.F. Council of Churches, and coordinated by Mrs. Doncster S. Lane, SFCC President. Among those pictured above are Sen Brown (Deputy Chairman of the Democratic National Committee), Rev. Jones, Mayor Moscone, Rev. [illegible] Ubalde, Jr.

Governor Jerry Brown appeared at Rev. Jones' and Peoples Temple's invitation to help commemorate the principles [illegible]

More than just a celebration, Martin Luther King Day in San Francisco was a milestone on the road toward racial and religious cooperation.

Dr. King's Birthday on January 15th was celebrated in different ways throughout the nation, but perhaps nowhere more spectacularly than at Peoples Temple in San Francisco, where an overflow crowd of more than 9000 people of all races gathered for an afternoon of music, speeches, and worship, sponsored by the San Francisco Council of Churches.

Because of the size of the crowd, many had to watch the proceedings on the Temple's closed-circuit television system in adjacent auditoriums. There was standing room only.

Rev. Jim Jones, selected as one of the keynote speakers, sounded the theme of unity among all faiths and denominations in the interest of realizing the ideals espoused by Dr. King of brotherhood, equality, peace and justice for all peoples.

"We must lay our theological differences aside and unite in a struggle against the social problems that plague us all," he declared.

At Rev. Jones' invitation, Governor Brown attended and spoke of the difficult tasks ahead on the path toward making our society embody the ideals that Dr. King lived and died for.

On hand were almost 100 clergymen from Bay Area congregations of all faiths.

Other speakers included Rev. A.R. Robinson of the Baptist Ministers Alliance, Rev. Amos Brown of Third Baptist, and Southern legislator Ben Brown, a member of President Carter's Transition Team. Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Booker T. Andersen of Jones Methodist. Rev. Hannibal Williams of New Liberation Presbyterian Church, gave the benediction.

Also on hand were San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, State Senator Milton Marks, and a host of other guests from civic and community organizations. Musical selections from Mr. Mergie Baker, the Peoples Temple Afrisano Dancers, and a Mass Youth Choir were an important and impressive part of the three-hour program.

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Rev. King Awards Given At Glide

Rev. Cecil Williams (center) presents Martin Luther King Humanitarian Awards to (from left), Robert Gnaizda (Public Advocates), Mack Lyons (United Farm Workers Union), Rev. Jim Jones (Peoples Temple), and Dr. Carlton Goodlett (publisher, Sun-Reporter).

Rev. Jim Jones receives award in recognition of his outstanding efforts in further the issues of civil rights and civil liberties championed by Dr. King.

Two prominent San Franciscans and two organizations received special awards yesterday at Glide Memorial Church marking the 48th anniversary of the birth of civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Recipients of the Fourth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Awards were the Rev. Jim Jones of Peoples Temple, publisher Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett of the Sun Reporter newspaper, the United Farm Workers Union and Public Advocates, Inc.

The Rev. Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Memorial Church, gave out the awards in a festive "celebration" that featured rock music, political commentary and enthusiasm on the part of the large audience.

The Rev. Mr. Williams said the recipients of the awards have dedicated themselves to "breaking the barriers that separate, segregate, destroy the lives of people."

Goodlett and the Rev. Mr. Jones accepted their awards in person. Attorney Robert Gnaizda accepted the award for Public Advocates, a group that in the past has sued both the San Francisco police and fire departments for alleged racial discrimination in hiring.

Mack Lyons, a member of the United Farm Workers executive board, accepted the award for the union.

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Guy Wright

Fresh start in a jungle for The City's misfits

They cut a road seven miles into the South American rain forest and then made a clearing. Today if you visit that clearing in the jungle you will find a little band of misfits from the streets of San Francisco trying to start a new life.

You'll find a purse snatcher feeding pigs, a shoplifter hoeing corn, a transvestite driving a tractor, a prostitute and a couple of dope addicts in the sewing shed making their own clothes.

They are succeeding remarkably well, according to the Rev. Jim Jones, pastor of Peoples Temple on Geary Street and originator of this unusual experiment in human salvage.

"What I see is turning me into an environmental determinist," he said. "We take incorrigibles — people no one could handle. Down there they straighten themselves out. I don't know the explanation. With the dramatic change in environment comes a dramatic change in the person."

Life there is kibbutz-style. The transplanted San Francisco Eve lie in cottages and eat in a mess hall that they built themselves — built with lumber from the mahogany trees they felled to make the clearing and then cut into boards with a sawmill they had brought along.

Three years ago the first contingent arrived. Now they have a septic tank sewage system, machine shop, school, church, rec hall. They grow corn, cassava, papaya, coconut. They raise pigs, 8,000 chickens and are introducing cattle.

"Everyone works but no one is forced," Jones said. "Pretty soon after they arrive the work ethic just makes a comeback. No one is forced to stay either. But not one person has requested to come home."

By no means have the exiles consigned themselves to jungle rot. They are cooled by the trade wind, and at night a blanket feels good. They can visit a nearby town, and some boys date native girls. By ham radio they maintain contact with the Peoples Temple here, which also sends them cassettes of selected TV shows.

Jones refers to the jungle outpost simply as "the agricultural project," which is how it began. Two years as a missionary in Brazil gave him a two-fold idea.

Just north of Brazil is the little nation of Guyana, once a British plantation colony. Jones persuaded the Guyana government to let him start a model farm to show the advantages of multi-crop agriculture in the tropics. He also wanted to use the farm as a haven where San Francisco's misfits could get away from their pressures. Guyanese officials were dubious, at first, but Pastor Jones is a persuasive man.

Today there are 120 problem people on the model farm and a staff of 31. The staff, which includes nine teachers, was recruited from career people who felt something was missing from their lives. The father figure was a high powered insurance executive. An MIT man handles engineering. A Baptist minister, at 33, is launching a new career.

The problem people, besides the usual losers from the street, include the embittered son of a CIA agent, a school arsonist, a boy who cuts off cats' heads and, the youngest, a 8-year-old rated as a genius and a sociopath.

Despite the claims of near-perfect success, no one has been sent home as rehabilitated. Jones doesn't see that as necessarily how the story ends. "We don't tell people their time is up," he said. "They are free to stay as long as they feel they should be there."

He told about a new arrival who woke up to the tropic dawn, the song of exotic birds, the soft kiss of the trade wind. The young man threw out his arms and shouted, "Man, the Fillmore has seen the last of me."

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People's Temple Mission Plans To Expand

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Guy Wright

news from the farm

MR. WRIGHT: When I read about those transplanted "misfits" now living in South America thanks to Peoples Temple, my first thought was that I was glad they no longer roamed the streets of San Francisco. My second thought was that this farm in Guyana sounds more like a reward than punishment. How unique for one to be rehabilitated without punitive measures. I would like to hear more of this kind of thing. — Mrs. P. D. M. Tuttle.

Okay, here's more.

MR. WRIGHT: . . . My own son lives and works there. He was unable to cope with life in the big city. At 14 he was a drug addict. At 17 I put him in a mental hospital for observation. Nothing helped. He was a lost cause until he met Pastor Jim Jones of Peoples Temple and went to the farm in Guyana. Now his life is completely changed. He is happy, has learned two trades and doesn't want to come back up here for quite some time. — Mrs. M.

Before writing the story I checked with a judge and probation officer who have sent problem people to the farm. Their reports were positive.

MR. WRIGHT: I have a dear friend who is a member of Peoples Temple and her daughter is one of those you wrote about. We have known her since she was a child, and it broke our hearts when she turned to drugs and dropped out. A young friend got her into Peoples Temple drug program. Not long after that she was given an opportunity to take part in the overseas project. Every report has been glowing since she got there. — Laurie Ellen Henderson.

That's reassuring. It sounds so good I want to believe it works.

MR. WRIGHT: Two years ago I had the good fortune to visit the place in its formative stages. The seven-mile road was almost completed. The clearing consisted of some buildings and a huge garden. The first crop had been planted. Since then harvest has come again and again. The model farm is lauded all over the Guyanese nation for its outstanding production of high-quality food. There is a friendly relationship with the local inhabitants that has done much to diminish the "ugly American" image so often seen abroad. — Jane B. Cryn.

The rehabilitation haven doubles as a demonstration farm. Or vice versa.

Cops Dubious of Magazine Break-in

After inspecting the alleged crime scene and interviewing employees, San Francisco police investigators said yesterday they don't believe the office of New West magazine on Pacific avenue was burglarized on the night of June 16.

The magazine's editors claimed their office had been broken into that night, and although nothing was taken, they said one of the files had been "jammed back" into the filing cabinet.

Contributing editor Phil Tracy said a secretary had found a file on People's Temple, 859 Geary boulevard, sticking out about one inch. He speculated the file might have been removed, photographed, and stuck back in a hurry

The file concerned a story thatthe magazine is preparing to publish by Chronicle Reporter Marshall Kilduff about the Fillmore district church and its influential leader, the Rev. Jim Jones.

Police Captain John A. Mahoney, commander of the burglary detail's property crimes division, reported yesterday that his officers, including fingerprint experts and criminologists, could find no specific evidence of a break-in at the office on the second floor.

The report — which Mahoney said was based on a "thorough investigation of the crime scene" — concurred with an original police report of the incident by officer Michael Duffy, filed on the day after the break-in claims were made.

Duffy had reported that he found no evidence of entry into the office.

The investigation of the supposed break-in centered on a window that editor Tracy said had been forced open by the alleged intruder.

In investigating the window theory, police found that one of the magazine's writers, Jon Carroll, had locked himself out of the office a few days before when he left to go to the bathroom.

That was on June 10. Carroll's fingerprints were the only ones police found on the window, according to Mahoney's report.

When Carroll was interviewed by police, he said he had climbed down the fire escape from the third floor and gotten back inside the office by opening an unlocked window and climbing through it.

The editors still claimed yesterday the identical method of entry was used by the alleged burglar. They said the sill and an old bolt-type lock showed evidence of pry marks, and that secretary Cathy Hayland found the window open when she came to work Friday morning.

The police interpreted the pry marks as the result, possibly, of someone having "tampered" with the window before the time a new lock was installed at the behest of the editors after they felt a burglary had occurred.

New West's Northern California editor, Rosalie Muller Wright, took exception yesterday to the police department's findings saying:

"It was sloppy police work.

"I am not surprised the police did not find any evidence for a burglary that took place on Thursday night, because they didn't even take fingerprints until the following Monday. It's real sloppy police work, in fact, it's ludicrous," she said.

Mahoney said his investigators didn't send crime lab personnel to the scene until Monday because officer Duffy, in his original report, said he found not real evidence of a break-in.

A spokesperson for People's Temple, Harriet Tropp, said that since police concluded there was no break-in, "It is obvious that the fears of our members and many community leaders that People's Temple would be misrepresented in the forthcoming article are more than justified."

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Misfits Build New Life in Guyana

SAN FRANCISCO—A church which lives by the words of Matthew 25 is rehabilitating more than 100 Bay Area incorrigibles and misfits on a tropical farm in South America.

To paraphrase Matthew the hungry were fed, the thirsty given drink, the naked clothed, the sick and imprisoned visited.

The people helped range from drug addicts to child-molesters, kleptomaniacs to deviants of almost any stripe.

The farm, however, was not undertaken for sociological reasons, but to help feed the natives of the Caribbean nation of Guyana.

Guyana is a former British colony which received its independence in 1966. The problem then became how to feed, clothe and house its growing population.

Pastor Jim Jones of Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ), 1859 Geary St., tries to live by the message of Matthew. For example the the San Francisco operation feeds 1,000 people a day, gives medical treatment to 50 to 60 seniors daily, offers free legal services, and craft training to persons seeking work.

In helping the Guyanese, the extra benefit was seeking to help city youth with serious antisocial behavior problems. They are now busy with animal husbandry, livestock management, construction, mechanics, and the obvious first calling, farming.

The farm consists of several thousand acres being transformed from virgin jungle to lush agriculture and pasture land. Some 200 varieties of vegetables, fruits and nuts are being cultivated. Cattle, chickens and pigs are being raised.

The human crop—the rehabilitated—is even more diverse. The Rev. Mr. Jones felt it was worthwhile to try to break the vicious cycle of ex-convicts going back to prison.

"The setting of despair, violence and poverty that characterizes the inner city is the culprit," he said. "It is time for society to develop alternatives such as cooperative communities where young people have a chance to develop their talents."

The former hookers, thieves and dopers receive training, worthwhile jobs, and most important, a sense of accomplishment. Life there is kibbutz-style. The transplanted Bay Area misfits live in cottages and eat in a mess hall they built themselves from trees they felled to make room for crops.

An exhibit of the church and its works is scheduled tomorrow afternoon at 1859 Geary St.

EDITORIALS

Inside The People s Temple 'Expose'

New West magazine, which is the most recent acquisition of the Australian newspaper tycoon, Rupert Murdock, who has added the New York Post and the New York Village Voice to his first U.S. publication, the National Star, publishes in its issue of Aug. 1 "Inside Peoples Temple," by Marshall Kilduff and Phil Tracy. This is the long-awaited expose of Rev. Jim Jones, "one of the state's most politically potent leaders...." Marshall Kilduff is a San Francisco Chronicle reporter, and Phil Tracy a New West contributing editor.

A review of this article reveals that Kilduff and Tracy have built their great expose on the basis of interviews with several former members of Peoples Temple who, over the past several years, have coalesced into the small yet articulate Former Members of the Peoples Temple congregation. This small band of former members seems to have been either disenchanted when their personal ambitions conflicted with the stated church programs, or individuals whose aggressive, illegal programs were rejected by the church membership and the church's leaders. Many of these disgruntled excommunicates have previously whispered their venom against Peoples Temple to all individual ears in the Western Addition that would pause long enough to listen. Several have even approached this newspaper with their stories and wild-eyed statements of misdeeds attributed to Jim Jones and his congregation. We have counseled these malcontents to seek redress of their alleged grievances against Peoples Temple and its leaders in a court of law. Moreover, whenever our investigators presented these statements to Jones and other leaders of the congregation, they have always made available for inventory church records dealing with these alleged misdeeds. Under probing, these allegations have been unsubstantiated by fact.

In the article by Kilduff and Tracy these malcontents, psychoneurotics, and, in some instances, provocateurs--probably establishment agents--have found willing ears and consummate skill to organize fragmented gossip into a cloak-and-dagger mosaic that portrays Jim Jones and Peoples Temple as a malevolent instrument destroying human personalities, robbing the poor, and engaged in a conspiracy against the established social and political order.

Word comes to us that the writers of this New West article did a two-hour taped interview with the Rev. Jim Jones, and nowhere in this lengthy tome did they use a word of it. Can it be that this article was written, "not to praise Caesar, but to bury Caesar"?

It is significant that Kilduff was unable to peddle his venom in the pages of his employer, the San Francisco Chronicle. If the rumors, half-truths, and mental variations of these former Peoples Temple members represent the best investigative reporting job that Kilduff and Tracy can do, then heaven help the fine art of investigative reporting! Moreover, if this "yellow" journalism is to be the forte of Rupert Murdock in building his newly acquired U.S. journalism empire, this type of journalism-for-hire should clearly reveal to the U.S. public here in the West the plague that has descended upon us with Murdock's recent ascent into the journalistic firmament.

Jim Jones and the Peoples Temples represent some of the most invigorating and challenging religious organizations to appear in California in recent years. Jones apparently is committed to the basic philosophy proclaimed to Christendom in Jesus of Nazareth's Sermon on the Mount. In attempting to use the moral force of Christianity in dealing with man-made problems that bedevil, haunt, and dehumanize the social order, Jones has created a cyclone where formerly the political leaders, economic scoundrels, and even impotent religious leaders have failed the very foundations of their ethics, and their leadership mantles have been rent, torn asunder, leaving these pompous pseudo-leaders naked and unclothed to be viewed as the hypocrites that they have been for decades.

We have no intention of attempting to defend Rev. Jim Jones, the officers, and the members of the Peoples Temples. They are admirably equipped with keen legal minds, incisive economic advisers, dedicated and committed followers, to defend themselves.

However, we have been amazed at the tendency of political, social, and religious kangers-on to flee the Peoples Temple and Jones's establishment, once the venom of the New West article became the subject of treatment by all mass communications media—radio, television, and printed. In the 50-odd years of publication of the news embodied in the Reporter Publications, and the more than 30 years of active participation in the printing of a Black community newspaper by the present publisher, there has been no religious institution, to our knowledge, more dedicated to the use of the high moral, courageous commitments embodied in Christianity, which is a revolutionary religion, to carry out what has become the motto of the Reporter Publications: "Dedicated to the cause of the people—that no good cause shall lack a champion, and that evil shall not thrive unopposed."

We have from time to time investigated the complaints that persons have lodged against Peoples Temples. On the basis of repeated in-depth investigations, we say, as one with strong commitments to the role of religion in the lives of men: We have found no fault with Jim Jones's religious philosophy or the activities of the Peoples Temples. We believe in the rule of law! We support the nation's judicial cornerstone, that ours is a nation of laws and not of men! We believe that thieves, rogues, and liars who destroy and assail worthy individuals' or institutions' reputations should be brought before the bar of justice! If there are those who feel aggrieved, as indicated by their alleged statements of the interviewees in the New West article, we urge these persons to charge the institution and the man with crimes, and let them face the accused in a court of law!

We also remind the honored Fourth Estate, which probably includes radio and television as well as the press, that accused in the U.S.A. are assumed innocent until their guilt is proved in a court of law. We hasten to remind the mass communications media that a free press is one of the cornerstones of a democratic society, yet freedom of the press demands of all who operate under this mantle that a prerequisite safeguarding freedom is the corollary demand—that the press must be responsible.

The reputation of a man and of an institution is a most valued possession in a society of free people. It has been said by many, especially Adlai Stevenson, "The people are wise—wiser than the politicians think." This might be amended: "The people are wise—wiser than the press thinks."

An institution that feeds the poor, houses the homeless, rescues young and old from the wretchedness and despair of drug addiction, marshals the political potential of a people, and husbands the economic pittance of the poor masses into a powerful instrument for justice, freedom, and equality, while building a just and humane society, by its very nature will have many enemies hidden, lurking in the shadows of greed, ignorance, neurosis, and hallucinations. If such an institution becomes powerful, then it must expect its enemies to become powerful. While the New West article was intended to defame and to dismember and deter an increasing band of dedicated followers of Christian ethics, the great possibilities are there that the story will boomerang, and that which they seek to destroy out of this momentary irritation will become a potent antidote to the hopelessness and the despair that permeats the masses. Such an airing of relative choices posing the question of right and wrong, hope and despair, exploitation of the many by the few, and the very questioning nature of the political process itself, may become a rallying banner for those who heretofore have seen no institution or no man worthy of their support and admiration; these newly enlightened individuals might recognize: All of the problems disturbing a distraught humanity basically are man-made problems. Surely many good men and women of courage, steadfastness, and fundamental belief in the power of the organized masses will see in Jim Jones and Peoples Temple not a comet that momentarily lights up the darkness, but another reminder of the meanings of Edmund Burke's prophetic words, uttered before the birth of the nation 200 years ago: "All that is necessary for evil in the world to triumph is for enough good men to do nothing."

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Jim Jones—are all facts in?

Much has been written and much has been said regarding a western magazine's "expose" of the Rev. Jim Jones and People's Temple church.

We do not believe in trial and conviction by the media — especially with the target "in absentia" and unable to defend himself, so prefer to withhold comment until all the facts are in.

We would, however, remind our readers of the many charitable acts performed by this man and his congregation since coming to this area. Truly, it is said: "The good is oft interred with the bones."

We would also like to point out that dissident members of any group — church or otherwise — can be the most vitriolic in their accusations and the most eager to bring about the downfall of the object of their hatred.

Also, any attorney or court judge is all too familiar with the fact that there are very few "friendly" divorces and when a woman engages a man in combat, she goes for the jugular vein — in this case, attorney Tim Stoen's admiration and devotion to the cause and beliefs of his church and its leader.

Nor did Jim Jones ever have security guards inside or outside his church until the threats to his life and those of his family, constant harassments scurrilous attacks of a small group in Redwood Valley who taunted him with being a "nigger lover," finally forced him to throw in the towel and leave the valley.

We wonder why it took him so long to acknowledge that his dedication to the brotherhood of man, rather than to any formal church dogma was doomed to failure from the start?

Foreign

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Self-Styled SF Bishop's Commune Thrives In Jungle Area Of Guyana

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (UPI) — About 100 followers of a self-styled San Francisco bishop started a multiracial agricultural commune three years ago in the jungles of this South American nation and, according to all reports, they are surviving and prospering.

At Port Kaituma in Guyana's North West District at the western end of the country about 100 persons — all United States citizens — have carved an agricultural project from hundreds of acres of land formerly occupied by forest.

The architect of the project is Bishop Jim Jones of the People's Temple of San Francisco, who visited the project recently to observe its progress and expressed satisfaction. The People's Temple was given land on lease by the Guyana Government.

The project was started about three years ago and now the settlers of all races are living in 41 completed homes constructed mostly by themselves. There is a plan to build another 100 houses during the next year.

Jones said his objective is to join the government in helping to develop Guyana. He said he has invested more than $1 million in the project. Vegetable and fruit production has been abundant with trees and plants flourishing in what was once virgin land. The farm supplies food for the workers, who are now self-sufficient, the communities of Port Kaituma and Matthew's Ridge while the surplus is sent to the capital, Georgetown.

The Port Kaituma commune has produced a new "cutlass" bean, which tastes like pork sausage. Their animal and poultry farm includes about 300 pigs and 200 chickens. A shallow water well with a capacity of 15,000 gallons supplements three smaller wells.

The problem of insect and pest control also is being tackled successfully. An undergrund cellar, 15 by 120 feet, has been dug for temperature control. In it beans and peas are stored until the next harvest. Another innovation is the use of sea shells as fertilizer.

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Community Leaders Rally Behind Peoples Temple

Strong Support Shown For Peoples Temple

For the first time since Peoples Temple was attacked by New West magazine two issues ago, Rev. Jim Jones spoke to members of his congregation and supporters here by a telephone relay from Guyana, South America, during last Sunday's temple services.

"I know some of you are wanting to fight, but that's exactly what the system wants. It wants to use us as sacrificial lambs, as a scapegoat. Don't fall into this trap by yielding to violence, no matter what kind of lies are told on us or how many," Jones urged the several thousands listening.

"Peoples Temple has helped practically every political prisoner in the United States. We've reached out to everyone who is oppressed, and that's what is bothering them. We've organized poor people and given ourselves a voice. The system doesn't mind corporate power for the ruling elite, but for the first time we've given some corporate power to the little man, and that's an unforgivable sin. And that's the whole problem in a nutshell," Jones said.

Strong and impressive support was extended by a wide range of community groups and leaders to Rev. Jones and Peoples Temple in the wake of publicity prompted by the New West attack. Virtually all of the speakers at the church's Sunday service emphasized the theme of a political attack on Jim Jones and his ministry.

Assemblyman Willie Brown said the temple was being persecuted for being a symbol of equal rights and equal justice. "When somebody like Jim Jones comes on the scene and talks about Angela Davis, for example, and the Black Panther Party having a right to function and survive, and when he constantly stresses the need for freedom of speech and equal justice under the law for all peoples, that absolutely scares the hell out of almost everybody occupying positions of power in the system....I will be here when you are under attack," Brown told the congregation, "because what you are about is what the whole system ought to be about!"

Another assemblyman, Art Agnos, spoke up for the temple and its work. "I am proud to stand with you," he said: "I have seen you wherever people have needed help. It is clear you are effective: people who are not effective don't get attacked."

Gay leaders Harvey Milk and Howard Wallace both voiced support. Wallace, the head of Gay Action, told the congregation, "Peoples Temple has sent shock waves through the gay community. Rev. Jones has set an example for everybody who believes in human rights. Great numbers of gay people are well aware of your stand, and we won't forget it."

Civil rights activist Yvonne Golden, who heads Opportunity II High School, said she considered the attack on Peoples Temple an attack on herself because she and the temple stand for the same humanistic ideals. "I have seen the kind of sharing and respect and dignity displayed every day in the many children you send to Oppportunity II High School," Ms. Golden said.

"Peoples Temple has been helping me for ten years," Human Rights Commissioner Enola Maxwell told the audience. She related how the temple helped many people who came to the Potrero Hill neighborhood by feeding them, getting them out of jail, and helping foreign students and others who came and got stranded.

Among others who attended the service were Rev. Cecil Williams, Human Rights Commissioner Sylvester Herring (of Delancey Street), NAACP President Joe Hall, and San Francisco School Board member Peter Mezey. Such community groups as Prisoners Union, People Against Nuclear Power, and the International Hotel were also well represented.

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Thomas Fleming's Weekly Report

I wonder on what grounds the writers of an article in New West are demanding that Rev. Jim Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple, should be investigated.

The writers spoke with ten persons, according to their article, out of a total membership of more than 20,000 persons. Armed with what those interviewed told the writers, the writers have arrived at a highly fallacious conclusion, that Jones should be investigated.

Jim Jones is a man who has followed the path of giving aid and comfort to persons who have found themselves unable to cope with their personal problems and the problems of the world.

Many of the persons who have become members of Jones's church expect much more than Jones is able to deliver. After all, he is but a human being, and there is no member of the species of Homo sapiens who is able to untangle the lives of any other member of the species.

Those interviewed by the writers of the article in New West are among the few who expected a utopia when they became members of Peoples Temple, but instead found themselves still in the everyday world with everyday people.

The writers imply that Jones has utilized all the tools of a confidence man when they imply that he has fleeced some members out of their property and money. The writers seem to forget in that implication that there is no religious organization in the whole world that has not accepted gifts of property and money from the more faithful members of its flock. If there is such an organization, this writer would like for the spokesman of that organization to make that fact known.

Another implication that the writers of the New West article made is one that shows Jones has done no more than other shamans among the various religious faiths did long before Jones was born.

In the seamy field of politics Jones is charged with being a political manipulator--a charge that should be made against all church leaders.

It is a well-known historical fact that Roman Catholic priests and cardinals in Boston, New York, and other big cities where enormous numbers of European Catholic immigrants settled instructed the new arrivals to make sure that they obey the law so that no hurdles would be placed in their paths for future naturalization. Once these immigrants gained their precious citizenship, then the next thing for them to do was to register to vote, the clergymen told them, and, ergo, they would become eligible for better jobs. They could aspire to be policemen, firemen, and teachers if they had the proper amount of eduction. A whole list of jobs was opened up to them in municipal, state, and federal government.

The priests were never reluctant, and still are not reluctant, to advise their flocks how to cast their ballots.

The writers of the New West article reveal downright ignorance when they fail to acknowledge that politicians become more than chummy with shamans--bishops, ministers, pastors, or whatever the spokesmen of any religious body call themselves--when political campaigns take place. The politicians expect the religious head men to tell the members of their flocks how to vote. Frequently some money is paid in some manner to the religious spokesmen, or some other special favors are granted to the religious leaders by the political leaders.

Jim Jones has violated no law. One can be sure that, if there had been any violations, our district attorney would have been enhancing his own fame by prosecuting Jones.

I am aware than there is considerable resentment against Jones among some other religious spokesmen, simply because Jones has one of the fastest-growing religious organizations, in terms of membership, in California.

Some of the religious spokesmen who harbor such resentments have seen some of their own followers deserting their churches, because these faithful feel that Jones offers them much more in their search for spiritual solace.

New West's editors thought they had a real article to expand a circulation that has never got off the ground, but this type of scurrilous article will do more to contract circulation than to increase it. Such a publication as New West can ill afford a decrease in its steady readership.

Thomas Fleming's Weekly Report

The antagonistic and repeated publicity about Peoples Temple and its leader, Jim Jones, in the news media here in the Bay Area amounts, in the eyes of most persons, to a great puzzlement, but those who have been careful observers of the social scene can read something out of it.

A number of years ago the Hearst Examiner employed a wearer of the clerical cloth, which one identifies with those persons who are variously called priests, preachers, pastors, ministers, shamans, muezzins, chaplains, and rabbis. This particular wearer of the ecclesiastical vestments was a resident contributor to the pages of the Examiner. His surname was Kinsolving.

Kinsolving, an escapee from the Bible Belt in the Deep South, came to California, which had long had the reputation of being a state where all sorts of philosophies about the spiritual world were being enunciated, much to the considerable profit of the enunciators.

I felt then, and still feel now, that Peoples Temple came under attack because it is one of the truly integrated churches in the United States. Large numbers of Blacks and whites who accept the gentle teachings of Jesus Christ have abandoned the churches of their fathers.

There are some Black clergymen who deplore the mass defection of some of their flock, and yet it is the whites who are leading the attack against Jones and Peoples Temple.

Jones, who admits he is a socialist, has so far escaped the old Red bugaboo, which so many discomfited scoundrels have used against individuals and organizations that failed to provide what their lost members sought.

I have long held to the view that religious sectarians are the most intolerant persons that one encounters in day-to-day activities.

A look at the history books will show that the crusades of another day were based on the misunderstandings between Christians and Mohammedans. After all, both religions claimed there was but one God, and yet there was a difference of opinion between the followers of Jesus Christ and those of the Prophet Mohammed, as to how mankind was meant to worship this one God. These doctrinal variations led to large-scale religious wars.

At long last the crusades lost their appeal. The Europeans then began long wars among themselves, pitting Protestants on the one side against Catholics on the other. Both Catholics and Protestants professed to be followers of Christ. To a non-Christian onlooker, this was a very strange way for persons who called Christ their lord to behave. Christ had taught brotherhood among all mankind. Both Protestants and Catholics often attacked those of the Jewish faith who lived among them.

It is interesting to note in passing that the ancestors of the so-called Afrikaaners were persecuted so strenuously because of their religious beliefs that they fled from their homes in the Netherlands and settled in South Africa. There, they felt, they could worship as they pleased. What did they do? They commenced persecuting the indigenous Black peoples they found in South Africa.

The Mormons were driven from New York State because old Joseph Smith decreed that man was free to enter into plural marriages (polygamy). Smith led his converts to Missouri, where, because of their industrious habits, they became prosperous, and their Missouri neighbors were smitten with envy and drove them out of the state; the Mormons crossed over into neighboring Illinois, and again they prospered, and the non-Mormons in Illinois likewise envied them their prosperity, and violence ensued. During this strife Joseph Smith was murdered. His successor, Brigham Young, led the remnants of the Mormon Church out of Illinois in covered wagons to Utah, where they built Salt Lake City.

Historically, all of these factional religious struggles turned political. Once again the politicians have gotten into the fray surrounding Jim Jones and the temple.

First there are those politicians who condemn Jones, probably because they fear that he is a political figure himself and one with whom they failed to form an alliance.

Jones commanded the respect of a firm base of bodies--bodies that are alive and eligible to vote. It is interesting that Jones has been found in the camp of the liberal forces in the city. He could not go any other way, for the man is a dedicated liberal. The members of his flock seek guidance as to what persons and measures they should cast their votes for come election day.

This is not unusual, for, as I have stated before, most persons who dedicate part of their lives to religious matters seek the advice of their leaders not only in matters spiritual, but also in matters temporal--those that pertain to their daily lives on earth.

The interracial composition of Peoples Temple has apparently suggested images of real "people power" in the minds of a lot of politicians. It is quite simple for anyone to deduce that the majority of the members of Peoples Temple come not from the more affluent homes of the city. In this they differ from those in the Moonie movement--a movement that has captured the imaginations of young persons whose parents possess large sums of money.

The communications media of the Bay Area have sunk to a new low in what seems to be their futile effort to prove Jim Jones to be a Richard Nixon on a much smaller stage. It would seem that the media would have been pleased that enough of the unwanted young people who happen to be members of the temple were turned on enough by what the temple teaches them to want to seek a high school diploma by attending Opportunity High School. Neither the media nor anyone else has been able to motivate these youngsters to desire an education.

I am delighted, and at the same time regret, that Joe Freitas decided to investigate all charges of wrongdoing, and Joe concluded that neither the temple nor its leader had committed any illegal acts. All of the members of Peoples Temple joined of their own free wills. If some of them felt that they should be paddled for past omissions, that falls within the province of a personal choice.

Thurs., Sept. 1, 1977

Pocketful of Notes

PRESSTUFF: Journalist Phil Tracy, who, along with the Chron's Marshall Kilduff, broke the Rev. Jim Jones-Peoples Temple story in New West magazine, was asked by a fellow newsman at the Press Club, "Hot story, but where's the smoking gun?" (hard evidence of wrongoing). "The smoking gun," replied Tracy, "was Jones' resignation as chairman of the S.F. Housing Authority. That alone justified the entire article." Well, yes and no. Jones first tried to resign from the Authority in June, but Mayor Moscone, facing Prop. B and hoping to present a united front, talked him into staying. Jones wrote another letter of resignation on July 13, disclosing that Gov. Brown had offered him a spot on the State Bd. of Corrections (hey, that's news), "an area in which I have great interest." The Tracy-Kilduff piece, which apparently blasted the Rev. Jones all the way to South America, broke in the Aug. 1 issue of New West. So far, lots of smoke, but no gun.

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Government target of charge

Conspiracy to destroy Peoples Temple?

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Attorney Charles Garry, charging there is a government conspiracy to "destroy" the controversial Peoples Temple Church of San Francisco, said Thursday the Temple's pastor has been shot at twice in the past four days at the church's South American agricultural mission.

Garry revealed the attempted shootings at a news conference at which Indian leader Dennis Banks said a man claiming to be a government agent tried to "blackmail" him into denouncing the pastor, the Rev. Jim Jones, in exchange for immunity against extradition to South Dakota.

Garry said two shots were fired at Jones earlier this week as three white men not associated with the Temple were leaving the agricultural mission located in Guyana and more shots were reportedly fired Thursday.

He said Jones, who resigned as head of the San Francisco Housing Authority Aug. 2, was not injured in either incident and the assailants escaped.

On Aug. 30, a $1.1 million lawsuit was filed in San Francisco against Jones and the Peoples Temple by two former members of the church who claimed their property was taken. Some other former members have accused the church of physical and financial abuse.

Banks, a leader of the American Indian Movement who fled from South Dakota after being convicted of assault during a 1973 courthouse demonstration in Custer, said he was approached in February or March by a man named David Conn, who wanted to discuss his extradition.

REV. JIM JONES
Target of conspiracy?

Banks, who acknowledged friendship with Jones and said the church once helped bail his wife out of a Kansas prison, said he met with Conn at the home of another Indian and admirer of Jones, Lehman "Lee" Brightman, in El Cerrito, near San Francisco.

In a sworn statement given to reporters, Banks said: "Conn said he was working with the U.S. Treasury Department, with an IRS agent and with two men from the San Francisco Police Department."

Banks, who said the church also provided food for the Indian community, charged that Conn "read material disparaging to Jim Jones ...

"He said that my association with Peoples Temple could reflect very badly on my extradition. He then asked me to make a public denunciation of Jim Jones. He assured me that if I made such a denunciation, the rulings on my extradition would go in my favor."

Banks said he felt "I was being blackmailed." He also said he was "pressured" to meet with a Treasury Department agent but did not.

"The deal was to meet with the agent and to prepare a public statement against Jim Jones in return for some kind of immunity against my being extradited," Banks said.

Garry said he had advised Jones to stay in Guyana "until I tell him to" come back and had told Temple members not to talk to reporters.

"I don't know what's lying in the weeds," Garry said. "Until I know of any criminal or civil charges that might be pending, I don't intend to have my clients popping off."

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Attack on People's Temple hit

SAN FRANCISCO—Noted criminal attorney Charles Garry charged last week a conspiracy by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Treasury Dept. is being conducted to destroy the People's Temple as a viable community organization. Part of the evidence Garry cited was provided to him by American Indian leader Dennis Banks.

The People's Temple and its pastor, the Rev. Jim Jones, have been the objects in recent weeks of intense attacks by conservative forces with *The San Francisco Chronicle*, the morning daily paper, leading the assault.

Up to now, Garry, who is the People's Temple attorney, prevented any of the church's members from responding and has insisted that Rev. Jones remain at the Temple's mission in Guyana, South America.

BLACKMAIL

At the Sept. 8 press conference in his law offices Garry said, "We've come to the conclusion there is a conspiracy by the IRS and other governmental agencies to destroy the People's Temple as a viable community organization."

He said a Treasury Dept. informer and an IRS agent had been attempting to buy and bribe witnesses to denounce Rev. Jones and the People's Temple.

"I maintain everyone of those persons who made statements (against the Temple) were coerced," said Garry.

Banks, who attended the press conference, said government officials had tried to coerce him into testifying against the People's Temple but he had refused to do so.

In a sworn affidavit distributed to the press Banks claimed he had been approached last spring by a man named David Conn, who represented himself as an informer for the Treasury Dept and that he was working with an IRS agent. He said that he could favorably influence Banks' extradition hearing if Banks would publicly denounce Jim Jones and the People's Temple.

CRITICISM

Banks is currently facing extradition hearings which would send him back to South Dakota on an assault charge. He says he faces certain death in South Dakota prisons if California Governor Edmund G. Brown, jr. honors the request.

Banks said, "Conn was obviously making a deal with me, and I was being blackmailed. Conn let me know that besides working with Treasury agents and other government agents, that he was already working with ex-members of People's Temple, such as Grace Stoen, and that he had people who would talk against Jim Jones."

Stoen and several other ex-People's Temple members have severely criticized the mostly Black church and one couple has filed a suit to have some property returned to them.

Garry said repeatedly he did not know where the scheme against the People's Temple was leading and added he would not permit Jim Jones to return to the U.S. until he knew exactly what was going on.

Banks added that he would never denounce the People's Temple.

—J.D.

A Conspiracy Behind Peoples Temple Expose?

Janet Fries

Indian leader Dennis Banks says he was asked to denounce Rev. Jim Jones.

by Art Silverman

Is the current two-month barrage of sensational charges levelled against San Francisco's Peoples Temple "an organized, orchestrated, premeditated government campaign to destroy a politically-progressive organization," as Temple attorney Charles Garry accuses?

Or is it "a spontaneous, courageous action by a group of former Temple members, who never came forward before because they were scared to death (of reprisals)," the explanation offered by Rosalie Muller Wright, senior editor of New West magazine, which first published and has since supported the accusations?

There still aren't any definitive answers to those questions -- or to the specific allegations of fraud, deceit, real estate swindles and physical brutality raised in numerous media accounts since publication of the first of two New West articles in mid-July (see Barb, July 22).

But a number of unusual circumstances and coincidences can't help but raise the suspicion that there's more going on than first meets the eye. For example:

**A Barb investigation has revealed that one individual working behind the scenes to discredit Peoples Temple is a San Francisco private investigator, who somehow managed to obtain a state investigator's license after being released from prison in 1976.

Joseph A. Mazor, the detective, has a lengthy criminal record including at least eight arrests in three states for various bogus check and fraud charges, six convictions, several jail and prison terms, and has been returned to confinement three times for violating probation and parole by committing new crimes.

A confidential, 16-page California Adult Authority report on Mazor, written in 1970, was recently obtained by the Barb. "(He) is a smooth 'con-man' with an insatiable desire to get ahead," concludes the report. "He is bright, well-educated, and so well-versed in the law that he had five attorneys in the Pomona area convinced that he had a law degree.

"It is felt that the subject is a menace to the community."

Mazor has admitted to the Barb that he was first employed to investigate the Peoples Temple in November 1976, eight months before publication of the first New West article. But he refuses to say who retained him.

"I'm not going to tell you that," said Mazor, though he did reveal that his employer was an outsider, and not a past or present member of Peoples Temple. Mazor said he is currently employed by "several" former Temple members, including Elmer and Deanna Mertle, the original sources for the New West articles.

**Mazor apparently is not only investigating Peoples Temple, but also actively seeking publicity to discredit the organization.

To that end, the Barb has learned, Mazor hired one of the largest public relations firms in San Francisco and then asked them to coordinate a publicity campaign against the Temple and its minister, Reverend Jim Jones.

Bob Kenney, an account executive at Lowry, Russom and Leeper, confirmed for the Barb that he has been working for Mazor "on this (Peoples Temple) project, showing him how to handle the media." He referred further inquiries to Mazor himself, whose only comment on Kenney's role was, "I don't think that's any of your business."

Mazor did note that he originally hired the public relations firm to help him attract business from insurance companies, "and then the Peoples Temple matter just came up, and so naturally I turned to them for help."

But a source close to Lowry, Russom and Leeper told the Barb that Mazor came to the company "saying that he wanted to become San Francisco's next Hal Lipset (a famous investigator)," and that the Peoples Temple controversy "presented an excellent opportunity" to garner publicity.

According to this source, Kenney's work for Mazor included sending out letters to selected journalists, offering them --

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Temple leader Rev. Jim Jones

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through Mazor -- exclusive material of an incriminating nature against Peoples Temple.

Kenney's campaign resulted in at least one article in the San Francisco Chronicle last month, concerning an alleged tape recording of a telephone conversation, in which Temple members supposedly discussed irregularities on the notary seal of a document transfering title of a member's home to the Temple. The allegations raised in that story are now also in dispute.

"In another strange twist to the Peoples Temple story, American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks charged recently that he was approached on March 23 by a man who identified himself "as working with the Treasury Department, with an Internal Revenue Service agent, and with two men from the San Francisco Police Department."

The man, who Banks and his associate Lehman Brightman identified as David Conn, then allegedly offered Banks help with his extradition problems in exchange for "a public denunciation" of Jim Jones. Banks is facing possible extradition from California to South Dakota.

Banks has long been a Peoples Temple supporter, and has attended Temple services three or four times. The Temple also made a loan of $19,000 to bail Bank's wife out of prison last year. Her charges were subsequently dropped and the money was returned.

"Conn was obviously making a deal with me," Banks charged in a sworn affidavit presented at a press conference earlier this month. "I was being blackmailed.

"These agents all knew that I had a lot hanging over me. Besides the extradition, I also had a case in federal court in which the Treasury Department was involved. I have often made it clear that if I am extradited to South Dakota, that is like a sentence of death, because I am certain I will be killed there."

Banks also quoted Conn as saying that he has been investigating Peoples Temple for seven years, and was working with several ex-members, including Grace Stoen, who turned out to be another source for the New West articles.

When reached by the Bar0 this week, Conn admitted that he has been investigating Peoples Temple for seven years, but said that he had undertaken the project on his own, as a private matter, "because I became aware that this is one of the worst religious frauds being perpetrated. This man is ripping off the black people."

Conn also admitted that he sought out Dennis Banks and arranged a meeting, but his version of what transpired on March 23 was notably different.

"I wanted to talk to Banks because I respect the guy, and I was afraid that he was going to discredit himself through his association with Peoples Temple, without really knowing what they were about."

Conn, a surveyor employed by the Standard Oil Corporation, denies that he ever mentioned Banks' extradition or offered him any deals. He claims that he only mentioned the Treasury Department and other government agencies in passing, pointing out to Banks that they were conducting their own investigations of Reverend Jones and the Temple.

In fact, Conn said, it was he and Santa Rosa freelance journalist George Klineman who approached various police and governmental agencies last fall, offering them witnesses and documents with which to attack the Temple. No investigations were underway before that time.

Both George Klineman and David Conn also have connections to the New West articles -- Klineman was credited with helping write the stories, while Conn was a secondary source and appeared at a New West-sponsored press conference held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel July 20 to help promote the articles.

In addition, Conn is a close personal friend of the Mertles: the main source for much anti-Temple publicity. By his own admission, Conn was investigating the Temple during all the years that his friends the Mertles were members.

It is also the Mertles who hired private eye Mazor and retained San Francisco attorney Daniel Deneberg to file a lawsuit against the Temple.

But nobody has been served with legal papers yet, and so for the moment there is still no way to get witnesses on the stand, under oath, to try to get at the truth about Peoples Temple once and for all.

Jim Jones is still in Guyana, where he has remained since before publication of the first anti-Temple articles on attorney Garry's orders. According to reports from Guyana, relayed by Garry, there have been two attempts on Jones' life in the last month, one staged by "three white people with guns" who came onto the Temple's 5000-acre mission.

The Dennis Banks press conference, held in Garry's downtown San Francisco office, marks the first time that Temple officials have made any comment about the various charges raised by New West and other media.

But they are still refusing to respond concretely to any particular accusations, on the grounds that they still don't know who is responsible for these attacks.

"We're going to keep our mouths shut," said attorney Garry, "until the dust settles and we get to the bottom of this. It looks like a conspiracy to me."

Are Investigators Trying To Destroy A Progressive Church?

Exposing The Expose

Peoples Temple Answers Critics

Peoples Temple has broken months of silence and responded strongly to a recent flurry of attacks against it in the Bay Area news media.

In an article published this week in **People's Forum**, the temple's official newspaper, church spokesmen charged that "blackmail, bribes, false testimony, faceless accusers, and media manipulation have characterized the continuing plot to destroy Peoples Temple and (its pastor) Jim Jones."

The article links David Conn, who American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks said had approached him with a deal to embarrass the temple, with elmer and Deanna Mertle, the former temple members who were a major source of the original "expose" of the temple that appeared in **New West** magazine last July.

According to **People's Forum**, "Conn and Mertle worked together at Standard Oil before Mertle joined the temple in 1969 with his present wife who had been associated with ultra-right-wing causes before she happened to become interested in a church that was heavily committed to civil rights and peace activism. The Mertles joined the temple about the same time that Conn's 'interest' in the church began."

Peoples Temple has said from the beginning that a wave of criticism of its activities in the press had resulted from a "conspiracy" to discredit and destroy the church because of its record in championing liberal causes and its outspoken commitment to socialism. But the **People's Forum** article marks the first attempt by temple spokesmen to elaborate on those charges.

The **Forum** article quotes extensively from a story by Art Silverman in last week's **Berkeley Barb**. Silverman names private investigator Joseph A. Mazor as a major source of the unflattering publicity the temple has been receiving in the local press. Silverman cites Mazor's extensive criminal record and quotes a 1970 California Adult Authority report labeling him "a smooth con man with an insatiable desire to get ahead." According to Silverman, the "confidential" report calls Mazor "a menace to the community."

According to Silverman's article, Mazor not only began investigating Peoples Temple for a client he declined to name, but also undertook to retain the public relations firm of Lowry, Russom and Leeper to advise him on how to conduct a publicity campaign against the temple. Silverman quotes one anonymous source as saying that Mazor told the public relations firm that he "wanted to become San Francisco's next Hal Lipset (a local private investigator with a national reputation)," and that he hoped the Peoples Temple issue could be used to propel him to prominence.

Silverman reported that the Lowry firm helped Mazor to provide exclusive bits of information to selected media representatives, resulting in a series of articles in various papers extending the Peoples Temple controversy over a period of several weeks during the summer and early fall.

Wife depicts Jones as Marxist

By WALLACE TURNER
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SAN FRANCISCO — To his wife, Jim Jones is a Marxist social philosopher to whom "service to my fellow man is the highest service to God."

Jones, 46 years old, a native of Indiana, is at the center of a swirl of charges about the conduct of affairs of the 9,000-member Peoples Temple. The temple has been accused by former members of cheating some of its members out of their homes and of inflicting corporal punishment on others.

Throughout all this, Jones, a Butler University graduate and United Church of Christ minister, his wife of 28 years said in an interview that he was at the church's agricultural mission, a 27,000-acre jungle tract on the northeast coast of South America at Guyana.

Beyond issuing blanket denials of wrongdoing, Jones has not discussed the charges, nor have members of his congregation.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Jones worked for 10 years for the California State Board of Health until resigning Aug. 1 for reasons, she said, of health and because of pressing duties at the temple. In the interview, she described her husband as a Marxist who holds religion's trappings to be useful chiefly for social and economic uplift.

"Jim has used religion to try to get some people out of the opiate of religion," she said. She quoted him as saying to her, "Marcie, I've got to destroy this paper idol," as he slammed down the Bible he held in his hand.

They were married in 1949, when he was 19 and she was 22. They have one natural son, Stephen Gandhi Jones, and seven adopted children who are black, Korean, Indian and Caucasian.

"I wanted to come to California because the multiracial nature of our family was a problem in Indiana," she said. "But we've had problems here, too."

With 120 followers, they moved in 1965 from Indianapolis to Ukiah. Five years ago they opened the church here in an old building in a black slum. The agricultural project opened four years ago.

In an interview a year ago, Jones said that his congregation was 40 per cent Caucasian, 40 per cent black and 20 per cent a mixture of Oriental, Indian and Chicano. He is of Welsh and Indian extraction, and Mrs. Jones is Caucasian.

REV. JIM JONES
A 'Useful' Church

The congregation is activist. A year ago 1,200 members picketed the Fresno County Courthouse while four employees of The Fresno Bee were held in jail for refusing to identify their news sources.

Jones said then that the temple supported many causes to protect newspaper sources. He said of the Fresno pickets, "I can't stand to see our press crippled. Who else would take a stand? Our duty is to be here."

Jones has had some association with such political figures as Mayor George Moscone, Assemblyman Willie Brown and Sheriff Richard Hongisto, all liberal Democrats. But files here also indicate that officials of the John Birch Society and the late Charles Thieriot, publisher of The San Francisco Chronicle, have spoken at the temple.

The pastor's aim, according to his wife, is to provide a communal life for all his members.

"We live by the rule of from each according to his ability and to each according to his need," she said. Funds are pooled, she said, with medical care, dental care, housing and food, educational expenses and church expenses paid from the common purse.

The temple has educated a medical doctor who now is interning in Guyana, she said. A dentist educated by the temple is among the former members whose criticisms are the basis for some of the temple's unfavorable publicity, she said.

Jones's Marxist twist to religion came to him when he was about 21 years old, his wife said. She said that he told her then that "in order to bring people out of their superstition you have to give them a substitute." She recalled that he pointed out that Jesus told the rich man, "Sell what you have and give it to the poor."

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Does Jonestown lack for entertainment and fun? Not at all, Garry says, "There's this beautiful auditorium, and for three-and-a-half hours I saw the most beautiful entertainment in the world. I've never seen such talent in my life. I saw children from toddlers through about the age of seven putting on a demonstration, with voice, and clapping, and marching, and children six and seven years old getting up and reciting poetry with meaning and gusto. It was just remarkable.

"Why are those people so happy?" he" mused again. "They are learning a new social order. They are learning an answer to a better life When I returned to the States, I told my partners in the office that I had seen paradise From what I saw there, I would say that the society that is being built in Jonestown is a credit to humanity"

And then, as if to reinforce the amazing description, he added, "This is not propaganda. I'm not a propagandist. I'm a hard-hitting, factual-analysis lawyer. I saw this with my own eyes I felt it."

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Jonestown: The Peoples Temple In Guyana

(These are excerpts of a letter from Sharon Amos, who is currently visiting several hundred members of the Peoples Temple at the site of the church's agricultural project in the jungles of Guyana.

The author is a teacher, counsellor, and social worker and the article was submitted to the Grapevine by the temple, which formerly had its headquarters in Redwood Valley.)

The road into Jonestown is lined with long rows of banana and citrus trees on either side. The whole vista of serene natural beauty is breathtaking.

Brightly colored butterflies, some startling yellow against the brilliant greens, exotic plants with many types of leaves, and all varieties of lush ferns are everywhere. Into the distance are hundreds of crops, as far as the eye can see.

I was amazed by the emotional experience of space, as if I had never looked out and seen land that wasn't marred by garish advertisements of deodorants and razor blades.

I felt as if the more I looked, the more my hectic, anxious mind became lulled into harmony with the natural scenery.

When I arrived at the Jonestown headquarters, I was greeted by hundreds of hugs. It was an overwhelming experience to be thousands of miles away, yet given the warmest welcome I had ever known. Everyone looked so happy and relaxed and I felt right at home.

In Jonestown itself, the city dweller adjusts himself easily to a new way of life. One is so used to many so-called necessities that you quickly find are addictions that enslave you.

In a natural environment free of tensions, you stop grabbing for food or the TV or a way to "get away from it all." You start to notice that even your body functions differently.

The Jonestownians characterize newcomers as pulpy swollen-looking people, who actually look bloated. As people eat the abundant and fresh natural foods, breathe fresh air, and love a more calm life involved with useful productive work, their bodies begin to firm up, and their skins take on a new glow. They even stand more erect and look more resolved.

At first, I couldn't even recognize familiar people because they looked so different to me.

In this atmosphere that seems like a pioneer village, the most sophisticated things are happening in human development.

And yet not so strange, because I remember getting lost in the anonymous quality of city life in the states. Everything seemed gray to me--the buildings were gray, the streets and the sky were gray--the faces of people in the buses and walking in the streets looked cold and impersonal and dehumanized, as if they were afraid to care about anyone.

Here where we can eat together, work together, share our achievements and enjoy common entertainments, those barriers are dissolved. No one is looked up to or down at, we are all co-workers and friends, and resolve our problems together.

Here everyone lives as an equal, and you can communicate without friction. People I used to get into conflict with--I find I enjoy their company here. Perhaps competition and inequality set you one against the other.

Jim Jones, the founder-leader of Jonestown is the first to encourage equalitarianism, in the manner in which he stimulates openness and self-expression.

People are free and in fact encouraged to speak up and share their analyses and criticisms of every aspect of the community's life. They find that many of their suggestions are implemented immediately. There is a great deal of self-analysis also, as people receive much support along with structure, and do not feel their personal identity is threatened or that they will be rejected.

Building what is a genuine grassroots democracy is one of the most exciting challenges we face; and the results, even on a short-range basis, are an amazement to us.

In both our grammar and high schools, we are finding that very few young people educated in the United States have been helped to think through problems of reason. Young people who have appeared indifferent to education, are often those who never felt they had the ability to approach ideas analytically, or that anyone would listen.

This is true for others as well, and in our classes, planning meetings, and everyday experience, people of all ages are encouraged to think and express their viewpoints. This atmosphere stimulates dialogues that open whole new areas of study.

All kinds of study groups are cropping up, with teachers from all backgrounds; labor leaders, college-educated persons, and workers, as well as people developing a high level of achievement in newly-discovered abilities.

Our doctor, educated through the Temple, is finding we can restore neglected bodies as well as neglected minds.

He is picking up on conditions that were not previously treated, such as female infections that have plagued women for years. In some cases, they just didn't have the money to receive proper treatment.

Jonestown's medical clinic is modern-equipped, and staffed with many nurses and two nurse practitioners as well as the doctor.

Work also has a new meaning here. Physical work is honored rather than demeaned and one can achieve a balance of physical and mental work never before possible, since many tasks are shared.

In the United States, the demands of industry and bureaucracy necessarily kept people pegholed in certain areas, hence also alienated from one another.

There is no such need to be specialized here, and one can become proficient in many things and also lead a balanced life.

Even the government of the village of Jonestown is more equitable, being based upon the demonstration of genuine leadership qualities.

Leadership in U.S. society is generally oriented to what are considered privileged work positions, which is too often rooted in privileged economic or racial status.

Here no such arbitrary advantages exist. Anyone who is capable can assume leadership in the fields, or in the garden, the kitchen, or construction work, or in the schools and thus become one of the representatives of the central government.

Jan is a good example of a leader who has emerged from the position of a worker into a fine supervisor of a field work crew into a leader governing the people and helping them to solve problems.

Jan used to live with me in Ukiah. She was a local Indian young woman with no sense of self-worth. Because she was Indian she was treated as a no'er-do-well with no intelligence or capacity to acquire an education or assume any kind of leadership.

She was passive and fearful, often depressed, and felt hopeless about any kind of meaningful future. She also was obese and her face was unexpressive.

Jan has lived in Jonestown for several years now and is like a new person. She has become an acknowledged expert in citrus production, and has learned to supervise work teams in our citrus beds, often with people with more education than she but who had fewer skills than she has acquired here.

She is now a beautiful woman, confident, and often leads meetings of the entire central government. She is warm and expressive, and people look to her as an example of accomplishment and strength.

The construction crews are so smoothly coordinated that it is common for one or two complete houses to go up in a single day.

The young people have organized themselves into a vital force to be of help wherever they are needed. They are working on all kinds of projects, such as dramas and debates, and Big Brother and Big Sister programs for some of the younger children.

People also have every opportunity to creatively structure the environment in which they and their children live and work, thus many practical innovations are being made, and equipment is being designed to meet human needs and for the maximum possible use.

The nursery is such a project--babies have cribs where they can see each other and communicate with each other. The cribs are handmade from beautiful indigenous woods. The mothers and other nursery workers that care for the infants and toddlers give them a great deal of individual love and attention and all of the children have their needs met without exception. Stimulating toys and mobiles are handmade for them so that they live a very happy life.

In fact, the residents of Jonestown generally have an air of happiness and confidence about them that I would not have believed possible from just a change of environment.

This is not a materialistic life, in terms of all the luxuries and expensive appliances one might be used to in the United States.

But everything which is needed materially is provided, and there is the security of knowing that every facility and piece of equipment is intended to benefit the people, and that everything we build has been planned and created by the people who will be most involved in its use.

We especially value living in a cooperative society, with a leader who is working day and night to preserve our freedom to survive and flourish.

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The project as a whole is described as quite developed a thriving sawmill, generators to meet electrical needs wells, streets refrigeration The school is open-air, in a large covered area, with 15 to 20 youngsters in a class

Teachers are drawn, in part from "at least 50 people there who have advanced degrees" He spoke of the enthusiasm, participation and discussion on the part of all the students which is something he had not seen here, with the exception of the Oakland Community School.

Does Jonestown lack for entertainment and fun? Not at all, Garry says, "There's this beautiful auditorium, and for three-and-a-half hours I saw the most beautiful entertainment in the world. I've never seen such talent in my life I saw children from toddlers through about the age of seven putting on a demonstration, with voice, and clapping and marching, and children six and seven years old getting up and reciting poetry with meaning and gusto. It was just remarkable.

"Why are those people so happy?" he mused again. "They are learning a new social order. They are learning an answer to a better life When I returned to the States, I told my partners in the office that I had seen paradise From what I saw there, I would say that the society that is being built in Jonestown is a credit to humanity."

And then, as if to reinforce the amazing description he added, "This is not propaganda. I'm not a propagandist. I'm a hard-hitting, factual analysis lawyer I saw this with my own eyes I felt it."

Jonestown Resident Finds Peoples Temple Mission Peaceful

The following are excerpts of a letter from Sharon Amos, who is currently visiting the several hundred members of Peoples Temple who are on site at the temple's agricultural project, Jonestown (so named by the Guyanese government). She is an experienced teacher, counselor, and social worker, although there is happily no need for the last-mentioned skill in this wholesome cooperative environment. These vivid personal impressions are offered as a glimpse into the thriving community hewn out of the lush jungle interior of Guyana:

The road into Jonestown is lined with long rows of banana and citrus trees on either side. The whole vista of serene natural beauty is breathtaking. Brightly colored butterflies, some startling yellow against the brilliant greens, exotic plants with many types of leaves, and all varieties of lush ferns are everywhere. Into the distance are hundreds of acres of crops, as far as the eye can see.

I was amazed by the emotional experience of space, as if I had never looked out and seen land that wasn't marred by garish advertisements for deodorants and razor blades. I felt as if the more I looked, the more my hectic, anxious mind became lulled into harmony with the natural scenery.

When I arrived at the Jonestown headquarters, I was greeted by hundreds of hugs. It was an overwhelming experience, to be thousands of miles away, yet given the warmest welcome I had ever known. Everyone looked so happy and relaxed, and I felt right at home

In this atmosphere that seems like a pioneer village, the most sophisticated things are happening in human development. And yet not so strange, because I remember getting lost in the anonymous quality of city life in the States. Everything seemed gray to me; the buildings were gray, the streets and the sky were gray, the faces of people in the buses and walking in the streets looked cold and impersonal and dehumanized, as if they were afraid to care about anyone. Here where we can eat together, work together, share our achievements and enjoy common entertainments, those barriers are dissolved.

In both our grammar and high school programs, we are finding that very few young people educated in the United States have been helped to think through problems of reason. Young people who have appeared indifferent to education are often those who never felt they had the ability to approach ideas analytically, or that anyone would listen.

This is true for others as well, and in our classes, planning meetings, and everyday experience, people of all ages are encouraged to think and express their viewpoints. This atmosphere stimulates dialogues that open whole new areas for study. All kinds of study groups are cropping up, with teachers from all backgrounds: labor leaders, college-educated persons, and workers, as well as people developing a high level of achievement in newly discovered abilities.

A quality of Jim Jones, the founder of Jonestown, that promotes equalitarianism is the manner in which he encourages openness and self-expression, thereby getting a great deal of input from all the residents here. People are free and in fact encouraged to speak up and share their analyses and criticisms on every aspect of the community's life. They find that many of their suggestions are implemented immediately. People feel very included in the decision-making because they are consulted about each decision that is made.

Our doctor (educated through the temple) is finding many surprising phenomena. He is picking up on people's conditions that were not previously treated, such as vaginal infections that have plagued women for years. In some cases they just didn't have the money to receive treatment. After diagnosis, with the help of our professional lab technician, these conditions can be simply treated. Emergency operations have been performed by our doctor. In one case a piece of steel was lodged in a young man's eye, and the doctor was able to extricate it with no injury to the eye.

It is also interesting how people became far more appreciative of simple pleasures in Jonestown. In the United States one is bombarded with a supermarket of escapist experiences. You just take your pick, and you never have to face yourself or the implications of your life. Reading, for instance, is deeply appreciated here. People discover that through reading you can open up new worlds.

One young man was barely able to read when he first came to Jonestown, but, when he developed a keen interest in tropical agriculture and saw what he could achieve, he began reading everything he could find on the subject, and now he reads at his appropriate grade level or higher.

Children read books that they never would have read if they had the quickie availability of television to pull them into mindless addiction. Even children with so-called learning disabilities are given all the specialized attention they need to overcome their problems.

My nine-year-old son, Martin, is reading on a college level. He didn't have much patience for reading in the States. Now he has read "The Odessa File" and "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," and he has explained the books to adults in patient detail. Some of the things he told me were complex for my understanding.

This covers only a very few aspects of Jonestown daily life. All in all, I can sincerely say that it is a very exciting experience to be a pioneer in Jonestown. We are building a new society with new goals.

I learned a great deal in the United States, but because of the emphasis on property values and lack of shared goals, I was lost for many of my 41 years. In this setting of rare beauty and peace, I see our young people developing sensitivity to others, and people of every age living a fulfilling life.

I searched for years and years, going out on many tangents, looking for momentary pleasures, and only when I found Peoples Temple and a commitment to practical humanitarian goals did I find a direction in my life. Jonestown makes the search complete, because in Jonestown the principles that I came to believe in have become realities.

Guyana Chronicle

[The following editorial comment appeared in the December 10, 1977, issue of the Guyana Chronicle. It was authored by Dental Surgeon Dr. Ng-a-Fook who spent several inspiring days at Jonestown.]

COMMENT

Peoples Temple: A First Class Example Of Community Life

People in the Northwest District are much happier today because of the visit to the settlements of Port Kaituma and Matthews Ridge by Dental Surgeon Ng-a-Fook. During his three day visit he saw first hand a happy blending of races at Jonestown, the Christian Temple center at Kaituma, which he said is "a first-class example of community life." He did extractions, fillings, etc., at Port Kaituma and Matthews Ridge. Some 800 people, all members of the Peoples Temple, are living at the giant agricultural project at Jonestown, aimed at helping Guyana with farming, while also helping make Jonestown self-sufficient in food and housing. At the area known as Jonestown, the Pastor and Founder, the Rev. Jim Jones, has come under fire from the reactionary forces of capitalism in the U.S.A. who see the prosperous agricultural project and the communal life enjoyed by its members there, as a threat to the old established order.

But more and more the evidence is coming to light in support of the Peoples Temple and its very human activities at Jonestown. A very high elected California State Official who visited Jonestown, has described the Peoples Temple organization as "the most significant force today in the area of human rights, social change, and concrete service work. An American attorney, Charles Garry, who visited Jonestown as recently as November 6, told the Sun Reporter on his return to the United States, "I have been in paradise." "I saw a community where there is no such thing as racism. No one sees the color of his skin, whether he is black, brown, yellow, red or white. I also saw that no one thinks in terms of sex, no one feels superior to anyone else. I don't know any community in the world today that has been able to solve the problems of male sex supremacy. That does not exist in Jonestown."

There is a very high level of medical care in Jonestown. Right at the moment there is no dentist, but it was to this need that Dr. Ng-a-Fook undertook his charitable mission there. "It was a very rewarding experience," he said. "I have never before seen so many people of varying races working happily side-by-side in the fields without a single spark of friction. With its own school, sawmill, electricity, roads, houses, and so on, all being scrupulously clean, I could not help but be impressed." Doctor Ng-a-Fook, who once turned in his U.S. land and immigrant visa at the suggestion of Comrade Malcolm Dunset, in order to serve the local needs of the people of McKenzie (Guyana) and has since been working there for 18 years, visited the Northwest as part of a promise he made to his father, the late pioneer frontiersman Peter Ng-a-Fook, who performed his charitable works among the people in mining and rural areas.

Taking The Offensive

Peoples Temple Investigates The Investigators

As part of Peoples Temple's campaign to expose and discredit attacks upon it in recent months, the temple is now launching a thorough investigation of persons and organizations implicated in what Attorney Charles Garry has termed "an organized, orchestrated, premeditated campaign to destroy a politically progressive church."

A recent march downtown in San Francisco featured signs that detailed the long history of persecutions the temple has suffered for its members' beliefs and actions in defense of minorities and the poor--persecution ranging from arson, bombing attempts, and attempted assassinations of the group's leader, Jim Jones, to electronic surveillance, blackmail, the tampering with U.S. mail, unexplained interference by the U.S. Customs Department, and the withholding of Social Security checks from eligible recipients living in Guyana.

Under special investigation by Peoples Temple is Joseph Mazor, whom the **Berkeley Barb** had exposed as having a long criminal record and as having hired one of the largest public relations firms in San Francisco to help him orchestrate the attacks in the media against Jim Jones and Peoples Temple. He has not revealed who has paid for such a costly enterprise, but the temple now has documented evidence that he is a member of the International Police Congress, an adjunct to INTERPOL, the notorious Nazi-infested international criminal police organization. Remarkably, there is also documented evidence that INTERPOL has been responsible for spreading lies about the church in other areas of the world that bear close resemblance to the media smears coordinated by Mazor in the Bay Area.

Another point under close scrutiny is how an individual like Mazor managed to obtain a state investigator's license after his release from prison in 1976. The temple is pursuing many leads; it does not plan to stop until every phase of Mazor's operation is exposed.

Another piece of evidence exposed by the temple in recent days is the possession of a U.S. Postal Service memo distributed to San Francisco branch post offices, directing them to return Social Security checks to HEW when there is a forwarding address order for Guyana. Elderly and disabled residents of the temple project in Guyana, all of whom have submitted appropriate transfer documents to the Social Security office, and who were assured of transfer, with forwarding of their checks in the interim, now face denial of benefits that they have worked for. Peoples Temple strongly protests what it considers an outrageous denial of constitutional and human rights. The temple plans to pursue this matter through its legal staff and by contacting elected government officials.

Temple members have said that their determination was strengthened when the march of some 500 people in front of the San Francisco Examiner Building on Fifth Street several weeks ago resulted in a report of only "70" pickets in an article in that paper. Now these members, expressing outrage at new developments, have vowed to march and protest on a continuing basis if necessary, so that the facts will reach the public's attention

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LETTERS

Left wing stance also needs Gospel criticism

I agree a radical look at society is necessary, if by that you mean to get at the roots. But it bothers me to find Dr Fraser, in his article "Violence in Camouflage" (December issue), saying that "uncriticized assumptions produce a worrying superficiality". True indeed. How sad that he does not see his own article as a textbook example of it, the more especially when he is by no means factually reliable, nor concise in his use of words.

He makes the left wing conventional remark that the Queen's *financial* assets are violence against the poor. Does he mean financial? Or her estates and possessions? For there is a great difference that I should want to explore (and have evidence of) before attempting to ask the further questions called for by such a fatuous assumption.

He also says War on Want set up a Gruzwick hardship fund. War on Want did no such thing. Some staff members did, as individuals, although publicizing their employer's name. Again, I see a great difference, which totally invalidates his conclusion.

And *what* "McCarthyite witch hunt" in West Germany? I do know of none-too-adequate judicial process against the Baader-Meinhof terrorists, but my news sources (*The Times* and BBC) know of no tribunal headed by a latter-day McCarthy. Let him criticize if he will: but do let him allege facts, then criticize them: not reach for his left-wing phrase book and smear.

Is it not tragic that Dr Fraser should be (rightly) detached from an uncritical acceptance of things as they are, only to become so totally absorbed in an extreme political stance that he can't see his new stance is equally open to prejudice, and, more important, to criticism from the Gospel? And, more sadly yet, to appear to believe that his stance is the pure Gospel translated into political action! Believe me, it isn't.

Things will be even worse if his standpoint becomes the new orthodoxy (or, more precisely, orthopraxy), because, not only does it too come under the judgment of the Gospel: it would result in violent change, of which the devastating side-effects would be terrible, to say nothing of the faults inherent in his schema, as in *all* human systems.

Canon Colin Evans
Holbeach, Lincs., UK

Pentecostalism – "feeling good"

When I read articles such as the conversation with Rex Davis on Pentecostalism, I wonder whether I mean by the term the same phenomena that he does.

At the grassroots level where one has to deal on a day-to-day basis with its effects on actual congregations and individuals, it seems primarily to be a cultic expression of a much more all-embracing way of life which in shorthand one might describe as "feeling good". Its main concern seems to be some kind of sensational ecstasy through which one escapes from the suffering of critical living.

I am open to revising my opinions, but at present I have found no evidence to suggest that Pentecostalism will be a source of renewal for world Christianity.

Mervyn Russell
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Christian pacifism is untried approach

I want to express appreciation for the article "Why They Call Them the Peace Churches" in the December 1977 issue. It is heartening to see the World Council of Churches give this kind of visibility to the witness of Christian pacifism. The dreadful momentum of the world arms race makes this Christian pacifist witness look more relevant with every year that passes.

It does seem to me that the way of Christian pacifism has not been tried and found wanting, but rather has been found difficult and left untried. It is my hope that Christians on a worldwide scale will commit themselves to trying before it is too late. As always in history, there is hope, but repentance is necessary. The Church should show the way by repenting for its complicity in violence and militarism.

John K. Stoner
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Guyana group finds a new lease on life

I was just reading over my copy of the September issue of ONE WORLD, enjoying the articles submitted from various "confessing communities" in different parts of the world. I thought that I would share with you some news of a very unique community which has been developed here in Guyana by Rev. Jim Jones and 1,000 members of his large church, Peoples Temple (Christian Church-Disciples of Christ), who have moved here from the United States. Peoples Temple is one of the most socially-active ministries in America.

We are very proud of what has been accomplished in Guyana over the past three years.

Peoples Temple is a strongly "socialistic" church, emulating the ideals of communal sharing of the earliest Christians (Acts 2:44-46).

Comments from readers are invited on any issue arising from ONE WORLD's coverage and the life of member churches. Letters should be as brief as possible, and not exceed 200 words. Please address correspondence to Letters to the Editor, ONE WORLD, World Council of Churches, 150, route de Ferney, 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland.

ECUPARABLE: THE FOUR PRISONERS

One upon a prison term, three friends (all poor) found themselves locked up in the same cell. There was no way out, until a fourth friend (and a rich one) peered through the bars and promised to free them.

The three friends laughed. "Look around you," they said. "Don't you see that you're in prison too."

The rich friend looked around, as he had never looked before, and had to agree (even though he had a bigger cell).

"I suppose you're right," he said, then he asked (very softly): "What do we do now?"

"Why, we dig a hole together and crawl out of here," said the three friends. And they did. For it's amazing what four friends can do, when they try together.

The Rev. Jim Jones has been heard by tens of thousands of people and has fearlessly witnessed to the "gospel of liberation" in his own life, which has been a ceaseless struggle against tremendous opposition and persecution.

In 1973, the large San Francisco headquarters of Peoples Temple was struck by an arsonist and gutted. There have been attempts on the Rev. Jones' life, and the catalogue of harassment and maliciousness against him and his immediate family (which includes seven adopted children of different races), as well as his church's "extended family", is a grim testimony to the persistence of vicious religious and political persecution in the United States.

The Jonestown community in Guyana is an amalgam of races and ages, including over 250 senior citizens (the oldest is 107), most of whom were ghetto dwellers in the United States. In Guyana they are finding a new "lease on life", a peaceful, wholesome environment free from the tensions bred by American cities, and the evils of racism.

Former drug addicts, sociopaths, "hustlers", and despondent youths who couldn't see any future for themselves have been transformed in this environment, in this extraordinary community of love, sharing, and cooperation.

This, for us, is the heart of Christ's teaching – a *way of life* where "all that believe are together," participating in a new society where selfishness, greed, and exploitation are overcome. Since its founding 25 years ago in Indiana by Jim Jones, Peoples Temple has stressed total racial equality, extending vital social services to needy and desperate persons.

We believe that socialism, cooperativism, communalism – whatever you may call it – points the way to a future for mankind: a way of life that transcends mere dogma, doctrine, and empty theory and theological abstractions (as well as empty Sunday morning pieties).

Richard D. Tropp
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TEMPLE RADIO MAKES FRIENDS WORLD-WIDE

THE SUN REPORTER, Thursday, February 23, 1978

Peoples Temple Takes To The Air

Rev. Jim Jones, at the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in Guyana, South America, has initiated a remarkable new project using the temple's ham radio. In just the last few weeks Rev. Jones and a crew of experienced radio operators have made more than 2,000 contacts of friendship and goodwill, to ham radio operators throughout the United States and in other countries.

The purpose of the contacts is to strengthen friendly ties between the United States and Guyana and support Carter's Adminstration in furnishing needed economic assistance to this newly emerged nation, which is a leader in the Caribbean area of the hemisphere.

Jones has spearheaded this new effort with great energy and persistence. "Radio operators can make wonderful ambassadors," he notes, and "the response has been amazing." The temple has been deeply gratified to find a widespread understanding of the need for nonintervention, mutual coexistence, and aid to America's neighbors to the south.

The agricultural project was begun four years ago, for the joint purpose of providing a wholesome alternative lifestyle for troubled young persons and to produce food and agricultural technology that can help solve world food problems. The radio is being used extensively as an extension of these humanitarian efforts. Many times the temple has been able to relay requests for medical assistance and other needed help.

One situation involved a child in a neighboring country who was critically ill and needed a medication that could not be obtained there. Rev. Jones had hundreds of contacts made over the radio, over an area ranging thousands of miles, until the rare medication could be located.

Another remarkable set of contacts involved the delivery of a baby in Jonestown by the doctor there. The baby was a breech birth, and the mother was hemorrhaging. Eleven doctors were called in for consultation over the radio. The medical complications were handled in an expert manner, and both mother and child are doing very well.

Copies of radio identification numbers the temple has contacted from its Guyanese station are being forwarded to President Carter and many U.S. congressional representatives. The temple is proud to do its part in furthering goodwill for the United States in this part of the world. It has made known its support for the Guyanese policy of nonalignment.

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Long-Distance Caesarean

Washington

Dr. Albert Greenfield helped deliver twins by Caesarean section this week, although the patient was more than 2000 miles away in a village in the jungles of Guyana.

Greenfield, an obstetrician, was at home in suburban Bethesda, Md., on Monday night when a neighbor, who is a ham radio operator, said a doctor at the Mission Village clinic in Guyana needed help because a storm prevented the woman from being flown to a hospital. The two doctors began the long-distance consultation. Greenfield said the next day he was told the mother and babies were doing well.

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THE SUN REPORTER, Thursday, March 30, 1978

Jonestown Adds Cattle

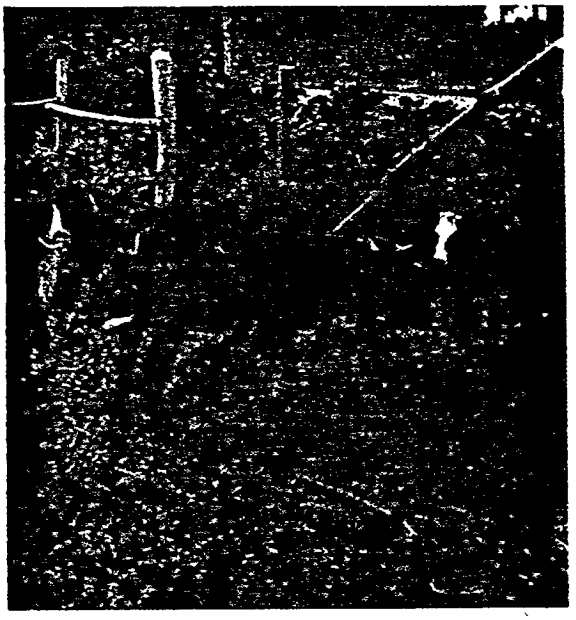
Jonestown, Guyana, founded by Rev. Jim Jones, continues to expand by leaps and bounds. Dairy cattle is one of the more recent additions to the project, and a whole new industry is in the making, which is expected to meet and go beyond the needs of self-sufficiency of the community.

Experts in every field visit this thriving community, which is accessible by either boat or plane. Both Guyanese and American officials have been made welcome in recent weeks, including officials from the U.S. State Department, who have been responsive and helpful.

One of the project's most recent visitors was the chairman of the board of Guyana Livestock Corporation, who came in an advisory capacity, and yet made an extensive review of the project. He is a member of one of the wealthiest business families in Guyana, and a world traveler.

When Dr. Fernandes first came to Jonestown, he looked into every phase of the project, beyond just the cattle industry. He moved freely through the community, speaking with people at random in every department. He expressed great interest in finding out what motivated people to their high level of productivity. He had visited every type of society and said that he was cynical in that he always found inequities of some sort everywhere he had visited.

This prominent businessman reported to Rev. Jones and the people of Jonestown that he was amazed at what he found, a true egalitarian blend of every race, religion, and background. He saw the leader was taking no privileges above his followers. He said he had never seen a society that was pure in its egalitarianism until he visited Jonestown. The harmony and happiness of the residents of Jonestown impressed him deeply, and he expressed the desire to return.



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A POTOMAC DOCTOR HELPS DELIVER TWINS 2,000 MILES AWAY

RICHARD HAYMAN

By Mary Ann Kuhn
Washington Star Staff Writer

Dr. Albert A. Greenfield, an obstetrician, was about to retire for the night. He sat in his pajamas in a small room off his bedroom in Potomac, flipping through a medical journal on pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

Two blocks away, his friend, Richard W. Hayman, was turning the dials of his ham radio. He had just been talking to someone in Japan because he is planning a trip there in May.

More than 2,000 thousand miles away in the jungles of Guyana, a country in the northeast corner of South America, a woman two weeks overdue in her seventh pregnancy had been in labor more than 14 hours and was experiencing serious complications.

She couldn't be flown to the nearest hospital, one hour away, because a storm and ground fog prevented planes from taking off at the small airstrip seven miles away. The field is illuminated only by kerosene lamps.

IN THE NEXT few moments, the lives of the Maryland men and the Guyana woman became involved in an unusual medical drama. By the time it was over, the Potomac men had played a major role in the woman's delivery of identical twin girls, one weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces, the other 6 pounds 2 ounces.

At 10 o'clock Monday night, as Hayman was fiddling with the dials on his ham radio in his home at 2908 Colebrook Ave., he picked up an emergency call.

"I heard a doctor on one of the stations with an urgent plea to be connected with an obstetrician," said Hayman, who is vice president of Hayman Cash Register Co. "He had a woman in South America who was expecting twins. I responded because I felt I could contact an obstetrician"

"I called Dr. Greenfield and I told him I had a medical mission in South America and a pregnant woman who needed medical advice," he said in an interview yesterday. "I asked him if he would help out."

For the next 45 minutes, Greenfield, 40, talked from the phone in his home at 2 Colebrook Court to the doctor in Guyana, giving him instructions on how to perform a Caesarean section on the woman. By using a special apparatus, Hayman was able to "patch" Greenfield's telephone into his ham radio so that the two doctors could carry on a two-way conversation.

WHILE GREENFIELD talked, thousands of ham radio operators here and in other parts of the country tuned in and listened.

One man said that after listening to the instructions he personally thought he could perform the surgery, said Hayman, who has been a ham operator for 30 years. His call letters are K3DML.

"The doctor in the jungle had made a diagnosis of twins by placing his hands on the woman's abdomen," said Greenfield.

"One of the twins was in a head down or vertex position and the other was in a breach or bottom down position."

"I talked him through the entire operation," said Greenfield, an obstetrician for the past 12 years. "I sure was nervous. I wanted to be sure I gave him every detail. I was oversimplifying things.

"After each detail, I'd say, 'Do you follow me?' and he'd say either 'Yes, go on to the next step,' or he'd say, 'Could you repeat that.' "

BY 11 P.M. MONDAY, Greenfield had finished giving instructions for the delivery as well as post-operative orders.

"That was a first for me," said the doctor. "That was the longest- distance consultation I ever had. It was a very novel and thrilling experience.

"We were waiting on pins and needles to hear from the doctor in Guyana."

"Al (Dr. Greenfield) expressed doubt to me personally whether any of them — the mother and twins — would survive," said Hayman.

On Tuesday night, almost 24 hours later, Hayman and Greenfield called the doctor to find out the results of the operation. Because he was out on another medical emergency, the two Potomac men talked to a woman ham operator there who told them the operation had been successful. She also told them that the facility where the operation took place was called Mission Village in northwest Guyana. It has a medical clinic, an orphanage and an agricultural project, where most of the people are U.S. volunteers. She identified the man who performed the Caesarean as Dr. Larry Schacht.

"THE OPERATION was very successful, thanks to your help," the woman operator said in a taped recording of the radio conversation which Hayman made.

"This is Dr. Greenfield," said the doctor. "How is the mother?"

"The mother is doing fine," said the woman. "She lost about two pints of blood and she is a little weak, but doing very well. And the babies are extremely healthy."

"Have the babies' lungs been listened to and if so are they clean?" asked Greenfield.

"Roger."

"Were there any mechanical problems doing the actual procedure?" asked Greenfield.

"The procedure went very well thanks to your clear explanation and outlining of the procedures. It went very well. Everybody just followed your blueprint and everything went just fine."

"This is Doctor Greenfield again. I forgot what I was going to say...."

DR. ALBERT GREENFIELD

Guyana Chronicle

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Peoples Temple Show: A Success!

The Peoples Temple Agricultural Project presented its cultural variety show entitled "A Cooperative Feeling" last week at the National Cultural Center with a style never before seen in Guyana, which literally prompted the audience to shout for more, following some of the performances. The theme of Cooperation was carried throughout the program, which consisted of over 20 different presentations, including Guyana's own Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and the Yoruba Singers. Although the program ran past midnight few people could be seen leaving.

"The show kept us on the edge of our seats with unique and exciting performances that always had us wondering what might be next," said two members of the Pegasus Soundwaves (a renowned Guyanese entertainment band.)

One singer, Dianne Wilkinson, moved many to tears with a song that she had adapted called "Guyana is so Beautiful". A talented twelve-year-old Temple boy who seems to have a bright future, delivered a powerful song he wrote entitled "Guyana is for Me".

Most of the show's song and dance numbers were accompanied by a brass band, "Jonestown Express", which one experienced stage crewman said was the best band he had heard in the Caribbean. He noted the hard work put in by the band, which often rehearsed from morning till midnight during the week preceding the show.

The presentation of donations raised by the Peoples Temple was made to various local charities, including The National Relief Committee, the Maha Saba Temple (a home for orphans), Bellfield Home for the Aged and the Guyana Council of Churches (of which Peoples Temple is a member).

Presently there are over 1000 persons living at the Peoples Temple's Agricultural Project at Jonestown, near Port Kaituma in the Northwest District. Over 100 members traveled to the cultural show via the Temple's boat—a fishing trawler used also as a medical mercy vessel, and to transport supplies.

The program was not without its light moments both in song and dances, as well as in comedy skits. One act was a man with red wavy hair, dressed in a glittering jump suit, high heeled boots and dark glasses—a new rock and roll singing sensation. Young girls went screaming onto the stage hysterically, trying to get a momento of his attire. All that was left when they finished with him was a fat old man in polka dot undershorts and with a bald head. They even took his false teeth. The audience roared and few could miss the statement on how some singing stars are nothing more than packaged commodities.

All in all, the show seemed to contain something to delight everyone while promoting the theme that cooperative living can best solve the problems of a developing country. The Peoples Temple will be planning for further cultural shows.

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Editorial

Trouble brewing in Guyana

A potentially explosive situation is brewing in Jonestown, Guyana.

On Tuesday of this week some twenty-five relatives of Jones' followers who are residing in Jonestown, the Guyana settlement, led by Steve Katsaris, went to the Temple headquarters in San Francisco.

Katsaris' 24-year-old daughter Maria, who has resided in Jonestown since last summer, has indicated through letters to her parents that she is satisfied to stay in Guyana. Katsaris accuses Jones of violating human rights by holding relatives as virtual captives.

ONE FATHER HAS EVEN THREATENED TO HIRE MERCENARIES TO RAID JONESTOWN AND "LIBERATE" HIS SON BY FORCE. TROUBLE THAT COULD LEAD TO AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT MAY LIE AHEAD.

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Relatives Praise Jonestown, Gy

Recently Peoples Temple held a press conference to let the public hear about Jonestown, Guyana, from people who had just returned from a visit with their relatives at the Agricultural Project. Rev. John V. Moore, former superintendent of United Methodist Churches of Northern California, and his wife, Mrs. Barbara Moore, spent several days with their two daughters and grandson in Jonestown. They came from their home in Reno, Nev., to relate to the public the great beauty and accomplishment of the thriving community in Guyana. The Moores are not members of Peoples Temple. They visited Guyana at their own expense, and traveled to San Francisco from Reno at their own expense for the press conference.

Rev. Moore said, "I'm John Moore, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Reno, Nevada. The two words that come to my mind as I tried to reflect upon my experience (of Jonestown) were 'impressive' and 'amazing.' It boggles the mind to see that great clearing (of land) and to understand how so much could have been done in such a relatively short period of time. I think almost a thousand acres have been cleared, and most of it has already been planted with various crops.

"I had a feeling of freedom. Neither in Georgetown, with 25 or 30 people coming and going all the time with total freedom, nor at the project itself did I have any feeling that anybody was being restrained or coerced or intimidated in any way."

When asked whether people told him they were happy, he responded, "It was so obvious. We talked about what they were doing, and all of them were engaged in some activities or work that was particularly important for them. We talked to anybody and everybody we wanted to, and we wore ourselves out walking around the facility. We went to the piggery, the chickery, the dairy, the sawmill, the cassava mill, the nursery."

Rev. Moore went on to tell about the day care nursery, the accredited school, and a health facility that is "the best facility in that whole region in Guyana." Rev. and Mrs. Moore commented on the "beauty" of the inclusion of older people in the community life, and the library with more than 8,000 volumes, where old and young read for pleasure or do research. Mrs. Moore described both the medical and the educational services as "excellent" (one of the Moores' daughters is a nurse, the other is a teacher), and went on to speak of the project as a whole as "a community of caring and sharing with the added dimension of love. In a sense it reminds me of a New Testament community," she reflected. "In the purest sense of the word, in the love and concern for all. It is a beautiful, heroic, creative project. It is absolutely miraculous." One newscaster commented Mrs. Moore seemed very impressed and asked would she describe it as "utopian." "Yes," she answered, "It's a lovely utopia."

Other specifics were provided as well about the lifestyle and quality of life in Jonestown: "It is a cooperative...Food is provided for everyone. There's medical care for everyone, and educational opportunities for everyone. There are work needs and opportunities for the members of the community. One of the great things is the opportunity, for some of the younger people particularly, to be learning skills when that opportunity is not present here."

Mrs. Moore added that the housing is well suited to the specific needs of the residents. "It's a complete city, and one thing they do encourage is the nuclear family. You can choose to have your own home, or, if you're a single person, you may live in a dormitory, whichever you prefer. The older folks have their neat little yards and white picket-type fences, with the opportunity to garden, or just sit." Attorney Charles Garry, who was also present, added that, when he visited, he saw them put up a cottage in one day, from the ground on up ready for occupancy.

Garry concluded with remarks about the medical center in Jonestown, headed by a young doctor who was put through medical school by Peoples Temple and who graduated with high honors. He said that he was particularly impressed with "the senior citizens' cottages right around the (medical) compound." They are looked in on by medical helpers first thing every morning. "Medical services are provided free to every resident on the project, and extensive clinic work is done in the surrounding community. The medical compound is something you have never seen, and you probably won't see it unless you go there. It's almost a miracle."

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COMMENT

Peoples Temple School Gets Official Status

There is a new addition to the growing family of Guyana's community schools, the Jonestown community school, up in the Northwest region near Port Kaituma. Located at the Peoples Temple Agricultural and Medical Project in Jonestown, which has grown considerably since land was first cleared there nearly four years ago, the school has over 275 students from nursery through high school, and has been in full operation since September, 1977.

A delegation of the teaching staff recently completed a week's seminar and orientation meetings to help them function according to Guyanese guidelines.

The Jonestown Community school is somewhat unique in that it forms a fully integrated part of the carefully structured cooperative community. In addition to being part of the traditional academic courses, the students are being trained in nearly twenty skills areas in the work/study program, (for example, agricultural, medical electronics, machine shop, woodworking, clothes manufacturing, mechanics, heavy equipment operation, home economics).

"The entire community is actually a school without walls", explains headmaster L.T. Grubbs. "The school and the community exist in a close symbiotic relationship." Already dozens of educators and students from various parts of Guyana have visited the community of U.S. "transplants", who are successfully pioneering a new life. "This is a community school in the truest sense", says a senior educational officer in the Ministry of Education, who toured the Jonestown school and project. "Every young person in the community is in the program and every adult is either directly or indirectly involved with it also."

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Thomas Fleming's Weekly Report

Despite the fact that Jim Jones has temporarily departed the California scene to begin another career in Guyana, there are former members of Peoples Temple who still would do him physical harm or use the courts to destroy him.

Jones, the sociologist who has used Christianity to aid him in helping those of the human race who need help, was under constant attack by those who have followed a program of hypocrisy in their everyday relations with their fellowmen.

The writer was first attracted to Jones when Peoples Temple had its headquarters in Mendocino County, and when hundreds of persons who had been classified as pariahs by the rich and powerful made pilgrimages to Mendocino County every week, particularly for the Sunday services.

The services conducted by Jones resembled the sermons preached by Jesus Christ during his short stay on Earth. The sermons offered to the masses by Christ so angered the rich and powerful that they conspired to have him put to death.

This writer did not know Jones during his sojourn in the northern part of the state, and he was attracted to him by a series of articles appearing in the San Francisco Examiner, by the onetime religion editor, one Robert Kinsolving, who later turned out to be just another Bible thumper from that curious section of the country where the Bible thumpers uphold all of the vicious practices of white supremacy.

Jones brought people of all colors and speech into the fold to worship in peace.

There are many persons who find it difficult to find their particular niche in life, and such people are in dire need of assistance to find the niche that best suits their needs.

The majority of niche seekers are looking for what can best be described as a utopia, and those who went to Jones were not free of thoughts of searching for a land of milk and honey.

Some of those who did not find their utopia fell away and began to launch bitter attacks upon Jones, which fact was not ignored by a number of publications in the state of California.

These publications immediately began to print lurid stories picturing Jones as a charlatan of the first degree—an individual who claimed super healing powers, an individual who through devious means acquired property and money from some of those who went to him in search of utopia. Jones was also charged with possessing powers of persuasion so great that many of the persons within the organization had abandoned their families to follow Jones.

Of course, law enforcement officials joined the battle against Jones after lurid stories began appearing in public print. Investigations were conducted by law enforcement agencies into Jones's operation, but not a shred of evidence was ever produced that Jones was the four-headed devil he was pictured to be—a devil who violated all laws with consummate aplomb.

Jones is now in Guyana, heading a remarkable project, which reminds one of the pioneers of other days, particularly in the United States, who braved the unknown to carve out homes in uninhabited areas.

Guyana is in South America, and was once a British dependency; it then was called British Guiana. Later on it became a sovereign nation.

The population is largely Black, with a considerable number of former British subjects who emigrated from India in search of a better world during the British reign over that great Asian country.

A Black man is president of the country. It is interesting that all of the Blacks found in the New World were brought to the New World from Africa as chattel slaves. Many of the Blacks brought to Guiana escaped and fled to the interior jungle areas, where they lived with the indigenous Indians as free people. Of course, the people found in the New World by Columbus were called Indians.

Where Jones led his great trek in Guyana is an area that is a virtual jungle, there before the American pioneers led by Jones disembarked from a boat and hacked out a road through the heavily forested terrain to a designated spot.

More trees and other shrubbery had to be cut and burned before the settlers could erect their first buildings.

Now the cleared area is known as Jonestown, and there are perhaps more than 2,000 people. There are some people with medical skills and other skills that mankind has felt so essential for survival.

Among the new pioneers were several hundred young persons, some of whom left home to go abroad with the permission of their legal guardians.

Some of the onetime legal guardians, some of whom are parents of the young persons in the new settlement in Guyana, have been making rumbles that Jones is a person who should be charged with kidnapping. Furthermore, the allegations are made that, even if Jones did not kidnap any of these persons, he is holding them in Guyana against their wills and that in fact the persons held would be only too happy to rejoin their onetime legal guardians or relatives if they could.

The latest allegations against Jones sound just like so much humbug, just as past allegations sounded before Jones started what seems will be the greatest experiment in his career.

Jonestown is self-supporting. A great variety of crops are produced, which feed this tiny colony of transported North Americans; sufficient crops are raised so that some produce goes to the markets in Georgetown, the capital of Guyana. There is a large hog and poultry development within the commune. Several milk cows were taken from the United States, including one seed bull, which will be the nucleus of large-scale cattle raising in the near future.

The education of the young people did not cease when they went to Guyana, for a number of teachers are among the new pioneers, and a school has been built. The young people are also taught such skills as carpentry, plumbing, repairing motors, and just think of the marvelous recreation facilities in the lush land where they have settled. It is not utopia when one considers Homo sapiens, but it seems that it is the closest thing to it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Life at the Peoples Temple Project at Jonestown, Guyana

Editor — The latest salvo against the Peoples Temple that your paper grabbed on to is the allegation made by Deborah Layton (The Chronicle, June 15). Her mother, Lisa, and her brother, Larry, both denounced her and stated the reasons why. No reference was made to their charges in your paper . . .

On May 28 at a press conference when your reporter was present, Rev. John Moore and his wife, who had just returned from Jonestown, Guyana, said as follows:

"I'm John Moore. I'm pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Reno, Nevada. We have two daughters who are members of the Temple, obviously my wife and I are not members of the Temple. One, the older girl's a teacher, and the younger one is a nurse. The two words that come to my mind, immediately as I was there and as I tried to reflect upon my experiences were 'impressive' and 'amazing.' It almost boggles my mind to see that great clearing and to understand how so much could have been done in the relatively short period of time. I think about a thousand acres, 800 acres have been cleared, and it's in the midst of a jungle, and that's part of what's impressive, and all except a part of the land that's not been finally cleared, has been planted with various crops.

"I had a feeling of freedom. Neither in Georgetown, where there were about 25 or 30 people living, coming and going, all the time, with total freedom, nor at the project itself, did we — did I have — I'll let my wife speak for herself — did I have any feeling that anybody was being restrained or coerced or intimidated in any way. What did impress me was that people who were living in Georgetown, in the house there, were all eagerly waiting for the time when they could return to Jonestown, and the project itself. One of the great things, I think, is the opportunity for some of the younger people, particularly, to be learning skills when that opportunity is not present here.

"They have probably 35 preschoolers. I don't know how many they have in school; they have newborn babies, several babies have been born there. They have a daycare nursery for parents who work, and there are those who are caring for them; and then they have the older people. That's really a part of the beauty of it, we felt.

"The school is accredited by the government of Guyana, that they've had people from the Department of Agriculture and their agricultural stations there working with the people at the project. And certainly their supporting of the health center, there's no question in my mind but that the health center is the best facility in that whole region in Guyana. There is a government, I think, nurse practitioner, in Port Kaituma a few miles away, but that simply does not have either the personnel, skills nor the equipment that they have. The health services are provided for the AmerIndians or people who live in the community as well as the members of the project itself."

Mrs. Barbara Moore said: "My impressions are, having just experienced our visit there, that this is a beautiful, heroic, creative project! It is absolutely miraculous. There are excellent medical services, excellent educational services, and . . . it's a community of caring and sharing with an added dimension, and this dimension I would say, is love. If you want to use that term; in a sense it reminds me of . . . a New Testament community, in the purest sense of the word, in the love and concern for all, that we observed. And with complete freedom for creativity; those who want to farm, are farming; those who want to teach, teach; those who like to cook, cook; they have an excellent nutritionist who is working scientifically all the time to discover new uses for the indigenous plants and growths there, and is in contact with the Guyanese experts to discover new and useful uses for these various crops, there. That was very impressive to me. It was most impressive to see the elderly people, the older folks, who had their neat little yards, their little white picket-type fences, and their opportunity to take classes if they wished to, or to garden, or to just sit. They also have a lovely library of over 8000 volumes, from poetry to 'how-to-do-it' . . .

"It's a complete city and one thing they do encourage is the nuclear family. You can choose to have your own home, or if you're a single person, you may live in a dormitory, whichever you prefer. They have a lovely nursery for infants; they have a nursery for toddlers, and, of course a fine educational set up."

Not one word of the foregoing was reported. Rev. and Mrs. Moore spent in excess of two weeks at the jungle mission. Isn't it about time that the voices of the 1400 persons who are in Guyana pioneering a new way of life receive equal coverage?

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