

# 700 JONESTOWN VICTIMS WERE MURDERED, CHIEF PATHOLOGIST BELIEVES

CHICAGO (AP)—The Guyana government's top pathologist has told the Chicago Tribune that he believes that murder, not suicide, claimed more than 700 of the 911 persons who died at the Peoples Temple in Jonestown, Guyana.

"I do not believe there were ever more than 200 persons who died voluntarily," said Dr. C. Leslie Mootoo, chief medical examiner and first doctor at the scene of the Nov. 18 tragedy.

He noted that 260 of the victims were children. "I found a 2-year-old child with poison injected into an arm. Could a child that age take his life voluntarily in that way?" he asked.

He said that dozens of adult victims whose bodies he examined had died of poison injected into a portion of their upper arms. Mootoo said it is virtually impossible for a person to inject himself in that part of the upper arm.

He said the jungle heat and magnitude of the tragedy made it impossible to conduct autopsies on all 911 bodies. But he said his extensive experience in determining causes of death made him certain of his conclusions at Jonestown.