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Charles Garry Visits Jonestown: 'I Have Been To Paradise'

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rney Garry has recently
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nment) He had much in-
on to share
Monday night I was on a
ow," he began, "and
the opportunity to tell
had seen and I had been
adise I saw it it's there
ybody to see," and I'm
al that in the next few

day or weeks we'll be able
have a documentary, which
everyone will be able to see.
I saw community where
there is no such thing as
racism. No one feels the color
of his skin, whether he's
Black, brown, yellow, red, or
white. I also noticed that no
one thinks in terms of sex. No
one feels superior to anyone
else I don't know of any com-
munity in the world today that
has been able to solve the
problem of male sex supre-
macy completely. That does
not exist in Jonestown.

"I also saw something else:
There is no such thing as
age-ism. The community is
comprised of the little children,
the teen-agers, the young ad-
ults, the old adults, the senior
citizens, all together.
"I have never seen so many
happy faces in my life as I did
in Jonestown the three days I
was there. I want that captu-
red (on film) so that skeptical
America will know what it is
when you live without fear of
the rent being due, and all the
other problems we're sur-
rounded by.

"There are some 800 persons
or more there now. They've
got cottages set up that you
just could not believe. I saw
sanitation there that I had
never seen in any part of the
world, except Switzerland.
You can eat off the ground."
He went on to speak of the con-
sistently high level of medical
care, organized under a doc-
tor who is "thorough, con-
scientious and dedicated." The
medical team has "the latest in
medical equipment and
books," and "every person
who goes to Jonestown is
medically thoroughly exami-
ned, and charts are prepared."
He recalls that he urged Dr.
Schacht to start keeping daily,
hourly diaries, to put the oper-
ation of the medical compound
in writing, so that some of our
medical schools, and the
American Medical Association,
can learn from what is being
done at Jonestown
A high point of his talk related
to the care of senior citizens,
which he said moved him deep-
ly. "All of the senior citizens'
cottages are built around the
immediate vicinity of the med-
ical compound. Every single
morning a member of the
medical team knocks on the
cottage of the senior citizen
and inquires, 'Did anybody
have any problem during the
night? Do you have any pro-
blems here this morning?' Can
you imagine the security that
the senior citizens feel with
this kind of care? I'd like to
have a representative from a
body here that's trying to im-
prove the lot of senior citizens
who are left to be beggars and
paupers to see what is going
on in Jonestown."
He spoke of the many agricul-
tural projects, including an im-
proved method of developing
feed from protein food grown
in Jonestown. The area of
Jonestown devoted to raising
animals also drew praise.
"Those piggens, as we call
them, looked like palaces.
Many of the homes that I've

seen in America could not mea-
sure up to the sanitation, the
cleanliness, the spaciousness
of the place we call a piggpen."
The chickens raised and
butchered at the project he
called "luscious," and the food
generally is "delicate, nour-
ishing, and it's type of food
that will make your blood
pressure go down; your diabe-
tes will disappear. It's sub-
stantial, nourishing food--the
kind that will take away the
fat you accumulate by the type
of food we eat here."

The project as a whole is de-
scribed as quite developed--a
thriving sawmill, genera-
tors 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 enthusiastic
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 en-
tertainment and fun? Not at
all, Garry says. "There's this
beautiful auditorium, and for
three-and-a-half hours I saw
the most beautiful entertain-
ment 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 demonst-
ration, with voice, and clapping,
and marching, and children six
and seven years old getting up
and reciting poetry with mean-
ing and gusto. It was just re-
markable.

"Why are those people so
happy?" he mused again.
"They are learning a new so-
cial 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 propa-
ganda. I'm not a propagandist.
I'm a hard-hitting, factual-
analysis lawyer, I saw this with
my own eyes. I felt it."

