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Dear F.B.I. Leo Ryan MRS LEO A YUCKERT

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When you examine the Jones town
 murders please remember that 150 children
 were murdered, most with the consent of
 their parents. Surely a country whose President
 has taken upon himself the goal of advancing
 human rights in the entire world can spare
 a little inquiry into what happened to the
 human rights of the children in Jones town.

Perhaps we may never see such slaughter
 on a grand scale again - but if we can
 spare a few children from losing their human
 rights under similar circumstances, the effort
 should be made.

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The proliferation of "religious cults" whose
 sole purpose is to collect money should stop.

It's time to tax income to alleviate DEC 6 1978

Religious groups so that large immensely
 wealthy groups, such as the Catholic Church,
 will have to follow God's word & divide
 their wealth with the poor. No church should
 be allowed to hoard immense wealth under
 the guise of doing God's work.

ENCLOSURE "ENCLOSURE ATTACHED" suggest the attorney for
 the Peoples Temple be questioned thoroughly on
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what they ~~know~~ about the cult before Rep.
Ryan went to Jones town.

We suggest the government provide legal
service to determine the disposition of the
funds of the Peoples' Temple and not allow
Mr. O'Garry or Mrs. Lane or any private
lawyer to charge huge fees to do it.

There is no doubt the Peoples' Temple
has, through its members, perpetrated
heinous crimes - and for that reason it
should be terminated.

We have religious freedom in our country
but this confers no right on any one to
confuse liberty with license.

There is much truth in the two
articles I enclose - I am not alone in
feeling as I do about the dangers of
tolerating too much - when cults do harm
people & it's reported to the government it
should not only be "investigated", as Jones town
was - grand juries should be allowed to
gather testimony & charges should be filed
where warranted - so that the courts, through
the medium of citizen juries, can adjudicate
these matters.

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*Every Religion has its TORQUEMADA!
It's ALL HYPOCRISY*

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Carl Rowan Religious Crimes

WASHINGTON — When you get over your shock and revulsion over more than 900 murders and suicides in the Rev. Jim Jones' People's Temple community in Guyana, you have some serious thinking to do.

How and when are we going to face up to the fact that "religion" is America's greatest sanctuary for people who engage in systematic theft, tax evasion, rape, torture and even murder?

The federal government can make a banker specify in detail what interest he is charging on a loan; it can jail a corporation executive for using "insider's knowledge" to make a profit on a stock; it can force an automobile company to spend millions of dollars to recall cars that just "might" have a defective part. But government has been, with rare recent exceptions, powerless to deal with so-called "religions," even though there was abundant evidence of kidnappings, brainwashings, physical abuse — and most of all of con games to strip new "converts" of their money.

This gruesome tragedy in Guyana is an appalling example of governmental failure to act, primarily because government officials are timid about breaching sanctuaries of "religion." The State Department not only failed to act early against Jim Jones' "temple," but it fought to prevent FBI involvement.

But why was government handcuffed months ago when it knew that Jones and his cronies were forcing converts to sign over all their belongings, present and future, to "the temple"? Can it possibly surprise U.S. officials that one cult member was seized, after the killings, carrying \$60,000 in cash and a \$1 million bank draft on a bank in Panama? Or that more than \$1 million in gold jewelry and cash was found in Jones' commune in Guyana?

Our laws are written, or interpreted, in such a way that if a person enters a cult "willingly" and then is kept in, allegedly against his or her will, the FBI cannot act on grounds that this is kidnapping.

Thus our government has dealt gingerly with the Unification Church, headed by a Korean, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. This cult has been accused again and again of brainwashing new members, holding them by force, wearing them down physically and mentally, and then "programming" them to a total commitment to the church.

Last August the federal government did move against one "unusual" religious group, the Church of Scientology. A federal grand jury returned a 28-count indictment accusing 11 high officials and agents of the church of stealing Justice Department documents, bug-ging an office of the Internal Revenue Service, encouraging perjury and hiding witnesses.

Documents acquired by the government in court-ordered FBI raids show that the Church of Scientology's policy has been to use "lies and derogatory data" to destroy the reputation of anyone investigating or criticizing the church, and to punish critics by filing lawsuits that force them to spend huge sums for legal fees.

There are dozens of "religious" groups in America which are just as venal and vicious as the People's Temple, but how bold or cautious must government be in investigating and/or prosecuting them? Other groups merely arouse suspicion. CBS' "Sixty Minutes" recently featured two evangelists who have won many thousands of followers by using radio and television. One of these ministers boasted that the cash donated in one day's mail might total \$200,000.

Does the IRS dare intervene to see how that cash is counted, and whether it all goes into tax-deductible religious pursuits?

How does government deal with the reality that many of these evangelists are dispensing more politics than religion? How, especially, when the shrewdest merchandizers of religion are also clever at embracing politicians — as witness the fact that Jim Jones bran-dished "recommendations" from Rosalynn Carter, Vice President Mondale, Sen. Henry "Scoop" Jackson (D.Wash.) and the late Minnesota Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey?

The constitutional dilemma is very troublesome. But I say that, however much we cherish our separation of church and state, we have got to find a safe way for the state to rein in those who steal and kill in the name of God.



Rowan

What Did Lawyers Know?

CHARLES GARRY belongs to what is practically a subculture in San Francisco. This is a group of loud-mouthed publicity hounds who happen to be members of the State Bar. You know most of their names: They like to try cases in the newspapers and on the tube, where they usually manage to get portrayed in the favorable light they choose.



Garry belongs to the radical brand of ink-eater. He explains his radicalism, and especially his identity with black causes like the Panthers, because of the discrimination he suffered as a poor African American youth in Fresno.

Mark Lane is another of the same stripe. For years he has been peddling, at considerable profit and notoriety to himself, the view that there was a right-wing conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.

The role of these two seamy characters in the terrible carnage of Jonestown is worthy of the closest examination. Hard questions have to be answered, especially by Garry, who as Jim Jones' lawyer since 1977 knew a great deal more about the Peoples Temple and its workings than Lane, who was retained just a month before the tragedy.

LANE SEEMED TO KNOW everything bad that was going on at Jonestown, and in numerous interviews he had said or implied that what he didn't know Garry did. Although Garry has denied it, Lane said Garry knew in advance that the Rev. Jones planned a mass suicide of temple members in Guyana.

Lane said that more than a year ago, on Oct. 6, 1977, Garry, Angela Davis, Huey Newton and American Indian leader Dennis Banks joined in a shortwave radio conversation from San Francisco "begging Jones not to kill the 500 Americans in Jonestown" at that time. Garry had insisted, until he no longer could do so, that Jones had no guns or other weapons and "30 years of dedication to non-violence."

Lane said he knew, before the Ryan party left for Guyana, that, "Maybe 10 percent of the people at Jonestown want to leave." Lane said this as he was traveling on an airplane to Guyana with Congressman Leo Ryan. He was also warned that the congressional party at their last meal in Jonestown might be served grilled-cheese sandwiches treated with tranquilizers or other drugs, but apparently said nothing.

Just how much did these lawyers know? Especially, just how much did they know about the alleged plot to exterminate the congressional party? Did they know Ryan and the others had been set up? How come they did not go with the congressional party to the airstrip massacre? These are hard questions. Garry has not been very good at answering them, nor has the press been very good at pressing them.

When asked at a press conference why he and Lane did not join the Ryan party at the airstrip, Garry told a story so thin that he would have been wise not to have told it, even if it is true.

He and Lane got off the truck carrying the congressional party, Garry said, because, "We were told that a father who wanted to leave the settlement was trying to take his children with him."

They walked back to the center of the settlement, and insisted that the father could leave if he wished, but should let the courts decide the custody of the three children, according to the Garry version of events.

THE PRESS APPARENTLY did not press him on this improbable tale. That, in the midst of the general paranoia of the final hours of the visit, after having witnessed an attempted stabbing of Ryan, the lawyers would decline a ride back to the United States in order to settle a petty legal matter strains belief. Certainly it strains mine.

If the lawyers knew that the American party was going to be ambushed and did not tell Ryan, they are guilty of the most incredible immorality.

These questions and others should be asked by some public body of Lane and Garry. Jones is no longer their client, and their claim of confidentiality is considerably lessened, if existent at all. These lawyers' conduct during and after the tragedy has a high odor to me at least.

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Editorials

Winds of Free Speech Blow

THE CHINESE Communist party leadership has let a most un-Communist genie out of the bottle in allowing the winds of free speech to blow in Peking. It's freezing these nights in the Chinese capital, but thousands of people turn out in Tien An Men Square to cheer on speakers, mostly of college age, as they clamor for democratic rights. Some of the themes of protest and challenge that had lately been boldly, but only silently, expressed on wall posters are now being shouted in public, an unheard of thing. Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping is the daring and apparently unafraid leader who has opened up Peking's mass dialogue. He mentioned to a Japanese Democratic Socialist party delegation a few days ago that the wall poster campaign was "a normal thing and shows the stable situation in our country." The Chinese news agency picked up this news and made it official and so it has spread all over the country. That will mean that people in other cities will begin to demand their share of the new freedom, too.

WE CAN ONLY ADMIRE Vice Premier Teng for his courage in opening up free speech, which we would like to see everybody enjoy, but we do wonder if he will get away with it. Once loosed, free speech is not easily controlled and suppressed.

But the Chinese leaders must know that; certainly they know that the Communists in Moscow have never shown any willingness to let Russians criticize and freely discuss their government and its faults. How much of this can Chinese Communism take?

Correspondent Linda Mathews reports a Western diplomat in Peking as commenting: "Any Chinese with an ounce of savvy should be able to read between the lines. Teng is saying, 'Put up your posters, I'll protect you as much as I can, but watch your step.'"

\$1 Billion Ripoff Of the Elderly

EVIDENCE OF ABUSES in the sale of health insurance policies to the elderly has prompted Representative Claude Pepper (Dem.-Fla.) to characterize the situation as a \$1 billion "ripoff" that constitutes "a full-scale national scandal." His House Select Committee on Aging has turned up numerous horror stories of high-pressure tactics and false promises. Particularly reprehensible were salesmen who tried to scare senior citizens into buying unnecessary policies.

There was the 94-year-old Kansas man who bought 26 accident and health insurance policies in three years. An 80-year-old woman in Pennsylvania had to take out a \$3000 bank loan to help keep up her payments. And an 84-year-old woman in Texas was informed she was getting complete health insurance that turned out to be practically worthless.

One of the salesmen, wearing a ski mask to hide his identity, said he had been instructed to pressure old people into buying unnecessary insurance by using a "hearts and flowers" approach and then frightening them with talk of grim diseases and lonely death.

THE COMMITTEE EMPHASIZED, it is true, that the majority of insurance firms are reputable, and ques-

Golden Times

virtual reconstruction of the ancient, rickety structure. A portion of the pier will be closed during the work.

20 YEARS AGO
Nov. 29, 1958

Monterey-born DeWitt Peters is the hero of an article, "Haiti Shows Its Colors," which appears in the December issue of Reader's Digest. He is the son of the late Monterey artist Charles Rollo Peters and brother of Rollo Peters of Monterey.

10 YEARS AGO
Nov. 29, 1968

Carmel sculptor Louis Mayer celebrated his 99th birthday on Nov. 26 by working out of doors in his garden on a painted bas-relief of Beethoven. Mrs. Mayer was cooking a birthday dinner. He is best known locally for his impressionistic life-size statue of St. Francis and the birds, now in the courtyard of the Carmel Mission.

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right answer is worth a point. (a) Mis-
souri (b) Ohio (c) Wyoming (d) Maine
(e) Vermont
(v) 41,000 (w) 10,000 (x) 70,000 (y)
98,000 (z) 33,000

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the famous poet
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Ohio—(v) 41,000; (c) Wyoming—(y)
98,000; (d) Maine—(z) 33,000; (e) Ver-
mont—(w) 10,000

Contract Bridge

East's plan was to take the ace of hearts as soon as declarer led a trump and then play a low spade to West's (presumed) jack of spades. He hoped to get a club ruff and so defeat the contract. But his intentions were unmistakably clear to declarer, who realized what would happen if he made no attempt to spike East's plan.

Accordingly, South took East's club return in dummy, played a diamond to the ace, another diamond to the king, and next led dummy's ten of diamonds. When East played the jack, South took the precaution of discarding a spade in order to stop East from putting his partner on lead for the club ruff.

Perhaps declarer should have been rewarded for finding this fine countermeasure to East's play at trick two. But East, his original plan having foundered, now shifted his attack by leading a fourth round of diamonds. This forced South to ruff with the ten in order to stop West from scoring the nine of trumps.

spades. When South then played the king of hearts to force out the ace, East won and