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✓ THE FOLLOWING NEWS ITEM APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON POST  
OF THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1978. IT IS BYLINED BY GREGORY  
ROSE, SPECIAL TO THE WASHINGTON POST, AND HEADLINED  
"58 JAN 9 1979  
"COLD DEFECTORS TRYING TO LEAVE GUYANA CRITICIZE U.S."

TE: GEORGETOWN, GUYANA, DEC. 20 - MORE THAN MONTH  
AFTER ESCAPING DEATH AT JONESTOWN, 12 AMERICAN DEFEC-  
TORS FROM THE PEOPLES TEMPLE CULT ARE STILL TRYING TO  
LEAVE GUYANA AND ARE BLAMING THE U.S. EMBASSY HERE FOR  
THEIR PLIGHT.

DALE PARKS, WHO HAD ASSUMED LEADERSHIP OF THE DEFECTORS,  
MANY OF WHOM ARE HIS RELATIVES, TOLD REPORTERS YESTER-  
DAY THAT "WE WERE LIED TO ON A DAILY BASIS" BY U.S. CON-  
SULAR OFFICERS AT THE EMBASSY.

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THE 12 JONESTOWN DEFECTORS, WHO INCLUDE SEVERAL TEEN-AGED CHILDREN, HAD LEFT THE JUNGLE COMPOUND NOV. 18 WITH REP. LEO J. RYAN (D. CALIF.) AND SURVIVED THE AIR STRIP AMBUSH IN WHICH RYAN, PARKS' MOTHER, PATRICIA, AND THREE NEWSMEN WERE KILLED. MORE THAN 900 OTHER JONESTOWN RESIDENTS DIED LATER THAT NIGHT IN THE MASS POISONING DIRECTED BY CULT LEADER JIM JONES.

ACCORDING TO PARKS, THE DEFECTORS HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR THREE WEEKS TO ARRANGE THROUGH THE EMBASSY FOR TRANSPORTATION OUT OF GUYANA. THE DEFECTORS ARE NOT UNDER INVESTIGATION BY GUYANESE AUTHORITIES AND ARE NOT AMONG THOSE JONESTOWN SURVIVORS IDENTIFIED BY PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS AND DEFECTORS IN THE UNITED STATES AS BEING POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS LOYAL FOLLOWERS OF JONES.

NEVERTHELESS, ACCORDING TO PARKS, THE U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIALS TOLD THEM AT ONE POINT THAT THE EMBASSY COULD NOT GIVE THEM THEIR PASSPORTS BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED FOR RELEASE BY GUYANESE OFFICIALS.

ONLY AFTER HE TOOK A GUYANESE LAWYER WITH HIM TO THE EMBASSY TO COMPLAIN, PARKS SAID, DID THE CONSUL OFFICER PROVIDE THE PASSPORTS AND NECESSARY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. "WE HAD TO TAKE A GUYANESE LAWYER INTO THE EMBASSY," PARKS SAID, "TO GET OUR U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS."

DURING THE PAST WEEK, PARKS SAID THE DEFECTORS WERE TOLD BY THE EMBASSY, WHICH MUST PROVIDE THEIR AIR FARE HOME UNDER A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM FOR THAT PURPOSE, THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM ON U.S. BOUND

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FLIGHTS. NEWSMEN AND OTHERS HAVE HAD NO DIFFICULTY OBTAINING AIRLINE BOOKINGS ON SHORT NOTICE.

PARKS SAID THE DEFECTORS ALSO WERE TOLD BY THE EMBASSY THAT PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM ON ITS FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK WITHOUT AN ACCOMPANYING U.S. MARSHAL, BUT PAN AMERICAN OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK SAID THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO CARRYING THE DEFECTORS WITHOUT A SECURITY ESCORT.

TODAY, THE DEFECTORS WERE TOLD BY THE EMBASSY THEY WOULD BE FLOWN TO NEW YORK ON A PAN AM FLIGHT WITH A U.S. MARSHAL AND TWO PEOPLES TEMPLE MEMBERS FROM THE CULT'S GEORGETOWN HEADQUARTERS HOUSE WHOM THE DEFECTORS FEAR.

PARKS SAID HE TOLD ONE CONSULAR OFFICIAL THAT HIS GROUP DID NOT WANT TO TRAVEL ON THE SAME PLANE WITH PEOPLE THEY FEARED MIGHT POSE A DANGER TO THEM, "SHE REPLIED," PARKS SAID, "THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO

GO. IF THEY WISH TO GO ON THE EARLIER FLIGHT, THEY  
HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS YOU HAVE."

"ON EVERY OCCASION," SAID JIM BOGUE, ANOTHER OF THE  
DEFECTORS, THE U.S. CONSULAR OFFICIALS "LET US KNOW  
WHAT THEY COULDN'T DO FOR US, NOT WHAT THEY COULD.  
I THOUGHT A PUBLIC SERVANT WAS SUPPOSED TO HELP  
PEOPLE."

THE CONSULAR OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BARRED REPORTERS FROM  
THEIR MEETINGS WITH THE DEFECTORS, WERE NOT AVAILABLE  
FOR COMMENT. END QTE. CHRISTOPHER

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