

Survivors Begin Migration Home

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP) — Looking forward to "one of the best Christmases" ever, six members of the Peoples Temple cult flew home to the United States on Saturday, the second group of Jonestown survivors allowed to leave by the Guyanese government.

Thirty-one others are scheduled to depart Sunday.

"It will be enough just to be there for Christmas," said Edith Parks, 64, of Ukiah, Calif., before boarding a Pan Am flight to New York. Most of the cult members were from California.

Mrs. Parks' daughter-in-law Patricia was shot and killed along with Rep. Leo J. Ryan of California and three journalists Nov. 18 as the group prepared to fly out from an airstrip near Jonestown.

Ryan had visited the settlement and its leader, the Rev. Jim Jones, to investigate charges that cult members were being held against their will.

The airstrip attack occurred shortly before Jones ordered the mass suicide-murder in which he and more than 900 of his followers died, most by drinking a fruit drink laced with cyanide.

An assistant police commissioner in Georgetown, Cecil A. Roberts, said Saturday some of the sect survivors — there are 72 in all — would have to remain in this South American nation because "we need people as witnesses."

"Some of them will be asked to assist us in the investigation. I don't have a

figure. We are reviewing some that we will ask to stay on as witnesses," Roberts said.

Two men have been charged with murder in Jonestown-related slayings. Larry Layton, 32, of San Francisco, is charged in the airstrip attack, and Charles F. Beikman, 43, of Indianapolis, Ind., is charged with killing a sect member and her three children in Georgetown on the day of the mass poisonings.

Among the 31 persons granted permission to leave Guyana Sunday was Thomas Beikman, Charles' 17-year-old son.

Those who left Saturday with Mrs. Parks were identified as Julius and Sandra Evans, both 30, and their children Sonya, 11, Sharla, 7, and Shirella, 6, of San Francisco.

The Evans family walked out of the Jonestown settlement before the poisoning occurred. They refused to comment on why they decided to leave the camp that day. Evans said "persistence" led them to take a "long walk down the railroad track" to get out of the jungle settlement, 150 miles northwest of here.

Evans said he and his family intended to have "one of the best" Christmas celebrations ever.

Guyanese officials said investigators are awaiting reports from Dover Air Force Base, Del., where the hundreds of bodies were taken after being removed from the settlement.

"We are still waiting for help from Delaware to determine whether persons wanted for questioning are among the dead," Roberts said. "We have names we want. We haven't got them in custody."

Identification has proven difficult, since few of the bodies had any papers on them and many had lain in the burning jungle sun for nearly a week. Air Force officials said Saturday 255 of the bodies had been positively identified, all had been fingerprinted and about 800 had been embalmed.

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