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An attempt was made to blow up a bus yesterday in which Reverend Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley was riding. The incident took place in San Francisco. Details now from Associate Pastor Michael Prokes.

MIKE: The bomb, discovered yesterday morning by a security guard, was planted strategically underneath the ~~fuel tank~~ of the bus Reverend Jim Jones was on with his wife Marceline and a staff worker. The bus was parked with the 11 other of the Peoples Temple Greyhound buses in the lot of the Benjamin Franklin Junior High School where Peoples Temple was holding services this weekend. About 8 police units in all came to the school, including officers and investigators and a bomb squad. One detective after discovering that the bomb fuse had burned down to a small fraction of an inch and had went out said to Reverend Jones "I ~~will~~ dont know what kept the bomb from going off, its really a miracle." A ~~number~~ number of individuals who have been involved with militant groups and activities of both the extreme left and the extreme right have been reformed by Peoples Temple and are now members of the church. This caused the same investigator to speculate that it may have been Reverend Jones' opposition to militantcy and the church's non-violent stand that ~~caused~~ ^{prompted} the attempted bombing.

Tom: Michael Prokes for the Peoples Temple Christian Church.

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