



## PEOPLES TEMPLE

*Jim Jones,  
Pastor*

PRESS CONFERENCE  
Tuesday, October 3, 1978  
10 A.M.

Peoples Temple  
1859 Geary Blvd.  
San Francisco, California

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Two of America's leading investigators, Mark Lane and Donald Freed, have just returned from the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project at Jonestown, Guyana. Both are members of the Citizens Commission of Inquiry, who has conducted independent investigations in the United States for the past fifteen years. Mr. Lane is founder and Director of the organization. Mr. Lane and Mr. Freed are presently conducting an in-depth investigation of the conspiracy against the Peoples Temple church, and will give the first report on their explosive findings at the press conference.

Mark Lane is a former member of the New York State Legislature, and the author of several books, including Rush to Judgment, Executive Action, and Code Name Zorro. He is currently representing James Earl Ray in the Martin Luther King assassination case. He flew directly to Guyana following his appearance with Mr. Ray before the House Select Committee on Assassinations, met with government officials in the Guyanese capital, and also lived at Jonestown for several days. Donald Freed, the author of The Glass House Tapes, also recently spent several days at Jonestown, learning about the project and coordinating material for his investigation.

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KSFO made no mention of the press conference on their 3, 4, or 5pm news broadcasts.

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KTVU-TV, Channel 2: Isabel Duron.

KPIX-TV, Channel 5: Maralee Beck, Gerd Rausch

KGO-TV, Channel 7: Steve Davis

KSFO: Bonnie Chastain

KPFA: Max Schwartz

KSAN: Larry Banley (?)

KCBS News radio, telephone interview expected with Deborah Chan (not at press conference)

KPOO: Terry ~~C~~ (Caterina?) Collins

Examiner: Bill Boldenweese (?? something like that)  
Sid Tate

Chronicle: Ralph Craig, John O'Hara

National Guardian: Morris Wright

Bay Guardian: Bob Levering

Sun Reporter: Peter Magnani

Progress: E. Cahill Maloney

Mass Response (newspaper?): Willie Hindmon

Barb: Bernard Bauer

Black Panther Paper: Jonina Abrom, Donald Cunningham

Free lance, or extra people: Nat Yanish, Ben Miller, Jesse James from the Temple Beautiful, a religious group in Chico

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*Tim Clancy did this  
from memory - not  
taped*

KSAN Radio News Broadcast 10-3-78

The two guys who were at the press conference did the news spot on the radio. Though they played several excerpts from their tape of the conference, about the conspiracy and the plans to sue the various agencies of government responsible, their side comments were negative. They said Lane spent a lot of time trying to discredit Cathy Hunter, and that several of the networks had been turned down on their requests to film the project. He also attacked Lane's credibility as an investigator because of the Dean Cowden incident during the Congressional hearings. The parting comment was that , "Does this mean we're supposed to believe that all the reporters who worked on this story are CIA agents?"

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