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-we went ~~x inn~~ to talk to Van Dyke about the article not being published
-showed Aaron the booklet about Jonestown (A model Community) and showed him
and Ron VanDyke some pictures of the project
-he said he "sincerely wants to help"
-said if we ~~xxxxxx~~ gave him some booklets he'd get them out
to reporters with a note on them (I gave him some)
* (he was going to send them to the CITIZEN paper with a note that they should cover
our story)
-he sees what we mean about our story (Cultural show) being ignored/ says that happens
to them too sometimes when they send in a story

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...said it is still in the ...
...being submitted or just to ...
...something)

"A co-operative feeling" was the theme of a cultural review staged by the People's Temple at the National Cultural Centre recently which won widespread acclaim. The theme of co-operativism permeated the entire programme and was so well executed that it kept the audience completely interested and in hilarious mood.

In an introduction to the show Marceline Jones gave a short history of the People's Temple and the purpose for coming to Guyana. Following this about 20 separate presentations were provided for the large and appreciative audience.

Dianne Wilkinson - Lady Soul - captivated the audience with her rendition of "Summer Time" and aroused intense emotion when she sang in the programme with her singing of "Together in Love" and "I am in so beautiful". The 17-year-old singing sensation then displayed his talent with a song "Sugar is for Me" which he composed.

The exciting programme of the People's Temple was supported by guest artists the Atlantic Symphony Steel Orchestra while the Jonestown Express kept the audience on its toes. The group singing was also pleasing.

The Jonestown Express Band leader who is an expert wood player referred to the hard work put in by the band members. The members of the Cooperative Community of Jonestown travelled to Georgetown for the cultural show. Presently there are about 1,000 members of the People's Temple Agricultural Project in Jonestown near Georgetown in the North West District. They travelled in their own motor launch which is used as a mercy vessel and also transports supplies.

According to an executive of the organisation J. V. Jones founded the People's Temple 25 years ago in the United States. He struggled for civil rights, justice and equality as in the case of the community he and his organisation have built in the North West District. According to the executive represents the fulfilment of a life-long dream of building a socialist community. A large number of donations raised by the People's Temple were used for various charities during the show.

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Roy Van Dyke / Mr. Delmonte
Pegasus poolside w/ Tim Carter

May 2, 1978
Deborah Touchette

Deborah Touchette

-I met Roy the night our group was performing, he said he dropped in because he wanted to have us.
-He came with a man from the Cuban press in Guyana, both he and the man appeared to be very drunk.
-He said they were close friends, they had gone to school together in East Germany.
-He said it was his birthday (Roy's) and he wanted to know if I would take a drink with him?
-He said I can't drink, so I'd have a pop. He got obnoxious with persistence, said this was what we do in Guyana, and he was going to buy a drink for me and I was going to have a beer. (he got loud enough so that all standing around the bar could hear and the tone he used was accusation that I was too good). I told him I hated beer and if he wanted me to have a drink it would be a soft drink or I wasn't going to drink with him at all.
-He finally got a drink and declared before the evening was over I was going to have one.
-He said he was going to East Germany, the gov't was asking him to go there and work in the Embassy. He felt some reservations about it because he had alot of conflicts said he was being put into the position directly under the ambassador (charge d affaires).
-I told him it was good and he should accept the job.
-He said he knew he could do it, but he had conflict about it. He said he didn't even like the job he had right now because of what it entailed.
-He said there's a part of him that likes us (Peoples Temple), but at the same time he has to always keep in mind his country's goals first and what they are trying to do.
-Whenever he talks to us, or any group of non-Guynese, he has to let them know that no one will rule us, or tell us how to run our country (in so many words he said this is a black country and they had to maintain their nationalism).
-I told him I didn't see how he could view our group in the same way as he did others in that we were multi-racial, not only in marriages, but our children were of different nationalities with Jim Jones as our ex.
-He maintained that people could still be racist and be married to a person of a different race, he used himself as an ex. said he was once married for nine months to a pure East Indian woman, but he still maintained that they had to protect the nationalism of the country (Blacks in Power).
-He said he knew alot of people who were married to East Indian women that would fight to keep the Indians from gaining power.
-I told him I could not understand how he could view Peoples Temple with racism at all at seeing them as people trying to gain power in Guyana. I mentioned that we came working voluntarily and didn't take any jobs from Guynese, and that he should come and see how we live in that we are living co-operatively, the life style that Guyana talks about and is trying to work towards. I said if nothing else he could tell what were by the way we live.
-He said you people keep inviting me to come, but you don't seem to understand, especially Mike and you. He said Mike understood why he couldn't come up, but Mike was not of us and he had to maintain the position that we took.
-He said the reason he didn't like his job is because he had to lie to people, people like you (Peoples Temple) and others.
-He said after he came and visited with us at our home, the next day he told his colleague that was the man that works with him in his office, not to talk to us unless he got instructions from him first, but to listen and learn.
-Roy said he like talking to us because he learned alot, especially Sharon, Tim & Mike.
-His friend from Cuba kept coming up to us and trying to get Roy to leave.
-Roy said he had originally come with his friend to go to the Cuban Embassy, said that

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My first, went alot of celebrations in Cuba because labor day, meaning that the power was in the hands of the people, went alot in Cuba. He had asked him to stop off at the Pegasus so he could have a little of our performance.

I kept telling Roy I thought he should go with his friend in lieu of the pegasus for some time.

He said he didn't want to go and he would just tell his friend to go get a beer everytime he bothered him about going.

Roy said he didn't want me to feel like he was pumping me for information (which is exactly how I felt).

He wanted to know where Sharon was, I told him she was in the Hosp. He said he would go visit her.

The whole time he was talking to me he kept tapping my shoulder, fiddling with my collar and holding on to the necklace around my neck. I kept moving away from him and finally told him I had to go before the next performance because I was helping to coordinate it. Before this I had taken him around to try to introduce him to some of our other people so he couldn't corner me but they were all involved in other conversations, so when I broke away from him, I asked Debbie what did she think would be the best thing to do. Finally I got Tim to go with me and talk to him. Earlier I had tried to get him to go with me to see Tim, he said he didn't want to talk to Tim so he was slightly hostile when Tim came over. He just sat persistent that he drink a beer and got almost nasty with Tim about this too.

Tim had Shirley to announce a special happy birthday to him from Peoples Temple over the microphone, he became a little pleasant to deal with.

Earlier in the conversation I reminded him he had not given us guidelines, or a code of ethics to go by.

He said he thought the whole suggestion was ridiculous.

He made a comment about us going from person to person asking about guidelines. I said if we had been given some parameters in the beginning, then many some of our difficulties could have been avoided, such things as customs where the things we bring in like to assist Guyana, but all the bureaucracy, those that hinder us from bringing in things with expertise they are only hindering Guyana.

He said something and I started to answer him. He told me to shut-up.

I told him he said just better deal it.

Some other people came up that I know and I excused myself to say hello.

A few minutes later, Roy introduced me to a friend of his who was working in the National Service Force.

His name was Fabian Comer, he said he wanted to come over to our home and talk to us about our project, said he had heard about us and was interested.

I told him he would enjoy talking to him some time.

He said good, then he would come over Tuesday.

I told him Tuesday was a bad day, just after the holidays.

He asked what day would be better, I told him Wed., said he would be coming at 4:00 pm.

After the show was over Roy asked David Blakey to locate me, he wanted to talk to me before he left, so I kept out of sight until time to go. He caught us going out the back.

He said another one of his friends had been left laying on the ground by members of the armed forces so he and the Minister of the Ombudsman and another Cuban came over trying to help him home. He asked me to step aside with him, before I knew it I wouldn't understand. His friend was homosexual and dressed in a feminine (feminist fashion).

He said the Minister was a minister in a political when the British were in power.

He said I loved my father, but he's an ass. He said people say when he goes somewhere, Oh, your so and so's son, but he's (Ron).

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-wanted to do something for Guyana. He wanted to do something to make people in Guyana be proud of themselves. mentioned that the people were lazy, wanted them to work to change the society.

-He said his father lived in a fine home, but he didn't want that type of life.

-said he was given everything he wanted when he was young, and that was bad.

-He asked me to call him on Monday. I told him I could not because I would be in the parade. I told him we would come in some time this week.

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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

RON VAN DYKE

VISITED BY: SHIRLEY ANN

DEBORAH TOUCHETTE

APRIL 10, 1978

Deborah Touchette
Miss Prokes

He said Shirley was a little worried because we've got people with varying
opinions about people's people. Basically said same as Shirley about going slow
in dealing with people.
People must look on themselves as self-reliant, not beggars.
While some might be trying to give food to people and being reproached for this
and said the problem is we've not satisfied you. People must see themselves as
people and not beggars. Not look on someone as a prop.
He was invited to lunch mid day.

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MINISTRY OF INFORMATION
CDR. ARNOLD ARNOLD
VISITED BY: Jacqueline Jones

DEBORAH TOUCHETTE
APRIL 10, 1978

He said he was assigned to the cultural center (photographer) by the Min.
not information said it was the best show he had ever seen. Almost all the
people he saw said the same.
-people he saw said the same?
-He said he saw that his mother was there and she enjoyed it.
-He said he saw it again, said there has never been a show that was free there.
-He said he saw the first program to open the theater.
-He said one of their officers had been there, he wished he had been there himself.

-at another point, he said he had given the paper (story) on R.T. cultural
show to the press, said it was good, but he couldn't provide anything big...
-said he was sure there would be something mentioned about it in the news, but
-he couldn't provide it would be all of our story, although he had sent it over.

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Mike Proctor checked on this with Carl Blackman and found that he had not seen it,
and neither had the man Arnold had claimed he'd given it to. Also Arnold
still had the pictures in his desk, undeveloped. Mike asked if they could
develop them at the Grand Chronicle in spite of the blackout situation.
Arnold agreed that they could, but said they wanted to develop them at the
Ministry, and could not because they did not have access to equipment because of
the blackout.

Cdr Arnold works in the office with Sam Van Dyke, as an information officer

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SHIRLEY PHILLIPS

VISITED BY: Marceline Jones

Mike Prokes

Sharon Jones

Deborah Touchette

DEBORAH TOUCHETTE
APRIL 10, 1978

Shirley asked about a commentary on C.T. Shirley said it was a good problem, she mentioned that she had even given up her air conditioning from the office to help save foreign currency, but had no objection of us doing it as well. She said she would like to see a script before they start to be sure they will be accepted.

Sharon asked about a stand-off policy in the press? Shirley said there was an article on T.V. printed with Fernandes comments four weeks ago.

Shirley asked if it was in the "Witness"? Marceline replied her as being in the position she is as a woman.

Shirley said it was refreshing. She responded greatly to this, said that was nice coming from a male.

Sharon asked about the Hoyas articles? Shirley said that last article was difficult, (explained that usually comments are separated from facts, and this had not been done). There was no problem, certainly there was no problem that couldn't be sorted out.

(ref. to our program) said the quality was good, but the only problem was the length. She thought it went very well in terms of some of the hours we spent in practice. She wished some of the artist could have spent some time with us so we could be an example.

She mentioned we came from different backgrounds, different ideologies and it hasn't made any change in the governments attitude towards us. (ref. to Hoyas letter) It's bound to happen again, it will happen again.

Shirley said it will take a little time, don't press it too hard. It's a soft approach and all the time, basically we're reserved, although the Caribbean acts generous and friendly, we're that way but basically reserved. "I suppose that comes from the British".

Marceline told her about conspiracy against us, (Senator Stannis issue) Shirley said "I know that won't stop now, after a while it will begin to go." (ref. to security in Montreal in 1970)

Shirley said the situation that we need to be vigilant and answer to charges, it's a different part of life in New York. Floors her completely.

Marceline asked about the current process? Shirley said she didn't know what was going on, is this by our court? asked if the trial had started, has she appeared in court?

Shirley said she had a letter from Phillip Horton and Mrs Carter. She said she was going to bring him to court, then there was no possibility of arresting him. She said she would be in trouble, what would they do with him, (Shirley is a lawyer, a professional) so she can come along to use the orders because it can only be used for that special purpose, and because the trial has already taken place and she's waiting a decision, can't be used.

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RON VAN DYKE/HERB OF INFORMATION, visited by Sharon Ross & Deb T.,
Ron said he would like to meet them. After he presented an article they wrote,
had not done anything in writing for us as to whether there was a press stand-
off on us or not. said he would meet with Emily and Mingo and get back to us.
He said he liked the style of the article. I think with the article, I think
will use it. The article he decided will be published and Peoples Temple will
be mentioned. He said that was something they wanted to do. He invited him
we invited him to dinner, and he was very creative. set a date finally. so
he didn't know.

Ron Van Dyke visited by Marceline, Sharon, Deb T., Mike Peters.
Ron said he people are very simple, can easily be swayed. Government tells them
to have self development. When you have other organizations
that are doing the same thing, Govt. has to do the same somewhere.
He said he was talking to Mrs. Horton (the article) "No, coming from Mrs.
Horton, I don't see anything better." Ron said, Marceline what are you referring
to? Ron said, it must be the same. He didn't want us to invite
individuals were persons, but go through Mrs. Ron people say America is God's
country.
They living with the system in the world they build around themselves artificial
constraints out of fear. Fear of making decisions (fear to stand off from the
press) Ron said he was cut off from the office for a long time, people were afraid
to give information, only because it comes from higher up and they would get
into trouble. On the phone to someone he said he wasn't well).
Ron-Min, Mingo will be in at 3:00 today, the n & the I was suppose to get your
letter from (not to stand off), make a phone call about an appt. with Mrs. Mingo.
Sharon said, "If your going to put us in a schizophrenic bind... Ron said
I don't care. I'm not trying to trick. first. first. (If conversation doesn't make
much sense to you, it didn't for us either. Ron's voice was cold, unattached,
and hostile, he was trying to say some still emotion with intellectual coolness.)
Ron he thought the cultural presentation was good. Then... "Frankly I don't think
you would appeal to anybody."

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J. L. Rudolph
April 5, 78

Sharon asked him for direction. Ron said our direction shouldn't come from him. He said he was supposed to be our advisors. Sharon asked why. He said Sharon would make a lousy diplomat, he said sometimes he couldn't even help himself because of the pressures.

Sharon: are we that controversial? Ron: No, "I have to be very careful of decisions that I make, I have to weigh everything. I don't think you're controversial, I don't think the Government would like to make special privileges be it religious or a foreigner

if I had my way, nobody would get into the Goddam paper anyway.

People think you are enthusiastic, you came into the country and started with a culture, you're doing more than your allowed to do." He said

the activities would have interfered culturally, we are an imported alien culture. He said he would tell us what he would do. Sharon broke down and

started crying. Ron refused to talk to her, he said that's why I like talking to men. "Look at her isn't she a pretty sight," he made a couple of other

critical remarks, but I didn't catch them, we all began to yell at him. Marceline told us Jim risking his life, being shot at, adopting children,

Ron: Guyanese don't know this man, what is Jim Jones to Guyanese. I re-emphasized

some of what Marceline said, told of young people being saved from fine cars and fancy clothes, while living in Ghettos, unable to change because the media had no brainwashed us ect.

Ron: pointed at me, "I don't want to talk to that girl...ever". I told him he was going to hear what I had to say.

eb: one people often accuse us of being emotional, but one thing they can count on, if they ever in need of someone fighting for their rights, we'll fight just as hard for them as we do for them as we do for the rights of others.

Ron: shook everybody's hand but mine as we were going out the door.

eb: I told him if he had that much hate towards me, I didn't care if he didn't shake my hand, so he shook my hand briefly. He said he wanted to meet with Mike alone, we told him we didn't work that way.

Ron Van Dyke? Min of Information; Mike, Tim, Deb, Sharon... April 4, 78

He made an appointment for two o'clock in the afternoon, he didn't show up

until around 8pm, after a blackout infact.

I sat down beside him on the couch, because it was the only seat available, he looked at me as though he would throw up right there, I guess I got him,

Ron: are you still alive? I thought you'd be dead by now.

Ron: I came here because I want to get to know you people, I didn't have to come. He implied he had to make a decision (which may include us) and wanted to know more. Then, I don't care anything about you, I don't care what you do, just

want to know what you really are.

eb: came from a middle class background, he said, has traveled to many countries including the united states, has relatives in the U.S.

Married six months, broke up, got drunk on eve of wedding night didn't show up to ceremony, regretted his mistake, (hates women,) he said he couldn't deal with women, he has a sister, and he can't deal with her.

Sharon said don't, let's just be people, he said yes, he should do that.

eb: asked Mike to meet with him alone, to come to his office alone, no women.

eb: responded to a comment he made about not knowing Jim, talked about racism.

eb: said that you had to protect your children from bullies and,

eb: said that I was to shut up, I was there to listen and keep quiet.

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MINISTER OF INFORMATION

18, Brickdam
P.O. Box 1023
Georgetown,
GUYANA.

Ref. No.

August 8, 1977.

Dear Comrade,

Thank you very much for your
letter and enclosed clipping.

It is very encouraging to have
received from you a letter which sets out
so clearly the depth of your concern and
involvement in the struggle to create of
Guyana a socialist society. We do have
problems particularly arising out of the
comments of those who do not understand
the process through which we are passing
and seek therefore to decry it. However,
the answer to this is to make a success
of the revolution in which we are engaged
and in this spirit we welcome your contri-
bution to this end.

Yours cooperatively,

Shirley Field-Ridley
Shirley Field-Ridley,
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