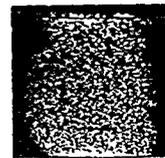


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Rev. Robert Barrow

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July 25th, 1978.

Dear Father Barrow,

Your name was given to me by a friend of mine, Father A. I am writing to you, and also to Bishop Singh, because I have a very serious problem, and my son and eleven hundred other Americans in "Jonestown", Guyana may desperately need help.

First of all, I would like to ask that my name be held in strict confidence due to the possibility of retaliation against my son, by Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple.

My son, X.Y., was raised a Catholic, but, like many young people, left (or drifted) from the Church, and became involved in the Peoples Temple, which is a "religious" cult. About (date) he left for Guyana, without even saying goodbye to any of his family. If you read the enclosed article, you will understand why I am so terribly worried. I talked to the girl in the article, and she told me even worse things than were printed. I have also spoken to several other former members of the Temple, and they all are frightened, and say the same thing.

Aside from their testimony, I know personally, from my own son, that Jones claims to be healing cancer, raising people from the dead, and "protecting" his people from any physical harm such as an automobile accident. I saw a change in my son, and I believe him to be most fanatical and thoroughly brainwashed.

It is very difficult to get either the government of the U.S. or of Guyana to move. Not many people here heard of the Peoples Temple, so it is hard to arouse public opinion, so that someone will go in there and investigate thoroughly, what is going on, and give everyone there a chance to leave without fear, if they wish to. According to Deborah Layton, certain church members put on a show when the U.S. Consul or other members of government visit the outpost.

We may not have time in our favor, Father, so I would be most thankful for any help you could give me. Have you heard anything about this? I hear that there are two groups in the church, those who are in the privileged class and are allowed more freedom, and those who are not.

If you know anyone who could help us force an investigation, or just arouse people to do something to help find out exactly what the real truth is, it would be most helpful.

I would be grateful for your prayers for the safety and well being of those people, and for any information you could give me. Perhaps if the local Council of Churches, if you have one, could pressure the government there would be inspectors stationed out there until the truth comes out.

Please do whatever you can, Father, and let me hear from you as soon as possible. I have been worrying about this for a long time - there has been quite a lot of adverse publicity for over a year, but this latest is the worst. Remember, please to keep my name confidential, because I don't want my son hurt because of me. Jones was very politically involved in California and I hear he has "friends" in the government there, too.

Thank you so much for any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Z.Y. (address supplied)

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THIS NIGHTMARE IS TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW

WILL YOU HELP US FREE OUR FAMILIES?

WHO ARE THE "CONCERNED RELATIVES"?

We are individuals having only one bond in common relatives isolated in the "Jonestown" jungle encampment in Guyana, South America, under the total control of one man, Jim Jones. We espouse no political or religious viewpoint. Our only concern is for our families. We are bewildered and frightened by what is being done to them. Their human rights are being violated and the fabric of our family life is being torn apart.

WHAT SPECIFICALLY IS BEING DONE TO OUR RELATIVES?

These are the sad and terrible facts:

*All decisions in Jonestown are made by one man, Jim Jones. There is no democracy. There is no dissent permitted.

*Armed guards are stationed around Jonestown to prevent anyone leaving unless given express permission by the leader. 200 guns have been transported in. A "SWAT" team patrols the borders of Jonestown.

*Passports and monies are confiscated by Jones upon arrival of his members in Guyana so that they cannot be "cleared" by the Immigration Officials to leave Guyana.

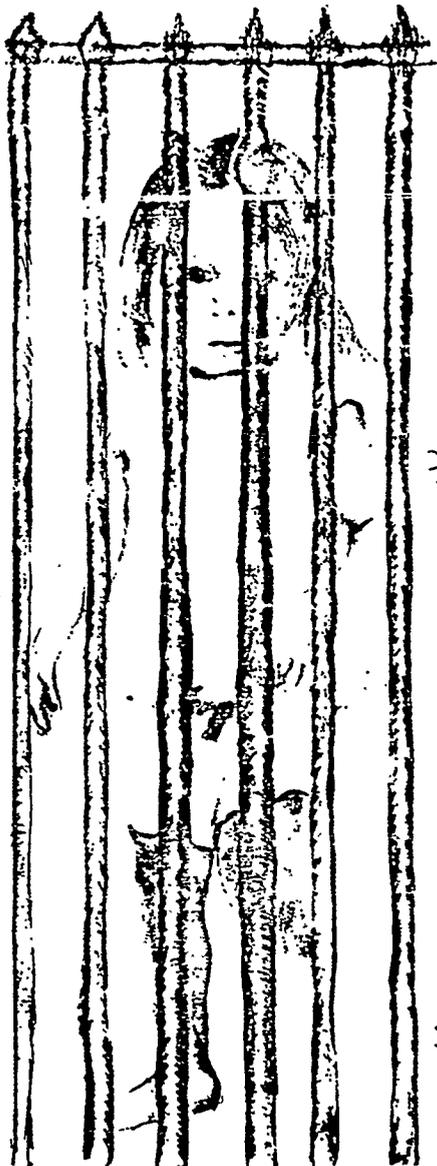
*Long distance telephone calls to the United States are prohibited as part of Jones' campaign that all family ties be cut in favor of his "cause".

*All incoming and outgoing mail is censored.

*No one is permitted to leave Jonestown except on business for the "cause" and then only in the company of other residents who are required to spy and report back to Jones

*The residents are told that if they try to leave the Peoples Temple organization, they will be killed and their bodies left in the jungle.

*Their leader, Jim Jones, says publicly that a "unanimous vote" of the 1,000 residents of Jonestown (including children) was taken to put "our lives on the line" if the alleged "harrassment" continues. Jones has held mock "mass suicide" sessions to condition his members to die for "the cause" at the moment he gives the order.



JONESTOWN
CONCENTRATION CAMP.
GUYANA, SOUTH AMERICA

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WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU AS A "CONCERNED CITIZEN" TO HELP?

Because we are desperate and don't know what else to do. Neither the Guyana government nor the United States government thus far has been willing to intervene. Jones simply ignores court orders.

We want our loved ones to be allowed to live in freedom. There appears to be only one way to achieve this -- to publicize the truth and to pressure the Prime Minister of Guyana both directly and through the U.S. State Department. We sent a petition on May 10, 1978, to Prime Minister Burnham requesting him to:

1. Order a governmental investigation of Jonestown with inspectors placed there around the clock.
2. Order Jones to stop violating the human and legal rights of our relatives. Specifically, to order Jones to:
 - a. Remove all guards preventing people from leaving Jonestown;
 - b. Return passports and money;
 - c. Permit our relatives to mix with local Guyanese as individuals;
 - d. Stop censoring mail;
 - e. Permit our relatives to return home for a one-week visit at our expense, return fare guaranteed, to show they are not being held against their will;
 - f. Abide by the lawful orders of the courts in the U.S.
3. Expel Jones from Guyana if he refuses to abide by these orders.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP US?

Three Things:

- * Pray for the safe return of our loved ones soon, even if only for a one-week home visit at our expense, return fare being guaranteed, so we can know they have free will to choose.
- * Write to the two officials with power to force Jones to respect human and legal rights:

Honorable Forbes Burnham
Prime Minister of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana
Public Buildings
Georgetown, Guyana, South America
and

Honorable Cyrus Vance
Secretary of State of the United States
2201 "C" Street
N.W. Washington, D.C. 20520

- * Give as you feel led to help defray expenses, which are considerable. Send your check to:

CONCERNED RELATIVES AND CITIZENS
120 Montgomery Street, Suite 1700
San Francisco, California 94104

(An application for tax-exempt status will soon be filed with I.R.S. Our attorneys say "Concerned Relatives and Citizens" meets all the requirements and that approval by the I.R.S. will be retroactive to include donations made now.)

THANK YOU FROM THE DEPTHS OF OUR HEARTS!

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Ex-Peoples Temple Member

Grim Report From Jungle

By Marshall Kilduff

The Peoples Temple jungle outpost in South America was portrayed yesterday as a remote realm where the church leader, the Rev. Jim Jones, orders public beatings, maintains a squad of 50 armed guards and has involved his 1100 followers in a threat of mass suicide.

This description was provided by Deborah Layton, 25, who was a top aide of Jones until she asked American consular officials 1 month to safeguard her departure from Guyana, where the temple has its agricultural mission.

Jones became the center of a storm of controversy last summer when he slipped out of San Francisco with his followers for Guyana. public charges were made by former followers that Jones had performed false medical cures to win converts, that he oversaw beatings of church members in closed meetings and that he amassed more than \$5 million in donations.

According to Layton, Jones has become a "paranoid" obsessed with "traitors" in his own ranks who question him or do not work hard enough in the farm fields and with an outside world that has publicized his critics.

The feverpitch emotions of temple members that allowed Jones to dispatch them to civil rights causes and liberal political rallies in California has now turned to a military-style vigilance against an imminent attack by unspecified "mercenaries," Layton said.

The temple fields are patrolled by two rings of khaki-uniformed armed guards, men and women members of "security alert teams" who have access to 200 to 300 rifles, 25 pistols and a homemade bazooka, Layton said.

Discipline, she said, is handled at public gatherings of the entire church community. On one occasion an elderly woman was humiliated by being forced to strip, younger members are "knuckled" by having fists ground into their foreheads, and others are ordered to an underground "box" where



DEBORAH LAYTON, A FORMER AIDE TO JIM JONES
She told of armed guards and savage discipline

they must sit for day at a time, Layton said.

Jones has ringed the work fields with loudspeakers and talks for stretches of up to six hours, she added. Farmhands are expected to work from 5:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. with an hour for lunch and another hour for dinner before more sermons lasting until midnight, Layton said.

The diet consists mostly of rice, purchased in the Guyana capital of Georgetown because the forest is

not expected to be self-sufficient for another three years she said.

She said that on the occasion of visits from outsiders whom Jones wished to impress, church members are treated to meat and vegetables. Other trusted followers she claimed were drilled to give optimistic opinions about life at the mission, called Jonestown.

Jones, who often went to elaborate lengths to protect his public image in San Francisco, has re-

mained at the mission, refusing even to venture into Georgetown, she reported.

Among his concerns has been pending child custody case in the Guyana capital. Former church members Grace and Tim Stoen are seeking a court injunction ordering Jones to return custody of 6-year-old John Stoen, who Jones claims is his natural son by Grace Stoen.

When Guyanese government officials indicated the court was about to rule against him, Jones told the officials know that his entire community would kill themselves, Layton said.

She said the 1100 followers were told to drink a bitter brown liquid potion, after which they supposedly would fall asleep and then be shot by Jones' guards. The rehearsal went as far as having the community drink a phony potion before Jones called it off, Layton added.

Layton said she was able to leave Guyana by wangling a trip to Georgetown. After several days she secretly arranged with American consular officials to obtain an emergency passport and flew to New York on May 13. She is now living in San Francisco.

"Everyone there wants to leave, I'm sure of it," she said. "But you never get a chance to be alone. Everyone is told to spy on other people."

Layton, who was in charge of church finances here before joining the Guyana colony last December, said Jones controls bank accounts in Europe, California and Guyana containing "at least \$10 million."