

VACATION HIGHLIGHTS

This is the Capital Building in Washington D.C. where the main group of 22 buses stopped on their way around the country this August, 1961. The group was warmly greeted by Congressman James C. Hayes in front of the building.

While we were in Washington D.C. we were featured by the leading newspaper of the area, and a four-page story was written, talking of the activities of Peoples Temple and praising the interracial group. Imagine, if you can, the impact of a group of mostly black people, totally interracial, going to the Capital Building to visit this representation.

What a welcome sign this group must be they are interested in brotherhood and equality! How thank you are that we can be living witnesses that INTEGRATION DOES WORK!



Even though it was somewhat out of the way, Pastor Jones and the group unanimously decided to visit his home town, Lynn, Indiana. The group was fortunate to see points of historic interest that marked the beginning of Pastor Jim's ministry, and to visit with his dear friend, Myrtle Kennedy, who was a positive influence in his early life.

Myrtle Kennedy took him in as a child and fed him when he was hungry. She spoke with him often, listening to the words of wisdom that seemed to come from a deep understanding of life far beyond his years.

Here you see Pastor Jim giving Myrtle Kennedy her copy of his record, which includes the song "Down From His Glory" sung by Pastor Jones, and other Temple favorites. He also delivered her copy of THE LIVING WORD, the magazine that is published by the Peoples Temple staff.

Her relatives, also shown here, warmly received Jim after having heard about him from her.

When Jim Jones was only 7 and 8 years old, his location was a one-room church that he attended. He was often asked to preach as a child because even then it was realized that he had a message that could change the world if people would listen to him and heed the message that he gave.

Some of that young age his life was dedicated to the cause, and he knew that he had a mission to fulfill as we also would fulfill.

The one-room church was very much help to his ministry.



Rev. James W. Jones



...as others see him

Reverend James W. Jones is an officially-ordained minister of the 1.4 million member Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination. He has been pastor of his church for 22 years. He is a graduate of Butler University, has studied extensively in Biblical history and exegesis, spent two years on sabbatical as a foreign missionary establishing programs for orphans abroad, and has, with his wife, Marjorie, adopted impoverished children of two ethnic backgrounds.

For many years Jim Jones combined the pastoring of a church with being a public schoolteacher and with being a very successful businessman. During all this time, he has worked hard to establish a congregation of principled persons who would practice literally the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned. The result has been Peoples Temple Christian Church, through which significant things are being done for humanity, including the rehabilitation of over 100 young persons from drugs, many of whom are now living in college dormitories provided by the church and are training for careers in medicine and other humane services.

Jim Jones carries on a calm, sane spiritual teaching ministry known for working closely with medical science. He ministers each week to three churches: in Redwood Valley, San Angeles, and San Francisco. Rev. Jones' strong belief in the Constitution and responsible citizenship has led to his serving with distinction in many civic posts, including becoming the local grand jury and executive director of the human rights commission of a large metropolitan city. Last year he was given the Special Mark Award for civic leadership by the San Francisco San Reporter. Jim and Marjorie Jones exemplify a deep reverence for all life and care for all kinds of animals. They live modestly in a cedar block house with wood trim, in Redwood Valley, California.

WHAT FOLLOWS ARE BRIEF STATEMENTS ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANT SERVICE OF OTHERS SEE IT.

PROBABLY THE LARGEST

People's Temple ranks as probably the largest religious congregation in Northern California, according to figures compiled by officials of several Protestant denominations.

A "HEAVILY BEGARDED" CHURCH

Called here formerly Peoples Temple, this church is best known and highly regarded for its social work which includes housing and feeding underprivileged and medical care, including a clinic for retarded boys, rehabilitating juvenile drug users, and housing 100 members as well as members of the 100 through village and legal clinics.

The Francisco Chronicle, 11/11/77

SPECIAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE

In place of ordinary prayers to announce that you have been selected as recipient of the Special Service Medal... This recognition is a mark of your exceptional service, including efforts in stabilizing our economy, providing housing and health care for our citizens, and your selfless dedication to the welfare of our people. It is a mark of your exceptional service to our country and to the world.

William H. Garrison, 11/11/77

THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

People's Temple Christian Church supports First Amendment... in the life of our nation in which government is essential to our freedom. I would like to commend the Hon. James W. Jones, who is pastor of the church, and every member of his congregation for their outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded.



James Jim Jones and his daughter with, three lines, are seen here with their beautiful, adopted children, "Barnaby Rudge" and grandchildren.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION: "No One Served"

The Hon. James Jones will be closely followed as Executive Secretary of the House's Commission on Human Rights. He was elected after long search. In the report, he said about his job diplomatically but strongly and profound results.

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URGENT SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

People's Temple is a caring community of people of all ages and abilities. They have the heart of compassion for all - compassion for the hungry and jobless, for all children, and also for the earth and her people.

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SPENDING THE FIRST AMENDMENT:

The New American Peace Association, to all intents and purposes strictly on their own, and have not received outside contributions for its main task of educating and promoting freedom of information in the American. Recently, however, we received an unexpected contribution that was very timely. We accepted with gratitude and the appreciation of the high churchmen that moved the donors. The donation came from the congregation of the Peoples Temple Christian Church, of Redwood Valley, California. When the Rev. James W. Jones, has opened a new chapter in defense of the First Amendment to the Constitution.

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SPORT FOR PEACE OFFICERS:

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VIEW OF FORMER TV NEWS BUREAU CHIEF:

"While a news bureau chief for the CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, I came to do a feature study on Peoples Temple in November, 1972. I discovered the most dedicated person in the cause of humanity I've ever met. I found Pastor Jim Jones' motives and humanitarian principles to be unexceptionally honorable. He is exemplifying the life of Christ by working day and night to relieve suffering and establish true brotherhood, wherever he can. I have become so impressed with the integrity of this humble and selfless man that I recently gave up that position to work full time for this incredible ministry."

... Michael J. Prokes, former news bureau chief for CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, California (March 7, 1973)...

VIEW OF LOCAL CLERGY:

"(Program is meeting) the needs of people... is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven-day-a-week program of the Peoples Temple with its teams of teachers and lawyers, its dentists just a few, who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow men."

... Dr. Elmer Schmidt, President of the Ukiah Ministerial Association (reputation Church Program, published in Ukiah Daily Journal, September, 1971)...

VIEW OF A SEMINARY PROFESSOR:

"James Jones seems to have great qualities. His socio-psychological powers are quite extraordinary.... Obviously this man has some powers (not dissimilar to those of Jesus in the Biblical record) that are beyond those of most of us. His capacity to help sick and decrepit people is also evident...."

... James Carley, Professor of Christian Theological Seminary (in letter published in *San Francisco Star*, Dec. 22, 1971)...

VIEW OF AN ATTORNEY:

"Jim Jones is the most principled, compassionate, and dynamic human being I've ever encountered. He knows his own mind and is totally secure. He loves people, fears nothing, and stands publicly for everything he believes privately. Although remarkably intelligent, he speaks in simple terms and lives a simple life. His respect for life insects and all other life in the eco-system is immense. He believes fervently in the Bill of Rights, appreciates the blood and sweat from which those rights were forged, and is prepared, I am convinced, to lay down even his

life in their defense. He rigorously opposes totalitarianism in any form. He has inspired his congregation, too, to care about society and to have the courage of their convictions. How utterly fortunate it is that America has Jim Jones - a citizen who truly lives his ideals."

... Eugene B. Chaffin, Attorney at Law (July, 1973)...

DISCIPLES LEADER SPEAKS:

"The program of the congregation seems to be wide in its concerns, ranging from care of abandoned animals through orphaned homes, homes for the aged, financial support of students in college, legal services for the community, narcotics rehabilitation, in fact, it is apparent that no human need is expressed without an honest attempt being made to meet that need. I have the impression the congregation is ready, willing and able to assist any human being with almost any problem. Concern for racial structure and processes is also evident.... One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best: a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve.... Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity."

... Rev. Gerald Mallory, Associate Regional Pastor, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for Southern California, in their report dated April 8, 1973...

VIEW OF THE WASHINGTON POST EDITORS:

"The hands-down winners of anybody's tourist-of-the-year award have got to be the 600 wonderful members of the People's Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif. - who head over backwards to leave every place they visit most attractive than when they arrived. Like thousands of other tourists, they went calling on the U.S. Capitol the other day, but unlike others who try to slip through our lives spreading their better-than-thou, self-glorified group of travelers banned out from their 12 buses and spent about an hour cleaning up the grounds."

One 65-year old woman who was policing the area at the foot of the Capitol explained to reporter Frank Jones that the members take pleasure in sweeping across the country this way. The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, has already won friends in dozens of cities since the tour left Redwood Valley Aug. 6, and still more are set to benefit by the members' stops on their return trip."

... Editorial, Washington Post (Aug. 12, 1973)

PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH: AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY OF HUMAN SERVICES INSPIRED BY THE EXAMPLE OF PASTOR JIM JONES

Through many programs designed to relieve human suffering and bring health and well-being to the disadvantaged, Peoples Temple has reached out to help persons all over the world. Food and supplies have been sent to help needy persons facing disease and starvation both at home and abroad -- including the Sub-Sahara region of Africa, Biafra, Bangladesh, Appalachia, and Indian reservations everywhere. Peoples Temple has also contributed funds and assistance to many Catholic, Protestant and Jewish social service programs, as well as aiding Soviet Jewish refugees in Eastern Europe.

Various kinds of support have been given to all kinds of humanitarian concerns and charities representing a host of efforts toward common goals. One of Pastor Jones' biggest concerns is medical care and he has directed that funds be sent regularly to support medical research. Also legal services are available for those who need them.

Peoples Temple provides emergency assistance in practically every kind of human crisis situation where immediate help is required. When a family has been burned out of their home or has been about to lose it due to hardship, Peoples Temple responded. A community center has been built for use by all people, no matter what race or religion, agency or organization they may belong to. Whenever possible, members of Peoples Temple meet the needs of others by contributing their own physical labor. This was done most recently when Temple members organized a team to paint a local public elementary and junior high school, saving the school district thousands of dollars.

Pastor Jim Jones has drawn together people of all races and creeds to work as a united "family" for the good of humanity. Unfortunately, there are elements in our society which attempt to propagate hate and are unable to appreciate people who do not simply preach, but endeavor to practice brotherhood and equality. Despite this, Peoples Temple remains a peace-loving group, which even transferred its funds to the Bank of America when Board Chairman Louis Lundborg announced his opposition to United States military involvement in Southeast Asia. It is the fervent desire of Pastor Jones and Peoples Temple members to help establish a society where hate and violence do not exist, and where, instead, a cooperative spirit of harmony and brotherhood prevails.

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Pastor Jim Jones, who has served as Grand Jury Foreman, and as a highly respected member of the regional Juvenile Justice Commission, feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities today and in the future. Local officials have consistently commended Pastor Jones' congregations for being exceptionally law-abiding. The Pastor's emphasis upon respect for law enforcement has resulted in a remarkable record for Peoples Temple members in helping many persons to become rehabilitated and successfully reintegrated into the mainstream of society. The Temple's program also has been an effective instrument for bringing scores of youth off hard-line drugs and guiding them to a life of productive citizenship. Some of them are now working in law enforcement around the state.

Inspired by Pastor Jones' example, the Peoples Temple congregation voted long ago to make substantial contributions, amounting to thousands of dollars, for law enforcement programs and for equipment that the Police Department budgets did not allow for. For example, in Los Angeles, Peoples Temple has frequently contributed to community relations programs and offered its church annex to the Ramparts Division for holding Basic Car Plan meetings. In San Francisco, support has been given to the Drug Prevention Program and a contribution made to the Police Summer Youth Fishing Program. In Ukiah, Peoples Temple has supported the Police Drug Abuse Program, purchased reserve officers' uniforms, financed a public address system in the Mendocino County Jail, and donated to the California Highway Patrol for its Drunk Driving Prevention Program. The Temple also helped to put out a booklet on junior citizenship entitled, "Laws for Ukiah Youth," which was circulated in all area public schools.

Pastor Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church wish to:

EXPRESS THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION to the Law Enforcement personnel of California - especially in the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Ukiah areas - who practice with valor the Equal Enforcement of the Laws, and

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AS OTHERS SEE IT:**

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... Dr. John Moore, Dist. Superintendent of the
United Methodist Church for Oakland and the East
Bay, Calif. (March 2, 1973)

"Peoples Temple Christian Church Supports First Amendment" is the title of extended remarks in which a prominent Congressman states, "I would like to commend the Rev. James W. Jones, who is pastor of the church, and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded."

... *Congressional Record* (May, 1973)

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... *IAPA News*, Feb-March 1973, Inter American
Press Association, in article entitled, "Church
Devotion Aids Fight for Press Freedom." ...

"Pastor Jim Jones teaches Christianity, brotherly love, kindness, and willingness to help friends in need at all times. He teaches all of these things to his members, and insists that they live this type of life every minute of every day. One of his favorite expressions is: 'We are our brother's keeper.' This idea coincides with his teachings completely."

... J. Bruce Massey, M.D. (Physician and Surgeon)
in letter "To Whom It May Concern," dated
July 17, 1973 ...

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PEOPLES TEMPLE IS THE ANSWER TO YOUR NEEDS
Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ)

PEOPLES TEMPLE IS OUR RELIGION

Pastor JIM JONES has taught us that being our brother's keeper is the highest form of faith. Our facilities at the Mother Church in Redwood Valley are a tribute to this principle. It is said in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and minister to the sick. Peoples Temple is making those words of Christ a reality in our day.



Peoples Temple apartments, laundromat, and project center in Redwood Valley.



Mother Church, Redwood Valley



Hilltop Haven Convalescent Home was recently commended by state officials for its outstanding level of geriatric care.



Peoples Temple, Los Angeles, was established a year ago to meet the needs of our thousands of members in Southern California.



Pastor Jones' concern for every living thing is manifested by the number of stray and abandoned animals he has taken into the animal shelter. He is seen here with some of his little friends.



Happy Acres Boy's Ranch is managed by Peoples Temple members who love and care for handicapped children.



Temple buses are on the road every day of the week as we spread the Good News of Pastor Jones' Spiritual Healing Ministry.

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PASTOR JIM JONES
&
PEOPLES TEMPLE
As Viewed By Others

Medical Doctor: "I have attended many meetings of Pastor Jim Jones, and many times have I seen him demonstrate his supernatural power before the eyes of all present. . . . I am convinced that these miraculous cures are genuine and permanent. Pastor Jones is unique in his performance, he should be seen and heard by people of the entire world."

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LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

"The apparent depth of respect which your congregation holds for law enforcement agencies in general and for this Department, in particular, is most gratifying and deeply appreciated.

"Your congregation's firm stand in support of the police is most vital and germane in the performance of their dangerous and endless task of protecting and serving the citizens of our free society. It is organizations like yours . . . throughout the country that are to be especially commended for the nobility of reason and maturity of vision in giving the most needed support to the efforts of law enforcement."

E. M. Davis, Chief of Police

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"You are to be commended for . . . outstanding service to mankind."

Donald M. Scott, Chief of Police

"The knowledge of your good deeds has been with us for a long time."

President, S. F. Police Commission

FRESNO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Those in police work are constantly aware of the lack of community resources and existence of viable rehabilitation programs designed to help our young people return to productive lives. Thank heaven there are individuals and organizations, such as the Peoples Temple, who not only recognize this need but are also doing something about it.

"My congratulations to you and your organization for your much appreciated efforts. If we can ever be of assistance, do not hesitate calling on us."

H. E. Britton, Chief of Police

CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

"The Peoples Temple Church certainly deserves accolades from those of us engaged in the field of crime prevention, for the moral, physical, and spiritual leadership it has provided for citizens . . ."

James M. Rochford, Superintendent of Police

UKIAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

"I wish to introduce you to the Reverend Jim Jones and members of the Peoples Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, California.

"Jim and his church members strongly support law enforcement and they also respect the property rights of others. They have never trespassed, destroyed or littered. In fact, any area they visit will benefit because the grounds are 'policed' and all litter is removed prior to their departure.

"Any assistance you may give to the church members will be greatly appreciated. If, for any reason, you desire additional information, feel free to contact me or any member of my department."

Donn D. Saulsbury, Chief of Police

Pastor Jim Jones



Welcomes Mayor



to Peoples Temple

The Honorable Mayor of Los Angeles, Thomas Bradley, came to worship at the beautiful Peoples Temple in Los Angeles on a recent Sunday. The mayor appeared sincerely touched by what he saw, as he spoke to an overflow congregation which packed the huge sanctuary. Here are some of his remarks:

"I am really pleased and inspired by what I have seen. Here truly is a man - Pastor Jim Jones - who is touched by God. He has not been able to bring you together from such a variety of backgrounds, such a difference of interests, such a difference of colors, such a difference of education - without being sent to do that very thing."

"My ultimate ambition is the same as yours and Pastor Jones'. It is to bring about the unification of people . . . to bring together people from various backgrounds so that they may understand that, indeed, each is his brothers' keeper. If we can develop that kind of universal love, we won't have to worry about unemployment, crime, drugs, and all the other things that plague us in our lives. The Spirit will unite us and we shall overcome!"

"I ask for your prayers and your blessings and help, but most of all I ask that you continue to support - continue to lift up - Pastor Jim Jones."

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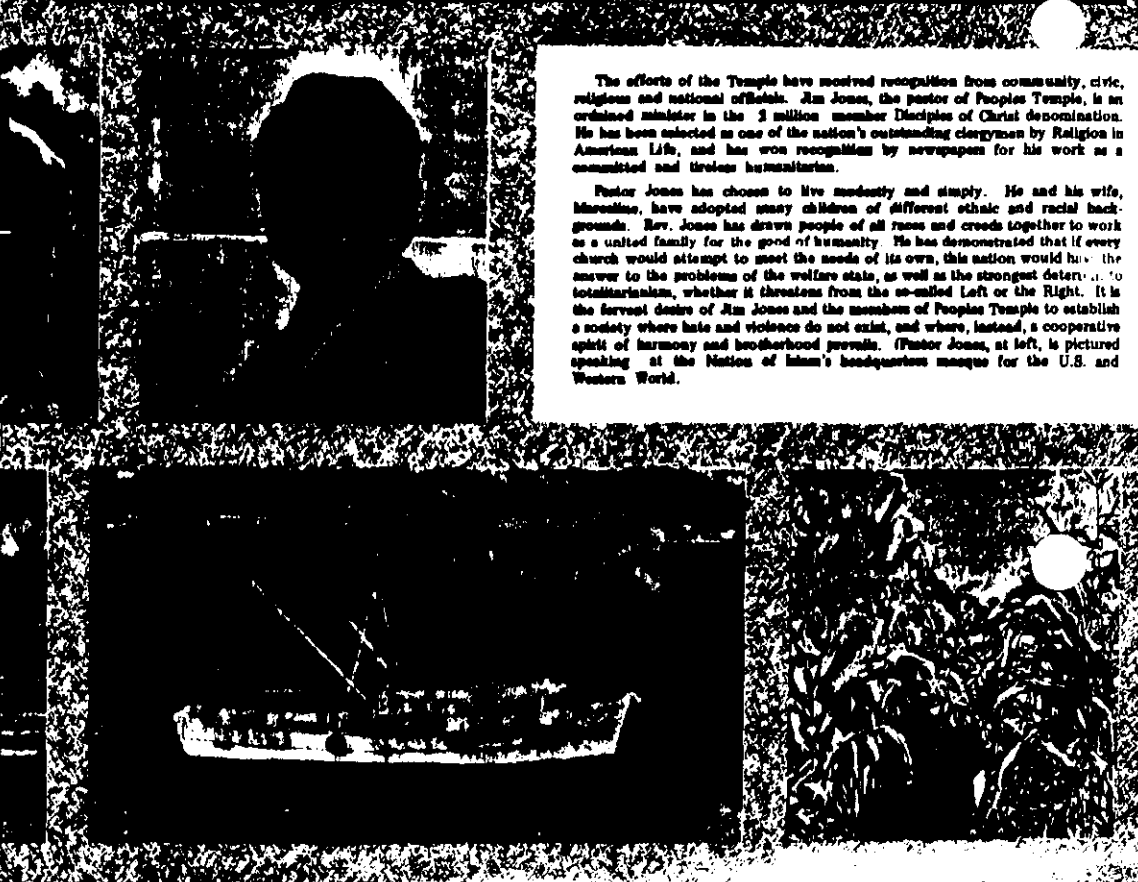
This extensive and highly regarded ministry provides various kinds of support to all types of humanitarian concerns and charities, representing a host of efforts toward common goals. One of the Temple's biggest concerns is medical care. Funds are sent regularly to support medical research into a wide range of areas including cancer, sickle-cell anemia, and multiple sclerosis. The church's own staff of professional medical people, including registered nurses, provide care to members and to the community. Legal assistance is provided by a staff of attorneys to those who need it. Food and clothing are provided on an emergency basis. A unique, effective drug rehabilitation program has successfully rescued more than 300 young people from dangerous drug habits. Many individuals with backgrounds in crime and military have been reformed by the church and Pastor Jones' non-violent teachings. They are now productive and respected citizens, and there has been practically no return to former patterns.

Peoples Temple provides assistance in almost every kind of human crisis situation where immediate help is required. In some cases where families were banned out of their homes as well as in many hardship cases, Peoples Temple has responded. A community center with an indoor swimming pool has been built by the church for use by all people, no matter what race or religion, agency or organization to which they may belong. Inexpensive care homes have been established for senior citizens, orphans, and exceptional children. Modern convalescent centers, operated by Temple members, have won commendations for their high level of care. Educational programs are sponsoring the training of young people of all faiths on Temple scholarships. These young people desire to help humanity with their functions. A large animal refuge center, known throughout the region, takes in sick, abandoned and stray animals, which are all treated by veterinarians and given the best of care.



The efforts of the Temple have received recognition from community, civic, religious and national officials. Jim Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple, is an ordained minister in the 2 million member Disciples of Christ denomination. He has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding clergymen by Religion in American Life, and has won recognition by newspapers for his work as a committed and tireless humanitarian.

Pastor Jones has chosen to live modestly and simply. He and his wife, Marceline, have adopted many children of different ethnic and racial backgrounds. Rev. Jones has drawn people of all races and creeds together to work as a united family for the good of humanity. He has demonstrated that if every church would attempt to meet the needs of its own, this action would have the answer to the problems of the welfare state, as well as the strongest deterrent to totalitarianism, whether it threatens from the so-called Left or the Right. It is the fervent desire of Jim Jones and the members of Peoples Temple to establish a society where hate and violence do not exist, and where, instead, a cooperative spirit of harmony and brotherhood prevails. (Pastor Jones, at left, is pictured speaking at the Nation of Man's headquarters mausoleum for the U.S. and Western World.



KNOW YOUR ENEMY

6 San Francisco Chronicle

Wed., Feb. 13, 1974

SYMBIONESE 'DECLARATION'

This is the complete text of the "Declaration of Revolutionary War" that accompanied the ransom letter received yesterday in the Patricia Hearst kidnaping case:

THE SYMBIONESE FEDERATION & THE SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY DECLARATION OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR & THE SYMBIONESE PROGRAM

AUGUST 21, 1973

The Symbionese Federation and The Symbionese Liberation Army is a united and federated grouping of members of different races and people and socialist political parties of the oppressed people of The Fascist United States of America, who have under black and minority leadership formed and joined The Symbionese Federated Republic and have agreed to struggle together in behalf of all their people and races and political parties interest in the gaining of **FREEDOM** and **SELF DETERMINATION** and **INDEPENDENCE** for all their people and races.

The Symbionese Federation is **NOT A GOVERNMENT**, but rather it is a united and federated formation of members of different races and political parties who have agreed to struggle in a **UNITED FRONT** for the independence and self determination of each of their races and people and The Liquidation of the Common Enemy.

And who by this federated formation represent their future and independent pre-governments and nations of their people and races. The Symbionese Federation is **NOT A PARTY** but rather it is a Federation, for its members are made up of members of all political parties and organizations and races of all the most oppressed people of this fascist nation, thereby forming unity and the full representation of the interests of all the people.

The Symbionese Liberation Army is an army of the people, and is made up of members of all the people. The S.L.A. has no political power or political person over it that dictates who will fight and die if needed for the freedom of our people and children, but does not risk their life or fight so for our freedom, but rather the S.L.A. is both political and military in that the army officer, whether female or male is also the political officer and they both are the laughers and sons of the people and they both fight as well as speak for the freedom of our people and children.

The Symbionese Federation and The Symbionese Liberation Army is made up of the aged, youth and women and men of all races and people. The name Symbionese taken from the word symbiosis and we define its meaning as a body of dissimilar bodies and organisms living in deep and loving harmony and partnership in the best interest of all within the body.

We of the Symbionese Federation and The S.L.A. define ourselves by this name because it states that we are no longer willing to allow the enemy of all our people and children to murder, oppress and exploit us nor define us by color and thereby maintain division among us, but rather have joined together under black and minority leadership on behalf of all our different races and people to build a better and new world for our children and people's future. We are a United Front and Federated Coalition of members from the Asian, Black, Brown, Indian, White, Women, Grey and Gay Liberation Movements.

Who have all come to see and understand that only we unite and build our new world and future, will there really be a future for our children and people. We of the People and not the ruling capitalist class, will build a new world and system. Where there is really freedom and a true meaning to justice and equality for all women and men of all races and people, and an end to the murder and oppression, exploitation of all people.

We of the Symbionese Federation and The S.L.A. are the children of all oppressed people, who have decided to redefine ourselves as a Symbionese Race and People, recognizing the rich cultures of each and enforcing the rights to existence of our many cultures within a united Federation of independent and sovereign nations, each of them flourishing and protected by its own laws and laws of self determination.

We are of many colors, but yet of one mind, for all in history's time on this earth have become part of each other in suffering and in mind, and have agreed that the murder, oppression and exploitation of our children and people must end now, for we all have seen the murder, oppression and exploitation of our people for too long under the hand of the same enemy and class of people under the same system.

Knowing this, the Symbionese Federation and The S.L.A. know that our often murderous alienation from each other aids and is one of the fundamental strengths behind the ruling capitalist class's ability to murder and oppress us all. By not allowing them to define us by color, and also recognizing that by refusing ourselves to also internalize this false division definition, knowing that in mind and body we are facing the same enemy and that we are all comrades of one people, the murdered and oppressed, we are now able to become a united people under the Symbionese Federation and make true the words of our codes of unity that **TO DIE A PACE, AND BE BORN A NATION, IS TO BECOME FREE.**

Therefore, we of the Symbionese Federation and the S.L.A. DO NOT under the rights of human beings submit to the murder, oppression and exploitation of our children and people and do under the rights granted to the people under the Declaration of Independence of The United States do now by the rights of our children and people and by Force of Arms and with every drop of our blood, Declare Revolutionary War against the Fascist Capitalist Class, and all their agents of murder, oppression and exploitation. We support by Force of Arms the just struggles of all oppressed people for self determination and independence within the United States and The World. And hereby offer to all liberation movements, revolutionary workers groups, and peoples organizations our total aid and support for struggle for freedom and justice for all people and races. We call upon all revolutionary black and other oppressed people within the Fascist United States to come together and join The Symbionese Federation and fight in the forces of The Symbionese Liberation Army.

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THE GOALS OF THE SYMBIONESE LIBERATION ARMY

1. To unite all oppressed people into a fighting force and to destroy the system of the capitalist state and all its value systems. To create in its place a system and sovereign systems that are in the total interest of all its races, and people, based on the true affirmation of life, love, trust, and honesty, freedom and equality that is truly for all.
2. To assure the rights of all people to self determination and the rights to build their own nation and government, with representatives that have shown through their actions to be in the interest of their people. To give the right to all people to select and elect their own representatives and governments by direct vote.
3. To build a people's federated council, who will be a male and female of each People's Council or Sovereign Nation of The Symbionese Federation of Nations, who shall be the representatives of their nations in the forming of trade pacts and unified defense against any external enemy that may attack any of the free nations of the federation and to form other aids to each others' needs.
4. To aid and defend the cultural rights of all the sovereign nations of The Symbionese Federation, and to aid each nation in the building of educational and other institutions to meet and serve this need for its people.
5. To place the control of all the institutions and industries, of each nation into the hands of its people. To aid sovereign nations of the federation to build nations where work contributes concretely to the full interest and needs of its workers and the communal interest of its communities and its people and the mutual interest of all within the federation of nations.

6. To aid and defend the rights of all oppressed people to build nations which do not institute oppression and exploitation, but rather does institute the environment of freedom and defends that freedom on all levels and for all of the people, and by any means necessary.

7. To give back to all people their human and constitutional rights, liberty, equality and justice and the right to bear arms in the defense of these rights.

8. To create a system where our aged are cared for with respect, love, and kindness and aided and encouraged to become assets in their own ways to their nations and to their communal community. That the life that moves around them is not a frightening and murderous one and where life is not a fear, but rather one of love and feeling and of unity.

9. To create a system and laws that will neither force people into nor force them to stay into personal relationships that they do not wish to be in, and to destroy all chains instituted by legal and social laws of the capitalist state which acts as a reinforcing system to maintain its form of imprisonment.

10. To create institutions that will aid, reinforce and educate the growth of our comrade women and aid them in making a new true and better role to live in life and in the defining of themselves as a new and free people.

11. To create new forms of life and relationships that bring true meanings of love to people's relationships, and to form communes on the community level and bring the children of the community into being the responsibility of the community, to place our children in the union of real comradeship and in the care and loving interest of the revolutionary community.

12. To destroy the prison system, which the capitalist state has used to imprison the oppressed and exploited, and thereby destroy the love, unity, and hopes of millions of lives and families. And to create in its place a system of comradeship and that of group unity and education on a communal and revolutionary level within the community, to bring home our daughters and sons, and sisters and brothers, fathers and mothers and welcome them home with love and a new revolutionary comradeship of unity.

13. To take control of all state land and that of the capitalist class and to give back the land to the people. To farm laws and codes that safeguard that no person can own the land, or sell the land, but rather the nations' people own the land and use it for their needs and interest to live. No one can own or sell the air, the sky, the water, the trees, the birds, the sun, for all of this world belongs to the people of this earth.

14. To take control of all buildings and apartment buildings of the capitalist class and fascist government and then to totally destroy the real system of exploitation.

15. To build a federation of nations, who shall formulate programs and unions of actions and interests that will destroy the capitalist value system and its other anti-human institutions and who will be able to do this by meeting all the basic needs of all of the people and their nations. For they will be all able to do this because each nation will have full control of all of its industries and institutions and does not run them for profit, but in the full interest of all the people of its nation.

18.—To destroy all forms and institutions of Racism, Sexism, Ageism, Capitalism, Fascism, Individualism, Possessiveness, Competitiveness and all other such institutions that have made and sustained capitalism and the capitalist class system that has oppressed and exploited all of the people of our history.

By this means and the mutual aid and unity of each nation within The Symbionese Federation, will each nation be able to provide to each person and couple and family free of cost the five basic needs of life, which are food, health care, housing, education and clothing, and in this way allowing people to be able to find and form new values and new systems of relationships and interests based on a new meaning to life and love.

**IF THE QUEST FOR FREEDOM IS DEATH
THEN BY THE DEATH OF THE ENEMY WILL
BLACK AND OTHER OPPRESSED PEOPLE
FIND AND REGAIN THEIR FREEDOM.**

**TO THOSE WHO WOULD BEAR THE HOPES
AND FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE, LET THE
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UMOJA—LA UNIDAD—UNITY — To strive for and maintain unity in our household, our nation and in The Symbionese Federation.

KUJICHAGULIA—LA LIBRE DETERMINACION—SELF-DETERMINATION — To define ourselves, name ourselves, speak for ourselves and govern ourselves.

UJUMA—TRABAJO COLECTIVO Y RESPONSABILIDAD—COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY — To build and maintain our nation and the federation together by making our brothers' and sisters' and the Federation's problems our problems and solving them together.

UJAMAA — PRODUCTION COOPERATIVA — COOPERATIVE PRODUCTION — To build and maintain our own economy from our skills, and labor and resources and to insure ourselves and other nations that we all profit equally from our labor.

NIA—PROPOSITO—PURPOSE — To make as our collective vocation the development and liberation of our nation, and all oppressed people, in order to restore our people and all oppressed people to their traditional greatness and humanity.

KUUMBA—CREATIVO—CREATIVITY — To do all we can, as best we can, in order to free our nation and defend the federation and constantly make it and the earth that we all share more beautiful and beneficial.

IMANI—Fe—FAITH — To believe in our unity, our leaders, our teachers, our people, and in the righteousness and victory of our struggle and the struggle of all oppressed and exploited people.

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THE UNITED SYMBIONESE WAR COUNCIL TERMS OF MILITARY/POLITICAL ALLIANCE

Our commitment to the revolutionary struggle for self-determination for all oppressed people and races and the international proletarian revolution is total and fully uncompromisable. Therefore, any relationship the Symbionese War Council has with any group or organization is based on their active military-political commitment to the goal of gaining freedom for all oppressed people and races.

1. — Our alliance with any group or organization is based upon their firm decision to fight as well as talk in behalf of the people's interest, and once this commitment is clear then we can come together in order to:

- 1) collectively develop a common strategy
- 2) work together to develop tactical co-ordination
- 3) Assist each other in developing the abilities and talents of all the members of the Symbionese War Council and to analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the leadership in order to constantly better all aspects of the ability and actions of the War Council, and its individual leadership from other organizations.

2. — Command positions of The War Council are subject to the approval of all members of the council, based upon the military/political thinking and ability of the presented officer to work with others in the interest of freedom for all people and races.

3. — Command positions in The War Council are not appointed by one who knows, sees, sees, sees or by the group or organization one belongs to, but only by ones Courage, Determination, Intelligence, Aggressive Initiative and Capability as a leader and one Military/Political thinking.

4. — All members of The War Council are expected and fully are responsible for the military/political leadership of The S.L.A., they must fight and speak for the people and this must be understood clearly by all members.

5. — No member of The War Council can elect or select himself or herself to a position such as the head of a government or people's council; the War Council is totally an alliance OF WAR AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY. The people themselves shall have and hold the ONLY RIGHT to select and elect their governments and government heads of state.

6. — It is NOT the policy of The War Council to rip off leadership or membership from other organizations, but rather it is the policy of The War Council to aid and support the development and education of leadership to fulfill truly its responsibility to the people, and to allow the collective intelligence, leadership and resourcefulness of the leadership from different organizations and groups to flourish together and grow together; thereby forming an area where the collective interests and needs as well as weaknesses and strengths of each can benefit each IN THE COMMON STRUGGLE TO LIQUIDATE THE COMMON ENEMY.

7. — A successful military force is a necessity for actualizing political goals and must therefore be held as a priority; therefore, the true assistance in the supplying of military equipment, materials, finances, personal is of the utmost importance, once these forces have fully committed themselves to open and total warfare against the common enemy and members of The War Council must understand this clearly.

8. — Leadership of any group or organization who is truly committed and in agreement with the goals of The S.L.A. and the terms of military-political alliance may be presented to The War Council; however, the presented officer's membership is not confirmed until it is verified that prior to presentation for membership a combat action has been taken part in by that group or organization within the last 12 months.

9.—Once The War Council collectively agrees to an action or plan of strategy then that action shall be understood as an action of The S.L.A., and not of any single group or organization. Just as the fingers cannot call themselves a fist, and the fist cannot call itself the fingers. From time to time the membership on The War Council may disagree upon a particular action or strategy. When in disagreement that particular membership need not participate in The S.L.A. action, but membership on The War Council is maintained only as long as all commitments made to the collective Symbionese War Council are continued to be fully adhered to. It is the disagreeing group or organization's responsibility to, on its own, prove out their ideas in order to change or modify its own or the collective War Council's direction.

10.—It is the policy of The War Council not to involve itself in the internal political affairs of disagreements that may result within different organizations or groups. However, The War Council recognizes and accepts membership to the Council of any military-political unit, cell or organization that qualifies and shall recognize them as true representatives of that particular organization or group. It is the collective policy of The War Council that the failure of the elected leadership to take his or his revolutionary responsibility as far as the War Council is concerned shall be totally the responsibility of the elected leader and not that of The War Council.

11.—Organizations or groups that wish to serve in combat units must select two persons, one female and one male (if possible), who have full responsibility and authority to act and represent their group or organization and who will hold a command position in the unified command of The United Symbionese War Council.

12.—All members of The Symbionese War Council must clearly understand that our commitment is total and our goal is the total freedom of the people and children and the destroying totally of the common enemy. Therefore, it is held that any restraining of supplies or other war materials, etc. for political reasons or reactionary reasons or political chess games with the enemy, by any officer or other persons in the War Council that by its actions endangers the lives of the women and men of The Symbionese Liberation Army shall be held as a full and total violation of this alliance pact and compromising with the enemy and the freedom and life of the people and children and therefore is punishable by death.

**TO THOSE WHO WOULD BEAR THE HOPES
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Gen. Field Marshall
CIN
S.L.A.

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TACTICAL SUPPORT UNITS

Each cell of The S.L.A. TACTICAL SUPPORT UNITS is composed of elements of other organizations and groups and individuals. Under the strategy of The S.L.A. it is totally impossible to follow the egotistic aspirations of many leaders of political organizations, since they continue to organize new organizations everytime one falls apart when they fail to understand that the people always organize to fight the enemy; and when leaders fail to start the fight, then the people fall from that organization.

To continue in this manner is totally reactionary, egotistic, opportunist and anti-revolutionary, since it does not allow for the continued grouping and regrouping of the same revolutionary people for the fight that never ends and with the only purpose of organizing.

This is totally anti-revolutionary for within the purpose of revolution there is only TWO DEEP PURPOSES: TO DESTROY THE ENEMY AND FREE THE PEOPLE. This in itself means the need for an strategy that the people that fights the enemy.

In order to organize, one must organize in support of something, one does not organize in support of himself or purpose to organize around, and since in revolution the purpose to organize around, and since in revolution the purpose to organize to fight the enemy and to support those that fight on the front lines, it is then clear that the people organize to fight and destroy the enemy. One does not organize to fight the enemy and then when the time is fight, claim that to fight the enemy will be the organization for this would show them to be lack of conviction and the organization and not true revolutionaries that love the people and children.

Since you as members of the people have organized to fight the enemy, for the reason that you are and do love the people, then it is clear to you where your true responsibility is, and that is to join and support those who are on the front lines fighting the enemy for us all, regardless of what color, group or organization they belong to, for the purpose are just this, they are not of organization or color or group, they are the oppressed, exploited and the murdered, they are those we love and for whom we, if needed are willing to die for, they are our children.

Therefore what is needed now is for you as lovers of the people to select in what area you are able and willing to fight in or give support to, either in the combat units or support units of The S.L.A., the choice is yours alone, to be and show yourself as lovers of the people and our children and true to your word revolutionaries or as egotistic opportunists and lovers of the group and organization and enemies of the people.

verted by the conditionings which they have been subjected, they have been conditioned to be afraid of revolutionary violence. I no longer have these fears because as a comrade of mine named Ocellis has taught me, "The only way to destroy fear is to destroy the makers of fear, the murderer and the oppressor." A revolutionary is not a criminal nor is she or he an adventurer, and revolutionary violence is nothing but the most profound means of achieving internal as well as external balance.

I would like to correct and clarify the information given to you by the regime-controlled media and police-state reports associating the Symbionese Liberation Army with the August 7th. First of all, statements about August 7th literature and original communiques being found in the Concord house are completely untrue. The Symbionese Liberation Army is NOT the August 7th; in fact, the August 7th is a counter revolutionary Oakland City and California State police plot to discredit revolutionaries and confuse the people. Freedom fighters act only in the interest of the people, they do not unnecessarily shoot down a helicopter whose crashing would endanger lives of people in their communities nor do they credit themselves with events or accidents that occur in which they had no part, nor do they issue threats which they are unprepared to carry out, nor do they expose the nature and whereabouts of their forces, as for example in the recent statement issued by August 7th saying that armed guerrilla units existed inside the prisons. The events and communiques associated with the August 7th served only enemy purposes: that is, a state wide lock-down went into effect in the prisons and the people began to think of revolutionary action as that which would endanger their lives and homes. As a member of the SLA I can tell you that the SLA takes full credit and responsibility for its actions, we acknowledge everything that we do, and if I had participated as a decoy in a taxi cab incident I would say so. However, I would like to tell you not to rely solely on my analysis that the August 7th and the Oakland and California State Political Police are one in the same, but instead, just take a look for yourselves. Ask yourselves of the extent to which the police state will go to discredit revolutionaries by labelling all street violence as revolutionary activity and by issuing nothing but threatening communiques and then saying that such threats were coming from revolutionaries. It isn't just coincidence that the week the August 7th issued an idle threat against the life of prison official Procunier, was the same week that the California legislature re-instated the death penalty.

The house in Concord, Calif. was a Symbionese Liberation Army information/intelligence headquarters, nothing more. The house was set on fire by me only to melt away any fingerprints that may have been overlooked. It never was intended that the fire would totally destroy the premises, because there was nothing left there that was of any real consequence to us, nor was there any material left behind that could stagnate the functioning ability of the SLA to carry on the struggle. The reports that mass armaments were found in that house is a lie. It is an attempt to frame my 2 comrade brothers and it is an assertion to cover up the fact that there were no weapons found there. All that remained were 3 broken BB guns, a couple of malfunctioning gas masks, a few research books, and several liberation posters on the walls. Also, let me tell you that no one living or coming to that house was part of the SLA combat forces. This can be easily verified: first of all, everyone in SLA combat forces is offensively armed with cyanide bullets in all weapons that they carry, and up until today this had NOT been the case for SLA information/intelligence units or any support units, at that time all units but combat were only defensively armed with hand guns and carried no cyanide bullets. Secondly, we can easily verify that the ballistics on the .380 now in the hands of pig agents do not match those of the weapon used in the attack on the Oakland Board of Education. Information/intelligence units or any support units were never allowed to possess or have any contact with combat weapons. Beginning January 11th however, a directive was issued by The SLA and The Court of the People stating that as of that date, all units of The Symbionese Liberation Army are to be heavily, and offensively armed with cyanide bullets in all their weapons. I would like to convey this word to my 2 captured comrades: you have not been forgotten, and you will be defended because there has been no set back and all combat forces are intact.

There really are no words available to me to express what I feel about the capture of my two comrades. They are in a concentration camp now because none of us were offensively armed, and because I was not aware that we were under attack. But my beautiful brothers, as we have said many times, we learn from our mistakes, and we learn from our active participation in struggle, not from political rhetoric, so we won't cry, but simply fight on, and right on with that. A comrade of mine, Bo, says something that I'd like to leave you with:

"There are two things to remember about revolution, we are going to get our asses kicked, and we are going to win."

"DEATH TO THE FASCIST INSURGENCY THAT PREYS UPON THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE."

H. RES. 805**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

OCTOBER 8, 1977

MCDONALD (for himself, Mr. STUMP, Mr. SYKES, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. BAHAM, Mr. BOUSLOG, Mr. ASHROOK, Mr. MAMMOTT, Mr. DOMAN, and Mr. CRANE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has declined to oppose the admission of Communist Vietnam to the United Nations; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has sought to transfer the governing power in anti-Communist Rhodesia to the pro-Marxist guerrilla coalition which calls itself the "Patriotic Front"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has, while on official diplomatic business in the anti-Communist nation of South Africa encouraged persons in that country to undertake economic boycotts; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has pledged to increase United States taxpayer funding for the Marxist government of Guyana from the current \$1,100,000 to \$12,300,000 over the next three years; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has characterized two recent Presidents of the United States, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon, as racists; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has condoned the presence of Communist troops in Africa from Castro's Cuba, as a "stabilizing force"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has forecast that racial conflict in the United States would be predicated on events in Africa; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations declared in Playboy magazine that Alabama Governor George Wallace formerly, "was advocating bombings—of black folks"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has said, "It may take the destruction of Western Civilization to allow the rest of the world to emerge as a free and brotherly society"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has harbored in his home members of the family of Robert Sobukwe, leader of the Communist-terrorist Pan Africanist Congress; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has said that the decent and democratic State of Israel must negotiate with the international terrorists of the Palestine Liberation Organization; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations served as cosponsor to the Communist Party promoted "National Coalition to Fight Inflation and Unemployment"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has accused our British Allies of "inventing racism"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has criticized the people of Sweden as "terrible racists"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has averred that black American soldiers would not be willing to fight African Communist Forces if call on to do so; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has stated "communism has never been a threat to me"; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations supported the action of his aide, Brady Tyson, who used his official position on the United Nations delegation as a platform for denouncing United States opposition to the Marxist regime of Salvatore Allende; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations actively supported the appropriation of a \$100,000,000 fund to assist a transition to Marxist rule in Africa; by supporting Red Forces in Tanzania, Mozambique, and Angola; and

Whereas, prior to his appointment, the present United States Ambassador to the United Nations, as a member of the "Gulf Boycott Coalition" evidenced his active support for a Marxist victory in Angola and worked for the election of Angela Davis and other avowed Communists to the board of the Gulf Oil Corporation; and

Whereas, prior to his appointment, the present United States Ambassador to the United Nations, in 1975, was a co-

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sponsor of the Communist Party-backed second National Conference in Solidarity with Chile; and

Whereas the United States Ambassador to the United Nations has worked to increase United States taxpayer subsidies to the Castroite Marxist regime in Jamaica; and

Whereas the sponsors of the resolution manifest deep concern regarding the performance of United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young and convey their lack of trust and confidence in his fitness to continue in that position: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved, That he shall be impeached under article II,*
2 *section 4, of the United States Constitution.*

90th CONGRESS
1st Session

H. RES. 805

RESOLUTION

Impeaching Andrew H. Young, United States Ambassador to the United Nations, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

*By Mr. McDONALD, Mr. STUMER, Mr. STUBBS,
Mr. HAWKES, Mr. BARKER, Mr. ROUSSELOT,
Mr. ASHBROOK, Mr. MARRIOTT, Mr. DONNAN,
and Mr. CRANE*

October 3, 1977

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

THE LATEST SMEAR

Following the death by murder (which even the papers called mysterious), of Chris Lewis, another vicious comment appeared in the news. It was inferred that Chris was a hired bodyguard for Jim Jones. That is an outrageous lie! The Temple has never hired anyone, and Chris never worked for us in this or any other capacity.

He did make contributions to the Temple by helping young people come off drugs. It was Jim Jones and the Temple that helped him with a trial that he went through some years ago and had gotten Chris off drugs. His efforts on behalf of young people with drug problems are documented and proven by the large number of youth living happy, useful lives today who came through the Temple rehabilitation program.

Chris' family were members of the Temple. His mother lived and died in our church and was a very good woman. We help the families and loved ones of members; that is our standard practice. Though Chris himself did not follow our advice, he did help get many troubled youth off drugs—and we know that for a fact.

If the authors of the news article on Chris Lewis concluded that he was a part of us, then a lot of questions should be raised. Because the night of his death a threatening phone call came to the Temple saying, "There will be more. Tonight was the first."

And it was undoubtedly these lies that he was a Temple "bodyguard" that got him shot. We don't believe this was a gangland murder. We believe the conspirators are responsible—these are those who would sacrifice anyone if it served their purpose. We had to talk to some of his friends outside the church to keep them from taking revenge. This murder we will not forget.

A CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT JIM JONES?

There is only one reason why some people would attempt to paint such a bizarre image of Jim Jones as has been done over the past months. He cares about ALL people. And he can do something about the plight of the poor and oppressed. Reactionary forces are trying to destroy his image because he is the most persistent fighter for social justice. Next time you see this terribly bizarre, distorted attention—think.

For months the distortions and lies have been heaped and rehearsed—but never a word is printed or spoken about the lives salvaged and millions of your tax dollars saved through Temple rehabilitation programs.

Perhaps some agencies felt they had to discredit Jim Jones and Peoples Temple in order to protect the system. But when Peoples Temple endures only to relieve society of its many burdens, it is ridiculous that they resort to such cruel and inhumane tactics. No one else seems to be willing to help. The fact that Jim Jones was appointed to the San Francisco Housing Commission and elected head commissioner speaks for itself. Good citizens would not have placed him in that position if he had been the type of person the media has tried to smear in the public mind. He has never done anything fraudulent.

YOU SHOULD HELP, BECAUSE NEXT TIME IT MAY BE YOU!

What follows are quotes from religious, political and community leaders who have seen through the lies being spread about Jim Jones and have spoken out on behalf of this great leader for social and racial justice. The names of these prominent officials are not used here, because we do not want them to get the kind of harassment we have suffered.

"You are the epitome of caring for humans, sharing and providing basic needs for each other, helping the sick and afflicted and educating the youth. Everyone's struggle is your struggle; your fight for human dignity is beyond compare."

"Peoples Temple is targeted for destruction because it represents a determined effort to deal with the most fundamental problem of our society—oppression of the poor."

"One gets the impression (at Peoples Temple) of being in the midst of the human race at its best; a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve....Peoples Temple is led by a man of deep integrity and sensitivity."

UPDATE: THE LATEST FROM JONESTOWN

Charles Garry lived with us several days and nights at the Temple project in Guyana. He is a man known to speak the truth all the time—and he called Jonestown "PARADISE".

An article dated December 11, 1977, in the *Guyana Chronicle*, the country's leading newspaper, calls the Temple agricultural project "a first-class example of community life." Written by a Dental Surgeon who stayed several days at the project, the article further states: "I have never before seen so many people of varying races working happily together, side by side, without a single spark of friction. With its own school, sawmill, electricity, roads, houses, and so on, all being scrupulously clean, it could not help but be impressed."

What was just a "jungle outpost" a very few years ago is now a center of productive activity. A Guyanese official who visited recently wrote in the guest book: "This is a model community that should be emulated all over the world." We have yet to get the first criticism from any government leader or any delegation, and we have visitors from the U.S., Europe, and many South American countries all the time. Our project has been praised by government leaders throughout the world. Recent visitors have included a delegation from the Ministry of Education and the Minister of Interior Development. The Ministry of Education delegates were thrilled with our nursery and educational programs, which include instruction in several foreign languages, corrective work for many types of learning disabilities, and mathematical and scientific training.

The medical department is considered by many to be the most unique of its kind for this type of community. The staff includes a medical doctor, a pharmacist, a dietician, a pediatric specialist, several nurse practitioners, and a number of RNs and LVNs plus many medical assistants, full time health care workers, and trainees. There is a physical therapy department, under the supervision of a licensed therapist. We conduct regular cancer clinics, both in Jonestown and in nearby communities. We have also been able to treat children from the surrounding area who have not been so fortunate as to receive skilled care previously.

Medical equipment includes two EKG machines, a centrifuge, electronic microscope, and an autoclave. We will soon be getting an X-ray machine, to be operated by a licensed technician with 20 years of experience. All lab work such as urinalysis and blood testing, is done by our lab technician.

This is an environment where everything grows and thrives. We have just cleared another 200 acres of lush jungle land for planting—a continuing process as our agricultural programs expand. We have food stored months ahead of time, so prepared for self-sufficiency of the project. Frequently, too, we take large amounts of food into nearby communities to distribute. To meet protein requirements, we are acquiring milk cows. Already we have two bulls for propagation of a herd. The pigs are thriving, and a flock of thousands of chickens has just graduated 2000 chicks from modern incubators to add to its population. We are raising a number of rabbits for food.

A whole host of craft and cottage industries have taken hold as the individual talents of residents flower for the collective good. Toys, furniture, and handicrafts are among the items made. The community is very colorful, a true modern village, as homes are being landscaped with fruit trees, gardens and decorative fencing.

The excellent health of residents here and the astounding growth of the project are glowing reflections of the spirit of socialist cooperation. Every person is motivated to function at their very best, as they see their talents being used directly to help others. Almost needless to say, everyone feels very secure and well cared for in an environment like this. The experience of Jonestown, and the inspiration of its founder-leader Jim Jones, is building happy and healthy lives. We are more proud than we can say of what we have been able to accomplish in such a short time in this beautiful jungle interior.

Victims of Conspiracy

"This is an organized, orchestrated, premeditated government campaign to destroy a politically progressive church..."

—Charles Garry

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...and this is not the only place where we have been harassed. In some of the other countries where we have worked we have been harassed. The only reason we have been able to continue is because we have stayed on the front page of some news papers. The government officials who are trying to appear nice when they do not want to be are the only ones who are interested in you.

It is impossible for someone to come from a drug addiction, crime, or a mental hospital and then to be a leader in a community. It is impossible to add one million dollars a year to the funds of work we are doing and then to be a leader in a community. It is impossible to be a leader in a community who has been harassed by the government and who has been harassed by the government. It is impossible to be a leader in a community who has been harassed by the government and who has been harassed by the government.

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When he arrested the Jews, I didn't protest because I wasn't a Jew.
When the Nazis arrested the trade unionists, I didn't protest, for I was not in a union.
Then they came after the Catholics, but I didn't speak out because I was not Catholic.
When they came for me it was TOO LATE... There was no one left to stand up for me.
—Rev. Martin Niemöller

TEMPLE GOOD WORKS VICIOUSLY ATTACKED WHILE EX-NAZI BUTCHER GOES FREE

Have you heard of the ex-Nazi who ordered the execution of 8,000–10,000 Romanian Jews during Hitler's fascist reign who is living in the United States—now the Bishop of an entire orthodox denomination in this country?

Probably not. News of this butcher is scarce, even though he had the bodies of tens of thousands of Jews stamped "Kosher meat" and hung from meat hooks in a slaughterhouse—even though he has been indicted for lying to the U.S. Immigration Service in order to obtain his U.S. citizenship—there is hardly one word said about him. He moves about freely.

Yet more and more "news"—outrageously biased articles and outright lies—have been printed about Jim Jones day after day.

Why? We think we have an idea. Among the sources used in most of the vicious stories against the Temple is an admitted Nazi. The Temple, in its community newspaper, the Peoples Forum, has openly printed the truth about this ex-Nazi butcher who poses as a "man of God". We have consistently run articles exposing the activities of neo-Nazi groups in the U.S. and right here in San Francisco. We were warned months ago not to touch that subject or those people. Yet we have felt strongly that anybody had to print the truth about these NAZIS who are thriving in our midst.

It is very strange that some of the people used as sources for the disparaging articles were outright advocates of terrorism.... And that some of the harassment and threats we have been subjected to are have traced to NAZIS.... And that the tactic of using the media to lay down a relentless barrage of bad publicity to destroy someone was perfected in NAZI Germany by Hitler's propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels....

BLACKMAIL ATTEMPT: Dennis Banks Is Offered a Deal for His Freedom.

The following are excerpts from the personal testimony of DENNIS BANKS, American Indian Movement leader:

"He (David Conn) said that my association with Peoples Temple could reflect very badly on my extradition. He then asked me to make a public denunciation of Jim Jones. He assured me that if I made such a denunciation, the rulings in my extradition would go in my favor.

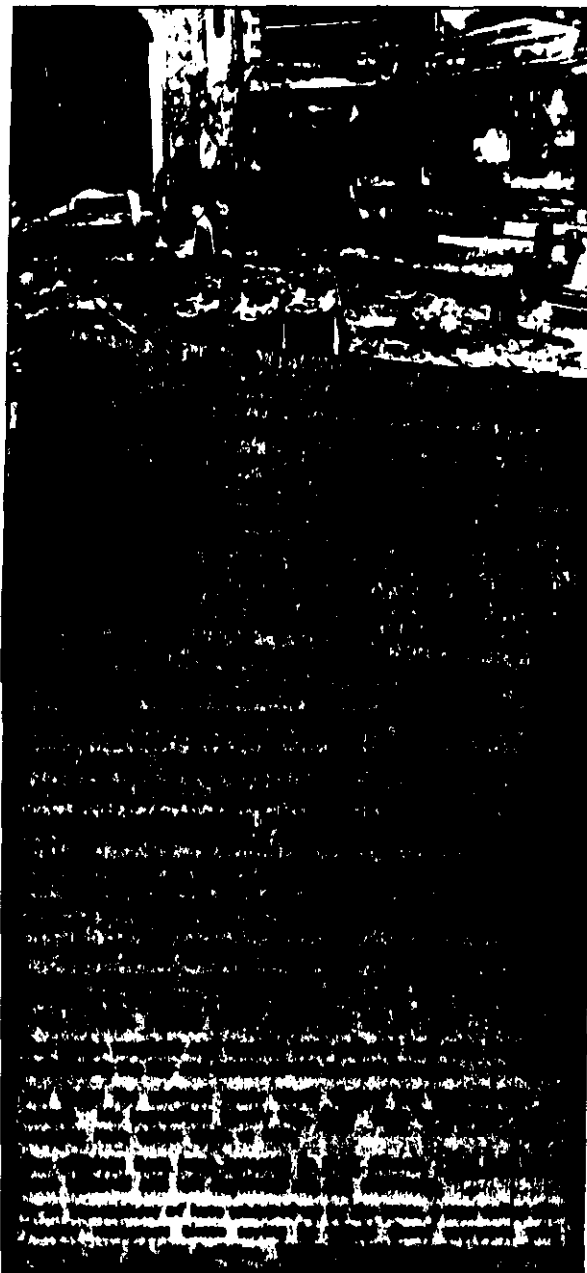
"Conn was obviously trying to make a deal with me, and I was being blackmailed. Conn let me know that besides working with Treasury agents and other government agents, that he was already working with ex-members of the Peoples Temple, such as Grace Stoen....

"Conn pressed hard for me to meet with a U.S. Treasury Department agent alone that very night. These agents all knew I had a lot hanging over me. Besides the extradition (which to me is certainly a life and death matter), I also had a case in Federal Court in which the Treasury Department was involved.

"It was not just a matter of Conn indicating that it would go well with me if I cooperated, but the implication was that if I didn't cooperate, it would go badly for me.

"Conn also said that he in no way wanted this information revealed for fear that it would 'blow their cover' and ruin any possible meeting between me and the Treasury agents."

signed, DENNIS BANKS



U.S. CUSTOMS SEIZES TEMPLE CARGO

In August, 1977, seven agents of the U.S. CUSTOMS (DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY) broke into crates of supplies being shipped by the Temple to our agricultural mission in Guyana, South America.

The Customs agents refused to give any explanation or probable cause for this sudden search and interruption of our shipment.

When Attorney CHARLES GARRY demanded an explanation of the U.S. Customs Department, they replied they were "Exempt from disclosure" and refused to provide any answer.

TAMPERING WITH U.S. MAIL

A mail package containing important documents and church-related business documents arrived at the San Francisco Temple Headquarters from Guyana completely destroyed. The package had been opened, tampered with and its contents completely ruined. A substance the color and scent of wine had been poured all over the papers. Legal documents and affidavits were lost.

Letters requesting an explanation from the Post Office were unanswered.

SURVEILLANCE

When MRS. UNITA BLACKWELL WRIGHT (black woman Mayor of Hattiesburg, Mississippi and fellow traveler with Shirley MacLaine to Peoples Republic of China), came to speak at Peoples Temple, two men were caught spying on the meeting.

They were found standing in the narrow corridor beside the Temple with large telephones, and they fled when they were approached by a curious Temple member.

Their license plate traced them to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and then to Keeler Air Force Base, where they were confirmed to be high-ranking government employees and electronics experts.

Letters from Congressmen got only vague answers from the Department of the Air Force: "The alleged activities are not within the Air Force's investigative jurisdiction. We understand your concern and regret we cannot be of more assistance."

FREEDOM of RELIGION VIOLATED

The Social Security checks of hundreds of senior citizens, members of Peoples Temple residing at the Temple's Guyana mission, are being deliberately withheld.

Guyana is a country where one may legally receive one's Social Security benefits. The Social Security Administration is supposed to automatically transfer the checks on request of the recipient.

Each and every one of the seniors who are Social Security recipients filed for automatic transfer of their checks to Guyana.

But tens of thousands of dollars worth of these checks have been withheld.

We have located a memo which was circulated by the local Post Office demanding the "return of all SSI (gold checks) and Social Security (green) to the Department of H.E.W. (Health, Education and Welfare) when there is a forwarding order for Georgetown, Guyana, South America."

Congressmen and attorneys have written on our behalf and have so far been ignored by H.E.W. It appears to be a flagrant move to deny subsistence funds to the elderly, blind, and disabled, and to cut off their economic lifeline. The Temple also questions if this does not constitute a violation of its First Amendment rights of religious freedom, maintaining that surely religious preference should in no way pre-empt U.S. citizens from receiving benefits they labored for, and which is their legal due.

INTERPOL Special Agent Attacks Jim Jones & Peoples Temple

WE HAVE DOCUMENTED PROOF THAT "PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR" JOSEPH MASOR IS A SPECIAL AGENT FOR INTERPOL - THE NAZI-INFESTED INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL POLICE ORGANIZATION BORN IN HITLER'S GERMANY!

This is the man who, according to the Berkeley Barb, admitted that he has been employed since November of 1976 to "investigate" Peoples Temple, yet refused to say who pays him. We know that he is working closely with Elmer and Deanne Martin, former members of the Temple and sources for the vicious media attacks. We know also that he has contacted the Guyanese embassy in the United States and has played on personal loyalties, family ties, and child custody matters to the point of obviously trying to wear Temple unity down. By his own admission to Barb columnist Art Silverman, Masor hired one of the largest public relations firms in San Francisco—Ransome, Levy and Leager—to "show him how to handle the media" on the Peoples Temple "project". Sources close to the Barb said that Masor had approached Levy, Ransome, and Leager saying "he wanted to become San Francisco's chief 'Gai Loper'", a famous investigator, and that the Temple controversy "presented an excellent opportunity to garner publicity."

NOW WE HAVE LEARNED OF THIS MAN'S INTERPOL CONNECTION. AND WE HAVE LEARNED FROM A HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL THAT INTERPOL IS CIRCULATING THE SAME VICIOUS LIES TOLD IN THE MEDIA ABOUT THE TEMPLE AND ITS LEADER. PLUS MORE. INTERPOL IS CIRCULATING THE FALSE REPORT THAT JIM JONES PARTICIPATED IN A RIOT IN GUYANA AND IN THROWING TEAR GAS AT A TIME WHEN HE WAS NOT EVEN THERE. This too can be proven. It is an obvious attempt to discredit Jim Jones and his progressive organization in the country where we have established our immensely successful agricultural mission.

WHO IS THIS MAN, JOSEPH MASOR? He is a man with a lengthy criminal record. He has served time in jail in three states on a variety of charges (began checks, fraud) and has violated probation and parole on three occasions by committing more crimes. The California Adult Authority report (1978), evaluates Masor as a "toughest one man with an insatiable desire to get ahead. He is cunning, well-educated, and so well-versed in the law that he had two attorneys in the Pomona area convinced that he had a law degree. It is felt that the subject is a menace to the community." This is the profile of the man who is passing himself off as a respectable private investigator. THE FACT THAT HE IS ALSO AN AGENT FOR INTERPOL RAISES SERIOUS QUESTIONS

Joseph Masor is now under an intense investigation. His Interpol connections are only the beginning. We will not stop until we have exposed every detail of his inhuman attempt to destroy a great humanitarian leader.

What is INTERPOL?

INTERPOL is a private international police organization made up of national police representatives from over 100 member nations. Supposedly organized to apprehend criminals, control drug traffic, etc., Interpol's U.S. branch is funded, staffed, and housed in the U.S. Treasury Department, across the street from the White House. It has a direct hook-up to the computerized National Crime Information Center (NCIC), run by the FBI, and direct contact with state and local police. All Interpol nations have access to US files and records denied to U.S. citizens. Any police state, or private group in any member nation, via their police, can obtain information on U.S. citizens, businesses, lawyers, immigrants, suspects, etc., without regard to validity, relevance, truth, or source. Yet, for U.S. citizens, Interpol files are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act! The NCIC computerized files at the disposal of Interpol are massive. A foreign agency, operating through Interpol, could even plant information in U.S. government files.

INTERPOL is basically a Nazi organization. Its vice-president in the 1930's and 40's was Nazi General Kurt Daluege, executed later for war crimes. During Hitler's power period, Interpol was headquartered in Berlin. Its 1939 conference was held under the patronage of the Reichsfuehrer, the SS, and the Nazi chief of Police, Heinrich Himmler. In 1968, Paul Dickopf, a former henchman in Hitler's Security Police, was elected president. During his reign, the organization became affluent, due to large contributions by these member nations where, coincidentally, the Nazi SS (Goths) brotherhood is still very much alive.

[Information on Interpol compiled from The Peoples Almanac, by David Wallechinsky and Irving Wallace, Doubleday & Co., Garden City, 1975. Article by Vaughan Young.]

White liberal suffers abuse from 'both sides'; still struggles on

By PAT WILLIAMS STEWART

Symbolic of sincere civil rights advocates who must suffer needless frustration, unwarranted abuse and unjustifiable misery is Rev. James Jones, a white minister who recently returned to Indianapolis from Brazil, South America, where he has been doing missionary work for two years.

The victim of both white and Negro taunts and ill-treatment, especially while serving as director of the Mayor's Human Relations Commission, Rev. Jones' doctor ordered him to change his way of life due to falling health.

From 1953 to 1964 Rev. Jones taught and led most regularly to 500 underprivileged children at an Elmhurst, DePueville, school of slums.

So cruel have so-called prominent Negro and white citizens been that one Negro Baptist clergyman remarked that Rev. Jones was in a "human canyon for the past two years."

He is presently pastor of the interracial Peoples Temple Disciples of Christ Church from which dozens of white members left due to Rev. Jones' uncompromising principles. The congregation is now meeting in the Broadway Christian Center, 17th and Broadway.

Throughout his life, Rev. Jones has undergone torments opposing his righteous convictions. When he accepted the position as Commission head in 1959 for three solid months segregationists tossed rocks at his home, called the phone demanding: "Nigger lover get out of town," threw explosives in his yard, and some racists went so far as to write anti-Negro sentiments to prominent civil rights workers and attributed them to Rev. Jones by signing his name.

Branded a "radical" and rabble-rouser, Rev. Jones' still

vigorously strived for equal rights, although opposed by conservative whites on one hand and reluctant Negroes on the other.

Constantly living in anonymity, although not far he has been threatened already even though he hasn't been home two months.

Rev. Jones believes firmly that the field of civil rights is no place for "compromising socialists." Many feel that while he was director he moved "too fast" for the conservatives, and the "liberals" let him know they were afraid of the pace.

With little "thanks" all the drawbacks and little if any moral support, Rev. Jones was still able to accomplish much as Commission director.

One of his major victories was the integration of wards at Methodist Hospital while a patient. Rev. Jones was accidentally assigned to a "Negro ward" because his family doctor, E. P. Thomson, is a Negro. The leader refused to be moved to a "white ward" and after some confinement designation was agreed upon.

Ironically enough, the "Champion for Negro Rights" received but one phone call other than church members during his lengthy stay at Methodist.

Everyone in the civil rights field knows that Rev. Jones is 100 percent real in his beliefs and convictions. Persons doubting him should realize that due to the integration of the Peoples Nursing Home the management has struggled to maintain it. Potential white patients, when learning that Negroes are admitted boycott the premises, while Negroes refuse to patronize it for some unknown reason. It is said to be the "finest in the city."

Rev. Jones feels that the Negro has tremendous talent and

success but should share his resources in a cooperative manner with other Negroes as is common among the Jews. "The Negro should also stand firmly in the corner of those backing his cause," Rev. Jones asserts.

Rev. Jones' fight for rights dates back to his boyhood days in Lynn, Ind., a city which led to his characterization of his father as a Ku Klux Klan type. Negroes weren't allowed in town after sundown.

The pastor, who did not see a Negro until he was 13 years old, somehow realized through some supernatural power, that his father's anti-Negro, anti-Semitic, views were not right.

After completing his education at Indiana University, Rev. Jones moved to Indianapolis where he pastored a southside Somerset church and operated an integrated community center. Due to his liberal beliefs, Rev. Jones was constantly jeered during services by bigots who killed cats and tossed them in the church yard or dropped them in outdoor toilets then sent someone inside the church to inform Rev. Jones of the mischief and directing him to come out and see.

Rev. Jones was finally forced to organize the Community Unity Church where he carried out his unbiased objectives.

An idealist, Rev. Jones is one who can't compromise with his conscience and advises others who feel the same way not to get involved in the civil rights movement.

Through all of his suffering he would do it over again. He commends strongly his devoted wife whom he says has been separated from most of her family due to their liberal activities. He describes his integrated Peoples Temple Church as including "the best of white

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THE JONESSES: Although suffering abuse for the racial stands taken by the sincere Rev. James W. Jones, pastor of Peoples Temple Disciples of Christ Church now meeting in the Broadway Christian Center, the interracial, interracial family has still managed to maintain a happy home life. Rev. Jones, former director of the Mayor's Human Relations Commission, is pictured with his humane family (from left to right) Law Eric, 11; Jimmy (James W. Jones Jr.) 3; Rev. Jones, Agnes, 21, and married; Mrs. Marceline Jones, Richmond, Ind., native, a devoted and understanding wife; Stephan Gandhi, 7, and Suzanne, 4. (Recorder photo by Houston Dickie)

San Francisco Chronicle, Wed., Jan. 17, 1973

A Church Gives \$4400 To the Press

Twelve newspapers — among them The Chronicle — and a newsmagazine and a television station have been awarded grants totaling \$4400 by Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ for use "in the defense of a free press."

Announcement of the grants was made yesterday in Ukiah, Mendocino county, by the board of trustees of the church, which has a statewide membership of more than 7000.

SPEAKS

Speaking for the board, trustee James K. Pugh said: "We believe the American way of life is being threatened by the recent killings of news reporters for refusal to reveal their sources."

"As a church, we feel a responsibility to defend the free speech clause of the First Amendment, for without it America will have lost freedom of conscience and the alternate will become rule by totalitarianism."

Pugh said the church's pastor, the Rev. Jim Jones, had "publicly commented" The Chronicle and its "editorial staff" for taking a strong editorial position in defense of the First Amendment and for "the high quality of the newspaper."

"The San Francisco Chronicle has shown itself to be fair, bold, comprehensive and courageous in conducting many issues head on," trustee Pugh said.

SOCIAL

Called last formally Peoples Temple, the church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding under-privileged and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties.

In accepting the grant in behalf of The Chronicle, Charles de Young Thieriot, editor and publisher, expressed his thanks to the Peoples Temple Christian Church.

Thieriot said the \$4400 awarded to The Chronicle will be turned over to Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalistic society, which is active in defense of freedom of the press.

IAPA NEWS



FEB.-MAR. 1973

INTER AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION
141 N.E. Third Ave., Miami, Fla. 33132

NO. 215

Church donation aids fight for press freedom

The Inter American Press Association, we all know, operates strictly on dues paid by members and does not solicit outside contributions for its main task of defending and promoting freedom of information in the Americas. Recently, however, we received an unsolicited contribution that moved us deeply. We accepted it with gratitude and full appreciation of the high principles that moved the donors.

The donation of \$250 came from the congregation of the Peoples Temple Christian Church, of Redwood Valley, California, whose pastor, the Reverend James W. Jones, has started a campaign in defense of the First Amendment to the constitution.

"We believe," wrote James E. Pugh, in behalf of the Board of Elders, "that the American way of life is being threatened by the recent jailings of news reporters for refusal to reveal their sources. As a church, we feel a responsibility to defend the free speech clause of the First Amendment, for without it America will have lost freedom of conscience and the climate will become ripe for totalitarianism."

The elders voted the donation after hearing the Rev. Jones read "to an overflow congregation" excerpts from a report on the state of the press in the U.S. made by Brady Black, editor of The Cincinnati Enquirer and regional vice chairman of the IAPA's Committee on

Freedom of the Press, at the IAPA's annual meeting last October in Chile. "Mr. Black," the covering letter said, "gave a lucid and convincing account of developments in our country constituting a threat to the people's right to know." The letter was addressed to Francis Dale, Publisher of The Enquirer.

Mr. Pugh reported that a grand total of \$4,600 had been contributed by the congregation, made up of "ordinary working people of all backgrounds," for the defense of William Parr and other reporters jailed for refusing to reveal their sources of information.

"No acknowledgment for this contribution is necessary," wrote Mr. Pugh. "We wish simply to demonstrate . . . that there are churches and other groups in society which are not connected with the institutional press who do indeed care about this threat to freedom of speech, press and conscience."

He said the donation was "to be used as you see fit in defense of a free press."

The Peoples Temple Christian Church, under the Rev. Jones does not only take a stand on constitutional rights. The church also has established a drug rehabilitation program, two convalescent homes, a 40-acre home for mentally retarded boys, three senior citizen's homes and an animal shelter.

PEOPLES TEMPLE IN THE Congressional Record



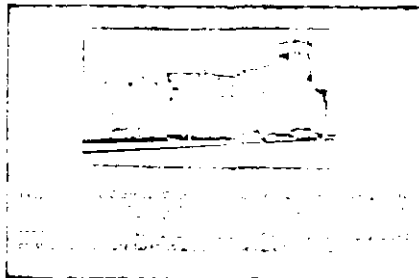
PROCEEDINGS AND DEBATES OF THE 93rd CONGRESS, FIRST SESSION MAY, 1973

"Mr. Speaker...

"I would like to commend the Rev. James W. Jones, who is pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church, and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded.

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SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Pastor Jim Jones is a duly ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ (whose membership has included the late President Lyndon B. Johnson). Having received training of all ethnic backgrounds, he feels the necessity of sound law enforcement to serve and protect our communities, both today and in the future. In this light, the church has donated several hundred dollars to each of the following agencies:

UNIAN Police Drug Abuse Program, Purchase of Reserve Officers' uniforms, Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, for a Public Address System in the County Jail.

SAN FRANCISCO Drug Prevention Program, Police Summer Youth Fishing Program

LOS ANGELES Law Enforcement Community Relations Program.

Inspired by his example, the congregation has approved to make substantial contributions to the families of slain policemen.

Pastor JAMES W. JONES, together with the members of Peoples Temple Christian Church, part of the Disciples of Christ denomination of 1.4 million members, hereby:

EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION in the Law Enforcement of the San Francisco, Utah and Los Angeles areas who practice with valor the Equal Enforcement of the Laws, and

PROMISE OUR CONTINUED SUPPORT of your vital unshakable work in protecting the Constitutional Liberties of our American citizens, and

PLEDGE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION in your Drug Abuse Prevention Efforts, Basic Car Plans, Reserve Officers' Programs, and Funds to Aid the Families of Police Officers slain in the line of duty.

REV. JAMES W. JONES,

Many law enforcement people have asked to know more about the life and work of this minister who works so hard to bring about a just society and respect for peace officers. Here, then, are some comments about Pastor Jim Jones by others.

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View of Methodist District Superintendent

"Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all races and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice - compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

... Dr. John Moore, Dist. Superintendent of the United Methodist Church for Oakland and the East Bay, Calif. (March 2, 1973).

View of Local Clergy

"(Progress in meeting the needs of people... is perhaps seen most dramatically in the seven-day-a-week program of the Peoples Temple in which its team of workers and lawyers, to mention just a few who strive in the name of Christ, to serve their fellow man."

... Dr. Elmer Schmitt, Pres. of the Local Ministerial Association (Its Report on Church Progress, published in Utah Daily Journal, 1973).

Epitomizes the Giving of Self

"The Peoples Temple Church, motivated and inspired by their pastor, Jim Jones, epitomizes giving of one's self for human services."

... Marge Boynton, Prominent state reporter and leader, in letter that is dated February 22, 1973.

The View of a Medical Doctor

"I have known Reverend Jim Jones for more than one year and have found him to be a dedicated, trustworthy, sincere person who is endowed with an ability and few possessed by very few. He practices exactly what he preaches, has helped numerous individuals obtain what he believed impossible and all of the while being a cordial, unobtrusive, understanding leader of men. It was with pleasure that I attended his services and witnessed his serene, complete involvement. He has saved many from disaster and started them on a meaningful path of constructive, well-adapted behavior."

... L. R. Portman, M.D. (in a letter "To Whom It May Concern," dated March 2, 1972).

A Family Man

"The man who pastors this flock of 'brothers' is a cross between a Barny Ratchford, a humble servant of humanity, an ardent wit, a loving family man with all the usual longings for a 'better life' for his children - and a plain human being who sometimes finds the battle heavy going."

... Kathi Hamer, wife of Editor of the Utah Daily Journal (June 2, 1966).

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PEOPLE TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUPPORTS FIRST AMENDMENT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Congressman George Brown: Mr. Speaker, I was recently made aware of the fact that the congregation of the Peoples Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, Calif., has donated a total of \$4,000 for the defense of William Felt and other reporters jailed for refusing to reveal their sources of information. I would like to commend the Rev. James Jones, who is pastor of the church, and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their commitment to the principles on which this country was founded.

I would like to include in the Record at this point a few items which appeared in the press recently about Peoples Temple. The first is an article from the IAPA News, which is published bi-monthly by the Inter American Press Association. This item appeared in the February-March edition, and reads as follows:

Congressman Alan Farnsworth:
The Inter American Press Association, an all news, operations strictly on news paid by members and does not solicit outside contributions for its main task of defending and promoting freedom of information in the Americas. Recently, however, we received an unexpected contribution that proved to be very important. It was a check for \$4,000 from the Peoples Temple Christian Church of Redwood Valley, California, which pastor, the Reverend James Jones, has signed a message in defense of the First Amendment to the constitution.

"We believe," wrote James H. Pugh, in behalf of the Board of Editors, "that the American way of life is better guaranteed by the usual findings of news reporters refused to reveal their sources. As a church, we feel a responsibility to defend the free speech clause of the First Amendment, for without it America will have lost freedom of expression and the citizens will become ripe for totalitarianism."

The editors noted the donation after hearing the Rev. Jones said "to an overture committee" through a report in the State of the press in the U.S. made by Rudy Shank, editor of the Christian Register, and reported the chairman of the IAPA's Committee on Freedom of the Press, at the IAPA's annual meeting last October in Chiloche, Ark. The opening letter said, "give a hand and continuing support of development in our country commensurate a threat to the property right to know." The letter was addressed to Frances Blair, Publisher of the Register.

Mr. Pugh reported that a grand total of \$4,000 had been contributed by the congregation, made up of "ordinary working people of all backgrounds," for the defense of Wil-

liam Felt and other reporters jailed for refusing to reveal their sources of information.

"The acknowledgment for this contribution is necessary," wrote Mr. Pugh. "We wish simply to demonstrate . . . that there are churches and other groups in society which are not connected with the conventional press who do indeed care about this threat to freedom of speech, press and communication."

He said the donation was "to be used to pay one \$1 in defense of a free press."

The Peoples Temple Christian Church, under the Rev. Jones does not only take a stand on constitutional rights. The church also has established a drug rehabilitation program, two counseling centers, a 60-acre farm for mentally retarded boys, three other children's homes and an animal shelter.

The next item appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle of January 17 of this year, and without further introduction, I place it in the Record:

A Church Gives \$4,000 to Free Press
Twelve newspapers—among them The Chronicle—and a press syndicate and a television station have been awarded grants totaling \$400 by Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ for use "in the defense of a free press."

Announcement of the grants was made Tuesday in Ukiah, Mendocino county, by the board of trustees of the church, which has a statewide membership of more than 100.

Speaking for the board, trustee James H. Pugh said:
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Pugh said the church's pastor, the Rev. Jim Jones, had "personally commended" The Chronicle and the "free editorial staff" for taking a strong editorial position in defense of the First Amendment and for "the high quality of the newspaper."

"The San Francisco Chronicle has always tried to be fair, honest, credible and courageous in confronting many issues head on," trustee Pugh said.

Called less formally Peoples Temple, the church is best known and highly regarded for its mental health clinic which includes housing and feeding other citizens and medical outpatients, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating juvenile drug users, and counseling non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties.

In compiling the grant in behalf of The Chronicle, Charles de Young Thibault, editor and publisher, expressed his thanks to the Peoples Temple Christian Church.

And next I would like to share with you a copy of the text of a resolution which the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada-Disciples of Christ passed by an overwhelming majority last at their 1973 annual meeting. The resolution was offered by the Christian Church of San Jose and received support from the 230 delegates attending the convention at the Christian Church of Modesto, California. Delegates represented about 18,000 members from 79 congregations.

The text of the resolution follows:
Whereas, the church stands for freedom and the free flow of information, and

Whereas, the public media, national and local, is under increasing challenge as to covering freedom in news and programs as guaranteed by the First Amendment, the Constitution, and

Whereas, one of our congregations, Peoples Temple Christian Church, Redwood Valley, California, has made a financial contribution for use in defense of a free press as guaranteed by the First Amendment;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada-Disciples of Christ, meeting in its Annual Meeting May 18, 19 and 20, 1973, at First Christian Church, Modesto, California, encourage its member congregations to make their best in support of a free and responsible press by either making financial contributions or by having our elected officials, representatives of the communications media, and others whom we know that we expect any action which infringes on the First Amendment.

And be it further resolved that the Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada-Disciples of Christ, meeting in its Annual Meeting, May 18, 19 and 20, 1973 at First Christian Church, Modesto, California, encourage to our elected officials, representatives of communications media, and others to support of a free and responsible press and our commitment to that position and the support of any action which infringes on the First Amendment.

The Church Board, First Christian Church, San Jose, California.

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1973

Tourists Pick Up and Go California Church Group Collects Litter at Capitol

A 13-bus caravan of Californians arrived with thousands of other tourists at the U.S. Capitol yesterday, but instead of staring up at the dome they spread out over the Capitol grounds and began picking up litter.

The group of 600 members of the People's Temple Christian Church was doing what it has done in Philadelphia, Gulfport, Miss., and dozens of other cities it has visited since it left Redwood Valley Calif. last Wednesday.

"We like to leave everyone, everywhere we go, thinking we left the place a

little bit better than when we came," said one 48-year-old woman who was patting the area at the foot of the Capitol.

The church's clean-up campaign has earned them friends everywhere they've visited, according to the group's leader, the Rev. Jim Jones, although he said the integrated group was shot at by a "lady" as their church-owned buses passed through one Southern town.

The church, which has black, white and American Indian members, is part of the Disciples of Christ Church. Former President Lyndon Baines Johnson was

a member of that church, said Mr. Jones.

The group was welcomed to the Capitol by California Congressman George E. Brown Jr. who said he had learned of the church through its financial contributions to aid newsmen jailed in California. The church has also been active in drug rehabilitation programs in Northern California and operates its own geriatric home and an animal rescue shelter.

The church group now plans a "leisurely" trip back to Redwood Valley, clearing up along the way, Mr. Jones said.

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AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

The Welcomes Tourists

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Peoples Church Supports Plight Of Condemned Men

Special to the Sun-Reporter

A prominent California church has begun a campaign to raise legal fees for three Washington, D.D. men who are the apparent victims of gross injustice.

The case involves defendants Jesse Watson, Vernon Brown, and Bobby Hines who allegedly raped a white woman and have been sentenced by a Raleigh, North Carolina jury of eleven whites and one black to die in the gas chamber. The fact that the "victim" offered to have sex with the men, and was reportedly dropped off by them near her home, unharmed, has aroused the outrage and indignation of Georgia legislator Julian Bond, President of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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Bond stating his conviction that the defendants are innocent, corresponded with the Peoples Temple Christian Church, well-known for its repeated demonstrations of aid to worthy causes, for help in raising legal expenses. Bond informed Jim V. Jones, the Pastor of Peoples Temple, that the three men refused to enter a guilty plea for a lesser charge of "attempted rape" which carries a three-year maximum penalty.

Peoples Temple responded quickly with an initial \$1,000 demonstrating,

as they have so many times before, their firm belief in justice for all people through positive action. The church is considering organizing a special rally and musicale to raise more money for these men's legal expenses, and encouraging other organizations to help by doing likewise.

During a congregational discussion of this case, it was pointed out that no-one with assets of more than \$50,000 at the time of conviction has ever been sentenced to death, and that the vast majority of those on death row are black, a sizeable minority are Mexicans and Indians, and only a small number are whites (poor).

In the wake of this kind of injustice, Peoples Temple has encouraged all individuals and groups to take positive stands; the church has rendered help to the families of victims of street killings, and law enforcement officers as well as others who have been senselessly killed.

Nazi

Professor R. S. Troop, one of the Jewish members of Peoples Temple who lost many of his relatives in Nazi concentration camps, stated that "defending and maintaining justice for all peoples is everyone's concern and must be strongly supported," adding that "the Peoples Temple is trying to be a positive force in the community, pro-

viding emergency food, clothing, free legal counsel, nursing care, and effective drug rehabilitation in a compre-

and have refused to plea bargain.

Biafra

Bond contacted the Peoples Temple for help, no doubt in recognition of their previous record of taking strong humanitarian stands. For example, the Temple, under Jim Jones' guidance and inspiration, has sent food and supplies to aid sick and hungry people all over the world, including Biafra, Bangladesh, the Sub-Sahara, Appalachia, and Indian Reservations in the United States. Consistent support involving tens of thousands of dollars has come from this single but tremendously

dedicated interracial church to a wide range of charities, groups, and causes.

Pastor Jones was a recent recipient of the Special Merit Award for outstanding civic leadership, bestowed by one of Northern California's largest newspapers. Father of eight legally adopted children of many racial backgrounds, Pastor Jones has been a tireless fighter for civil rights and equal justice for twenty-five years.

Peoples Temple Christian Church is affiliated with the two million member Disciples of Christ denomination. Several thousand members reside in the Bay Area.

San Francisco Temple is located at: 1859 Geary Blvd.



JIM JONES

hensive effort to create a climate of good will and a spirit of community cooperation. These three men in the North Carolina case are going to die unless something is done, and done quickly."

It appears that the female "victim" of this "rape" had been spotted by a neighbor after being dropped off by the three men, and evidently, in order to "save face" the woman said that she had been raped, though according to reports her clothes were not torn and she was unscratched. The men have insisted upon their innocence

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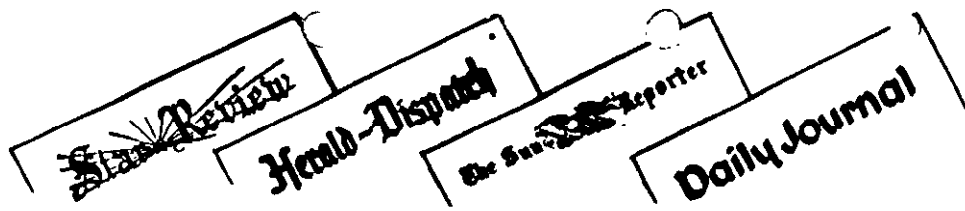
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People's Temple Makes Friends Across The Nation

"Caravan Of Hope" Proclaims Brotherhood

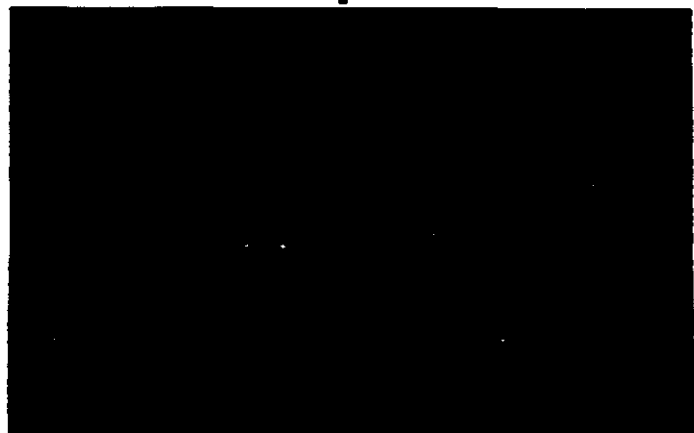
Temple 'Caravan of Hope' crosses U.S.

As the buses rolled by, one...after another...after another, in seemingly endless succession, and the people inside smiled, waved and gave the "peace sign", you realized that this wasn't any ordinary tourist group.

A few days ago, well over 700 members of the California-based Peoples Temple Christian Church, Disciples of Christ denomination, completed a strenuous three-week, 14,000 mile missionary journey that, by anyone's standards, was most unique. The project was conceived and engineered by Pastor Jim Jones, dynamic leader and founder of the "Temple", which has a remarkably well-integrated membership of several thousand, in addition to large numbers in each of many cities across the nation.

Throughout their pilgrimage, the Temple travelers have witnessed to thousands of people that in spite of the pessimism that is evidently growing in our nation, here indeed is a group that is determined to keep the American dream alive. In a stand for the survival of traditional American values of freedom, justice, and equality for all, in a context of Christian social service, Temple members follow the vision and inspiration of Pastor Jones, a former metropolitan human rights commissioner, grand jury foreman, and schoolteacher. Jones has been a crusader and outspoken advocate of civil liberties and the Bill of Rights for 25 years.

The banners proclaiming "brotherhood is our religion" on the sides of racially integrated buses brought some difficulty more than once. While fueling in the South, a truck deliberately ran into the lead bus, narrowly missing a young man who was washing the windshield. Without provocation, a group of people from the vicinity gathered and began directing racist abuse and threats at the bus caravan. Pastor Jones quickly took command of the situation, and made a firm, humane appeal for understanding. The mood of the hostile group cooled dramatically. The pastor



ON TOUR—Members of People's Temple Christian Church in Redwood Valley explore the nation's Capital, above. Below, Pastor Jim Jones consults map in one of the Temple's 11 Greyhound-type buses.

refused to press charges against the apprehended truck driver who had struck the bus, taking into consideration the ill will that would have almost certainly been vented upon blacks living in or visiting the area afterwards. The owner of the truck stop was so moved with the kindness that Jones displayed that he pledged to pay all damages. He stated, incidentally, that he would hope to visit the church in their Redwood Valley headquarters on his vacation.

There were other incidents:

several windows were broken by rocks, and gunshots were fired at the caravan. But no one was injured during the entire trip.

On the positive side, greatly outweighing these episodes, was the overwhelmingly enthusiastic, admiring, and appreciative response that the Temple convey of buses found just about everywhere they went.

The vast Temple membership has won many friends in its mission of realizing in America the goals of racial justice and

equality in the spirit of the Christian "social gospel" that sees man's basic responsibility as being his brother's keeper.

Swinging down through the Deep South and up into Canada, staying in churches, community centers, and university gymnasiums, the mammoth 18-vehicle caravan presented an amazing spectacle as it made its way from city to city. On board eleven Greyhound-type buses were some 200 senior citizens.

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some in their 60's and 80's. Visible everywhere were hundreds of children, managers, and young adults representing the entire spectrum of racial and ethnic backgrounds.

Wherever the caravan went, people marveled at the scope of the undertaking. Often the question was heard: "How do they manage it?" At first glance, the organizational factors (no hotels, no restaurants, so many people, etc.) appear overwhelming, if not impossible. But the answer can be found in the incredibly co-operative spirit that Pastor Jones has infused into his church.

Due to careful and detailed planning, everyone on the caravan was organized and had

a specific function. Bus drivers, hostesses, a nursing staff, clean-up squads, food-preparation units, and helpers of every sort worked together in highly coordinated and disciplined fashion, insuring the group comfort and security at minimal cost. One staff member noted that senior citizens without funds, as well as many of the children, were able to go free of charge. Many of these people had never traveled outside of California.

Watching this living example of human co-operation arrive at various stops along the highways of America, many were especially struck by the magnificent thoroughness with which the grounds and facilities were left free of litter. The young woman attendant at a

beautiful Nebraska rest stop was visibly moved. "That entire group is neater than single families," she remarked. Everyone, including children and seniors, willingly helped out policing the grounds.

At the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, the public relations unit was so impressed with the Temple visitors that it insisted on photographing everyone on the museum's front steps. Earlier, at the nation's Capitol, the caravan was greeted and congratulated.

Pastor Jones and many Temple members carry on a human service program that meets the needs of thousands, and which has earned the respect and praise of governmental, civic, and law-enforcement agencies, especially

for its outstanding record in the area of drug rehabilitation. In the Redwood Valley area, some 100 miles north of San Francisco, the Temple has established senior citizens homes, a large animal shelter which will have, until places are found for them, several homeless dogs and cats picked up by the caravan along the way), a 60-acre children's ranch and agricultural complex, as well as a community center with many fine facilities, such as an indoor heated pool.

Other human service centers in the Bay Area and Los Angeles are busy with activity. One program has sponsored over a hundred needy youngsters through college, and maintains dormitories in several locales.



People's Temple members in front of Chicago's Museum of Science and Industry during the group's late July missionary tour of the Windy City. The museum staff was so impressed by the exuberance and discipline of the group that they asked them to pose for pictures.

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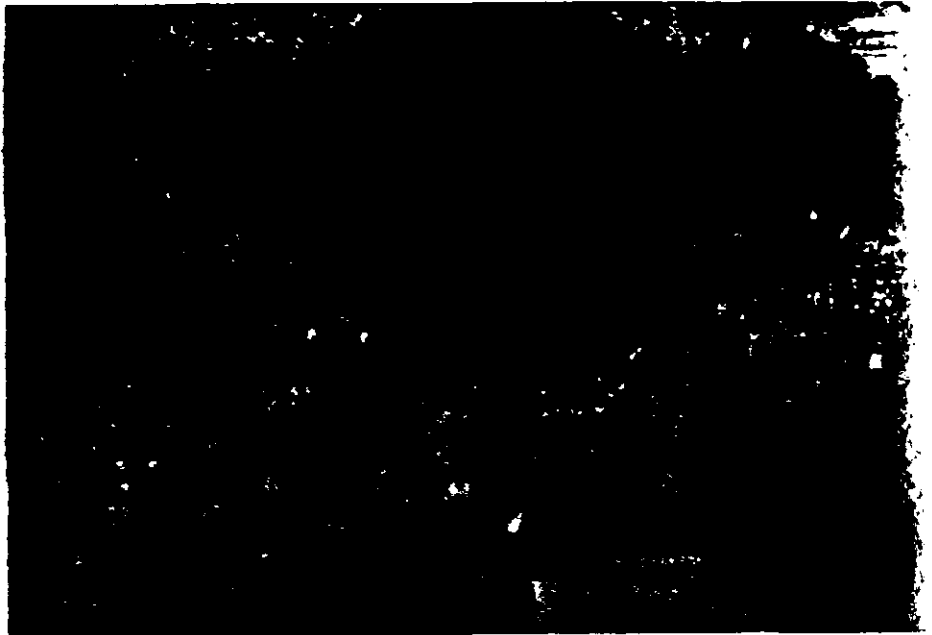
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The missionary caravan of over seven hundred gave so many Americans this summer an assurance that, in the words of Pastor Jones, "there is indeed hope for our troubled nation...for in this single, spirited church there is a live the type of dedication and commitment to brotherhood and fundamental human co-operation that may well be the best solution to the problems that beset our land." His comment was echoed by the manager of a large commercial bakery in Chicago who said: "This group is demonstrating what religion should be. We would not have wars if everyone thought and lived as these people do."

Pilgrimage Draws Ages 3 To 100



NO GENERATION GAP - Recently a 15,000 mile "Pilgrimage of Hope" was undertaken by over 700 members of the California-based Peoples Temple Christian Church. The racially-integrated group, headed by the Reverend Jim

V Jones, visited ten major cities, meeting with their Congressmen in Washington. A caravan of buses carried people from 3 to 100 years old, whose brotherhood, cooperation and good-will showed America's better side.

The reason we are printing this news item is that we feel that the public desperately needs to hear more positive news from the media.

Constant playing up of negative aspects about the American people, especially in the field of race relations. Most of all gives a misleading picture of America, besides reinforcing in the public the idea that blacks, browns and whites are doing nothing to resolve differences and live in harmony. We of the POST feel

that publication of this item and others like it, will help restore balance and will perform a service to the community.

The "Pilgrimage of Hope" was a genuine and significant demonstration that the great cause of Brotherhood and integration in America is not dead by any means, as some would want the public to believe.

We read extensively in the news about bombing violence, at

the tragic murder of Mrs. King, and about James Earl Ray and the assassination of Dr. King, but there is very little in the nation's press - Black or white - to indicate that the spirit of Dr. King's life is still alive.

While not desiring that coverage of racially motivated acts of violence be minimized, we feel it is high time that the instances where Blacks and whites are demonstrating the capability

of overcoming their antipathy and mistrust (no small achievement!) get wide coverage.

Seeing blacks and whites working together amicably and harmoniously helps to calm tensions and ease potentially tragic occurrences motivated and fostered by race prejudice.

That is what the pilgrimage of the press is all about.

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INDEPENDENT PRESS-TELEGRAM

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Peoples Temple

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By MARK CLUTTER

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The prime cause of all this activity is the Rev. Jim V. Jones, pastor for 28 years with time out for two years as a foreign missionary. They live in a modest home with their son and their nine adopted children of various races. But, of course, a pastor whose parish includes San Francisco-Los Angeles, a bank of South America and the world doesn't spend all his time in his study.

Like so many pastors of small churches, Pastor Jones for many years had other jobs. He was a public school teacher. He moonlighted in various business activities rather successfully. His wife, Marceline, is a professional in social work.

Although he has the proper theological credentials, the essence of his Christianity is summed up

with these oft-repeated words: "The highest worship of God is service to our fellow man."

Michael J. Prokes, former news bureau chief for the CBS affiliate in Sacramento, joined the Peoples Temple staff after doing a news feature about it.

He said of his pastor: "I would say his goal is to help bring about, in a most practical way, a society in which there is true brotherhood and where those who are

disadvantaged through no fault of their own have their basic needs met. Perhaps this sounds a bit idealistic but I have personally seen this ministry, under Pastor Jones' guidance, eliminate a remarkable amount of human suffering (not to mention animal suffering)."

A number of ordained ministers together with professionals in other fields work in the Peoples Temple.

POSITIVE THINKING
By Norman Vance Phillips



It's bad to get mad

According to tradition a man approached Mohammed and asked of the prophet a suggestion for spiritual benefit. "Do not get angry," Mohammed replied. Thinking the prophet had misunderstood the question the man repeated it. Again Mohammed answered, "Do not get angry."

Anger is one of the trickiest personal problems. The folklore and religious teachings of many are full of warnings about its bad effects. "Anger is short madness," wrote the Roman poet Horace, "to control your passions or it will control you." Will Rogers cracked, "People who fly into a rage always make a bad landing." All these people are saying, "It's bad to get mad."

Anger of the slow-burning variety, commonly known as resentment, sometimes does more damage than do fits of violent temper. Easier to conceal, resentment hiding in the unconscious, it is harder to come to grips with and difficult to cure. John Ellis Large wrote an interesting case of smoldering resentment.

George had become quite a problem to his wife, to himself, to everybody. He was irritable, irascible, critical of everyone, always out of sorts. His state of mind affected his health, had suffered from nervous tension — got so he took a dozen kinds of pills. George was not doing well in business, other, and others were being advanced ahead of him.

George's boss, also concerned, told Sara that her husband was contentious, hard to get along with, downright cranky. He said, "I hope you can do something with him. He's got a lot of ability but he is his own worst enemy."

"So Sara tried to get a few thoughts across to her husband. But he responded, "Get off my neck!

then went to see Dr. Large. "I'm in trouble. I have a real problem — my husband." And she told him how things were. "Deep talking in him about himself," Dr. Large advised her. "Don't nag him, don't pester him. Lay off. Just love him. But that won't be enough. Your husband's trouble is deep-seated. We must try to reach the disorder in his basic attitudes. What are George's sleeping habits?"

"He tosses most of the night but about five a.m. falls into a deep, sound sleep."

"Sara was then given what seemed strange advice. She was told to awaken at the time her husband went into deep sleep, and to work mentally and prayerfully to project creative thoughts into George's deep unconscious. In thought she was to picture this man as peaceful and free of tension; she was to visualize him as affable and friendly in his relationships. This procedure was to be followed daily until a change in the man's attitude was noted."

So this devoted wife got herself awake at five o'clock every morning and followed directions. Weeks went by without any sign that George had changed in any way. Then one day he said, "Wonder how come everybody at the office is so much nicer than they used to be? They must have begun to realize how badly they'd been treating me."

Some weeks later the boss called George in and informed him, "I'm making you a division manager."

George was astonished. "But why?" he involuntarily blurted out.

"Because of the way you've changed," the boss said. "I've never seen a more remarkable change in a man. You're cooper-

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The prime cause of all this activity is the Rev. Jim V. Jones, pastor for 25 years with time out for two years as a foreign missionary. They live in a modest home with their son and their nine adopted children of various races. But, of course, a pastor whose parish includes San Francisco, Los Angeles, a bank of South America and the world doesn't spend all his time in his study.

Like so many pastors of small churches, Pastor Jones for many years had other jobs. He was a public school teacher. He moonlighted in various business activities rather successfully. His wife, Marceline, is a professional in social work.

Although he has the proper theological credentials, the essence of his Christianity is summed up

with these oft-repeated words: "The highest worship of God is service to our fellow man."

Michael J. Proker, former news bureau chief for the CBS affiliate in Sacramento, joined the Peoples Temple staff after doing a news feature about it.

He said of his pastor: "I would say his goal is to help bring about, in a most practical way, a justice in which there is true brotherhood and where those who are

disadvantaged through no fault of their own have their basic needs met. Perhaps this sounds a bit idealistic but I have personally seen this ministry, under Pastor Jones' guidance, eliminate a remarkable amount of human suffering (not to mention animal suffering)."

A number of ordained ministers together with professionals in other fields work in the Peoples Temple.

NONE OF US CAN BEND HISTORY

Few will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation.

Robert F. Kennedy

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Rev. Leonard R. Spaulding

"THE INVITATION TO HIS KINGDOM"

Lutheran churches form action group

An "Action Group," involving seven area congregations of the Lutheran Church in America, is organizing a series of worship services to be held in the area.

Leaders of the churches include:

Rev. John Stenlund, Holy Spirit Lutheran in Lakeview; Rev. Paul Egerton and Mr. John Brad, St. Timothy Lutheran-Lakeview; Rev. Rolf Berg-Brown and Mr. Palmer Olson, Bethel Lutheran.

Rev. Joseph Johnson and Mr. Wallace Moore, Christ Lutheran.

Mr. Fred Streets and Ms. Marcia Strahl, Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity.

Rev. Virgil Bjorbo and Dr. Ray Anderson, Our Saviour's Lutheran.

Mr. Robert Smith and Mr. Allan Freeman, University Lutheran.

The United Mission Appeal (UMA) seeks a minimum of \$25,000.00 in addition to the church body's regular budget which is \$25,225.00 for 1975. The gifts, which will

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By Rev. Timothy
Worship Services Wednesday



the article about Peoples Temple recently appeared in this largest Southern California newspaper!

Temple Joins Efforts To Overcome World Hunger

The critical shortage of food around the world has prompted Peoples Temple Christian Church in Redwood Valley to take direct action by developing a unique agricultural mission on thousands of acres of fertile land provided for the local human service ministry by the Republic of Guyana. "Throughout the years we've sent food and supplies to help

those who face disease and starvation, both at home and abroad," says the pastor of Peoples Temple, Rev. Jim V. Jones. "Now we're attempting to expand that effort and hopefully assist in providing needy people with the tools and training to feed themselves from food produced on their own land."

So armed with a desire to help

feed the hungry of the world, scores of Temple workers have been sent abroad with bulldozers, tractors, and other farm machinery to clear away dense jungle growth and plant a wide range of crops. Already the workers have managed to build a road leading to their living compound, clear hundreds of acres of land, and cultivate 18 different crops —

though the project began less than a year ago.

The Peoples Temple project isn't typical of traditional missionary efforts administered from church headquarters stateside which cause the people being served to become dependent on the people who do the so-called serving. The Temple project is designed to avoid the fostering of such dependency by providing employment and administrative training for the disadvantaged in the mission region. Accordingly, local residents already are fully involved in the work.

The humanitarian ministry (which is affiliated with the 1.5 million member Disciples of Christ denomination, noted for having governors and congressmen of diverse political persuasions in its membership) also wants to do something about the health care needs of the region. Rev. Jones' wife, Marcoline, who works in a governmental program in California, is coordinating plans for an outpatient clinic, following a recent visit to the country in which the Temple's medical staff gave free health examinations to residents throughout the area of the mission.

"Our pastor, Jim Jones, has always emphasized that the highest worship of God is service to our fellow man," says Eugene Chaikin, a prominent attorney who gave up his well-known practice to join the Peoples Temple ministry. "We're convinced that here we've found the best way of fulfilling the most important teaching of Jesus Christ, where He says in Matthew 25 that we

naked, and taken in the stranger. We've even been able to locally adopt some beautiful native children of all races here," says Chaikin, beaming.

At the moment both planting and harvesting are going on in the project. The first harvest at the end of last year was a complete success, producing enough to share with various communities throughout the local region. The crops included corn (which grew an amazing nine feet tall!), potatoes, avocados, pears, bananas, black-eyed peas, ginger, peppers, coffee, soybeans and other protein foods.

The Temple's project directors are collaborating with the officers of the agriculture ministry in the country on techniques of tropical farming. The mission workers then pass the knowledge along to the region's peasant farmers.

In addition to food crops, plans have been finalized to begin raising pigs, beef cattle, and a dairy herd. The project workers are interested in operating a large ecologically-balanced farm of plants and animals, in determining the most effective and efficient way of producing food for world-wide distribution.

"This is an effort to create a practical model that promotes self-sufficiency among needy people," states one of the women coordinators of the mission team. "We also believe such a program acts as a buffer against totalitarianism from elements of the fanatical Right or Left, as well as providing an effective answer to the problems of the 'welfare state' by taking the burden of providing for people off of the



UNIQUE EXPERIMENT — Pastor Jim Jones offers food produced at Peoples Temple Agricultural Mission to one of his many animal friends. At the site, men and women workers of all faiths use the project's resources. Thousands of trees have been planted.

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People's Temple ocean-going boat

'Marceline' serves needy in S. America



DECEMBER — The People's Temple boat at dock on the Katuma River near the Venezuelan border where it delivered food and supplies to needy residents of the local

region. Some members of the international Temple crew voluntarily await the departure for their next humanitarian mission.

For years People's Temple Christian Church, of the 1.5 million member Disciples of Christ, has maintained a traveling human service ministry on a state and national level with its fleet of Greyhound-type buses, but recently its outreach has been extended to the world by way of the sea. The Temple has acquired a large ocean-going boat which can hold 60 tons of supplies and will be used to transport food produced in the church's agricultural mission to critical hunger regions of the world.

While awaiting the next harvest, the vessel is already being put to practical use, taking sick people to hospitals, and delivering food, clothing, and other supplies where they are needed by people living in remote areas of South America.

The ship's captain is an Englishman named Phillip Blaney, a Temple member who is delighted by the success of the sea operation.

—Walter Foster Jim Jones

suggested we look into buying a big vessel, I didn't envision the practicality of the idea at the time," Blaney says. "But now I can hardly believe how much more productive we've become in helping people who are really suffering, mainly from hunger and insufficient health care."

The boat has been christened the "Marceline" after Rev. James' wife, who is a state official, and it is also being used to assist the government abroad. While one of the government's steamships is temporarily out of service, the "Marceline" is handling some of the local shipping needs.

The new vessel has full navigation and radio equipment and is powered by a large diesel engine. It is manned by a volunteer crew of People's Temple members. Some of the crew have many years of naval experience, while others were specially trained to help operate the "Marceline" on the high seas.

People's Temple in the United States is based in Redwood Valley.

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Our readers On Peoples Temple

EDITOR'S NOTE: On Feb. 15 we carried a feature story about a country church in Northern California. It is the Peoples Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Redwood Valley. The church has huge branches in San Francisco and at 1200 S. Alvarado St., Los Angeles, and an extensive agricultural mission in South America. Peoples Temple has members in Long Beach. Here are a few of the many letters we received. They show the intense love, devotion and purpose a dynamic church can inspire.

Real justice

Religion Editor:

You've accomplished something few people have been able to do — you've grasped the spirit of Peoples Temple right smack and infused it into your recent article in the Independent, Press-Telegram. I'd like to thank you for your own fine spirit! It's always good to find another person who shows concern about the matters which are important to us at Peoples Temple.

My introduction to this remarkable church came about a year and a half ago; I was truly amazed at what I found there. As an Administrative Assistant in the California State Bar Association, I was personally and professionally concerned about justice. But I'd never seen anything like the intrinsic and effective justice of Pastor Jones. By counting thousands of us to work and share together to help others, regardless of race or background, he has taught us that real justice is nothing short of all people being treated as equals. This is why, at Peoples Temple, we practice Brotherhood as our religion.

Your article made me think you have a heightened appreciation for the commitment it takes to organize thousands of people around this principle. Not everyone is so sensitive to the deep dimen-

sions of Pastor Jones' ministry. I just wanted to let you know your gracious spirit won't be forgotten.

CAROLYN LOOMAN
548 Van Ness Ave.,
Suite 300
San Francisco

Practical love

I want to thank you for the fine article you wrote about our Pastor Jim V. Jones and church People's Temple of the Disciples of Christ. It was passed on to me by several of our many members in your area.

The example that Pastor Jones has set has drawn many people together from many diverse backgrounds. It is his example that has motivated us to work together in helping others. The congregation is comprised of members of many professional backgrounds: doctors, nurses, lawyers, social workers, teachers, to name but a few.

My own experience as an engineering graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then a Peace Corps Volunteer had only made me aware of the extent of needs and suffering in our world today. But it wasn't until I met Pastor Jones and the People's Temple that I found a truly positive and viable way to work with others in meeting and overcoming the needs of so many.

Your article points out some of the many ways in which we have been able to translate the spirit of Christian love and concern into practical everyday terms. It has been through the work of our Pastor that I see today a place where young and old come together in mutual respect, where animals are taken care of, where there is no generation gap, and where the ideals of liberty, justice and freedom are taught and cherished.

DONALD BECK
Utiah

Legal aid

When I was visiting our Los Angeles branch of Peoples Temple last week, a friend there brought out the February 15 issue of your paper and showed me your comprehensive study of our church and the work of Pastor Jim Jones.

I have worked with legal services offices for about seven years and have found it rewarding in that poor people with legal problems usually find help there. One drawback is that legal services is restricted to civil cases and the criminal area is in the department of the much beleaguered and understaffed local public defender. So when I joined Peoples Temple several years ago, I was intrigued by the volunteer time put in by the attorney members, who ask no remuneration yet do all they possibly can to help members who have friends and relatives in prison or facing trials, prison terms, etc. Since I've been here and have been fortunate to be involved in the legal program of Peoples Temple, I have seen people released by the California prison system, and other states, to Peoples Temple custody with the assurance that they will have a direction and a meaningful rehabilitation. I have seen young kids, strung out on drugs, turn around and commit themselves to helping others without worrying about themselves first.

So I really appreciated your positive article. It is nice to know you have

realized the sincerity here, and that you took time to let it be publicly known so that others might benefit. Thank you.

JUNE E. CHYM
Utiah

Significance

Words cannot fully express how gratified I was to see the article you wrote about my church and Pastor in the Long Beach paper. Thank you! I appreciated the sensitivity with which it was written. Your journalistic integrity is very evident.

I have been a member of Pastor Jones' Congregation for over four years and feel that if there is anyone who deserves recognition for accomplishments in all that is decent, just, and caring in this world, it is Jim Jones.

I am a high school English teacher here in Utiah and enjoy very much working with young people. But I know that the really significant work I am involved in stems from the comprehensive and relevant programs that make up Peoples Temple Christian Church.

Sincere greetings from many members of our congregation who think you are pretty wonderful.
JEAN F. BROWN,
Redwood Valley

Real potential

I am writing to thank you for your very fine coverage of the work of Peoples Temple. I am a member of the church for several years, and also a local social worker in Mendocino County, and I know first-hand that all you wrote is true.

I hope this article had wide circulation, and can give much encouragement to those who are earnestly seeking the real potential of church work in our day. Thank you for your comprehensive and concerned reporting.

(MS.) LAURIE EPFEIN
Redwood Valley

Jim Jones Restores Sight To Woman



NEW VISION - 108 year old Mrs. Georgianna McCallister, pictured with Pastor Jim Jones of Peoples Temple, was blind for ten years. She is believed to be the oldest person ever to have eye surgery at any hospital in the United States. Pastor Jones encouraged the operation, and, extraordinarily, it was a success.

A woman born two years after President Lincoln's assassination, to slave parents, amazingly can see again following an eye operation at 108 years of age.

Mrs. Georgianna McCallister is likely the oldest person ever to have eye surgery at any hospital in the United States, as was revealed by contacts with medical officials around the country.

The operation was encouraged by Pastor Jim Jones of People's Temple Christian Church in California, (locally at 1859 Geary Blvd) and remarkably it was a success.

Mrs. McCallister had been seeking an operation for some time to remove cataracts from her eyes, which went blind ten years ago, but it was felt she was too old.

When Pastor Jones became aware of her condition he promptly offered financial assistance, as he has done for many of the several thousand members in People's Temple to insure that they get regular medical examinations.

He also held a prayer meditation for the centenarian, and afterwards stated publicly that he had an unusual feeling her sight would be restored.

The operation was performed and not only was it a success, but, extraordinarily, within hours, Mrs. McCallister could see again.

"I sure do thank God for this man (Pastor Jones) who helped to get my sight back," she said tearfully. "It's wonderful, it's so wonderful."

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NEW VISION — 100-year-old Mrs. Georgianna McCallister, pictured with Pastor Jim Jones of Peoples Temple, was blind for 20 years. She is believed to be the oldest person ever to have eye surgery at any hospital in the United States. Pastor Jones encouraged the operation, and, extraordinarily, it was a success.

Woman regains eyesight

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promptly offered financial assistance, as he has done for so many of the People's Temple members throughout California to insure that they get regular medical examinations.

He also held a prayer meditation for the operation, after arrangements for an operation were made. Then, before she underwent surgery, the pastor stated publicly to thousands in one of his recent Los Angeles services that he had an unusual feeling her sight would be restored.

The operation was performed and not only was it a success, but, extraordinarily, within hours, Mrs. McCallister could see again.

"I sure do thank God for this man (Pastor Jones) who helped to get my sight back," she testified with tears streaming down her face. "It's wonderful. It's so wonderful."

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Former Lynn Resident, RHS Graduate, Leads 10,000-Member Church In Dramatic Projects

By Dick Reynolds
Assistant Managing Editor

A 1948 Richmond High School graduate believes that the "highest worship of God is service to our fellow man" and he follows that belief on a scale that approaches the incredible for those wedded to practicality.

He is Pastor Jim Jones 43, of Redwood Valley, Calif., a rural community about 120 miles north of San Francisco.

He's known generally, however, as Pastor Jim Jones to the thousands who are members of his church and to other thousands who know of his work in California and in South America.

A native of Crest in Randolph County who spent most of his boyhood years in Lynn, also in Randolph County, Pastor Jones has been in California for 18 years.

In that decade, his church, the Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ denomination, has grown from a meeting place in the garage of his home to 10,000 active members including congregations in Redwood Valley, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Michael J. Prokes, one of the church's associate ministers, says: "Members United"

"Peoples Temple is made up of thousands of people from every racial, religious, and socio-economic background, united by a vision of brotherhood among all human beings.

"Since establishing this church 10 years ago, Pastor Jones has achieved tremendous things in the humanitarian field. . .

"As a bureau chief for the CBS television affiliate in Sacramento, I came to do a film documentary on Peoples Temple a couple of years ago and became so impressed with the program that I resigned my position to join as a full-time staff writer."

Another view is offered by Wade Rubick of Indianapolis, general counsel of the 1.5-million-member Disciples of Christ denomination. He said of Peoples Temple:

"From my numerous contacts with members and staff of the church, I can say they are the most committed and dedicated group of people I have seen in any church anywhere."

Pastor Jones puts it this way:

"I'm not an ardent fundamentalist. However, the church is required, through the admonitions of Jesus, to take care of its people.

"If every church attempted to meet its own needs by first taking care of the households of the faith, this nation would have the answer to the welfare state by taking the burden of providing for the people off the government, freeing the government to deal with other national priorities.

"We believe, then, in the Jeffersonian ideal that the government governs best which governs least."

Major Projects

Some of the major projects of Peoples Temple are care homes for orphans and senior citizens, a 60-acre ranch for retarded children, convalescent centers, college dormitories, and a refuge shelter for animals.

Prokes declares:

"Pastor Jones believes that through such voluntary action pro-



Pastor and Mrs. Jim Jones pose with their children and four grandchildren in a photo snapped recently.

grams, the church can best help in combatting communism and other tyrannical systems that threaten a free society."

One of the most dramatic programs of Peoples Temple is the planting of 26 different crops on several thousand acres in South America.

The church also has acquired a

ship, named the "Marceline," which can hold 50 tons of supplies. It is used to transport food produced in the church's agricultural mission to critical hunger regions.

Pastor Jones is the first to admit that these accomplishments aren't his alone. He credits members of the congregation and the associate mission.

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After growing up in Lynn, Pastor Jones spent his senior year in high school in Richmond to obtain courses needed to prepare him for college. He graduated from high school with honors.

He also worked at Reid Memorial Hospital to earn some extra money and it was there he met Marceline Baldwin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter R. Baldwin, who now reside at 148 South West Sixteenth St.

She was a student in Reid's School of Nursing and they were married after his graduation from high school. She couldn't know then that a ship was to be named for her.

Pastor Jones first goal was teaching and he took education courses at Indiana University, later transferring to Butler University at Indianapolis.

His wife, in Richmond recently as her parents prepared to observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary, says it was about this time that her husband decided "he couldn't reach enough people in the teaching field and decided to enter the ministry."

Before graduating from Butler, young Jim Jones became at 21 a student pastor in Indianapolis and his organizational ability began to manifest itself.

Launched Campaign

He launched a campaign among members of both Catholic and Protestant denominations to build a recreation center for the children living on the south side of Indianapolis.

In later years in Indianapolis he formed the first Peoples Temple and more than 100 members followed him to California when he decided to move there to organize a church in a more progressive area, his wife said, and for the sake of his family.

While still in Indianapolis, he was named the first director of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights. It was also in the early 1960s that he and Mrs. Jones spent two years in South America as missionaries and it was in this period that he developed the friendships which led to the agricultural mission his church has set up there. His friends aren't surprised that he also built an orphanage during that two-year stint.

An officially ordained minister of the Disciples of Christ long before he left Indianapolis, Pastor Jones combined in his early years in California the pastoring of a new church, public school teaching, and a business career.

But his goal was to establish a congregation "of principled persons who would practice literally the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and to visit the sick and imprisoned," a church leaflet recalls.

Pastor and Mrs. Jones have seven children, six of them adopted from impoverished and different racial and ethnic backgrounds. Another adopted child was killed in an auto accident before the family left Indiana.

In Modest Home

Pastor and Mrs. Jones and their children still at home reside in a modest cinder block house in Redwood Valley. He accepts no formal salary. Mrs. Jones, a registered nurse since her graduation from Reid school here, is a health care evaluator for the California Department of Health.

While in Richmond, she discussed her husband's work. She said, simply:

"He doesn't believe Peoples Temple is important. What is important is humanity."

In their early married years she said she doubted some of her husband's planned projects could be accomplished.

But she has no doubts now and hasn't for many years.

Pastor Jones, who remembers "very affectionately the neighborliness" of Lynn and Richmond, leads six to eight services a week in the three congregations.

The work of Peoples Temple involves other areas than those mentioned earlier, including a continuing battle against the use of drugs and the development of ways to assist rehabilitated youthful drug users and others through college and over the hurdles of legal problems. Pointing to the work of the church, the San Francisco Chronicle has said:

"... this church is best known and highly regarded for its social

works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties."

Two Incidents

Meanwhile, Mrs. Jones and the files of The Palladium-Item provide two incidents which demonstrate the early concern of Pastor Jones for humanity.

Mrs. Jones remembers that she and her husband went to a nursing home to visit a member of their church while they still lived in Indianapolis. She recalls:

"The conditions were so pitiful that we picked her up bodily and carried her to our home. Terminally ill, she lived in our home until she died eight months later.

"The conditions at that nursing home gave my husband one of his early reasons to build care homes for the elderly."

This newspaper's files show a story written in 1963 by reporter William B. Tremi. The story told of the young student minister, Jim Jones, and his campaign for a recreation center in Indianapolis.

But it also recalled an incident when Jim Jones was only 6 years old.

His mother told reporter Tremi that her son saw a ragged, bearded tramp near their Lynn home. The year was about 1908.

A Child's Question

As the child questioned the stranger, the man finally answered:

"I don't have a friend in the world. I'm about ready to give up."

The boy then said firmly:

"What do you mean, mister? God's your friend and I'm your friend. And mom will help you get a job."

Mrs. Jones did just that and Tremi wrote in his story:

"The rejuvenation of a man who had lost hope marked a milestone in Jim Jones' life. His love for humanity and his desire to help the unfortunate was eventually to lead him to the ministry."

There is no way the reporter of 22 years ago could have realized how prophetic his words were.

Los Angeles Sentinel

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Jones Honored By Organization

By VIRGIE W. MURRAY

The pastor of Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, James V. Jones, was recently named one of the 100 most outstanding clergymen in the nation by Religion in American Life, an inter-faith organization.

Jones was honored for his guidance and inspiration in establishing the many humanitarian programs and facilities in Peoples Temple that attempt to meet every type of human need.

Peoples Temple is scattered over California, with members in many cities, traveling in the church's fleet of Greyhound type buses to worship services in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and the church in Redwood Valley.

A native of Indiana, Pastor Jones has been in California for 10 years. In that decade, Peoples Temple has grown from a meeting place in the garage of his home to 10,500 members in the three congregations.

RESPONDS

This ministry is known for responding to both public and private appeals for assistance, giving support to the local school system and law enforcement. The Temple has rehabilitated over 175 young people from hard-line drug habits and educated many local residents through its college program.

Pastor Jones and Peoples Temple have been viewed by many people. Dr. John Moore, District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church said, "Peoples Temple is a caring community of people of all

racess and classes. They bear the mark of compassion and justice — compassion for the hungry and jobless, lonely and disturbed, and also for the earth and her offspring."

INJUSTICE

Michael Prokes, former TV News Bureau Chief, who resigned his post to join Peoples Temple, stated, "Pastor Jones manifests the life of Christ by working day and night to stand courageously against all forms of injustice, to relieve human suffering of every kind, and to establish brotherhood among peoples of all different backgrounds."

The Rev. Gerald McHarg, assoc. regional pastor, Christian Churches Southern California, commented, "I have the impression the congregation is ready, willing and able to assist any human being with almost any problem. One gets the impression of being in the midst of the human race at its best, a community of people whose primary concern is to love and to serve."

CONGRESS

A legislator stated on the floor of Congress, "Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the Rev. James Jones and every member of his congregation for this outstanding demonstration of their com-

mitment to the principles on which this country was founded."

The Rev. Karl Irvin Jr., regional minister-president, The Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada, Disciples of Christ, said "Pastor Jones has a great organizational ability. He has been largely responsible for the establishment of a large congregation of everyday human beings from all walks of life, binding them together in a truly extraordinary commitment to human service. The ministries of this pastor and his congregation are staggering in scope and effectiveness."



SAFEGUARDING HEALTH — People's Temple nurses Shelia Newell, Margaret, and Chris Rice, standing, prepare to examine Loretta Connor as part of the church's new health program.

Temple's medical staff begin physical exams

The Peoples Temple team of medical personnel, whose members are in various stages of training and who work in hospitals and care facilities in the community, are giving routine physical examinations of a new office in Redwood Valley.

The service is provided free of charge to the many hundreds of members in Peoples Temple, who are then referred to local doctors if health problems are discovered.

"We do not make any sort of diagnosis if we find that someone has health troubles," said Larry Schacht, a four-year medical student. "Our only concern is to determine if a problem exists. Then we ask

them which local doctor they prefer, and we encourage them to make an appointment and to tell the doctor to call us if he so desires."

The Temple medical staff is interested in finding particular health patterns so that the members can take steps through their personal doctors to head-off serious health afflictions by preventative therapy. Members are advised to see their doctor at least once a year and preferably semi-annually for exams.

"Our pastor, Jim Jones, insists that all of our members get regular exams, with the church paying the cost for members who cannot afford it," said Schacht. "Our church has the

highest regard for the outstanding medical community in this area, and we want all of our people to benefit from it."

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THE SUN REPORTER, Saturday, November 1, 1975

*Peoples Temple
Helps Keep
Clinic Open*

The Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center and Health Clinic was at the point of possibly closing its doors last week when Peoples Temple Christian Church donated \$1500 to cover its entire financial deficit.

Beyond that, the large interracial ministry pledged to make a specified monthly payment for a year to help the program carry on.

The Tel-Hi program, as it's called, serves the Chinatown and North Beach areas with a variety of free and low-cost educational and humanitarian services for youth and senior citizens, in addition to health care.

When the pastor of Peoples Temple, Rev. Jim Jones, heard that Tel-Hi was in danger of being terminated, he immediately called the center to find

out what his church could do to help.

"We feel strongly that when such a fine program, that is meeting so many legitimate and critical needs, is having trouble, good people should come together to try to save it," said Rev. Jones.

But when almost no one stepped forward and Tel-Hi was forced to schedule a benefit, Rev. Jones felt the burden and pledged the entire amount of the deficit. He put up some of the money out of his own pocket and raised what he could through the church to cover the remainder of the debt plus make a substantial monthly donation.

Peoples Temple, at 1859 Geary Blvd., has an extensive human service ministry with wide-ranging programs and facilities of its own that also reach out to the many needs of youth, the elderly, and the poor.

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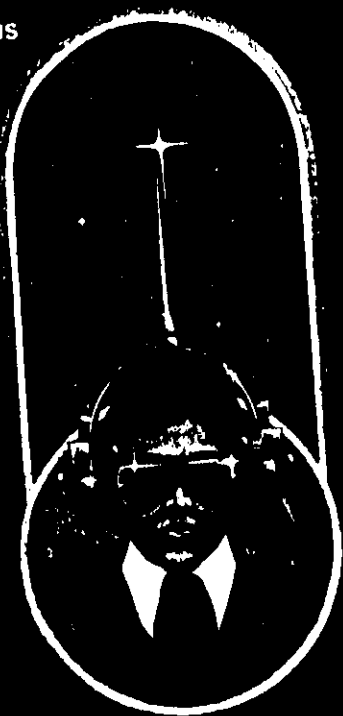
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A Ministry of Human Services

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While Peoples Temple lists its active member rolls at about 10,500, it is estimated that another 10,000 attend services of the three congregations, with many of the latter also involved in the church's wide-ranging projects.

How are the various projects accomplished? Contributions to a church with a congregation ranging from 10,000 to 20,000 are considerable. The church sponsors many money-making events ranging from bake sales to concession stands at baseball games.

Perhaps most important is the contribution of church members, from volunteer labor to the counsel of lawyers, doctors, and numerous ordained ministers who have joined the congregation.

Pastor Jones recently was selected by

Religion in American Life as one of the top one hundred most outstanding clergymen in the nation.

Pastor and Mrs. Jones have seven children, six of them adopted from impoverished and different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

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Church Donation

Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, 1880 Geary boulevard, yesterday donated \$800 to the family of a California Highway Patrol officer who died last month from gunshot wounds sustained when he stopped a motorist for a defective headlight.

The officer, Al Turner, 35, of Los Banos died 12 days after the December 4 incident on Interstate 5 near Fresno. He lived in Los Banos.

In a letter to The Chronicle that accompanied the check, Eugene B. Chaikin of Peoples Temple said, "We are utterly disgusted that another law officer has been slain.

"We also want to show that black people in no way condone this type of action, as we have many black members and ministers in our San Francisco congregation of 6000 active members, who all deplore this horrible tragedy."



HONORED — Pastor Jim Jones of Peoples Temple receiving "Humanitarian of the Year" award. Some of the honored guests at the ceremony were, from left: Dr. and Mrs. John Moore, Methodist district superintendent in Colusa, Calif.;

Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McHenry, regional pastor of 200 Christian churches, Mrs. Lawrence Cole, publisher S. Alexander, Dr. Yvonne Mae, and Dr. Charles Hall, a prominent dentist.

Vast humanitarian ministry

Temple expands outreach program

Peoples Temple Christian Church, of the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination of two million members, expanded its extensive outreach program this past year to include a large number of wide-ranging groups, organizations, and events, all concerned with improving the welfare of the citizenry.

Among those who received financial and other kinds of support from the Temple were the Fresno San government awarded for relating to reveal their confidential sources of information; a medical clinic (M-11) serving the Bay Area, which otherwise would probably would have had to close its doors; the American Cancer Society; the Mendocino County Heart Association and other medical research and testing programs, such as Ectio-Cell Anemia; KQED and other educational broadcasting stations; Big-Brothers of

America; anti-hunger groups such as Bread for the World; Indian relief; city schools; hospital development; various church programs operated under Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish sponsorship; the purchase of at least 1,700 concert tickets to benefit the Center for Self-Determination; and many others, the most recent being a donation of \$100 to the family of a slain highway patrolman in the Fresno area, for which the Temple was highly praised last week in an article in the San Francisco Chronicle.

The above support was in addition to the Temple's own vast humanitarian ministry, patterned by Rev. Jim Jones of

Redwood Valley, which is widely recognized for providing its many thousands of members, and others who are members with care homes and convalescent centers; a children's ranch on 60 acres; apartment units for senior citizens; free legal services and health care, including effective drug rehabilitation; bus transportation; college education for young people; food, clothing, and other round-the-clock emergency services; and large refuge shelters for all kinds of animals.

Pastor Jones' ministry is concerned not only with helping to meet the needs of those who are disadvantaged, but also

with identifying the causes of these needs so that they might be eradicated from our society.

It is because of this consistent and genuine effort that Pastor Jones received the highly coveted award of the Los Angeles Herald as the "Humanitarian of the Year." In a ceremony he was presented with a beautiful painting from internationally known artist Dr. Yvonne Mae, and a trophy.

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Charity — alive in the Tenderloin

The Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ yesterday gave \$6,000 to save a Tenderloin aid program for older people.

Funds for the Seniors Assistance program would have run out today, said one of the group.

The gift was handed to Paul Godsey, one of seven men in the program by the Rev. Jim Jones. It will pay bills for another three weeks, including the \$100 weekly salaries for Seniors Assistance workers plus cab fares for the elderly and administrative costs.

Louis Langston, a spokesman for the group, noted that the federal money which created and supported the program for four months wasn't enough to pay for everything.

One worker fed an elderly person himself for two weeks until the man could get his affairs straightened out with various agencies, Langston said.

Their work — caring for the unprotected elderly who live in the Tenderloin — includes escorting them to banks to cash Social Security checks, taking them shopping or to hospitals and buying groceries for those who can't leave their rooms.

The announcement last week that the federal program was ending caused the Rev. Mr. Jones and his church board to act.

"I was so moved when I saw a photograph of a large young black man supporting a small white woman — in those times of alienation of the room."

"It was the least we could do," he said. "We hope to do more."

In accepting the check, Godsey



Gift will allow Robert Cobb (left) and his group continue aid to Tenderloin safety home again.

noted that the head of the seniors' group, Juan Melior, would have been present but was camping out at the Department of Social Services in Sacramento until a permanent solution to the funding problem is found.

Langston, Robert Cobb and Ron Collins led a tour through the Tenderloin area.

One physically disabled man had walked, to breakfast, four doors from his hotel. "It probably took him 15 minutes," Collins said. He stayed behind to help the man

Langston and Cobb visited a 70-year-old man, who had been evicted from his hotel because a social service worker forgot to pay his rent. They have moved the man's belongings to a "safe" hotel, one with light sprinklers and protective gates.

The man has lost contact with his family. Cobb knelt beside his chair to comfort him. "There's somebody cares," he said sadly.

"I'll be back later. I'll bring

some dinner," Langston assured him.

The Seniors Assistance workers have had to learn more than the first aid they were taught in training for the job. They have to know about the ripoffs — on the streets or at the hands of brutal and dishonest hotel managers. They've had to understand loneliness and how to help with that. And they've had to learn to deal with red tape of every kind and how to find bureau crats who can apply to bureaucrats.

"It's a lot to throw away. We feel we owe them," Langston said.

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Editor's Mail Box

Church that cared enough

Many thanks are due to the Peoples Temple for taking on the burden of the senior citizens in the Tenderloin by baffling out the Veterans Escort program. This program is one of the most creative responses designed to meet three major social needs, for senior assistance, veterans' employment and crime prevention.

The Senior Escort Program should become a permanent service... yet without the humane concern of the Peoples Temple and Rev. Jones it would have died.

It is good for our city that this church cared... and to jolt others who must also do their share to take care of our people.

CAROLYN LOOMAN
San Francisco

The actions of Rev. Jones

and his congregation should be a sign to the people who are responsible for funding this program that you can't just drop something like this and expect nobody to take notice. I'm hopeful that others will follow in the footsteps of Peoples Temple and insure that this vital program will continue.

RICHARD D. TROPP
San Francisco

Those who direct and work in this program are to be commended for their will to keep it going. It is sad that people-related programs always seem to suffer the cut of the economic knife first. We should be grateful there are people like Rev. Jones who care enough to do something. I'm glad charity is not dead.

REV. G.E. YOUNG
Oakland

Protective Escort Service Hangs On

Elderly Tenderloin hotel residents haven't lost their protective escort service after all. Not yet anyway.

Spokesmen for the North of Market Seniors Organization, which says the escort service has stopped muggings and rapes, announced yesterday that a \$6000 gift from Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ, 1880 Geary boulevard, will enable seven Vietnam War veterans to continue to serve the elderly for six more weeks.

Eight veterans, all of whom were on welfare, have worked the last four months to assist the aged, and mostly poor, in making shopping, medical and other necessary trips.

But a \$64,000 federal grant had been exhausted. Jean Mellor, president of the senior citizens' group assisting Tenderloin residents, has sought funds in recent trips to Sacramento.

The Rev. James Jones of the Geary boulevard church said his board authorized the gift of the money because the interracial nature of the escort service was inspiring. Most of the veterans are black; most of the elderly people they escort and do errands for are white.

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Changing habit from heroin-to helping

By James Schermerhorn

Marie Duckett was a heroin addict maintaining \$250 a day into her system when she first heard the Rev. Jim Jones speak at his Peoples Temple of the Disciples of Christ.

She had pleaded guilty numerous times to petty theft, to felony theft and to felony possession of dangerous drugs. She had spent some time in prison.

Heroin ran her life and she hated it.

"I tapped him (Jones) on the shoulder when he came down the aisle," she said. "I told him, 'I need your help.'"

Jones says, "I saw her desperation. She looked as if I thought she was mentally broken. I wondered if she could recover."

He took her to his home, a farm operated by the church 10 miles outside of Ukiah, with his wife and eight children.

That was more than three years ago. She has not been near heroin since.

She has been living in a church home, either in The City or at the farm in Ukiah. Her four children are here, and are cared for with the church's help.

She has worked for various agencies treating drug addicts, at local hospitals as a nurse's aide, and at her studies.

Marie today looks her 33 years. She is strong and healthy.

The promise is there — if she doesn't have to go back to prison.

Ironically, her past caught up with her because of her work for the church.

The church board wanted to send her to Guinea, to help operate its experimental farm project.

When she was asked to go, Marie was forced to admit she was a parole violator because she had not been reporting to the California Rehabilitation Center, a state prison where she was sent as a heroin addict in 1968.

There is an unresolved petty theft charge, and violation of probation on other offenses, as well, she said.

She said she was sure to be caught if she applied for a passport, and the church would be "embarrassed," Jones said.

But Jones and his church are not embarrassed, and they want to help her.

Gene Chalson, who volunteers his service as an attorney for the church, — where her troubles with the law occurred — went to Southern California to learn the details of what she faces. It could mean as long as nine years in prison, he said.

Marie, once a movie extra and a dancer, was an addict for five years. It began when the man she lived with began stealing money she had saved to attend evening school. She learned he was buying heroin with it.

"I was 23, and dumb. He was a brilliant man and I still don't know why he took heroin.



Marie Duckett's future is promising — if she doesn't have to go back to prison

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"But one day I put out my arm. I said, 'We share everything else, we might as well share this.'"

She left nursing school and the career she wanted.

Then her common-law husband was sent to prison, leaving her in the world of addicts, thieves, prostitutes and pushers.

He left her only one thing: Heroin addiction.

Marie is going to turn herself in before a Superior Court judge in Los Angeles tomorrow. It was her decision.

At her side will be Los Angeles attorney Robert L. Windsor, a former Superior Court judge in Mendocino County who is donating his services.

Jones will be there, too. He hopes, on the basis of her record with the church, she may be

released into his care.

"When someone is rehabilitated in our program, I know it. She is one of them," he said.

He is ready to describe the things she has done here — from the most tedious volunteer tasks to the study of engines, farm equipment and various sciences.

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Peoples Temple Attracts Heroin Addicts, Youth

By VIRGNE W. MURRAY

Someone has written, "As you think and as you love, you attract. You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you. You cannot escape the results of your thoughts."

This could be said of the Rev. James Thurman Jones, pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Rev. Jones has been in California about 11 years and, in that time, he has established three congregations.

Beginning in a garage in Los Angeles, the Rev. Jones now has three congregations of more than 10,000 members. From Redwood Valley came the church in San Francisco, and from the church in Los Angeles at 1286 S. Alvarado the local office is like a church "by the side of the road." It sits by the side of the road where Hoover splits and the road is Alvarado and the church is Hoover. This church, like all the others, has attracted many people.

DESPERATION
Many drug addicts, senior citizens, young people, some with needs and some with talents to give, have found in Peoples Temple, from the beginning, the members.

The Rev. Jones' thoughts and actions have produced many successful projects. Peoples Temple has several senior citizens homes, a 60-acre retirement center for retarded children,

care homes for orphans, convalescent centers, college dormitories, a refuge shelter for animals and an agricultural mission in South America.

Marie Duckett, a local young woman was a \$250-a-day heroin addict when she went to Peoples and met the pastor. The Rev. Jones recalled "She came up the aisle one day over three years ago. She grabbed me by the arm in desperation.

REHABILITATION
"She was in miserable condition, now she looks healthy and vivacious. She said to me, 'Will you please help me?' I saw her desperation, she looked OK, and I thought she was mentally broken. I wondered if she could recover."

continued the Rev. Jones. The minister also told how Miss Duckett was cared for. "My wife and I took her into our home in Redwood Valley. My wife is a registered nurse, we have seven adopted

children, and one natural born. She stayed with us many days, and went through the withdrawal system, which in her case was rather grave. My wife took care of her along with me and some of my children.

AGRICULTURE
"Marie is training herself in all phases of agriculture. She is very sharp. I've found many of the heroin addicts that we have rehabilitated are very sharp, when you get them straightened around. They've learned to manipulate so much that it is very difficult for us to cope, because every heroin addict that I've dealt with has been exceptionally intelligent.

"During this period of over three years, she didn't tell us the problem that she had. That was, she was a fugitive. When the time came to go to the agricultural mission in Guyana, she volunteered on her own. She said, 'I'm afraid it might be embarrassing, I've broken probation. So now our church has pledged to fight this all the way,'" declared the minister.

Miss Duckett went to court Feb. 4 to turn herself in before a Superior Court judge. Several attorneys volunteered their service to the church, one of them will assist her. She did not report to the California Rehabilitation Center, a state prison, where she was sent as a heroin addict in 1969. There is an unresolved petty theft charge, and violation of probation on other offenses.

VOLUNTEERS
One volunteer, Atty. Gene Chaiken, found that Miss Duckett could face nine years in prison. Another volunteer, Atty. Robert L. Winslow, a former Superior Court judge in Mendocino County, will assist the former addict in court. The Rev. Jones said he and

the church will assist by her all the way.

The personable 27-year-old young woman, who bravely went through her withdrawal, has been living in one of the church homes. Her four children are well cared for and are cared for with the church's help.

She has worked in various agencies treating drug addicts, at hospitals as a nurses aide, and is continuing her studies.

Once a movie extra and a dancer, Miss Duckett was an addict for five years. She says it began when the man she loved with a stolen stealing money she had saved to attend nursing school. She learned he was buying heroin with it.

Miss Duckett said, "I was 22 and dumb. He was a brilliant man and I don't know why he took her. One day, I put out my arm and said, 'We share everything else, we might as well share this.'"

ADMISSION
When the man was sent to prison, she was left with heroin addiction.
The church has a record of more than 100 addicts it has helped to overcome drugs.
"One of the women said, 'When I came by this church, I didn't know what to do, or where to go. If I had not received help here, I know I would be dead today.'"

But, she says she has gone through the withdrawal and is a senior at the University of California at Berkeley. She said she had no idea that she would graduate from college. She had no money for education.

The church supports many various projects and causes.

Peoples Temple raised legal fees for the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. members allegedly raised a white woman and sentenced by a North Carolina jury to die in the gas chamber. The archbishop of Georgia legislator Julius Bond, who has been instrumental in bringing several other inmates to the attention of the Rev. Jones are the Peoples Temple congregants.



PLUDGE — Miss Marie Duckett, a former \$250 a day heroin addict, is shown talking to the Rev. Jim Jones, pastor of Peoples Temple Christian Church. The Rev. Jones helped Miss Duckett through the withdrawal period, and she has since turned herself in. A probation officer said the church "pledged to fight for Miss Duckett."

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PEOPLES TEMPLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH — A church "by the side of the road," in Redwood Valley, California. The church is by the side of the road where Hoover splits and one side is Alameda and the other is Hoover. The church attracts many people. The Rev. James T. Jones is pastor, assisted by associates Paul Rayner and Johnny Jones.

LARGE BOAT

With its agriculture mission in South America, Peoples acquired a large ocean-going boat which can hold 20 tons of supplies and is being used to transport food produced in the mission to critical hunger regions of the world.

Several thousand acres assigned to Peoples by the government in South America, are producing 30 different crops to serve the food needs there and, in time of emergency, shipments will be made to the United States as well.

The ship is also used to take the sick to hospitals and deliver food, clothing and other supplies where they are needed by people living in remote areas of South America.

The Rev. Jones and Peoples have received numerous awards and commendations for their many projects.

The third Congress commended them in its Congressional Record for its support of the First Amendment.

Mayor Tom Bradley praised the church and pastor on a recent visit to the church. He said, "My ultimate ambition is the same as yours and Pastor Jones' it is to bring about the unification of people . . . to bring together people from various backgrounds so that they may understand that, indeed, each is his brother's keeper."

CHILDHOOD

A native of Crete in Randolph County, Ind., the Rev. Jones spent most of his childhood in Lynn, also in Randolph County.

He and his wife, Marcoline, the natural parents of one daughter, have adopted seven children of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.

One son, who is black, bears his name, Jim Jones Jr.

"We have a rainbow family, with all colors and backgrounds. Two Asian children, fathered by American servicemen, are in our family, along with an Indian and others," Rev. Jones said. His daughter is married and the Joneses have four grandchildren.

The successful endeavors of the Rev. Jim Jones and Peoples Temple Christian Church can be shown in their thoughts, for "you cannot escape the results of your thoughts."

SUPPORT

Food and supplies have been sent to aid the sick and hungry people all over the world — including Biafra, Bangladesh, the Sub-Sahara, Appalachia and Indian Reservations in the United States.

Financial and other support has been given to a medical clinic, American Cancer Society, Sicke Cell Anemia, Big Brothers of America and many others causes.

Through the Rev. Jones' leadership, Peoples Temple Christian Church contributed more than \$1,000 for the defense of William Farr and other reporters jailed for refusing to reveal their sources of information.

Last month a Tenderloin aid program for older people in San Francisco, was served by Peoples. The church gave \$1,000 to support this group.

Federal money created and supported the program for four months, but it wasn't enough to pay for everything.

This program cares for unprotected elderly who live in the Tenderloin, escorting them to banks, taking them shopping, to hospitals or doctors and buying groceries for those who can't leave their rooms.

MEDICAL STAFF

Peoples has a medical staff, whose members are in various stages of training and who work in hospitals and care facilities in the community. They also give routine physical examinations in the office in Redwood Valley.

Whenever a member is in the hospital, staff members are with that person around-the-clock, while they are hospitalized. Members are advised to see their doctors annually and senior citizens at

least semi-annually.

A fleet of Greyhound-type buses was purchased by the church to transport members for vacations, shopping and other outings. The church travels across country in the buses.

The Rev. Jones remarked "When I take a vacation, we all take a vacation together and get on the buses and go wherever we want to."

Last year more than 700 members participated in a three-week 10,000-mile trip. The group was remembered in every city where they stopped. It was noted that when they left a park it was cleaner than when they arrived. There were more than 200 seniors in their 80's and 90's on this trip and hundreds of children, teenagers, and young adults of every racial and ethnic background.

A Fully-Integrated Church in Action

By RALPH BATH
Tribune Religion Writer
The Rev. Jim V. Jones made some mistakes in Indianapolis.

Several Molotov cocktails were thrown at his house. Phone calls threatened the lives of several of his children.

It was quite clear the Rev. Mr. Jones said that this animosity sprang from racial prejudice.

In the mid-1960s, the clergyman was named the first director of the Indianapolis Mayor's Commission on Human Rights.

"I integrated 300 to 300 businesses just by talking," the Rev. Mr. Jones said of his two-year effort in the post.

But a number of people did not approve of his work and apparently also did not approve of the fact that his church, Peoples Temple Christian Church, was inte-

grated and the fact that his family of eight children, seven of whom were adopted, was fully integrated.

Partly because of the threats on the lives of his children and partly as a last-ditch effort to get the liberal mayor re-elected, the Rev. Mr. Jones resigned his city position in the summer of 1965.

It didn't work. The mayor was defeated and racial tensions increased.

"The Ku Klux Klan is once again growing in Indiana," the Rev. Mr. Jones reported in an interview last week.

Born, reared and educated in Indiana, the Rev. Mr. Jones reluctantly decided to move, that sad summer of 1965.

The place that he felt held the most promise for life free from racial tensions was Northern California. So he and his family moved to Red-

wood Valley, just north of Ukiah.

In a spontaneous gesture of support, the "whole church," about 100 persons, joined the Jones family in the move to California.

Things were much better on the West Coast, the Rev. Mr. Jones said, though the congregation still met with some racial prejudice. "I was surprised by the latent prejudice of a rural community," the clergyman said.

In fewer than 11 years since the move, Peoples Temple has grown to more than 20,000 members. It remains fully integrated.

Peoples Temple of Los Angeles has 10,000 members. The church in San Francisco at Geary Boulevard and Fillmore Street has 7,000 members, including 1,000 from the Eastbay.

The Redwood Valley church has 1,000 members. There are

sizeable congregations in Berkeley, Fresno and Sacramento. Many large cities in the country also have members of the Peoples Temple community, though they continue to worship at their local churches. Some have indicated that they might move to California.

Affiliated with the 15-million-member Christian Church-Disciples of Christ, Peoples Temple stresses lively worship services, a healing ministry and personal care and support of members.

The church has trained its members to be registered nurses and encourages all members to undergo a medical checkup at least once a year. There is a clinic on the San Francisco premises to give free checkups. This program has enabled breast cancer to be detected in time and treated.

The church has been suc-

cessful in treating heroin addicts. One reformed addict currently is completing studies to become a physician and another medical student plan to work as medical missionaries.

The church has helped in the education of 12 lawyers, conducts a legal assistance program for the poor.

The church has an extensive education and job-training program. A recent survey found that fewer than 2 percent of the members of Peoples Temple were on welfare.

Peoples Temple has a home for retarded children and a home for older persons. To a great extent, the persons run their own programs and decide for themselves how they will live their lives.

For the past six years church members have used their fleet of buses to travel the country.

In 1973, for example, members in 13 buses and 10 support trucks traveled the way to the East by camping out in churches, schools and camping areas.

They brought along a bus engine, automotive repair gear, food, medical supplies and even an ambulance. A never was needed.

Since they were fully integrated, there were a few fortunate incidents when traveled in the South.

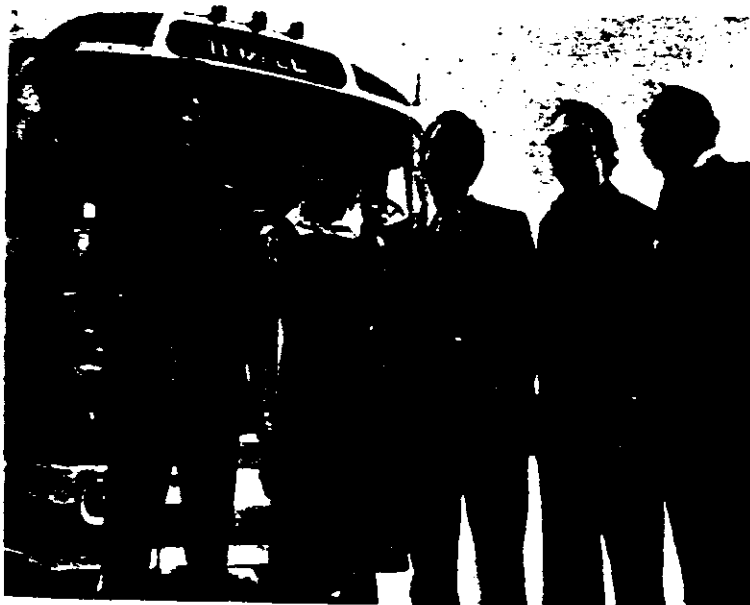
A truck driver deliberately rammed one bus and the Rev. Mr. Jones spent hours to calm an angry mob that formed in the worst part. Several shots were fired at the buses.

A woman supervisor camp in Georgia turned the water and locked the jets.

The travelers from Peoples Temple simply gritted their teeth and went about picking up all the litter in the ground.

The supervisor reluctantly stored water and facilities, invited the visitors to sleep overnight.

The supervisor's husband was so moved by the peaceful attitude of the Christians that he tore up his Ku Klux Klan membership card in their presence.



Ronald James (left), Anita Kelley, Rev. Jim Jones, Michael Probst, bus driver, Harris

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JIM JONES DECLINES HUMAN RIGHTS POST

San Francisco Mayor George Moscone revealed "bad news" at a swearing-in ceremony of new commission appointees last week when he announced that Rev. Jim Jones of Peoples Temple Christian Church (Disciples of Christ denomination) was declining a post on the Human Rights Commission.

The mayor said, "Rev. Jones examines his conscience more thoroughly than anyone I know," in explaining that the Reverend felt, at least at the present time, that he could provide a higher service—not only to his congregation but to people who look to him for leadership—outside of the political process.

Rev. Jones said he was honored by the mayor's appointment, but he could not give the commission's duties and responsibilities the undivided time the

mayor would expect and his own conscience would demand. He said that presently his time is completely taken up in coordinating the many human service programs and facilities the church provides for thousands of people in its California-based ministry.

Mayor Moscone said that Rev. Jones was not "playing hard to get" and he will be urging him to reconsider and take another post in the city's administration.

Rev. Jones has just returned to the City from his agricultural mission in South America, following a ceremony in New York at the Waldorf-Astoria where he was honored by the national interfaith organization, Religion in American Life, which has named him one of the nation's most outstanding clergymen.

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A family reunited: From l., Dennis Banks, daughter Tamina, Rev. Jim Jones, Leigh Brightman who harbored Banks; foreground, Ke-mook and baby from Deer Woman

Examiner Photo by Bob Bryant

Indian leader regains his family

By James Schermerhorn

American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks stood for a long moment before the Disciples of Christ Church. In his arms was his 4-month-old daughter he had not seen until his family arrived by plane last night.

His wife, Ke-mook, freed on bail from a federal charge, in Oregon with \$30,000 of the church's money, stood beside him. In her arms was an older daughter, 15-month-old Tamina.

When he finally found words, Banks said softly, "A week ago my wife was behind an iron door, my children were in Oklahoma. You in your love, have moved the iron

door."

The Rev. Jim Jones, pastor of the Peoples Temple here, led more than 4000 men and women in the crowded church in singing, "We Shall Overcome."

Then in his strong voice, Jones affirmed his congregation's support of Banks and declared, "We shall not settle for anything less than his liberty."

At the moment that seems difficult to achieve.

Banks is wanted in South Dakota, where he was convicted last July of possessing arms in a riot and assault with a dangerous weapon "without intent to kill."

In the trial, defense witnesses said they would not testify because they were threatened by the prosecutor, the state's attorney general, and in mid-trial, Banks' counsel withdrew for the same reason, leaving him to defend himself alone. His appeal for a mistrial was denied.

He and his wife also face charges of possessing destructive devices in Oregon.

Extradition to South Dakota, he declares, will mean his certain death, and he has appealed to Gov. Brown to deny extradition.

Jones said he asked the church board and congregation last week to take the action.

Peoples Temple Brings Religion Down To Earth

by David Johnston

On recent Saturday night, a 45-year-old Creek Indian named James Jones, leader of 8000-member Peoples Temple in San Francisco, sat in a small room off the Temple lobby vexed by what he was about to do. Jones was wondering about his decision to invite Kathleen Cleaver to speak to the congregation, which at the moment was gathering in the big second floor auditorium.

The appearance of Kathleen Cleaver, whose husband Eldridge had become an object of loathing to considerable segments of the Bay Area progressive community, represented the first time Jones had taken up a cause that threatened to split the Temple. "I imagine we're going to get it tonight," Jones was saying, "but we'll give her the floor and let her appeal. Unpopularity doesn't disturb me. But, there are so many causes, my God am I spread thin."

Spread thin is hardly the word. Jones ministers to not just the Geary Boulevard temple, but to two others, in Redwood Valley and Los Angeles. And the temples are not merely places for "meetings," as the Disciples of Christ call their services, but are centers for "human services programs." This year, for instance, the San Francisco Temple's service program will account for a sizeable part of its annual half-million dollar budget (which doesn't take into account the all-volunteer Temple help).

Besides the swimming pool, the 40 acre children's ranch, the two retirement homes and several "senior" care facilities, the Temple operates clinics which run the gamut from general medical, to infant care, to special services for the elderly.

But, that's just part of it. In addition, the Temple conducts a drug treatment facility, annually sends 100 kids to college on Temple scholarships and runs an agricultural mission in what used to be called British Guiana. The mission is actually a farm where, Jones says, "the harder juvenile cases are sent to learn farming skills." The Temple-owned shrimp boat "Marceline," with a 50 ton

capacity, delivers the firm's output to hunger points around the globe.

And there's more. The Temple also owns a fleet of 13 buses (maintained by Temple mechanics) which, when they are not running seniors to medical appointments, carry poor kids and the elderly on vacation trips. This year the Temple took in Washington, D.C. Last year there was a trip to Mexico. And Jones travels each week to Los Angeles, in one of these same buses, rejecting all appeals that he go by air because, according to his aide Michael Prokes, "Jim is just too humble to fly."

The reason why Peoples Temple has set up this mini-empire of goodwill, according to Jones, is that the Disciples believe in "New Testament sharing" as written in Matthew 25: 35-40. The grit of that passage, "For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat," is why Jones says, "we believe that the highest service to God is service to our fellow man."

In recent years, the Temple's works have also included helping financially-troubled groups. There was the \$6,000 the Temple gave to the South of Market Street Senior Escort Service when federal funds were cut this January, and there was the \$1,500 deficit-covering gift to the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center and Health Clinic last November. The Temple is currently providing financial help to Pets Unlimited, a non-profit animal shelter and clinic, to keep it afloat.

Moreover, the Temple has been funneling cash to individuals who have been harassed by the government. A \$4,400 donation in 1973, among other things, helped defunct William Farr of the L.A. Times, who refused to name sources for a story about the Manson family, and assisted the four editors and reporters from the Fresno Bee, who would not reveal where they had gotten a secret grand jury report. The church has backed leftists Angela Davis and American Indian Movement (AIM) leader Dennis Banks, and has also aided a John Birch Society member in getting back his teaching job.

"Our politics," said Tim Stone, one of the Temple's staff of volunteer attorneys, "is really an effort to actualize the Bill of Rights."

Kathleen Cleaver's speaking invitation however, unlike previous Temple missions, left Jones wondering uncomfortably about how the congregation which had filled the hall above to overflow, would react.



Pastor Jim Jones at recent rally. While their choruses resonated through the ceiling of the room where Jones waited, he twisted uncomfortably in his second-hand leisure suit. "I'm not taking any political position," he explained. "I wish I had the right answers, we help people, it doesn't really matter whether they're left or right. Like anybody else, Cleaver is entitled to his own beliefs. If Cleaver is an agent," frowned Jones, "and that's how they treat them ... M)

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God."

James Jones left his Somerset, Indiana church with his wife, Marceline, and their 10 children (nine of whom are adopted) in 1964. Along with 100 members of his former congregation, he started the Redwood Valley Church in Mendocino County. In 1967, he expanded into San Francisco and shortly afterwards got a temple underway in Los Angeles.

Peoples Temple accepts no grants, has no endowments and, according to Temple members, spends only the money that is contributed or earned through bake and rummage sales. Decisions on how funds are to be spent, say members of the congregation, are "democratically" arrived at by a vote of the membership.

The growth of Peoples Temple has been remarkable and Jones, asked how he's managed to come so far so fast, shrugs: "I don't honestly know how we got where we are. Hard work I guess, we are very frugal and we don't have any paid staff."

Such a sprawling organization, however, has inevitably led to critical speculation about the Temple. Jones' aide Prokes first met the pastor when he was working as a CBS reporter in Sacramento. Prokes says, "I figured at the time that he couldn't be for real, so I went through the hoops. I even went back to Indiana to check him out. I was so impressed with the character and integrity of this selfless man, I gave up my position in broadcasting to work full-time for this phenomenal program." Prokes adds, "I just couldn't find anything that was at all suspect."

Another member of the congregation said, "I've been here for five years and have looked for a gimmick the whole time. I'm still here and I'm still looking and I've almost decided that if there's a gimmick behind this thing, I'll buy the gimmick."

Jones moved slowly from the small room beneath the auditorium and climbed the stairs to the hall, where at least 2000 members of his Temple were waiting. He disappeared down a corridor and as a moment was standing in a step's low pulpit on a stage overlooking the crowd. He led them through "United We Stand" and stood watching while seven teenagers danced "Chains of Freedom" in a crackling rhythm.

Kathleen Cleaver was sitting behind him on the stage, but Jones did not look at her. The dance ended. Jones quietly told the crowd to write protest letters to American firms doing business in South Africa. Then, turning to Kathleen Cleaver, he said, "We all welcome her here, don't we?" When the murmured greases and scattered applause died away and Cleaver began to speak, Jones ducked to the back of the stage and opened the door to a small examining room. Inside a small boy was having his head wrapped for an ear infection.

Spiritual Jubilee proclaims A new heaven and a new earth



MEY: The Chief Minister emphasized: "The Book tells us that God is coming. We've been looking for a physical power or a personality when we should have been looking for a mentality. A man's mentality is what puts him in hell and a man's mentality is what puts him in heaven."

MEY: The Rev. Sir James observed that: "Whether we are Christian or Muslim, against or against, we must not learn to forget the differences between the oppressor, as they oppress or sold, and the late oppressor as an oppressor."



CHRISTIAN AND Muslim unity: Mayor Thomas Bradley (left), the Honorable Wallace B. Muhammad (center) and the Rev. Sir James (right) joined hands in a massive Spiritual Jubilee. In his message of oneness, Minister Muhammad declared: "God wanted only one division—a separation between ignorance and knowledge, a separation between corruption and purity, a separation between truth and lies." Concerning the only goal of the Nation of Islam, he observed: "We live for the truth and we die for truth. We don't live for Africa; we live for truth. We don't live for Europeans; we live for truth. We don't live for the rich; we live for truth. We don't live for the poor; we live for truth."



MINISTER MUHAMMAD lectures the Honorable W.B. Muhammad president of the Nation of Islam. "If the darkness of your Christianity holds you more than the light of Jesus, then you are in the den of Satan. If the darkness of your Judaism holds you more than the light of your Lord, then you are in the den of Satan. And, likewise, if the darkness of your Islam holds you more than the light of the Quran, then you are in the den of Satan."

By L.C. Babbam
and Keith E. Babbam

LOS ANGELES — More than 20,000 people flocked to the Convention Center here on Sunday, May 23, to participate in an unprecedented display of religious unity—the Southern California Spiritual Jubilee. The Nation of Islam and the Peoples Temple Church co-sponsored the historic gathering.

Dignitaries, both Caucasian and Black, lent their support to a call for unity which transcends all religious, ethnic, social and economic barriers.

The principal lecturers were the Rev. Jim Jones, founder of the Peoples Temple Church and the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad, Chief Minister of the Nation of Islam. The Chief Minister spoke on the topic "A New Heaven And A New Earth."

Weeks before the affair, the electricity of expectation had already charged the atmosphere of the City of Angels as well as coordinated preparations unfolded. A 500 a plate dinner at the Century Plaza Hotel took place the evening before the Jubilee.

OPENING REMARKS

In opening remarks on Jubilee Day, Misses Ahdia Karim Hama, Western Regional representative of the Honorable W.D. Muhammad, observed that "The idea of bringing people together from all walks of life regardless of their color or creed is an idea that should continue to grow and develop to such an extent that all men and women can enjoy peace of mind and contentment."

Among the key speakers were Mayor Thomas Bradley, California's Lieutenant Governor Jerry Dymally, Sister Angela Davis of the National Alliance Against Racism and Resegregation, Mr. Kenneth Bala, a Los Angeles County supervisor, Dr. Carlton Goodlett, noted publisher, the Rev. Praxilla Chaplin of the Southern California Council of Protestant Churches, Imam Rashid Tahir, assistant director of the Islamic Foundation of Southern California, the Rev. Earl Hasty, president of the United Christian Association and Minister Makina Khalid of the Sikh Dharma Brotherhood.

Endorsements included Dr. Mohammed Idrisi, secretary general of the Action Committee on Arab-American Relations, Rabbi Morton



CHRISTIAN AND Muslim, Convention and Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist, rich and poor converged at the Los Angeles Convention Center to witness the historic Spiritual Jubilee.

Reffman of the Bureau of Jewish Education; Dr. Armando Rodriguez, president of East Los Angeles City College; and San Francisco Mayor George Moscone.

One of the first speakers, media expert Michael Prokes, lauded the multi-racial Peoples Temple Church as an institution which has "saved hundreds of people from jail sentences and hard-lab drugs" while giving "medical care to thousands of minor citizens." The Temple also operates an agricultural mission in Guyana, South America.

Mr. Prokes cited another positive example—the adoption by the Rev. Jones and his wife Marcoshae of six children of different nationalities.

Dr. Goodlett reminded the audience that this year's Bicentennial also marks the 100th anniversary of the census of Richard Allen from the United Methodist Church because he was no longer able to endure racism as organized religion.

Mr. Kenneth Bala emphasized that "While the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad consented to

come here, I wanted to be here to listen to him."

MAYOR BRADLEY

Mayor Bradley characterized the Jubilee as "a significant occasion which will bring together diverse segments and set the tone for other commitments around the country."

Angela Davis pointed to the rising up of people across the globe to challenge "the forces of disease, illiteracy and starvation. They have discovered that their most important weapon is unity." She cautioned citizens about stepped-up repression in the United States.

The S-1 bill, if it is passed, "could even outlast such wonderful gatherings as this," she said. Just last week, she added, the "Federal Center for Experimentation and Behavior Control" was opened in Buckner, North Carolina. Miss Davis called for a unified struggle to free unjust imprisoned men such as the Rev. Ben Davis.

Mr. Dymally noted that "Fourteen years ago we were safe to greet anyone with 'As-Salamu Alaykum.'" He reflected on the brutal attack the Los Angeles Police on Muhammad's Mosque No. 17 in 1968. His support of the Nation of Islam in that case led to racist branding him as "Black Muslim."

"My, my how times change!" he remarked. "That 'Black Muslim' is now your acting governor."

REV. JIM JONES

The Rev. Jim Jones expressed joy in the "symbolic and literal union" of the Peoples Temple and the Nation of Islam. That union, he said, "represents a victory over the forces that seek to sow disunity."

The Native American evangelist warned that materialistic powers of racism, greed and power threaten to go to the extent of "destroying our planet." But oppressed people everywhere "are beginning to come into a reawakening, humanistic reality"—a keen awareness of the need to unite or perish.

Bro. Jones have written that: "I have received more acceptance and brotherhood from the Nation of Islam in these past few months than I have received from many quarters of the Christian Church." He paid tribute to the wise administration of the Chief Minister who has liberated the role of the woman and welcomed a race to the worship of our God.

"If the Muslims and Peoples Temple can get together, anybody can make it," the Rev. Jones



WOMEN MEMBERS of the Peoples Temple Church actively participate in all church programs, including: homes for the orphan and senior citizens, drug rehabilitation centers, legal assistance programs and an agricultural mission in Guyana.



U. GOVERNOR Morrye Dymally commented "This is a historic occasion. You have shown the people that working together — young and old, rich and poor, white and black, Muslim and Christian — we shall overcome."



MAYOR TOM BRADLEY commented "I am pleased that it is the first such spiritual Jubilee and that it happened here in the City of Los Angeles."

preached He advised listeners not to fall into "the trap of religious sectarianism and provincialism." All religious groups, he observed, must forget their petty differences in order to overcome exploitation.

He mentioned that only a few days ago some misguided individuals had fire-bombed his church's property and made threatening telephone calls concerning the Jubilee, but instead of discouraging him, these incidents only "proved that this meeting was the hand of God upon us."

The Rev. James called the Honorable W.D. Muhammad "a prophet," and declared "With the alternative I see on the horizon, I only wish he were remaining President."

Turning to the pages of history, he pointed out that "Millions have risen for Jesus and have him cover. And one day time that Christianity gave honor to Muhammad." Rev. James underscored the dangers of taking scriptures literally, citing the Biblical verse which reads "Servants, obey your master."

Referring to the example of Jesus, he observed "Jesus said there's only one way you can be saved — Fast, eat hungry, clothe the naked, let the oppressed go free."



"Who is fulfilling the words of Jesus? Who opened his arms and said, 'Come Christians, come Jews, come atheists, come agnostics? Who is fulfilling the words of Jesus any better than the Honorable Wallace D. Muhammad?" The Rev. James concluded his speech with these words: "If you come after the Nation of Islam — you better come after me."

THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Honorable W.D. Muhammad voiced appreciation for Rev. Jim Jones and for "the great community that he heads — the Peoples Temple Church. In time," he noted, "maybe we will all realize just how much the world is indebted to the step that has been taken this day."

Delving deeply into scriptures, the Chief Minister showed that there is no competition to religion. "God never imposes His way on anybody or any community. Almighty God's way is an

open way." He went on to say that Almighty Allah had purposely let different religious communities flourish around the world in order to test man and to eventually produce a unity from diversity, a oneness which would lift all peoples to Him.

The Chief Minister demonstrated the unity of all true believers and the oneness of all the great heroes of Judaism, Christianity and Islam. "Those who believe that they should conform to God's righteousness are all brothers in brotherhood," he declared.

"Jesus verified the truth of Moses and continued the chain of truth... Muhammad came, and he supported the teachings and the teachings of the Old Testament. He spoke of Jesus as brother in the faith."

Thus, there is no division in the family of prophets, but there is division among humans. "That alone is evidence that we have strayed from the pure teachings of those prophets," Honorable W.D. Muhammad stressed.

"The world has become a world of enmity because religious orders have promoted this division. They have condemned the communities as infidels. However, prophet Muhammad the Abulalah of 1,400 years ago and his teachings taught his followers to promote brotherhood of other religious communities."

Today, the Lost-Found Nation of Islam proclaims only one goal, Minister Muhammad proclaimed "to preach the truth regarding whom or what... Jesus said 'Know the truth and the truth will make you free.'"

The Chief Minister pointed out that Christians have been praying to an "old heaven" but God himself says that He's going to make a New Heaven and a New Earth. Minister Muhammad stressed that a wicked mentality "portrayed itself as light" had established kingdoms and barred the real, life-giving word of God.

"We've come to see rabbis, priests and nuns spit out nothing but air," because there is no "firmness in the Earth — not for food, but for the word of God." The Chief Minister added "There has been religious leadership which has the world, not politics, nor science."

"Where are you, Pope?" he asked "Where are you, imam?" "Rabbis, it's time for you to get out of your hiding place."

In conclusion, the Honorable W.D. Muhammad assured his listeners that "God has ordained a movement to destroy the corrupt and establish truth. This is our day."



MR. (RIGHT) : Dressed in white, the Honorable W.D. Muhammad arrives at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Right: The multi-ethnic Peoples Temple Church Choir delivers a stirring rendition of "Sing A Simple Song of Freedom."



LEFT: Joint assembly. Members of the F.O.I. (Frat. of Islam) and the Peoples Temple Church held security posts in front of the speaker's platform.

RIGHT: Minister Abdul Karim Khan of Mosque No. 27 said just before the Chief Minister's lecture: "Today we are blessed. Something is going to be put into the atmosphere that will blow away the clouds of confusion, that will dry up the waters of hate and discord."



Nation of Islam's interfaith rally

By John Hart

(Times Staff Writer)

LOS ANGELES — The Nation of Islam, once known as the Black Muslims, joined Sunday in its first interfaith rally.

Wallace D. Muhammad of Chicago, Chief Minister of the Nation of Islam since the death of his father, Elijah Muhammad 15 months ago, spoke to an estimated 15,000 persons, all of whom had to pass through airport-type security checks to enter the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Muhammad criticized today's world religious leadership for failing to end oppression or achieve unity, and he asked the traditional Islamic indebtedness to Moses and Jesus as predecessors of Muhammad.

There is no division in the family of prophets, he said, but there is division in us. Under Wallace Muhammad's

leadership, Communists have been admitted to membership in the Nation of Islam and friendly relations have been established with Arabic, Islamic representatives. Sunday's "Spiritual Jubilee" marked the Nation's first venture into interfaith cooperation.

Preaching Muhammad on the platform was the Rev. Jim Jones, the white founder-minister of Peoples Temple Church, which claims more than 12,000 members in three California churches.

Peoples Temple co-sponsored the program.

Jones, a Protestant minister, recalled that several years ago, tension was high between his San Francisco church and a neighboring Nation of Islam Temple.

"But under Wallace Muhammad all these things have changed," Jones

said. "Peace has come."

The Peoples Temple Churches, affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), are considered overtones under the Rev. Jones' leadership. The emphasis is on community service and support of worthy secular causes.

The Rev. Jones said that even athletes and agitators are welcome in his church as long as they agree with the gospel messages to serve others.

Pointing to the fact that traditional Islam regards Jesus as a prophet, the speaker exhorted to "cleanse the audience"—"its high time Christianity gave honor to Islam named."

Representatives of the prominent Arabic Islamic Foundation of Southern California, and the Southern California Council of Churches extended their congratulations from the platform.

Some speakers began with an Arabic Islamic greeting of peace, including Supervisor Kenneth Hahn and Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally. The latter recalled that it wasn't safe to give security, recalling the exchange of gunfire between police and Muslims at a Mosque in Los Angeles in 1962.

Greetings were also extended by activist educator Angela Davis, Mayor Thomas Bradley, and a young Black woman member of the Sikh Dharma Brotherhood who wore white clothing and headgear similar to the attire of thousands of Nation of Islam women in the audience.

The Honorable W.D. Muhammad said those who knew of the rally but stayed in their churches or temples (the doors opened at 11 a.m. for what turned out to be a five-hour event), "stayed in the darkness of Satan."

—Special from Los Angeles Times

Peoples Temple: Actualizing The Bill Of Rights

"We're going to have to get our heads out of the sky and realize that if we want heaven, we'll have to build it here, on earth, for ourselves."

The words are those of the Rev. Jim Jones, dynamic founder and pastor of a California-based ministry known as Peoples Temple.

At once erudite and down to earth, speaking without notes Jones combines the language of the street with masterful oratory and a biting wit, making him one of the most effective preachers in the church today. With a fiery conviction that holds his audiences enthralled, Rev. Jones takes on high-level corruption with a consistency and boldness rarely found on the church scene.

"I guess I shake people up a bit," Jones ruefully admits. "But complacency in these times is deadly."

Although affiliated with the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination, Peoples Temple boasts a vast membership from all walks of life, including virtually every racial and religious background.

In a time when crime, unemployment, and racism are victimizing our communities, Jim Jones and his parishioners are proving that churches can do something about it. The key-note is Jesus' practical Christian teaching as it is found in Matthew 25 (35-40) where His disciples are admonished to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, minister to the sick and imprisoned, because inasmuch as it is done unto the least of human beings, it is done unto Him (Jesus).

With central headquarters in San Francisco, the Temple, under Jones' inspired leadership, has been instrumental in rescuing hundreds from extreme poverty, drug addiction, and oppressive conditions.

The Temple's many human service programs meet people's basic needs, and more, providing free medical and legal assistance, senior citizens' homes, a 40-acre children's ranch, a community center with an indoor heated swimming pool, drug rehabilitation, college education and technical training, day care, and even wing shelters for sick and abandoned animals.



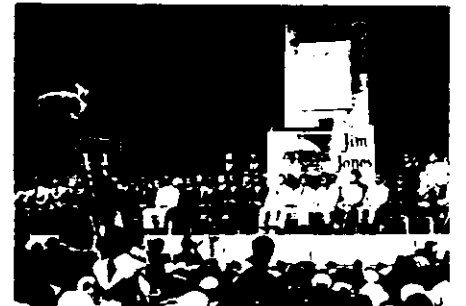
Rev. Jim Jones, founder and pastor of Peoples Temple church, speaks to thousands at a meeting with Temple members in Chicago.

Rev. Jones doesn't disallow the spiritual side of the church by any means, but it is secondary to his human service ministry. Jones' church lives by a modern-day Golden Rule which views service to one's fellow man as the highest worship of God or Deity. Rev. Jones conducts a calm, sane spiritual healing ministry, something that one might not expect to find in a social action oriented church. Parishioners—among them, attorneys, and professional medical people—say Rev. Jones' healing ministry has brought deliverance to thousands and is the most effective they've seen. Dr. J. Bruce Massey, a surgeon, agrees: "Many times have I seen him (Rev. Jones) demonstrate supernatural power by removing tumors from members of the audience with rapidity and completeness before the eyes of all present. I have seen him heal people who had been crippled... for many years. These people were made to walk with regained strength. As a physician of many years experience, I am convinced that these miraculous cures are genuine and permanent. Pastor Jim Jones should be seen and heard by people of the entire world."

Jones has a modest personal lifestyle that is completely without frills. The Reverend takes no anniversary gifts, appreciation days, or personal offerings of any kind. He owns no car, wears only used clothing, and has only one pair of shoes. ("That's all I can wear at one time," he deadpans.) The frugal minister feels he has no right to live above the people in his church. Virtually all



Some of the 100 young and old Temple devotees at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. where they met with congressmen in a private meeting, then viewed the public session in which the nation's laws are made.



"... if we want heaven, we'll have to build it here, on earth, for ourselves," Rev. Jones said in his keynote address delivered to 20,000 people at the Spiritual Jubilee in Los Angeles this past May. The unprecedented unity meeting between Christians and Muslims also attracted representatives from virtually every major faith.



Peoples Temple services are a combination of entertainment, cultural and educational activities, highlighted by Rev. Jones' stirring social message sermons. In the above pictured service at the Temple's church headquarters in San Francisco, the congregation is entertained by a creative dance performance portraying the Black struggle for freedom.

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donations are used for the benefit of people in need. Everything is put right back into the community where it comes from, in the form of practical services that aid the people directly.

Rev. Jones has captured the public eye not only for these humanitarian programs and the extraordinary model of active social service the church is providing, but also for the repeated stands he and the Temple have taken on behalf of individuals who have suffered injustice.

According to Gene Chaikin, one of the volunteer attorneys on the Temple legal services staff, the church will get involved when it's clear a person's rights are in jeopardy: support is given irrespective of race, background or ideology.

"Jim is a fighter, and means to see that America lives up to her ideals of equality and justice, and the guarantee of liberty contained in the Bill of Rights, wherever and whenever he can," says Chaikin. "He correctly assumes that our constitutional rights must apply to all, or they will ultimately apply to none."

The Temple has supported Angela Davis, the American Indian Movement, newsmen jailed for refusing to reveal their sources of information, as well as many other organizations that are in the forefront of defending human rights and civil liberties.

Most recently, Jones made a public appeal calling for fair treatment in the case of Edridge Cleaver. He took the controversial position, not on the issue of personality or the views of Mr. Cleaver, but again, squarely on the higher ground of justice—the right of a man to be free from custody on reasonable bail.

By consistently demonstrating that he has the courage of his convictions, Rev. Jones is highly respected among youth. He speaks to their needs and aspirations. He has earned their trust because they see that he lives his principles, unlike so many of the nation's leaders whose private lives and behind-the-scenes practices have caused youth everywhere to be skeptical about "leaders."

Jim Jones' rapport with young people has enabled him to establish an effective social structure, infused with compassion and guidance. The program has kept youth out of trouble with the law, off drugs, and away from violent lifestyles. For the first time in their lives, a

multitude of young Blacks have been able to live with utter pride and dignity, because Rev. Jones has fought courageously to provide them the opportunity to realize their goals—in terms of education, training and jobs.

Senior citizens have come to Peoples Temple from all walks of life. But instead of living in hopelessness, fear and despair, they now live in comfortable residences, thanks to the Temple program. With a new lease on life, the seniors have become active and vibrant. They can participate in a variety of programs—arts and crafts, drama, music, cultural tours, seminars—whatever they wish to do—because Rev. Jones feels they are owed that much.

"For so long, seniors have been made the last priority by our youth-conscious society, and so in Peoples Temple, they are put first," says Rev. Jones.

This is not just empty rhetoric. The Temple has stepped in and saved many homes of the elderly that were about to be lost when payments could not be met.

Jim Jones grew up in the grinding rural poverty of the Depression. He worked his way through school, was thoroughly familiar with the underside of America, and vowed to do something about it. A man of great resourcefulness, he founded Peoples Temple in the midwest, while barely out of his teens, upon universal religious principles of brotherly love, justice, and service to humanity.

While still in his twenties, he became the director of a human rights commission for a large city, and integrated scores of businesses when it was dangerous even to try. He soon was recognized as an uncompromising foe of racism, oppression, and inhumanity. Taken to a hospital with an appendicitis attack, he discovered that the patients were segregated, and there was unequal treatment. Though in great pain, he demanded that the hospital be integrated, and refused treatment until it was done.

His work earned him respect and the reputation for being someone who "meant business," but naturally drew the ire (and fire) of bigoted elements. He and his family, which includes six adopted children of various ethnic backgrounds in addition to his natural born, suffered repeated persecution. Seeking a better environment for his family, he moved to Northern California in the mid-sixties, and now owns one hundred of

The multi-talented...Dancers perform for Peoples Temple members and guests. The dance troupe is one of the Temple's many performing groups.



Rev. Jones enjoys the company of many of the hundreds of children who accompanied him on the Temple's nationwide tour, covering 23 states and 10,000 miles, this summer.

his extended "church family" went with him. There the Temple has flourished and now has three churches, located in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Mendocino County, serving many thousands of members throughout California.

On another front, Jim Jones has taken a giant step towards religious unity. He and the Nation of Islam's Chief Minister, Wallace D. Muhammad, brought the Christian and Muslim faiths together in an unprecedented demonstration of brotherhood and mutual cooperation at a "Spiritual Jubilee" in Los Angeles this past May. The event was attended by prominent religious, community, civic, and national leaders, as well as 20,000 other people, who came from all over the U.S.

Recently, Peoples Temple completed a 10,000-mile summer tour around the nation, traveling in the Temple's large fleet of Greyhound-type buses. 750 members of all ages, from infants to seniors in their 80's and 90's, participated. Its theme was racial harmony and brotherhood. Associate Minister Michael Prokes explained that the trip was meant to serve as an example and inspiration that the American dream of equality, and social and racial justice is very much alive. Prokes is a former CBS television affiliate news bureau chief who joined the Temple while covering it on assignment.

The national tour gave many people their first opportunity to visit scenes of America's past, including Indian reservations and stations of the "underground railroad" that brought slaves to freedom. Rev. Jones spoke to

thousands of people in each of six major cities, incisively pointing out the social ills America has failed to treat. Speaking from the same New York podium at which Malcolm X was assassinated, the Reverend declared: "The Bicentennial can be no cause for celebration because the Bill of Rights and Declaration of Independence have not been actualized in the lives of millions of people of all races here in America. As a result, they remain unable, through no particular fault of their own, to gain their fair share of the pie. For these people, as Malcolm X put it, 'the American dream is a nightmare.'"

Hundreds of people who heard Rev. Jones decided to become members of the Temple, with some even joining the "caravan" to relocate in California near the Temple's headquarters. The press took notice of the 22-state tour, and praised Peoples Temple for its success in achieving a working, rather than just merely tokenistic, integration of people.

Here in California, Rev. Jones continues the struggle to provide young and old with opportunities to achieve practical goals.

"This kind of church," Jones explains, "is very close to the type of life prescribed by Jesus for His apostles. It represents a marriage of the 'religious' and the 'social gospel.'"

Peoples Temple has come to exemplify a reawakening of the church to its original mission. Jim Jones has made it a place of harmony and love, where each person assumes the role of being his brother's keeper. Other churches and institutions are sitting up and taking notice.

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Peoples Temple: Service To Fellow Man

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PEOPLES TEMPLE is many things to many people.

Its demonstrations last week on behalf of four jailed Fresno Bee newsmen is emblematic of its active role in society.

The church, based in the Bay Area, provides housing and care for the elderly and orphans and dormitories for college students.

It operates a farm mission in South America to produce food for the underprivileged while teaching the nationals self-sufficiency and attempting to dispel a bad image of the United States.

It has a fleet of Greyhound-type buses for transporting its 5,000 members throughout the state to church meetings and rallies.

It offers free legal services and health care.

It has a boat sailing off the South American coast which provides medical and agricultural assistance to those countries.

Each year it channels thousands of dollars into as many philanthropic organizations that do not of beneficence rivals a United Way directory.

Let the Peoples Temple hear of a need and the congregation jumps in to help.

IN THE LAST YEAR, the congregation's donations have:

— Helped keep open a medical clinic in San Francisco which otherwise would have closed.

— Benefitted research in the medical fields of cancer, heart disease and sickle-cell anemia.

— Supported educational broadcasting such as KQED.

— Provided emergency cash to distressed families, particularly those of slain law enforcement officers.

— Donated the treasures of groups fighting hunger, building schools, developing hospitals, opening church programs or working with Indians.

— Aided civil rights causes, both financially and through demonstrations, including those involving discrimination and the jailing of The Bee newsmen and Los Angeles Times reporter William Farr.

Peoples Temple Christian Church, as it is properly called, is affiliated with the 2-million member, nationwide Disciples of Christ.

THE MAN BEHIND the man-steered church is the Rev. Jim Jones, 44, a pastor and missionary for 25 years, and formerly a teacher and businessman.

Jesus' theology is succinct: "The highest worship to God is service to your fellow man."

Members of the church interviewed

I visualize God as love. You can reverse that, too, and say love is God.

Jesus admits he doesn't adhere to fundamentalist teachings of the Bible, but is driven by his self-reported phrase of serving fellow man.

He does it with a budget of \$200,000 — "We try to be frugal," he says — and a congregation that is willing to leave home or job to get involved.

"I visualize God as love," he said in an interview. "You can reverse that, too, and say love is God. I try to manifest the highest degree of love and compassion that I can with my finite being."

Jesus, in Matthew, put the pressure on the church by emphasizing it's what you do for others that counts.

That's what we try to do, to serve others."

A NATIVE OF Indiana where he was graduated from the University of Indiana and a Bible college. Jones began preaching soon after he got out of school. He also worked part-time as a school teacher to supplement his income.

After serving several pastorates there, he came to California 11 years ago, settling in the small Mendocino County community of Redwood Valley, eight miles north of Ukiah.

"We considered California more progressive," said Jones of the family's decision to come West. "Having adopted a black child, we thought it created a bit of pressure. We heard there were a number of ethnic groups scattered in Redwood Valley and it would give us an opportunity to grow up on a small farm."

Jones noted that of his nine children, eight are adopted and most are of mixed ancestries including Korean, Indian, Mexican and Japanese.

THE CHURCH is as diverse as his family, and has been described by one religious writer as the most multi-racial congregations ever seen. Jones said about 20 per cent are Caucasians, 45 per cent black, 10 per cent Chicano and 20 per cent Indian and Asian.

"We go out of our way to break down all barriers between socio-economic and ethnic classes," said Jones. "We find a very wholesome union between all these people."

"We think there is something important in the Kerner Commission Report which said we are heading toward two societies, separate but unequal, one black, one white. One of the sharpest messages of the Scriptures is that God doesn't see a difference in people."

"One of the challenges of this church is that there are no barriers between young and old. The typical thing you see in a church is a gap between age. You don't see that in our church. Neither do you see a gap between race or creed."

In the same vein, the church is open to all beliefs. There are both fundamentalists — "not too many," said Jones — and agnostics. "We even have people who come here just because they like to help people and care about serving people. They feel they are equal. We don't claim to be a highly evolved people."

THE BASIC THEORY, Jones said, is that members should subscribe to the practical teachings of Jesus Christ.

"We don't attempt to define the firmness of heaven or the temperature of hell," said Jones. "I'm not futuristic. That's one of the dangers. Jesus said we should build the kingdom of heaven on earth. Well, when we were preaching, some said it was the Lord's will for those men to be in jail. I think that is a dangerous conception."

Jones began his California ministry in the garage of his Redwood Valley home. Some members of his Indiana congregation followed him west and the church grew.

He opened a branch church in the Fillmore district of San Francisco seven years ago. It now serves as his headquarters. Another branch was opened in Los Angeles four years ago.

THERE ARE MEMBERS throughout the state who are transported to services on Fridays, Saturdays and

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Sundays at one of the three churches by its head of house. Jones or one of 12 associate ministers conducts the services, with Jones alternating weekends in Los Angeles and the Bay Area.

The San Francisco church is in what Jones calls a "transitional area," a kind way of saying a number of the buildings are deteriorating.

It is a church without permanent goals so that the facility can be transformed into a community center.

From there, area residents are offered free medical care provided by volunteer nurses and doctors, and free legal services provided by volunteer attorneys.

Additionally, there are geriatric facilities for the elderly, a drug rehabilitation program which Jones says has helped more than 125 persons kick the habit and a food commissary.

HOWEVER, WHILE these missions, Jones said Peoples Temple does not require any kind of religious indoctrination of hungry persons before giving them food.

It has its own social programs,

Peoples Temple has funneled thousands of dollars into other causes such as the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, Big Brothers of America, an Indian relief program and a plan to combat hunger.

When a law enforcement officer is critically shot or slain, the church usually steps into help with money, said Jones. The church gave the family of a slain Highway Patrolman in Los Angeles \$200.

"Being that we are activists, we also want it known that we are opposed to violence," said Jones.

"Whenever an officer is slain, we make a donation to the family. The typical image of the person who protests for peoples' rights is that they are militant. We are pacifist."

JONES SAID THE bulk of the church's protest is limited to letter writing. However, about 1,000 members of the church, wearing paper "Free The Red Four" buttons on their lapels, participated in last week's speaking of the Democratic headquarter in San Francisco.

One of those attendees was Rosalyn Carter, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter, who asked Jones to dine with her.

"I can tell you this," said Jones. "I told her all about The Red Four."

Jones said the money for all the church's activities comes from members' "and others just wanting to help."

"We have no demand on giving," said Jones. "When the congregation sees things happening, they tend to respond. Some comes just stir people so that they put on rummage sales or bake sales. That helps raise money."

JONES ALSO SAID the church is "very frugal," and cited the use of the San Francisco church "monastery" as a multipurpose facility as an example.

Jones said the motivating force for many involved in Peoples Temple is the work or the cause.

"We are interested in your movement, for example, because freedom should be a concern for everyone," said Jones. "We have demonstrated since the Civil Rights marches years back. But we saw that the only people showing concern were the movement, so we decided to get involved."

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Testimonial honors Fresno Four

By KATHY HUNTER
If you came to spend an evening with Assemblyman Willie Brown, Lt. Gov. Marys Dymally, San Francisco's Mayor George Moscone, Police Chief Charles R. Gain, District Attorney Joseph Freitas, Eldridge Cleaver and his wife and a member of the John Birch

Society, where do you think you would be?

At a political rally, right? Wrong!

You would be out of the more than 1,000 people who turned out for a testimonial dinner in San Francisco for Pastor Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple honoring the Fresno Four newsmen with

the proceeds to go to the church's many charitable projects.

The whole evening was precipitated by the participation of approximately 1,000 members of the Peoples Temple who traveled from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Ukiah churches to protest the continued confinement of

the Fresno Bee newsmen in a peaceful demonstration supporting the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Mike Prokes, an assistant minister of the church, and Assemblyman Willie Brown shared the emcee duties of the evening, which featured the public thanks of the "Fresno Four."



TRANKS FROM THE 'FRESNO FOUR' — A special feature of the testimonial dinner held in San Francisco Saturday night for Pastor Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple church was the appearance of the four Fresno Bee men who were jailed on contempt of court charges for refusing to divulge their news sources and came to the dinner to personally thank Jones and the 1,000 members of the Peoples Temple who

went to Fresno to make a peaceful demonstration protesting the confinement of the newsmen and in support of the First Amendment to the Constitution. Pictured with Jones at far right are, from left: Joseph Roscoe, reporter; James Bert, city editor; William K. Patterson, reporter; and George Gruner, managing editor. (See page 2 for additional pictures and story.) —Journal photo by K. Hunter.

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REPUBLICANS ALSO TALK TO DEMOCRATS — Dr. and Mrs. St Boynton of Utah visit with Lt. Gov. Marvin Dymally

and his stunningly beautiful wife, who everyone agreed could win any office she chose to run for.



WELCOME! — Sandy Bradshaw of Utah, who was one of the hostesses for the Peoples Temple dinner, makes S.F. Police Chief Charles Galt especially welcome to the

evening's festivities while Tim Stoen exchanges a witticism with a dinner companion.

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Mayer George Moecone presented a plaque thanking Jones for "his personal support given on many occasions whenever asked" and State Senator Milton Marks presented the pastor with a resolution on behalf of the entire State Senate commending the work of the Peoples Temple.

A certificate of honor was also presented Jones by Bob Mendelsohn on behalf of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors thanking the church for its many projects "which have been so beneficial to all the citizens of the Bay Area."

Claude Worrall, ambassador to the Guyanese embassy in Washington, D.C. was present at the head table to thank Jones and the Peoples Temple for their present agricultural mission to his country and Cecil Williams of Ghde Memorial church was also present to give Jones and the Temple a plaque of appreciation for the Temple's work in humanitarian ministry.

Perhaps the most poignant accolade came from Lt. Gov. Dymally who commented that all people can live, work and love together for here was an example of thousands who had come together — blacks, whites, orientals, the young and the old of all denominations — in a temple, God's temple.

The evening, which included outstanding band and vocal entertainment as well as dancing by the Temple's young people, concluded with Jones telling the assemblage that prayer alone wouldn't do the job — "you have to put legs to your prayers."

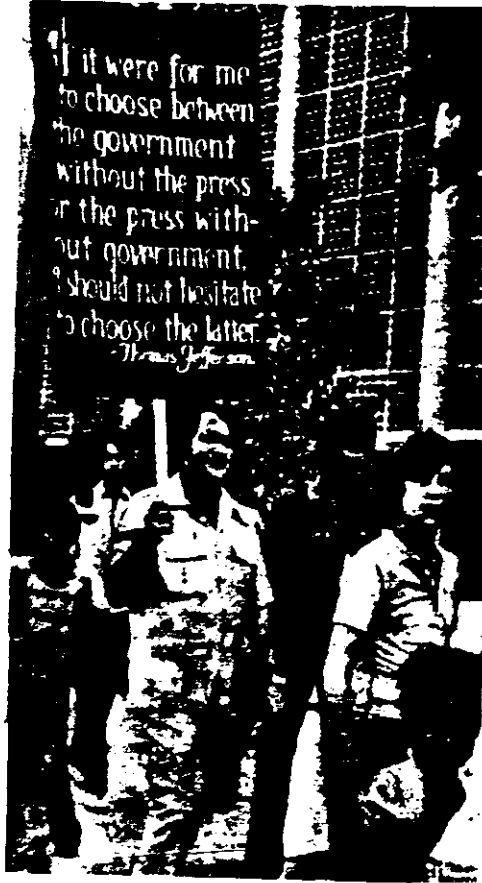
He also introduced and thanked Walter Heady and Dr. and Mrs. St Boynton of Utah for their support, counsel and friendship during many difficult times.

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Peoples Temple was not seeking publicity when the coalition took up a march on behalf of the Fresno Bee Four. Actually, the demonstrators requested that the press not publicize the Temple itself, but convey the seriousness of the issue at stake. The demonstration received the grateful support of the McClatchy family, owners of the Fresno Bee, Sacramento Bee, and Modesto Bee, as well as TV and radio stations in several cities. The New York Times, AP and UPI all covered the event, displaying prominent, bold-type headlines. Major TV and radio stations across the nation carried the story as well.

Peoples Forum has reprinted, in this issue, excerpts of articles about the Fresno demonstration in order to impress upon our readers the utter seriousness of the Bee Four issue. The loss of freedom has always started with the demise of freedom of the press.

Defending Others' Rights SF Church Members Demonstrate Support For Newsmen



Rev. Jim Jones holds sign in Bee Four vigil.

Bee Photos by Ralph Thorsberry

It is difficult to watch the quiet demonstration of support for the Bee Four in Courthouse Park without having tears of emotion cloud your vision.

They walk somberly and almost silently, courteously stopping the parade from time to time to permit others to pass through their lines.

sprinkled among the 500 or so demonstrators from Peoples Temple in San Francisco are hand-carried signs with such slogans as "Free Our Newsmen, Now." Most of the demonstrators are women and the majority are black.

They are Americans demonstrating quietly their belief that an injustice is being done in the sentencing of the four Fresno Bee newsmen to indefinite jail terms until they reveal their source of information for a series of news stories.

The strength of their belief is moving and impressive. They have subjected themselves to the elements - heat Thursday and then rain Friday and Friday night - to long, tedious bus rides, to the inconvenience of public toilet facilities, meals prepared on a bus. They could easily have stayed home enjoying far more comforts.

They chose not to. They chose to demonstrate in support of four newsmen none of them had ever met. But they have a solid acquaintance with the principles of human rights. One said "In the church...we learn to respect each other's rights and to defend them if necessary."

This is what America is all about - defending each other's rights. Thank you, members of Peoples Temple, for showing it to others.

Jim Jones
Peoples Temple
Courthouse Park
Fresno, California
Dear Rev. Jones,

The four of us have been deeply touched by the remarkable outpouring of good will and support shown by the members of your church the past two days.

It is heartening to know that people like you and your congregation understand the principles we are standing for and that you hold them so dearly that you will take the time and expense to demonstrate your belief in them.

Words cannot adequately express the depth of our feelings. To watch an institution that long line of members and realize we were the beneficiaries of such a demonstration is something we will hold in our memories for a long time.

We thank you and may God be with you.

The Bee Four

Gene Barry, James T. Hume,
William J. Gorman, Jr., et al.

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JAILING OF NEWSMEN PROTESTED ON COAST

10 Buzsands of Church Members
From San Francisco Picket
Courthouse in Fresno

By WALLACE TURNER

(Excerpted from New York Times
article which included a photo of
the demonstrators.)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. Sept. 10: Ten busloads of demonstrators from an activist church in a depressed district here will picket the Fresno County Courthouse around the clock this weekend to protest the jailing of four

newsmen on contempt of court charges.

"We feel that the Judeo-Christian tradition's most prominent concern is freedom," said the Rev. Jim Jones, 44 years old. "Where the spirit of God is, there's liberty. We've always been very freedom-conscious."

Two Fresno Bee editors and two reporters were jailed Sept. 8 in an attempt to make them tell the court how they gained access to secret grand jury testimony in an investigation of civic corruption. No public outcry has arisen in Fresno about the treatment of the local paper's staff.

Apathy Scored

Mr. Jones, the pastor of the San Francisco church group picketing here, said, "The apathy is appalling. Either it's that or

despair. I don't know what to make of it."

He said the pickets walked all night and planned to continue until early Sunday. As they marched, they polled passersby.

"Teachers and social workers had wholesome attitudes," Mr. Jones said. "Some of the lawyers have been more sympathetic to the court's attitude. The most understanding people that we meet are the Chicanos. They hear of things in Mexico City that make them worry about this."

"I was a missionary in Brazil, and I saw a coup d'etat," he said, "and the people there were less apathetic than I think we are at this stage in American life. This is not just the press's battle. The least we could do is stand out here and walk."



Members of the Peoples Temple Church of San Francisco picketing the Fresno County Courthouse.

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The following are excerpts of an article written by the wife of the editor of the Daily Journal who was one of the guests at the benefit dinner.

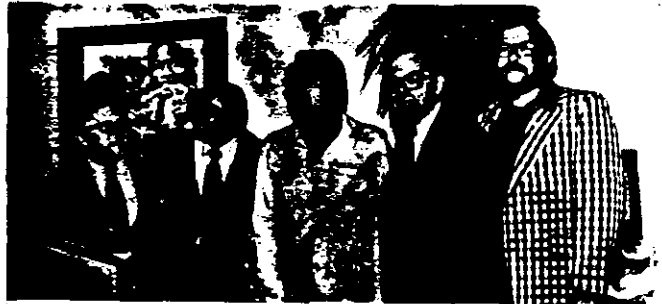
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Rev. Jim Jones and the Fresno Four, (from left: William K. Patterson, Managing Editor George Gramer, City Editor James Bort Jr., and Joseph Roasto).

Thousands Pay Tribute to Jim Jones' Ministry

Over 7,000 people of widely divergent backgrounds, including government officials and community leaders, joined together for a benefit dinner Saturday night at Peoples Temple.

Originally the affair had been scheduled as a testimonial to Rev. Jim Jones, the founder and pastor of Peoples Temple church, and the man responsible for the wide-ranging San Francisco based human service ministry. At Jones' insistence, however, the event had been changed to a benefit for the many local charitable causes supported by the Temple.

La. Governor Mervyn Dymally and Mayor of San Francisco George Moscone saw fit to praise Jones despite his request to remain unacknowledged. Senator Milton Marks gave Jones a written commendation from the State Senate; Supervisor Mendelsohn presented Jones with a Certificate of Honor unanimously approved by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and Rev. Cecil Williams expressed Oldie Methodist's appreciation for the good works of Peoples

Temple and its Pastor with an inscribed plaque.

Assemblyman Willie Brown, the Master of Ceremonies, described Rev. Jones as the "total human being," and introduced him as a man who represents what's best in some of the world's great leaders.

A thunderous, prolonged ovation greeted Rev. Jones as he came forward. Addressing the gathering of over 7,000 in the main auditorium of various banquet halls viewed by closed circuit television, he spoke forthrightly about the danger to freedom in the land today.

Jones warned the crowd that whether person is black or white, a worshiper of God or an atheist, a liberal or conservative, his or her right to stand up strongly for what he or she believes may well be in jeopardy. Citing recent threats to the press, he said that the American people should resist such erosion of First Amendment guarantees with every ounce of their energies. He emphasized that the press is "both the arm and the protector of the people." (Cont'd on next page)



Mayor Moscone of San Francisco commends Rev. Jones and the Temple Ministry

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Senator Milton Marks presents Rev. Jones with a commendation from the California State Senate.

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Persons of both the so-called "Left" and "Right" of the political and philosophical arena made up the diverse gathering. The Mendocino and Lake Counties section leader of the John Birch Society, a friend of Jim Jones, was there, along with conservatives such as Dr. and Mrs. Boynton. Marge Boynton is head of a Republican State Steering Committee and present campaign chairperson for Congressman Clausen. Equally prominent were the progressive lawyers such as Vincent Hallinan and Charles Garry.

Also among the many guests were: Dr. Carlton Goodlett, President of the National Newspaper Publishers' Association and publisher of the San Francisco Sun Reporter and other Bay Area newspapers; District Attorney Joseph Freitas; Chief of Police Charles Galt, Deputy Ambassador to the Guyanese Embassy in Washington, D.C., Claude Worrell, Executive Director of the Northern California Ecumenical Council, Dr. Lynn Hodges; the Regional Bishop of the nationwide Disciples of Christ denomination (to which Peoples Temple belongs), Rev. Gerald McHenry; Mr. Steve Garvin, City Editor of the Chronicle; Dr. Ruth Love, Superintendent of Oakland Schools; Mrs. Kathy Hunter, editorial assistant and wife of the editor of the Ukiah Daily Journal of Mendocino County and active in democratic politics; and a host of other civic, religious, and official dignitaries.

The four Fresno Bee newsmen—William K. Patterson, Managing Editor George F. Gruner, James H. Bort, and Joseph Bonstorer—recently released from jail following demonstrations and all night vigils held by over 1000 members of Peoples Temple, came with their families. The newsmen had been jailed for refusing to reveal a confidential source of information. Their own words conveyed their thanks:

"THERE IS NO DOUBT IN OUR MINDS THAT WHAT YOU, REV. JONES, AND YOUR FLOCK DID IN FRESNO AND, WE UNDERSTAND, ELSEWHERE AT OTHER TIMES, IS THE MOST ELOQUENT TESTIMONY POSSIBLE TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF MAN. YOU ARE TRULY A REMARKABLE GROUP OF PEOPLE, AN AFFIRMATION OF ALL THAT IS BEST IN THE HUMAN RACE."

Included in the evening's entertainment were exciting performances by the Africano dancers and the Black Velvet Revue, groups selected from among the talented youth of the Temple because of their participation in the vigils for the Fresno Four newsmen. Their performances were designed to especially honor the Bee Four.

Rev. Jones requested that no one who indicated a desire to come be turned away on the basis of their inability to pay, and thus nearly half of the crowd was served the four course dinner for free. Hundreds of Peoples Temple parishioners are comprised of just average working people. The food was served by hundreds of parishioners who volunteered to help put on the huge benefit—the first of its kind at Peoples Temple. A vast majority of those in attendance, however, were members of Peoples Temple San Francisco Church.



Rev. Jones speaks out about the dinner to freedom in the land today.



Rev. Jim Jones and his wife, Marceline, greet San Francisco Police Chief, Charles Galt.



Temple volunteers entered the entire banquet so that the donations could go directly to benefit local charities.

Housing Agency's 2 New Members

By Marshall Eklund

Two San Francisco churchmen with experience in a wide range of social causes were nominated by Mayor George Moscone yesterday to seats on the Housing Authority.

The names of the Rev. Jim Jones, 44-year-old pastor of the People's Temple at 1285 Geary boulevard, and the Rev. A. C. (Tony) Ubalde Jr., 38, the pastor of the Bethany United Methodist Church at 1285 Sanchez street, will go before the Board of Supervisors for confirmation.

The Rev. Mr. Jones is the politically aware leader of a congregation of 8000 black and white members. He has loaned his time and resources to such diverse causes as the defense of four jailed Fresno Bay newsmen, African liberation groups and a bail fund for Eldridge Cleaver.

His church spends money to support such causes as senior citizen escorts, retarded children, a police fishing program for youth and roof repairs for another Methodist church.

The Rev. Mr. Jones previously turned down a Moscone nomination to the Human Rights Commission because the minister said he lacked the time.

"Now I think I have more time and I think that housing is one of the most important problems that we have to face," he said.

"I'm especially concerned about Hunters Point. That place is a no-man's land and I know the tenants out there are unhappy," the Rev. Mr. Jones added.

The Rev. Mr. Ubalde, who is Filipino, has been a leader in such social welfare and educational organizations as Urban Network Ministries, the Asian Center for Theology and Strategies and the Coalition for Effective Schools.

The Rev. Mr. Ubalde also has worked on behalf of senior citizens, Mission district health groups and low-cost housing for Asians.

"The two big problems that I'll face on the job are trying to find the money for renovating some of the housing units and also improving the environment in public housing that affects the quality of life for a resident," he said.

The Rev. Mr. Ubalde will fill an unexpired term that will run until May 3, 1977. This term was formerly held by the Rev. Hamilton Barwell, who resigned earlier this year.

The Rev. Mr. Jones will start a full term that will last until April 27, 1980. His seat was formerly occupied by Stephen Walker.

The Seven-seat Housing Authority controls approximately 8200 units occupied by 35,000 residents who are unable to afford living accommodations on the conventional market.

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Church Leader Rejects Politics

By RICHARD SPENCER
SAN FRANCISCO—On Nov. 1, while those who voted were busy electing Jimmy Carter president, the city's voters passed Proposition 7, which

many members of the board of supervisors will be elected from 11 districts, rather than as a citywide ballot. There are those who say the Rev. Jim Jones, G. of the

People's Temple of the Disciples Church in the heart of the Fillmore district and his congregation of approximately 2,000 pulled one of the cards that lodged the proposition onto

the victory list. Not so, said the Rev. Mr. Jones. "There is no danger of us becoming parties to our politics. We are concerned with social problems," he said. "I was in political activities. I'd never make it."

He spoke at the grand opening of his office at the

church, while on the floor above children played in the day-care center, under officers conducted on a breakfast of beans and eggs, some-pudding and a pitcher of punch, a physical therapist worked, and a volunteer checked a parking lot filled by more than 100 cars to accommodate

"I don't know how you can have this type of community without participating in it,"

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Huge MLK Celebration



Martin Luther King Day was celebrated in different ways throughout the Bay Area last Saturday, but nowhere more spectacularly than at Peoples Temple in San Francisco, where more than 8,000 people of all races gathered for an afternoon of music, speeches, and prayers. Governor Jerry Brown, Mayor George Moscone, and state Senator Milton Marks were among the dignitaries on hand to honor Rev. Jim Jones, Rev. Booker Anderson, and Rev. Howard Williams, in addition to featured speaker Sen. Strom Thurmond, S.C., a member of President Carter's transition team. See Page 25 for more.



TV News reporter Ed Aron reports comments of Governor Jerry Brown, who came as Rev. Jim Jones's guest to help commemorate and reaffirm the ideals for which Martin Luther King stood.

More than 8,000 people packed the sanctuary and several smaller auditoriums at Peoples Temple (1858 Geary) to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King last Satur-

day. The morning event saw the huge congregation hold hands during song and worship in a dramatic demonstration of unity among people of all races and religions. Rev. Jim Jones,

founder and pastor of Peoples Temple (pictured above to the right, on the pulpit along with Rev. Booker Anderson and Rev. Howard Williams), declared to the crowd: "We must lay our theological differences aside and unite in a struggle against the social problems that plague us all."

Other speakers included Rev. A. B. Robinson of the Black Ministers Alliance and Southern legislator Sen. Strom, a member of President Carter's transition team. Also on hand were Governor Jerry Brown, Mayor George Moscone, and Senator Milton Marks. The inspiring event marked a new day of unity and cooperation among a vast cross-section of the religious and cultural-ethnic communities, according to the testimony of many persons in attendance.

A DREAM THAT WILL NOT DIE



Thousands of persons of all races and religions at Peoples Temple rejoice and others cry with clasped hands in singing "We Shall Overcome" at the Martin Luther King Birthday observance. On the right, Rev. Hannibal Williams leads singing as Rev. Barber Anderson and Rev. Jim Jones join in.



Government officials, community leaders, and churchmen alike were in attendance at the Martin Luther King Day event, which was sponsored by the S.F. Council of Churches, and coordinated by Mrs. Constance E. Lutz, SFOC President. Among those pictured above are Sen. Brown (Deputy Chairman of the Democratic National Committee), Rev. Jones, Hannibal Williams, Rev. Barber Anderson, and Rev. Jim Jones.



Governor Jerry Brown appeared at Rev. Jones' and Peoples Temple's invitation to help commemorate the anniversary.

More than just a celebration, Martin Luther King Day in San Francisco was a milestone on the road toward racial and religious cooperation.

Dr. King's Birthday on January 15th was celebrated in different ways throughout the nation, but perhaps nowhere more spectacularly than at Peoples Temple in San Francisco, where an overflow crowd of more than 8000 people of all races gathered for an afternoon of music, speeches, and worship, sponsored by the San Francisco Council of Churches.

Because of the size of the crowd, many had to watch the proceedings on the Temple's closed-circuit television system in adjacent auditoriums. There was standing room only.

Rev. Jim Jones, selected as one of the keynote speakers, appealed the themes of unity among all faiths and denominations in the interest of realizing the ideals espoused by Dr. King of brotherhood, equality, peace and justice for all peoples.

"We must lay our theological differences aside and unite in a struggle against the social problems that plague us all," he declared.

At Rev. Jones' invitation, Governor Brown attended and spoke of the difficult tasks ahead on the path toward making our society worthy of the legacy that Dr. King lived and died for.

On hand were almost 100 clergymen from Bay Area congregations of all faiths.

Other speakers included Rev. A.B. Robinson of the Baptist Ministers Alliance, Rev. James Brown of Third Baptist, and Southern legislator Ben Brown, a member of President Carter's Transition Team. Master of Ceremonies was Rev. Barber T. Anderson of Jesus Methodist. Rev. Hannibal Williams of New Liberation Presbyterian Church, gave the benediction.

Also on hand were San Francisco Mayor George Moscone, State Senator Milton Marks, and a host of other guests from state and community organizations. Musical selections from St. George Baker, the Peoples Temple All Stars Band, and a New Youth Choir were an important and nostalgic part of the three-hour program.

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Rev. King Awards Given At Glide



Rev. Carl Williams (lower) presents Martin Luther King Humanitarian Awards to (from left), Robert Goodlett (Public Advocate), Mark Lyons (United Farm Workers Union), Rev. Jim Jones (Peoples Temple), and Dr. Carlton Goodlett (publisher, Sun-Reporter).



Rev. Jim Jones received award in recognition of his outstanding efforts to further the cause of civil rights and anti-apartheid championed by Dr. King.

Two prominent San Franciscans and two organizations received special awards yesterday at Glide Memorial Church marking the 48th anniversary of the birth of civil rights leader the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

Recipients of the Fourth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Awards were the Rev. Jim Jones of Peoples Temple, publisher Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett of the Sun-Reporter newspaper, the United Farm Workers Union and Public Advocates, Inc.

The Rev. Carl Williams, pastor of Glide Memorial Church, gave out the awards in a festive "celebration" that featured rock music, political commentary and enthusiasm on the part of the large audience.

The Rev. Mr. Williams said the recipients of the awards have dedicated themselves to "breaking the barriers that separate, separate, destroy the lives of people."

Goodlett and the Rev. Mr. Jones accepted their awards in person. Attorney Robert Goodlett accepted the award for Public Advocates, a group that in the past has sued both the San Francisco police and fire departments for alleged racial discrimination in hiring.

Mark Lyons, a member of the United Farm Workers executive board, accepted the award for the union.

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Guy Wright



Fresh start in a jungle for The City's misfits

They cut a road down miles into the South American rain forest and then made a clearing. Today if you visit that clearing in the jungle you will find a little band of misfits from the streets of San Francisco trying to start a new life.

They've had a game rooster, feeding pigs, a sheepdog, a horse, a motorcycle, a tractor, a prostitute and a couple of dope addicts in the clearing that makes their own choices.

They are succeeding remarkably well, according to the Rev. Jim Jones, pastor of Peoples Temple on Geary Street and originator of this unusual experiment in human change.

"What I see is turning us into an environmental deterrent," he said. "We take incorrigible — people as we would handle. Down there they discipline themselves out. I don't know the explanation. With the present change in environment means a dramatic change in the person."

Life there is idyllic. The transplanted San Francisco live in cottages and eat in a kitchen that they built themselves — built with lumber from the logcamps that they failed to make the clearing and

then cut into boards with a sawmill they had brought along.

Three years ago the first contingent arrived. Now they have a super bank savings system, machine shop, school, church, vet. hall. They grow corn, manna, papaya, coconut. They raise pigs, 5,000 chickens and are introducing snails.

"Everyone works but no one is forced," Jones said. "Pretty soon after they arrive the work ethic just makes a comeback. No one is forced to stay either. But not one person has requested to come home."

By no means have the exiles consigned themselves to jungle rot. They are cooled by the trade wind, and at night a blanket feels good. They can visit a nearby town, and some boys date native girls. By ham radio they maintain contact with the Peoples Temple here, which also sends them cassettes of selected TV shows.

Jones refers to the jungle outpost simply as "the agricultural project," which is how it began. Two years at a missionary in Brazil gave him a two-fold idea.

Just north of Brazil is the little nation of Guyana, once a British plantation colony. Jones persuaded the Guyanese government to let him start a model farm to show the advantages of multi-crop agriculture in the tropics. He also wanted to use the farm as a haven where San Francisco's misfits could get away from their pressures. Guyanese officials were dubious, at first, but Pastor Jones is a persuasive man.

Today there are 120 problem people on the model farm and a staff of 22. The staff, which includes nine teachers, was recruited from career people who felt something was missing from their lives. The father figure was a high powered insurance executive. An MIT man handles engineering. A Baptist minister, at MIT, is launching a new career.

The problem people, besides the usual losers from the street, include the embittered son of a CIA agent, a school dropout, a boy who cuts off one's hands and, the youngest, a 5-year-old child as a genius and a sociopath.

Despite the claims of near-perfect success, no one has been sent home as reprobated. Jones doesn't see that as necessarily how the story ends. "We don't tell people their time is up," he said. "They are free to stay as long as they feel they should be there."

He told about a new arrival who woke up to the tropic dawn, the song of exotic birds, the soft kiss of the trade wind. The young man threw out his arms and shouted, "Man, the Pillars has seen the last of me."

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People's Temple Mission Plans To Expand

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Guy Wright



news from the farm

MR. WRIGHT: When I read about those transplanted "miracles" now living in South America thanks to Peoples Temple, my first thought was that I was glad they no longer roamed the streets of San Francisco. My second thought was that this farm in Guyana sounds more like a reward than punishment. Now unique for one to be rehabilitated without punitive measures, I would like to hear more of this kind of thing. — Mrs. F. B. H. Tuttle.

Okay, here's more.

MR. WRIGHT: . . . My own son lives and works there. He was unable to cope with life in the big city. At 14 he was a drug addict. At 17 I put him in a mental hospital for observation. Nothing helped. He was a lost cause until he met Pastor Jim Jones of Peoples Temple and went to the farm in Guyana. Now his life is completely changed. He is happy, has learned two trades and doesn't want to come back up here for quite some time. — Mrs. M.

Before writing the story I checked with a judge and probation officer who have sent problem people to the farm. Their reports were positive.

MR. WRIGHT: I have a dear friend who is a member of Peoples Temple and her daughter is one of those you wrote about. We have known her since she was a child, and it broke our hearts when she turned to drugs and dropped out. A young friend got her into Peoples Temple drug program. Not long after that she was given an opportunity to take part in the eyeglass project. Every report has been glowing since she got there. — Laurie Ellen Henderson.

That's reassuring. It sounds so good I want to believe it works.

MR. WRIGHT: Two years ago I had the good fortune to visit the place in its formative stages. The seven-mile road was almost completed. The clearing consisted of some buildings and a large garden. The first crop had been planted. Since then harvest has come again and again. The model farm is located all over the Guyanese nation for its outstanding production of high-quality food. There is a friendly relationship with the local inhabitants that has done much to diminish the "ugly American" image so often seen abroad. — Sam S. Crym.

The rehabilitation here doubles as a demonstration farm. Or vice versa.

Cops Dubious of Magazine Break-in

After inspecting the alleged crime scene and interviewing employees, San Francisco police investigators said yesterday they don't believe the office of New West magazine on Pacific avenue was burglarized on the night of June 22.

The magazine's offices claimed their office had been broken into that night, and although nothing was taken, they said one of the files had been "jammed back" into the filing cabinet.

Contributing editor Phil Tracy said a secretary had found a file on People's Temple, 180 Geary boulevard, sticking out about one inch. He speculated the file might have been removed, photographed, and stuck back in a hurry.

He also mentioned a story about the magazine is preparing to publish by Chronicle reporter Marshall Kilduff about the Filinvest Street church and its influential leader, the Rev. Jim Jones.

Police Captain John A. Mahoney, commander of the haphazard city's property crimes division, reported yesterday that his officers, including fingerprint experts and criminologists, could find no specific evidence of a break-in at the office on the second floor.

The report — which Mahoney said was based on a "thorough investigation of the crime scene" —

concorded with an original police report of the incident by officer Michael Duffy, filed on the day after the break-in crime was made.

Duffy had reported that he found no evidence of entry into the office.

The investigation of the supposed break-in centered on a window that officer Tracy said had been forced open by the alleged intruder.

In investigating the window theory, police found that one of the magazine's writers, Jon Carroll, had pushed himself out of the office a few days before when he left to go to the bathroom.

That was on June 22, Carroll's fingerprints were the only ones found on the window, according to Mahoney's report.

When Carroll was interviewed by police, he said he had climbed down the fire escape from the third floor and gotten back inside the office by opening an unlocked window and climbing through it.

The officers still claimed yesterday the identical method of entry was used by the alleged burglar. "They said the file had an old lock-type lock showed evidence of pry marks, and that secretary Cathy Whelan found the window open when she came to work Friday

morning.

The police interpreted the pry marks as the result, possibly, of someone having "tampered" with the window before the time a new lock was installed at the behest of the editors after they felt a burglary had occurred.

New West's Northern California editor, Rosalee Muller Wright, took exception yesterday to the police department's findings saying:

"It was sloppy police work. I am not surprised the police did not find any evidence for a burglary that took place on Thursday night, because they didn't even take fingerprints until the following Monday. It's real sloppy police work, in fact, it's ludicrous," she said.

Mahoney said his investigators didn't need crime lab personnel to the same until Monday because officer Duffy, in his original report, said he found no real evidence of a break-in.

A spokesperson for People's Temple, Harriet Tropp, said that since police concluded there was no break-in, "it is obvious that the fears of our members and many community leaders that People's Temple would be misrepresented in the forthcoming article are more than justified."

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Misfits Build New Life in Guyana

SAN FRANCISCO—A church which lives by the words of Matthew 25 is rehabilitating more than 100 Bay Area incorrigibles and addicts on a tropical farm in South America.

To paraphrase Matthew the hungry were fed, the thirsty given drink, the naked clothed, the sick and imprisoned visit-

ed. The people helped range from drug addicts to child-molesters, kleptomaniacs to deviants of almost any stripe.

The farm, however, was not undertaken for sociological reasons, but to help feed the natives of the Caribbean nation of Guyana.

Open to a former British

colony which received its independence in 1966. The problem then became how to feed, clothe and house its growing population.

Pastor Jim Jones of Peoples Temple (Disciples of Christ), 1600 Geary St., tries to live by the message of Matthew. For example the San Francisco operation feeds 1,000 people a

day, gives medical treatment to 10 to 20 patients daily, offers free legal services, and crop training to persons seeking work.

In helping the Guyanese, the center benefits was seeking to help city youth with various antisocial behavior problems. They are now busy with animal husbandry, livestock man-

agement, construction, mechanics, and the obvious first calling, farming.

The farm consists of several thousand acres being transformed from virgin jungle to lush agriculture and pasture land. Some 300 varieties of vegetables, fruits and nuts are being cultivated. Cattle, chickens and pigs are being raised.

The human crop—the rehabilitated—is even more diverse. The Rev. Mr. Jones felt it was worthwhile to try to break the vicious cycle of convicts going back to prison.

"The setting of despair, violence and poverty that characterizes the inner city is the culprit," he said. "It is time for society to develop alternatives such as cooperative communities where young people have a chance to develop their talents."

The former bankers, thieves and drugers receive training, worthwhile jobs, and most important, a sense of accomplishment. Life there is kibbutz-style. The transplanted Bay Area misfits live in cottages and eat in a mess hall they built themselves from trees they killed to make room for crops.

An exhibit of the church and its works is scheduled tomorrow afternoon at 1600 Geary St.

EDITORIALS

Inside The People's Temple 'Expose'

New West magazine, which is the most recent acquisition of the Australian newspaper tycoon, Rupert Murdoch, who has added the New York Post and the New York Village Voice to his first U.S. publication, the National Star, publishes in its issue of Aug. 1 "Inside Peoples Temple," by Marshall Kilduff and Phil Tracy. This is the long-awaited expose of Rev. Jim Jones, "one of the state's most politically potent leaders...." Marshall Kilduff is a San Francisco Chronicle reporter, and Phil Tracy a New West contributing editor.

A review of this article reveals that Kilduff and Tracy have built their great expose on the basis of interviews with several former members of Peoples Temple who, over the past several years, have seceded into the small yet articulate Former Members of the Peoples Temple congregation. This small band of former members seems to have been either disenchanted when their personal ambitions conflicted with the stated church programs, or individuals whose aggressive, illegal programs were rejected by the church membership and the church's leaders. Many of these disgruntled excommunicates have previously whispered their venom against Peoples Temple to all individual ears in the Western Addition that would pose any enough to listen. Several have even approached this newspaper with their stories and wild-eyed statements of misdeeds attributed to Jim Jones and his congregation. We have counseled these malcontents to seek redress of their alleged grievances against Peoples Temple and its leaders in a court of law. Moreover, whenever our investigators presented these statements to Jones and other leaders of the congregation, they have always made available for inventory church records dealing with these alleged misdeeds. Under probing, these allegations have been unsubstantiated by fact.

In the article by Kilduff and Tracy these malcontents, psychoneurotics, and, in some instances, provocateurs—probably establishment agents—have found willing ears and concurrences still to organize fragmented gossip into a clank-and-dagger mosaic that portrays Jim Jones and Peoples Temple as a malevolent instrument destroying human personalities, robbing the poor, and engaged in a conspiracy against the established social and political order.

Word comes to us that the writers of this New West article did a two-hour taped interview with the Rev. Jim Jones, and nowhere in this lengthy tome did they use a word of it. Can it be that this article was written, "not to praise Caesar, but to bury Caesar"?

It is significant that Kilduff was unable to peddle his venom in the pages of his employer, the San Francisco Chronicle. If the rumors, half-truths, and mental variations of these former Peoples Temple members represent the best investigative reporting job that Kilduff and Tracy can do, then heaven help the fine art of investigative reporting! Moreover, if this "yellow" journalism is to be the forte of Rupert Murdoch in building his newly acquired U.S. journalism empire, this type of journalism-for-hire should clearly reveal to the U.S. public here in the West the plagues that has descended upon us with Murdoch's recent ascent into the journalistic firmament.

Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple represent some of the most invigorating and challenging religious organizations to appear in California in recent years. Jones apparently is committed to the basic philosophy proclaimed in Christendom in Jesus of Nazareth's Sermon on the Mount. In attempting to use the moral force of Christianity in dealing with man-made problems that bedevil, haunt, and dehumanize the social order, Jones has created a system where formerly the political leaders, economic ascendants, and even important religious leaders have failed the very foundations of their ethics, and their leadership mantles have been rent, torn asunder, leaving these pompous pseudo-leaders naked and uncutted to be viewed as the hypocrites that they have been for decades.

We have no intention of attempting to defend Rev. Jim Jones, the officers, and the members of the Peoples Temple. They are admirably equipped with keen legal minds, incisive economic advisers, dedicated and committed followers, to defend themselves.

However, we have been amazed at the tendency of political, social, and religious hangers-on to flee the Peoples Temple and Jones's establishment, once the venom of the New West article became the subject of treatment by all mass communications media—radio, television, and printed. In the 50-odd years of publication of the news embedded in the Reporter Publications, and the more than 30 years of active participation in the printing of a Black community newspaper by the present publisher, there has been no religious institution, to our knowledge, more dedicated to the use of the high moral, courageous commitments embodied in Christianity, which is a revolutionary religion, to carry out what has become the motto of the Reporter Publications: "Dedicated to the cause of the people—that no good cause shall lack a champion, and that evil shall not thrive unopposed."

We have from time to time investigated the complaints that persons have lodged against Peoples Temple. On the basis of reported in-depth investigations, we say, as one with strong commitments to the role of religion in the lives of men: We have found us fault with Jim Jones's religious philosophy or the activities of the Peoples Temple. We believe in the rule of law! We support the nation's judicial cornerstone, that ours is a nation of laws and not of men! We believe that thieves, rapists, and liars who destroy and assail worthy individuals' or institutions' reputations should be brought before the bar of justice! If there are those who feel aggrieved, as indicated by their alleged statements of the interviewees in the New West article, we urge those persons to charge the institution and the man with crimes, and let them face the accused in a court of law!

We also remind the honored Fourth Estate, which probably includes radio and television as well as the press, that accused in the U.S.A. are assumed innocent until their guilt is proved in a court of law. We hasten to remind the mass communications media that a free press is one of the cornerstones of a democratic society, yet freedom of the press demands of all who operate under this mantle that a prerequisite safeguarding freedom is the corollary demand—that the press must be responsible.

The reputation of a man and of an institution is a most valued possession in a society of free people. It has been said by many, especially Adolf Stevenson, "The people are wise—wiser than the politicians think." This might be amended: "The people are wise—wiser than the press thinks."

An institution that feeds the poor, houses the homeless, rescues young and old from the wretchedness and despair of drug addiction, marshes the political potential of a people, and instills the economic pitance of the poor masses into a powerful instrument for justice, freedom, and equality, while building a just and humane society, by its very nature will have many enemies hidden, lurking in the shadows of greed, ignorance, apathy, and hollowizations. If such an institution becomes powerful, then it must expect its enemies to become powerful. While the New West article was intended to educate and to dismember and deter an increasing band of dedicated followers of Christian ethics, the great possibilities are there that the story will become a tale which they seek to destroy out of this momentary irritation will become a potent antidote to the hopelessness and the despair that permeate the masses. Such an airing of relative choices posing the question of right and wrong, hope and despair, exploitation of the many by the few, and the very questioning nature of the political process itself, may become a rallying banner for those who heretofore have seen no institution or no man worthy of their support and admiration; those newly enlightened individuals might recognize: All of the problems disturbing a distraught humanity basically are man-made problems. Surely many good men and women of courage, steadfastness, and fundamental belief in the power of the organized masses will see in Jim Jones and Peoples Temple not a cause that momentarily fights up the darkness, but another reminder of the message of Edward Bern's prophetic words, uttered before the birth of the nation 200 years ago: "All that is necessary for evil in the world to triumph is for enough good men to do nothing."

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Jim Jones— are all facts in?

Much has been written and much has been said regarding a western magazine's "expose" of the Rev. Jim Jones and People's Temple church.

We do not believe in trial and conviction by the media — especially with the target "in absentia" and unable to defend himself, so prefer to withhold comment until all the facts are in.

We would, however, remind our readers of the many charitable acts performed by this man and his congregation since coming to this area. Truly, it is said: "The good is oft interred with the bones."

We would also like to point out that dissident members of any group — church or otherwise — can be the most vitriolic in their accusations and the most eager to bring about the downfall of the object of their hatred.

Also, any attorney or court judge is all too familiar with the fact that there are very few "friendly" divorces and when a woman engages a man in combat, she goes for the jugular vein — in this case, attorney Tim Sloan's admiration and devotion to the cause and beliefs of his church and its leader.

Nor did Jim Jones ever have security guards inside or outside his church until the threats to his life and those of his family, constant harassment, scurrilous attacks of a small group in Redwood Valley who taunted him with being a "biggie lover," finally forced him to throw in the towel and leave the valley.

We wonder why it took him so long to acknowledge that his dedication to the brotherhood of man, rather than to any formal church dogma was deemed to insure from the start?

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Self-Styled SF Bishop's Commune Thrives In Jungle Area Of Guyana

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (UPI) — About 100 followers of a self-styled San Francisco bishop started a multi-racial agricultural commune three years ago in the jungles of this South American nation and, according to all reports, they are surviving and prospering.

At Port Kaituma in Guyana's North West District at the western end of the country about 100 persons — all United States citizens — have carved an

agricultural project from hundreds of acres of land formerly occupied by forest.

The architect of the project is Bishop Jim Jones of the People's Temple of San Francisco, who visited the project recently to observe its progress and expressed satisfaction. The People's Temple was given land on lease by the Guyana Government.

The project was started about three years ago and now the settlers of all

races are living in 41 completed homes constructed mostly by themselves. There is a plan to build another 100 houses during the next year.

Jones said his objective is to join the government in helping to develop Guyana. He said he has invested more than \$1 million in the project. Vegetable and fruit production has been abundant with trees and plants flourishing in what was once virgin land. The farm supplies food for the workers, who are now self-sufficient, the communities of Port Kaituma and Matthew's Ridge while the surplus is sent to the capital, Georgetown.

The Port Kaituma commune has produced a new "cutinas" bean, which tastes like pork sausage. Their animal and poultry farm includes about 300 pigs and 300 chickens. A shallow water well with a capacity of 10,000 gallons supplements three smaller wells.

The problem of insect and pest control also is being tackled successfully. An underground cellar, 15 by 120 feet, has been dug for temperature control. In it beans and peas are stored until the next harvest. Another innovation is the use of egg shells as fertilizer.

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Community Leaders Rally Behind Peoples Temple

Strong Support Shown For Peoples Temple

For the first time since Peoples Temple was attacked by New West magazine two issues ago, Rev. Jim Jones speaks to members of his congregation and supporters here by a telephone relay from Guyana, South America, during last Sunday's temple services.

"I know some of you are wanting to fight, but that's exactly what the system wants. It wants to use us as sacrificial lambs, as a scapegoat. Don't fall into this trap by yielding to violence, no matter what kind of lies are told on us or how many," Jones urged the several thousands listening.

"Peoples Temple has helped practically every political prisoner in the United States. We've reached out to everyone who is oppressed, and that's what is bothering them. We've organized poor people and given ourselves a voice. The system doesn't mind corporate power for the ruling elite, but for the first time we've given some corporate power to the little man, and that's an unfor-

givable sin. And that's the whole problem in a nutshell," Jones said.

Strong and impressive support was extended by a wide range of community groups and leaders to Rev. Jones and Peoples Temple in the wake of publicity prompted by the New West attack. Virtually all of the speakers at the church's Sunday service emphasized the theme of a political attack on Jim Jones and his ministry.

Assemblyman Willie Brown said the temple was being persecuted for being a symbol of equal rights and equal justice.

"When somebody like Jim Jones comes on the scene and talks about Angela Davis, for example, and the Black Panther Party having a right to function and survive, and when he constantly stresses the need for freedom of speech and equal justice under the law for all peoples, that absolutely scares the hell out of almost everybody occupying positions of power in the system.... I will be here when you are uncer-

attack," Brown told the congregation, "because what you are about is what the whole system ought to be about!"

Another assemblyman, Art Agnos, spoke up for the temple and its work. "I am proud to stand with you," he said. "I have seen you wherever people have needed help. It is clear you are effective people who are not effective don't get attacked."

Gay leaders Harvey Milk and Howard Wallace both voiced support. Wallace, the head of Gay Action, told the congregation, "Peoples Temple has sent shock waves through the gay community. Rev. Jones has set an example for everybody who believes in human rights. Great numbers of gay people are well aware of your stand, and we won't forget it."

Civil rights activist Yvonne Golden, who heads Opportunity II High School, said she considered the attack on Peoples Temple an attack on herself because she and the temple stand for the same humanistic ideals. "I have seen the kind of sharing and respect and dignity displayed every day in the many children you send to Opportunity II High School," Ms. Golden said.

"Peoples Temple has been helping me for ten years," Human Rights Commissioner Enola Maxwell told the audience. She related how the temple helped many people who came to the Potrero Hill neighborhood by feeding them, getting them out of jail, and helping foreign students and others who came and got stranded.

Among others who attended the service were Rev. Cecil Williams, Human Rights Commissioner Sylvester Herring (of Delancey Street), NAACP President Joe Hall, and San Francisco School Board member Peter Mezey. Such community groups as Prisoners Union, People Against Nuclear Power, and the International Hotel were also well represented.

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Thomas Fleming's Weekly Report

I wonder on what grounds the writers of an article in *New West* are demanding that Rev. Jim Jones, the pastor of Peoples Temple, should be investigated.

The writers spoke with ten persons, according to their article, out of a total membership of more than 20,000 persons. Armed with what those interviewed told the writers, the writers have arrived at a highly fallacious conclusion, that Jones should be investigated.

Jim Jones is a man who has followed the path of giving aid and comfort to persons who have found themselves unable to cope with their personal problems and the problems of the world.

Many of the persons who have become members of Jones's church expect much more than Jones is able to deliver. After all, he is but a human being, and there is no member of the species of *Homo sapiens* who is able to untangle the lives of any other member of the species.

Those interviewed by the writers of the article in *New West* are among the few who expected a utopia when they became members of Peoples Temple, but instead found themselves still in the everyday world with everyday people.

The writers imply that Jones has utilized all the tools of a confidence man when they imply that he has fleeced some members out of their property and money. The writers seem to forget in that implication that there is no religious organization in the whole world that has not accepted gifts of property and money from the more faithful members of its flock. If there is such an organization, this writer would like for the spokesman of that organization to make that fact known.

Another implication that the writers of the *New West* article made is one that shows Jones has done no more than other shamans among the various religious faiths did long before Jones was born.

In the seamy field of politics Jones is charged with being a political manipulator—a charge that should be made against all church leaders.

It is a well-known historical fact that Roman Catholic priests and cardinals in Boston, New York, and other big cities where enormous num-

bers of European Catholic immigrants settled instructed the new arrivals to make sure that they obey the law so that no hurdles would be placed in their paths for future naturalization. Once these immigrants gained their precious citizenship, then the next thing for them to do was to register to vote, the clergymen told them, and, ergo, they would become eligible for better jobs. They could aspire to be policemen, firemen, and teachers if they had the proper amount of education. A whole list of jobs was opened up to them in municipal, state, and federal government.

The priests were never reluctant, and still are not reluctant, to advise their flocks how to cast their ballots.

The writers of the *New West* article reveal downright ignorance when they fail to acknowledge that politicians become more than chummy with shamans—bishops, ministers, pastors, or whatever the spokesmen of any religious body call themselves—when political campaigns take place. The politicians expect the religious head men to tell the members of their flocks how to vote. Frequently some money is paid in some manner to the religious spokesmen, or some other special favors are granted to the religious leaders by the political leaders.

Jim Jones has violated no law. One can be sure that, if there had been any violations, our district attorney would have been enhancing his own fame by prosecuting Jones.

I am aware that there is considerable resentment against Jones among some other religious spokesmen, simply because Jones has one of the fastest-growing religious organizations, in terms of membership, in California.

Some of the religious spokesmen who harbor such resentments have seen some of their own followers deserting their churches, because these faithful feel that Jones offers them much more in their search for spiritual solace.

New West's editors thought they had a real article to expand a circulation that has never got off the ground, but this type of scurrilous article will do more to contract circulation than to increase it. Such a publication as *New West* can ill afford a decrease in its steady readership.



Thomas Fleming's Weekly Report

The antagonistic and repeated publicity about Peoples Temple and its leader, Jim Jones, in the news media here in the Bay Area amounts, in the eyes of most persons, to a great puzzlement, but those who have been careful observers of the social scene can read something out of it.

A number of years ago the Hearst Examiner employed a wearer of the clerical cloth, which one identifies with those persons who are variously called priests, preachers, pastors, ministers, shamans, muezzins, chaplains, and rabbis. This particular wearer of the ecclesiastical vestments was a resident contributor to the pages of the Examiner. His surname was Kinoshveng.

Kinoshveng, an escapee from the Bible Belt in the Deep South, came to California, which had long had the reputation of being a state where all sorts of philosophies about the spiritual world were being enunciated, much to the considerable profit of the enunciators.

I left then, and still feel now, that Peoples Temple came under attack because it is one of the truly integrated churches in the United States. Large numbers of Blacks and whites who accept the gentle teachings of Jesus Christ have abandoned the churches of their fathers.

There are some Black clergymen who deplore the mass defection of some of their flock, and yet it is the whites who are leading the attack against Jones and Peoples Temple.

Jones, who admits he is a socialist, has so far escaped the old Red bugaboo, which so many discredited scoundrels have used against individuals and organizations that failed to provide what their lost members sought.

I have long held to the view that religious sectarians are the most intolerant persons that one encounters in day-to-day activities.

A look at the history books will show that the crusades of another day were based on the misunderstandings between Christians and Mohammedans. After all, both religions claimed there was but one God, and yet there was a difference of opinion between the followers of Jesus Christ and those of the Prophet Mohammed, as to how mankind was meant to worship this one God. These doctrinal variations led to large-scale religious wars.

At long last the crusades test their appeal. The Europeans then began long wars among themselves, pitting Protestants on the one side against Catholics on the other. Both Catholics and Protestants professed to be followers of Christ. To a non-Christian onlooker, this was a very strange way for persons who called Christ their lord to behave. Christ had taught brotherhood among all mankind. Both Protestants and Catholics often attacked those of the Jewish faith who lived among them.

It is interesting to note in passing that the ancestors of the so-called Afrikaners were persecuted so strenuously because of their religious beliefs that they fled from their homes in the Netherlands and settled in South Africa. There, they felt, they could worship as they pleased. What did they do? They commenced persecuting the indigenous Black peoples they found in South Africa.

The Mormons were driven from New York State because old Joseph Smith decreed that man was free to enter into plural marriages (polygamy). Smith led his converts to Missouri, where, because of their industrious habits, they became prosperous, and their Missouri neighbors were smitten with envy and drove them out of the state; the Mormons crossed over into neighboring Illinois, and again they prospered, and the non-Mormons in Illinois likewise envied them their prosperity, and violence ensued. During this strife Joseph Smith was murdered. His successor, Brigham Young, led the remnants of the Mormon Church out of Illinois in covered wagons to Utah, where they built Salt Lake City.

Historically, all of these factional religious struggles turned political. Once again the politicians have gotten into the fray surrounding Jim Jones and the temple.

First there are those politicians who condemn Jones, probably because they fear that he is a political figure himself and one with whom they failed to form an alliance.

Jones commanded the respect of a firm base of bodies—bodies that are alive and eligible to vote. It is interesting that Jones has been found in the camp of the liberal forces in the city. He could not go any other way, for the man is a dedicated liberal. The members of his flock seek guidance as to what persons and measures they should cast their votes for come election day.

This is not unusual, for, as I have stated before, most persons who dedicate part of their lives to religious matters seek the advice of their leaders not only in matters spiritual, but also in matters temporal—those that pertain to their daily lives on earth.

The interracial composition of Peoples Temple has apparently suggested images of real "people power" in the minds of a lot of politicians. It is quite simple for anyone to deduce that the majority of the members of Peoples Temple come not from the more affluent homes of the city. In this they differ from those in the Mezzine movement—a movement that has captured the imaginations of young persons whose parents possess large sums of money.

The communications media of the Bay Area have sunk to a new low in what seems to be their futile effort to prove Jim Jones to be a Richard Nixon on a much smaller stage. It would seem that the media would have been pleased that enough of the unwanted young people who happen to be members of the temple were turned on enough by what the temple teaches them to want to seek a high school diploma by attending Opportunity High School. Neither the media nor anyone else has been able to motivate these youngsters to desire an education.

I am delighted, and at the same time regret, that Joe Freritas decided to investigate all charges of wrongdoing, and Joe concluded that neither the temple nor its leader had committed any illegal acts. All of the members of Peoples Temple joined of their own free will. If some of them felt that they should be padded for past omissions, that falls within the province of a personal choice.

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Pocketful of Notes

PRESSTUFF: Journalist Phil Tracy, who, along with the Chron's Marshall Kilduff, broke the Rev. Jim Jones-Peoples Temple story in New West magazine, was asked by a fellow newsmen at the Press Club, "Hot story, but where's the smoking gun?" (hard evidence of wrongdoing). "The smoking gun," replied Tracy, "was Jones' resignation as chairman of the S.F. Housing Authority. That alone justified the entire article." Well, yes and no. Jones first tried to resign from the Authority in June, but Mayor Moscone, facing Prop. B and hoping to present a united front, talked him into staying. Jones wrote another letter of resignation on July 13, disclosing that Gov. Brown had offered him a spot on the State Bd. of Corrections (hey, that's news), "an area in which I have great interest." The Tracy-Kilduff piece, which apparently blasted the Rev. Jones all the way to South America, broke in the Aug. 1 issue of New West. So far, lots of smoke, but no gun.

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Government target of charge

Conspiracy to destroy Peoples Temple?

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Attorney Charles Garry, charging there is a government conspiracy to "destroy" the controversial Peoples Temple Church of San Francisco, said Thursday the Temple's pastor has been shot at twice in the past four days at the church's South American agricultural mission.

Garry revealed the attempted shootings at a news conference at which business leader Dennis Banks said a man claiming to be a government agent tried to "blackmail" him into denouncing the pastor, the Rev. Jim Jones, in exchange for immunity against extradition to South Dakota.

Garry said two shots were fired at Jones earlier this week as three white men not associated with the Temple were leaving the agricultural mission located in Guyana and more shots were reportedly fired Thursday.

He said Jones, who resigned as head of the San Francisco Housing Authority Aug. 1, was not injured in either incident and the assassins escaped.

On Aug. 20, a \$1.1 million lawsuit was filed in San Francisco against Jones and the Peoples Temple by two former members of the church who claimed their property was taken. Some other former members have accused the church of physical and financial abuse.

Banks, a leader of the American Indian Movement who fled from South



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Target of conspiracy?

Dakota after being convicted of assault during a 1973 courthouse demonstration in Carter, said he was approached in February or March by a man named David Conn, who wanted to discuss his extradition.

Banks, who acknowledged friendship with Jones and said the church once helped bail his wife out of a Kansas prison, said he met with Conn at the home of another Indian and admirer of Jones, Lehman "Lee" Brightman, in E. Col., near San Francisco.

In a sworn statement given to reporters, Banks said: "Conn said he was working with the U.S. Treasury Department, with an IRS agent and with two men from the San Francisco Police Department."

Banks, who said the church also provided food for the Indian community, charged that Conn "read material disparaging to Jim Jones ..."

"He said that my association with Peoples Temple could reflect very badly on my extradition. He then asked me to make a public denunciation of Jim Jones. He assured me that if I made such a denunciation, the rulings on my extradition would go in my favor."

Banks said he felt "I was being blackmailed." He also said he was "pressured" to meet with a Treasury Department agent but did not.

"The deal was to meet with the agent and to prepare a public statement against Jim Jones in return for some kind of immunity against my being extradited," Banks said.

Garry said he had advised Jones to stay in Guyana "until I tell him to" come back and had told Temple members not to talk to reporters.

"I don't know what's lying in the weeds," Garry said. "Until I know of any criminal or civil charges that might be pending, I don't intend to have my clients popping off."

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Attack on People's Temple hit

SAN FRANCISCO—Noted criminal attorney Charles Garry charged last week a conspiracy by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the Treasury Dept. is being conducted to destroy the People's Temple as a viable community organization. Part of the evidence Garry cited was provided to him by American Indian leader Dennis Banks.

The People's Temple and its pastor, the Rev. Jim Jones, have been the objects in recent weeks of intense attacks by conservative forces with *The San Francisco Chronicle*, the morning daily paper, leading the assault.

Up to now, Garry, who is the People's Temple attorney, prevented any of the church's members from responding and has insisted that Rev. Jones remain at the Temple's mission in Guyana, South America.

BLACKMAIL

At the Sept. 8 press conference in his law offices Garry said, "We've come to the conclusion there is a conspiracy by the IRS and other governmental agencies to destroy the People's Temple as a viable community organization."

He said a Treasury Dept. informer and an IRS agent had been attempting to buy and bribe witnesses to denounce Rev. Jones and the People's Temple.

"I maintain everyone of those persons who made statements

(against the Temple) were coerced," said Garry.

Banks, who attended the press conference, said government officials had tried to coerce him into testifying against the People's Temple but he had refused to do so.

In a sworn affidavit distributed to the press Banks claimed he had been approached last spring by a man named David Conn, who represented himself as an informer for the Treasury Dept. and that he was working with an IRS agent. He said that he could favorably influence Banks' extradition hearing if Banks would publicly denounce Jim Jones and the People's Temple.

CRITICISM

Banks is currently facing extradition hearings which would send him back to South Dakota on an assault charge. He says he faces certain death in South Dakota prisons if California Governor Edmund G. Brown, jr.

honors the request.

Banks said, "Conn was obviously making a deal with me, and I was being blackmailed. Conn let me know that besides working with Treasury agents and other government agents, that he was already working with ex-members of People's Temple, such as Grace Stoen, and that he had people who would talk against Jim Jones."

Stoen and several other ex-People's Temple members have severely criticized the mostly Black church and one couple has filed a suit to have some property returned to them.

Garry said repeatedly he did not know where the scheme against the People's Temple was leading and added he would not permit Jim Jones to return to the U.S. until he knew exactly what was going on.

Banks added that he would never denounce the People's Temple.

—J.D.

A Conspiracy Behind Peoples Temple Expose?



Indian leader Dennis Banks says he was asked to denounce Rev. Jim Jones.

by Art Silverman

Is the current two-month barrage of sensational charges leveled against San Francisco's Peoples Temple "an organized, orchestrated, premeditated government campaign to destroy a politically-progressive organization," as Temple attorney Charles Garry accuses?

Or is it "a spontaneous, courageous action by a group of former Temple members, who never came forward before because they were scared to death (of reprisals)," the explanation offered by Rosalie Madler Wright, senior editor of New West magazine, which first published and has since supported the accusations?

There still aren't any definitive answers to these questions -- or to the specific allegations of fraud, deceit, real estate swindles and physical brutality raised in numerous media accounts since publication of the first of two New West articles in mid-July (see Barb, July 22).

But a number of unusual circumstances and coincidences can't help but raise the suspicion that there's more going on than first meets the eye. For example:

"A Barb investigation has revealed that one individual working behind the scenes to discredit Peoples Temple is a San Francisco private investigator, who somehow managed to obtain a state investigator's license after being released

from prison in 1976.

Joseph A. Mazor, the detective, has a lengthy criminal record including at least eight arrests in three states for various bogus check and fraud charges, six convictions, several jail and prison terms, and has been returned to confinement three times for violating probation and parole by committing new crimes.

A confidential, 16-page California Adult Authority report on Mazor, written in 1970, was recently obtained by the Barb. "(He) is a smooth 'con-man' with an insatiable desire to get ahead," concludes the report. "He is bright, well-educated, and so well-versed in the law that he had five attorneys in the Pomona area convinced that he had a law degree.

"It is felt that the subject is a menace to the community."

Mazor has admitted to the Barb that he was first employed to investigate the Peoples Temple in November 1976, eight months before publication of the first New West article. But he refuses to say who retained him.

"I'm not going to tell you that," said Mazor, though he did reveal that his employer was an outsider, and not a past or present member of Peoples Temple. Mazor said he is currently employed by "several" former Temple members, including Elmer and Deanna Mertle, the original sources for the New West ar-

ticles.

"Mazor apparently is not only investigating Peoples Temple, but also actively seeking publicity to discredit the organization.

To that end, the Barb has learned, Mazor hired one of the largest public relations firms in San Francisco and then asked them to coordinate a publicity campaign against the Temple and its minister, Reverend Jim Jones.

Bob Kenney, an account executive at Lowry, Rasmussen and Leeper, confirmed for the Barb that he has been working for Mazor "on this (Peoples Temple) project, showing him how to handle the media." He referred further inquiries to Mazor himself, whose only comment on Kenney's role was, "I don't think that's any of your business."

Mazor did note that he originally hired the public relations firm to help him attract business from insurance companies, "but then the Peoples Temple matter just came up, and so naturally I turned to them for help."

But a source close to Lowry, Rasmussen and Leeper told the Barb that Mazor came to the company "saying that he wanted to become San Francisco's next Hal Lipset (a famous investigator)," and that the Peoples Temple controversy "presented an excellent opportunity" to garner publicity.

According to this source, Kenney's work for Mazor included sending out letters to selected journalists, offering them --



Temple leader Rev. Jim Jones



Attorney Charles Garry

through Mazon -- exclusive material of an incriminating nature against Peoples Temple.

Kenney's campaign resulted in at least one article in the San Francisco Chronicle last month, concerning an alleged tape recording of a telephone conversation, in which Temple members supposedly discussed irregularities on the entry seal of a document transferring title of a member's home to the Temple. The allegations raised in that story are now also in dispute.

"In another strange twist to the Peoples Temple story, American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks charged recently that he was approached on March 23 by a man who identified himself "as working with the Treasury Department, with an Internal Revenue Service agent, and with two men from the San Francisco Police Department."

The man, who Banks and his associate Lehman Brightman identified as David Conn, then allegedly offered Banks help with his extradition problems in exchange for "a public denunciation" of Jim Jones. Banks is facing possible extradition from California to South Dakota.

Banks has long been a Peoples Temple supporter, and has attended Temple services three or four times. The Temple also made a loan of \$19,000 to bail Bank's wife out of prison last year. Her charges were subsequently dropped and the money was returned.

"Conn was obviously making a deal with me," Banks charged in a sworn affidavit presented at a press conference earlier this month. "I was being blackmailed.

"These agents all knew that I had a lot hanging over me. Besides the extradition, I also had a case in federal court in which the Treasury Department was involved. I have often made it clear that if I am extradited to South Dakota, that is like a sentence of death, because I am certain I will be killed there."

Banks also quoted Conn as saying that he has been investigating Peoples Temple for seven years, and was working with several ex-members, including Grace Breen, who turned out to be another source for the New West articles.

When reached by the Barb this week, Conn admitted that he has been investigating Peoples Temple for seven years, but said that he had undertaken the project on his own, as a private matter. "Because I became aware that this is one of the worst religious frauds being perpetrated. This man is ripping off the black people."

Conn also admitted that he sought out Dennis Banks and arranged a meeting, but his version of what transpired on March 23 was notably different.

"I wanted to talk to Banks because I respect the guy, and I was afraid that he was going to discredit himself through his association with Peoples Temple, without really knowing what they were about."

Conn, a surveyor employed by the Standard Oil Corporation, denies that he ever mentioned Banks' extradition or offered him any deals. He claims that he only mentioned the Treasury Department and other government agencies in passing, pointing out to Banks that they were conducting their own investigations of Reverend Jones and the Temple.

In fact, Conn said, it was he and Santa Rosa freelance journalist George Kline-man who approached various police and governmental agencies last fall, offering them witnesses and documents with which to attack the Temple. No investigations were underway before that time.

Both George Kline-man and David Conn also have connections to the New West articles -- Kline-man was credited with helping write the stories, while Conn was a secondary source and appeared at a New West-sponsored press conference held at the Sheraton Palace Hotel July 20 to help promote the articles.

In addition, Conn is a close personal

friend of the Mertles; the main source for much anti-Temple publicity. By his own admission, Conn was investigating the Temple during all the years that his friends the Mertles were members.

It is also the Mertles who hired private eye Mazon and retained San Francisco attorney Daniel Donenberg to file a lawsuit against the Temple.

But nobody has been served with legal papers yet, and so for the moment there is still no way to get witnesses on the stand, under oath, to try to get at the truth about Peoples Temple once and for all.

Jim Jones is still in Guyana, where he has remained since before publication of the first anti-Temple articles on attorney Garry's orders. According to reports from Guyana, relayed by Garry, there have been two attempts on Jones' life in the last month, one staged by "three white people with guns" who came onto the Temple's 3000-acre mission.

The Dennis Banks press conference, held in Garry's downtown San Francisco office, marks the first time that Temple officials have made any comment about the various charges raised by New West and other media.

But they are still refusing to respond concretely to any particular accusations, on the grounds that they still don't know who is responsible for these attacks.

"We're going to keep our mouths shut," said attorney Garry, "until the dust settles and we get to the bottom of this. It looks like a conspiracy to me."

Are Investigators Trying To Destroy A Progressive Church?

Exposing The Expose

Peoples Temple Answers Critics

Peoples Temple has broken months of silence and responded strongly to a recent flurry of attacks against it in the Bay Area news media.

In an article published this week in *People's Forum*, the temple's official newspaper, church spokesmen charged that "blackmail, bribes, false testimony, faceless accusers, and media manipulation have characterized the continuing plot to destroy Peoples Temple and (its pastor) Jim Jones."

The article links David Conn, who American Indian Movement leader Dennis Banks said had approached him with a deal to embarrass the temple with aimar and Daanna Mertie, the former temple members who were a major source of the original "expose" of the temple that appeared in *New West* magazine last July.

According to *People's Forum*, "Conn and Mertie worked together at Standard Oil before Mertie joined the temple in 1969 with her present wife who had been associated with ultra-right-wing causes before she happened to become interest-

ed in a church that was heavily committed to civil rights and peace activism. The Merties joined the temple about the same time that Conn's "interest" in the church began."

Peoples Temple has said from the beginning that a wave of criticism of its activities in the press had resulted from a "conspiracy" to discredit and destroy the church because of its record in championing liberal causes and its outspoken commitment to socialism. But the *People's Forum* article marks the first attempt by temple spokesmen to elaborate on those charges.

The *Forum* article quotes extensively from a story by Art Silverman in last week's *Berkeley Barb*. Silverman names private investigator Joseph A. Mazor as a major source of the unflattering publicity the temple has been receiving in the local press. Silverman cites Mazor's extensive criminal record and quotes a 1970 California Adult Authority report labeling him "a smooth con man with an insatiable desire to get ahead." According to

Silverman, the "confidential report calls Mazor 'a menace to the community'."

According to Silverman's article, Mazor not only began investigating Peoples Temple for a client he declined to name, but also undertook to retain the public relations firm of Lowry, Russom and Leeper to advise him on how to conduct a publicity campaign against the temple. Silverman quotes one anonymous source as saying that Mazor told the public relations firm that he "wanted to become San Francisco's next Hal Lipset (a local private investigator with a national reputation)," and that he hoped the Peoples Temple issue could be used to propel him to prominence.

Silverman reported that the Lowry firm helped Mazor to provide exclusive bits of information to selected media representatives, resulting in a series of articles in various papers extending the Peoples Temple controversy over a period of several weeks during the summer and early fall.

Wife depicts Jones as Marxist

By WALLACE TURNER
New York Times Service

SAN FRANCISCO — To his wife, Jim Jones is a Marxist social philosopher to whom "service to my fellow man is the highest service to God."

Jones, 46 years old, a native of Indiana, is at the center of a swirl of charges about the conduct of affairs of the 9,000-member Peoples Temple. The temple has been accused by former members of cheating some of its members out of their homes and of inflicting corporal punishment on others.

Throughout all this, Jones, a Butler University graduate and United Church of Christ minister, his wife of 28 years said in an interview that he was at the church's agricultural mission, a 27,000-acre jungle tract on the northeast coast of South America at Guyana.

Beyond issuing blanket denials of wrongdoing, Jones has not discussed the charges, nor have members of his congregation.

A registered nurse, Mrs. Jones worked for 10 years for the California State Board of Health until resigning Aug. 1 for reasons, she said, of health and because of pressing duties at the temple. In the interview, she described her husband as a Marxist who holds religion's trappings to be useful chiefly for social and economic uplift.

"Jim has used religion to try to get some people out of the opiate of religion," she said. She quoted him as saying to her, "Marcie, I've got to destroy this paper idol," as he slammed down the Bible he held in his hand.

They were married in 1949, when he was 19 and she was 22. They have one natural son, Stephen Gandhi Jones, and seven adopted children who are black, Korean, Indian and Caucasian.

"I wanted to come to California because the multiracial nature of our family was a problem in Indiana," she said. "But we've had problems here, too."

With 120 followers, they moved in 1965 from Indianapolis to Ukiah. Five years ago they opened the church here in an old building in a black slum. The agricultural project opened four years ago.

In an interview a year ago, Jones said that his congregation was 40 per cent Caucasian, 40 per cent black



REV. JIM JONES
A 'Useful' Church

and 20 per cent a mixture of Oriental, Indian and Chicano. He is of Welsh and Indian extraction, and Mrs. Jones is Caucasian.

The congregation is activist. A year ago 1,200 members picketed the Fresno County Courthouse while four employees of The Fresno Bee were held in jail for refusing to identify their news sources.

Jones said then that the temple supported many causes to protect newspaper sources. He said of the Fresno pickets, "I can't stand to see our press crippled. Who else would take a stand? Our duty is to be here."

Jones has had some association with such political figures as Mayor George Moscone, Assemblyman Willie Brown and Sheriff Richard Hongisto, all liberal Democrats. But files here also indicate that officials of the John Birch Society and the late Charles Thieriot, publisher of The San Francisco Chronicle, have spoken at the temple.

The pastor's aim, according to his wife, is to provide a communal life for all his members.

"We live by the rule of from each according to his ability and to each according to his need," she said. Funds are pooled, she said, with medical care, dental care, housing and food, educational expenses and church expenses paid from the common purse.

The temple has educated a medical doctor who now is interning in Guyana, she said. A dentist educated

by the temple is among the former members whose criticisms are the basis for some of the temple's unfavorable publicity, she said.

Jones's Marxist twist to religion came to him when he was about 21 years old, his wife said. She said that he told her then that "in order to bring people out of their superstition you have to give them a substitute." She recalled that he pointed out that Jesus told the rich man, "Sell what you have and give it to the poor."

Charles Garry Visits Jonestown: 'I Have Been To Paradise'

On Nov. 6 Peoples Temple welcomed Charles Garry, who represents Peoples Temple as its attorney. Garry has recently returned from a visit to the temple's agricultural project in Guyana, Jonestown (so named by the Guyanese government). He had much information to share.

"Last Monday night I was on a talk show," he began, "and I had the opportunity to tell that I had seen and I had been in paradise. I saw it. It's there for anybody to see, and I'm hopeful that in the next few

days or weeks we'll be able to have a documentary, which everyone will be able to see.

"I saw communities where there is no such thing as racism. No one feels the color of his skin, whether he's Black, brown, yellow, red, or white. I also noticed that no one thinks in terms of sex. No one feels superior to anyone else. I don't know of any community in the world today that has been able to solve the problem of male sex supremacy completely. That does not exist in Jonestown.

"I also saw something else. There is no such thing as ageism. The community is comprised of the little children, the teen-agers, the young adults, the old adults, the senior citizens all together.

"I have never seen so many happy faces in my life as I did in Jonestown the three days I was there. I want that capitalist America will know what it is when you live without fear of the rent being due, and all the other problems we're surrounded by.

"There are some 800 persons or more there now. They've got cottages set up that you just could not believe. I saw sanitation there that I had never seen in any part of the world, except Switzerland. You can eat off the ground."

He went on to speak of the consistently high level of medical care, organized under a doctor who is "thorough, conscientious and dedicated." The medical team has "the latest in medical equipment and books," and "every person who goes to Jonestown is medically thoroughly examined, and charts are prepared."

seen in America could not measure up to the sanitation, the cleanliness, the spaciousness of the place we call a pigpen. The chickens raised and butchered at the project, he called "luscious," and the food generally is "delicate, nourishing, and it's type of food that will make your blood pressure go down, your diabetes will disappear, it's substantial, nourishing food—the kind that will take away the fat you accumulate by the type of food we eat here."

The project as a whole is described as quite developed: a thriving sawmill, generators to meet electrical needs, walk-in streets, refrigeration. The school is open-air, in a large covered area, with 15 to 20 youngsters in a class.

Teachers are drawn in part from "at least 50 people there who have advanced degrees." He spoke of the enthusiastic participation and discussion on the part of all the students which is something he had not seen here, with the exception of the Oakland Community School.

Does Jonestown lack for entertainment and fun? Not at all, Garry says. "There's this beautiful auditorium and for three-and-a-half hours I saw the most beautiful entertainment in the world. I've never seen such talent in my life. I saw children from toddlers through about the age of seven putting on a demonstration, with voice, and clapping, and marching, and children six and seven years old getting up and reciting poetry with meaning and gusto. It was just remarkable.

"Why are those people so happy?" he muscled again. "They are learning a new social order. They are learning an answer to a better life. When I returned to the States, I told my partners in the office that I had seen paradise. From what I saw there, I would say that the society that is being built in Jonestown is a credit to humanity.

And then as if to reinforce the amazing description, he added, "This is not propaganda. I'm not a propagandist. I'm a hard-hitting, factual-analysis lawyer. I saw this with my own eyes. I tell it."



A high point of his talk related to the care of senior citizens, which he said moved him deeply. "All of the senior citizens cottages are built around the immediate vicinity of the medical compound. Every single morning a member of the medical team knocks on the cottage of the senior citizen and inquires, 'Did anybody have any problem during the night? Do you have any problems here this morning?' Can you imagine the security that the senior citizens feel with this kind of care? I'd like to have a representative from a body here that's trying to improve the lot of senior citizens who are left to be beggars and paupers to see what is going on in Jonestown."

He spoke of the many agricultural projects, including an improved method of developing feed from protein food grown in Jonestown. The area of Jonestown devoted to raising animals also drew praise. "Those pigpens, as we call them, looked like palaces. Many of the homes that I've

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Jonestown: The Peoples Temple In Guyana

(These are excerpts of a letter from Sharon Amos, who is currently visiting several hundred members of the Peoples Temple at the site of the church's agricultural project in the jungles of Guyana.

The author is a teacher, counselor, and social worker and the article was submitted to the Grapevine by the temple, which formerly had its headquarters in Redwood Valley.)

The road into Jonestown is lined with long rows of banana and citrus trees on either side. The whole vista of serene natural beauty is breathtaking.

Brightly colored butterflies, some startling yellow against the brilliant greens, exotic plants with many types of leaves, and all varieties of lush ferns are everywhere. In the distance are hundreds of crops, as far as the eye can see.

I was amazed by the emotional experience of space, as if I had never looked out and seen land that wasn't marred by garish advertisements of deodorants and razor blades.

I felt as if the more I looked, the more my hectic, anxious mind became lulled into harmony with the natural beauty.

When I arrived at the Jonestown headquarters, I was greeted by hundreds of hugs. It was an overwhelming experience to be thousands of miles away, yet given the warmest welcome I had ever known. Everyone looked so happy and relaxed and I felt right at home.

In Jonestown itself, the city dweller adjusts himself easily to a new way of life. One is so used to many so-called necessities that

you quickly find are addictions that ensnare you.

In a natural environment free of tensions, you stop grabbing for food or the TV or a way to "get away from it all." You start to notice that even your body functions differently.

The Jonestownians characterize newcomers as plump swollen-looking people, who actually look bloated. As people eat the abundant and fresh natural foods, breathe fresh air, and love a more calm life involved with useful productive work, their bodies begin to firm up, and their skins take on a new glow. They even stand more erect and look more resolved.

At first, I couldn't even recognize familiar people because they looked so different to me.

In this atmosphere that seems like a pioneer village, the most sophisticated things are happening in human development.

And yet not so strange, because I remember getting lost in the anonymous quality of city life in the states. Everything seemed gray to me—the buildings were gray, the streets and the sky were gray—the faces of people in the buses and walking in the streets looked cold and impersonal and dehumanized, as if they were afraid to care about anyone.

Here where we can sit together, work together, share our achievements and enjoy common entertainments, those barriers are dissolved. No one is looked up to or down at, we are all co-workers and friends, and resolve our problems together.

Here everyone lives as an equal, and you can communicate without friction. People I used to get into conflict with—I find I enjoy their company here. Perhaps competi-

tion and inequality set you one against the other.

Jim Jones, the founder-leader of Jonestown is the first to encourage equalitarianism, in the manner in which he stimulates openness and self-expression.

People are free and to fact encouraged to speak up and share their analyses and criticisms of every aspect of the community's life. They find that many of their suggestions are implemented immediately. There is a great deal of self-analysis also, as people receive much support along with structure, and do not feel their personal identity is threatened or that they will be rejected.

Building what is a genuine grassroots democracy is one of the most exciting challenges we face; and the results, even on a short-range basis, are an amazement to us.

In both our grammar and high schools, we are finding that very few young people educated in the United States have been helped to think through problems of reason. Young people who have appeared indifferent to education, are often those who never felt they had the ability to approach ideas analytically, or that anyone would listen. This is true for others as well,

and in our classes, planning meetings, and everyday experience, people of all ages are encouraged to think and express their viewpoints. This atmosphere stimulates dialogue that opens whole new areas of study.

All kinds of study groups are cropping up, with teachers from all backgrounds; labor leaders, college-educated persons, and workers, as well as people developing a high level of achievement in newly-discovered abilities.

Our doctor, educated through the Temple, is finding we can restore neglected bodies as well as neglected minds.

He is picking up on conditions that were not previously treated, such as female infections that have plagued women for years. In some cases, they just didn't have the money to receive proper treatment.

Jonestown's medical clinic is modern-equipped, and staffed with many nurses and two nurse practitioners as well as the doctor.

Work also has a new meaning here. Physical work is honored rather than demeaned and one can achieve a balance of physical and mental work never before possible, since many tasks are shared.

In the United States, the demands of industry and bureaucracy necessarily kept people pegged in certain areas, hence also alienated from one another.

There is no such need to be specialized here, and one can become proficient in many things and also lead a balanced life.

Even the government of the village of Jonestown is more equitable, being based upon the demonstration of genuine leadership qualities.

Leadership in U.S. society is generally oriented to what are considered privileged work positions, which is too often rooted in privileged economic or racial status.

Here no such arbitrary advantages exist. Anyone who is capable can assume leadership in the fields, or in the garden, the kitchen, or construction work, or in the schools and thus become one of the representatives of the central government.

Jan is a good example of a leader

who has emerged from the position of a worker into a fine supervisor of a field work crew into a leader governing the people and helping them to solve problems.

Jan used to live with me in Ukiah. She was a local Indian young woman with no sense of self-worth. Because she was Indian she was treated as a sewer-do-well with no intelligence or capacity to acquire an education or assume any kind of leadership.

She was passive and fearful, often depressed, and felt hopeless about any kind of meaningful future. She also was obese and her face was unexpressive.

Jan has lived in Jonestown for several years now and is like a new person. She has become an acknowledged expert in citrus production, and has learned to supervise work teams in our citrus beds, often with people with more education than she but who had fewer skills than she has acquired here.

She is now a beautiful woman, confident, and often leads meetings of the entire central government. She is warm and expressive, and people look to her as an example of accomplishment and strength.

The construction crews are so smoothly coordinated that it is common for one or two complete houses to go up in a single day.

The young people have organized themselves into a vital force to be of help wherever they are needed. They are working on all kinds of projects, such as dramas and debates, and Big Brother and Big Sister programs for some of the younger children.

People also have an opportunity to creatively structure the environment in which they and

their children live and work, thus many practical innovations are being made, and equipment is being designed to meet human needs and for the maximum possible use.

The nursery is such a project-- babies have cribs where they can see each other and communicate with each other. The cribs are handmade from beautiful indigenous woods. The mothers and other nursery workers that care for the infants and toddlers give them a great deal of individual love and attention and all of the children have their needs met without exception. Stimulating toys and mobiles are handmade for them so that they live a very happy life.

In fact, the residents of Jonestown generally have an air of happiness and confidence about them that I would not have believed possible from just a change of environment.

This is not a materialistic life, in terms of all the luxuries and expensive appliances one might be used to in the United States.

But everything which is needed materially is provided, and there is the security of knowing that every facility and piece of equipment is intended to benefit the people, and that everything we build has been planned and created by the people who will be most involved in its use.

We especially value living in a cooperative society, with a leader who is working day and night to preserve our freedom to survive and flourish.

All in all, I can sincerely say that it is a very exciting experience to be a pioneer in Jonestown. We are building a new society with new goals.

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I searched for years and years, going out on tangents looking for momentary pleasures. Only when I found the Peoples Temple and a commitment to practical humanitarian goals did I find a direction in my life.

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Charles Garry Visits Jonestown: 'I Have Been To Paradise'

On Nov. 6 Peoples Temple welcomed Charles Garry, who represents Peoples Temple as its attorney. Garry has recently returned from a visit to the temple's agricultural project in Guyana, Jonestown (so named by the Guyanese government). He had much information to share.

"Last Monday night I was on a talk show," he began, "and I had the opportunity to tell (that) I had seen and I had been in paradise. I saw it. It's there for anybody to see, and I'm hopeful that in the next few

day or weeks we'll be able to have a documentary, which everyone will be able to see.

"I saw community where there is no such thing as racism. No one feels the color of his skin, whether he's Black, brown, yellow, red, or white. I also noticed that no one feels superior to anyone else. I don't know of any community in the world today that has been able to solve the problem of male sex supremacy completely. That does not exist in Jonestown.

"I also saw something else: There is no such thing as ageism. The community is comprised of the little children, the teen-agers, the young adults, the old adults, the senior citizens, all together.

"I have never seen so many happy faces in my life as I did in Jonestown the three days I was there. I want that captured (on film) so that skeptical America will know what it is when you live without fear of the rent being due, and all the other problems we're surrounded by.

"There are some 800 persons or more there now. They've got cottages set up that you just could not believe. I saw sanitation there that I had never seen in any part of the world, except Switzerland. You can eat off the ground."

He went on to speak of the consistently high level of medical care, organized under a doctor who is "thorough, conscientious and dedicated." The medical team has "the latest in medical equipment and books," and "every person who goes to Jonestown is medically thoroughly examined, and charts are prepared."

He recalls that he urged Dr. Schacht to start keeping daily, hourly diaries, to put the operation of the medical compound in writing, so that some of our medical schools, and the American Medical Association, can learn from what is being done at Jonestown.

seen in America could not measure up to the sanitation, the cleanliness, the spaciousness of the place we call a prison. The chickens raised and butchered at the project he called "luscious," and the food generally is "delicate, nourishing, and it's type of food that will make your blood pressure go down, your diabetes will disappear. It's substantial, nourishing food—the kind that will take away the fat you accumulate by the type of food we eat here."

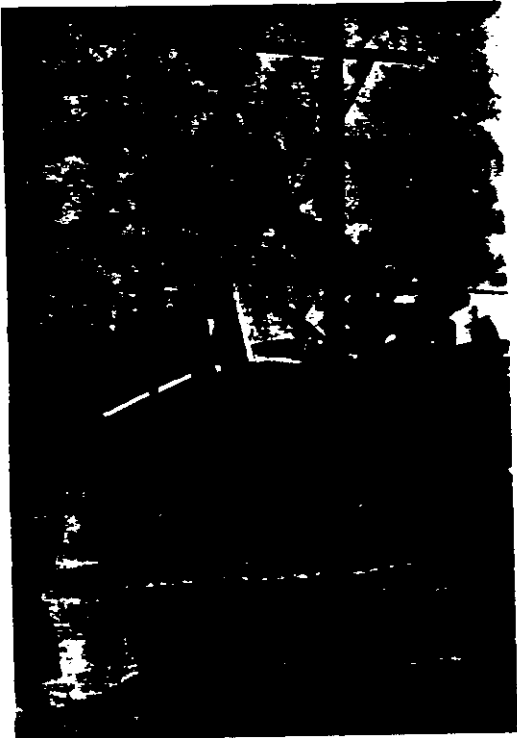
The project as a whole is described as quite developed: a thriving sawmill, generators to meet electrical needs, wells, streets, refrigeration. The school is open-air and large covered area, with 15 to 20 youngsters in a class.

Teachers are drawn in part from "at least 50 people there who have advanced degrees. He spoke of the enthusiastic participation and discussion of the part of all the students which is something he had not seen here, with the exception of the Oakland Community School.

Does Jonestown lack for entertainment and fun? Not at all, Garry says. "There's this beautiful auditorium, and for three-and-a-half hours I saw the most beautiful entertainment in the world. I've never seen such talent in my life. I saw children from toddler through about the age of seven putting on a demonstration, with voice and clapping and marching, and children's and seven years old getting up and reciting poetry with meaning and gusto. It was just remarkable.

"Why are those people happy?" he mused again. "They are learning a new social order. They are learning an answer to a better life. When I returned to the States, my partners in the office that I had seen paradise. For what I saw there, I would say that the society that is being built in Jonestown is a credit to humanity.

And then, as if to reinforce the amazing description, he added: "This is not propaganda. I'm not a propagandist. I'm a hard-hitting, fact-analysis lawyer. I saw this with my own eyes. Tell it."



A high point of his talk related to the care of senior citizens, which he said moved him deeply. "All of the senior citizens cottages are built around the immediate vicinity of the medical compound. Every single morning a member of the medical team knocks on the cottage of the senior citizen and inquires: 'Did anybody have any problem during the night? Do you have any problems here this morning?' Can you imagine the security that the senior citizens feel with this kind of care? I'd like to have a representative from a body here that's trying to improve the lot of senior citizens who are left to be beggars and paupers to see what is going on in Jonestown."

He spoke of the many agricultural projects, including an improved method of developing feed from protein food-grown in Jonestown. The area of Jonestown devoted to raising animals also drew praise. "Those pigeons as we call them looked like palaces. Many of the homes that I've

Jonestown Resident Finds Peoples Temple Mission Peaceful

The following are excerpts of a letter from Sharon Amos, who is currently visiting the several hundred members of Peoples Temple who are on site at the temple's agricultural project, Jonestown (so named by the Guyanese government). She is an experienced teacher, counselor, and social worker, although there is hardly no need for the last-mentioned skill in this wholesome cooperative environment. These vivid personal impressions are offered as a glimpse into the thriving community born out of the lush jungle hinterland of Guyana:

The road into Jonestown is lined with long rows of banana and citrus trees on either side. The whole vista of serene natural beauty is breathtaking. Brightly colored butterflies, some startling yellow against the brilliant greens, exotic plants with many types of leaves, and all varieties of lush ferns are everywhere. Into the distance are hundreds of acres of crops, as far as the eye can see.

I was amazed by the emotional experience of space, as if I had never looked out and seen land that wasn't marred by garish advertisements for deodorants and razor blades. I felt as if the more I looked, the more my hectic, anxious mind became lulled into harmony with the natural scenery.

When I arrived at the Jonestown headquarters, I was greeted by hundreds of huge. It was an overwhelming experience, to be thousands of miles

away, yet given the warmest welcome I had ever known. Everyone looked so happy and relaxed, and I felt right at home.

In this atmosphere that seems like a pioneer village, the most sophisticated things are happening in human development. And yet not so strange, because I remember getting lost in the anonymous quality of city life in the States. Everything seemed gray to me; the buildings were gray, the streets and the sky were gray, the faces of people in the buses and walking in the streets looked cold and impersonal and dehumanized, as if they were afraid to care about anyone. Here where we can eat together, work together, share our achievements and enjoy common entertainments, those barriers are dissolved.

In both our grammar and high school programs, we are finding that very few young people educated in the United States have been helped to think through problems of reason. Young people who have appeared indifferent to education are often those who never felt they had the ability to approach ideas analytically, or that anyone would listen.

This is true for others as well, and in our classes, planning meetings, and everyday experience, people of all ages are encouraged to think and express their viewpoints. This atmosphere stimulates dialogue that opens whole new areas for study. All kinds of

study groups are cropping up, with teachers from all backgrounds: labor leaders, college-educated persons, and workers, as well as people developing a high level of achievement in newly discovered abilities.

A quality of Jim Jones, the founder of Jonestown, that promotes equalitarianism is the manner in which he encourages openness and self-expression, thereby getting a great deal of input from all the residents here. People are free and in fact encouraged to speak up and share their analyses and criticisms on every aspect of the community's life. They find that many of their suggestions are implemented immediately. People feel very included in the decision-making because they are consulted about each decision that is made.

Our doctor (educated through the temple) is finding many surprising phenomena. He is picking up on people's conditions that were not previously treated, such as vaginal infections that have plagued women for years. In some cases they just didn't have the money to receive treatment. After diagnosis, with the help of our professional lab technician, these conditions can be simply treated. Emergency operations have been performed by our doctor. In one case a piece of steel was lodged in a young man's eye, and the doctor was able to extricate it with no injury to the eye.

It is also interesting how people became far more appreciative of simple pleasures in Jonestown. In the United States one is bombarded with a supermarket of capitalist experiences. You just take your pick, and you never have to face yourself or the implications of your life. Reading, for instance, is deeply appreciated here. People discover that through reading you can open up new worlds.

One young man was barely able to read when he first came to Jonestown, but, when he developed a keen interest in tropical agriculture and saw what he could achieve, he began reading everything he could find on the subject, and now he reads at his appropriate grade level or higher.

Children read books that they never would have read if they had the quickie availabil-

ity of television to pull them into mindless addiction. Even children with so-called learning disabilities are given all the specialized attention they need to overcome their problems.

My nine-year-old son, Martin, is reading on a college level. He didn't have much patience for reading in the States. Now he has read "The Odyssey File" and "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," and he has explained the books to adults in patient detail. Some of the things he told me were complex for my understanding.

This covers only a very few aspects of Jonestown daily life. All in all, I can sincerely say that it is a very exciting experience to be a pioneer in Jonestown. We are building a new society with new goals.

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United States, but because of the emphasis on property values and lack of shared goals, I was lost for many of my 41 years. In this setting of rare beauty and peace, I see our young people developing sensitivity to others, and people of every age living a fulfilling life.

I searched for years and years, going out on many tangents, looking for momentary pleasures, and only when I found Peoples Temple and a commitment to practical humanitarian goals did I find a direction in my life. Jonestown makes the search complete, because in Jonestown the principles that I came to believe in have become realities.

Guyana Chronicle

[The following editorial comment appeared in the December 10, 1977, issue of the Guyana Chronicle. It was authored by Dental Surgeon Dr. Ng-a-Fook who spent several inspiring days at Jonestown.]

COMMENT

Peoples Temple: A First Class Example Of Community Life

People in the Northwest District are much happier today because of the visit to the settlements of Port Kaituma and Matthews Ridge by Dental Surgeon Ng-a-Fook. During his three day visit he saw first hand a happy blending of races at Jonestown, the Christian Temple center at Kaituma, which he said is "a first-class example of community life." He did extractions, fillings, etc., at Port Kaituma and Matthews Ridge. Some BDU people, all members of the Peoples Temple, are living at the giant agricultural project at Jonestown, aimed at helping Guyana with farming, while also helping make Jonestown self-sufficient in food and housing. At the area known as Jonestown, the Pastor and Founder, the Rev. Jim Jones, has come under fire from the reactionary forces of capitalism in the U.S.A. who see the prosperous agricultural project and the communal life enjoyed by its members there, as a threat to the old established order.

But more and more the evidence is coming to light in support of the Peoples Temple and its very human activities at Jonestown. A very high elected California State Official who visited Jonestown, has described the Peoples Temple organization as "the most significant force today in the area of human rights, social change, and concrete service work. An American attorney, Charles Garry, who visited Jonestown recently on November 6, told the Sun Reporter on his return to the United States, "I have been in paradise." "I saw a community where there is no such thing as racism. No one sees the color of his skin, whether he is black, brown, yellow, red or white. I also saw that no one thinks in terms of sex, no one feels superior to anyone else. I don't know any community in the world today that has been able to solve the problems of male sex supremacy. That does not exist in Jonestown."

There is a very high

level of medical care in Jonestown. Right at the moment there is no dentist, but it was to this need that Dr. Ng-a-Fook undertook his charitable mission there. "It was a very rewarding experience," he said. "I have never before seen so many people of varying races working happily side-by-side in the fields without a single spark of friction. With its own school, sawmill, electricity, roads, houses, and so on, all being scrupulously clean, I could not help but be impressed." Doctor Ng-a-Fook, who once turned in his U.S. land and immigrant visa at the suggestion of Comrade Malcolm Dunset, in order to serve the local needs of the people of McKenzie (Guyana) and has since been working there for 18 years, visited the Northwest as part of a promise he made to his father, the late pioneer frontiersman Peter Ng-a-Fook, who performed his charitable works among the people in mining and rural areas.

Taking The Offensive

Peoples Temple Investigates The Investigators

As part of Peoples Temple's campaign to expose and discredit attacks upon it in recent months, the temple is now launching a thorough investigation of persons and organizations implicated in what Attorney Charles Garry has termed "an organized, orchestrated premeditated cam-

aign to destroy a politically progressive church."

A recent march downtown in San Francisco featured signs that detailed the long history of persecutions the temple has suffered for its members' beliefs and actions in defense of minorities and the poor—persecution ranging from arson,

bombing attempts, and attempted assassinations of the group's leader, Jim Jones, to electronic surveillance, blackmail, the tampering with U.S. mail, unexplained interference by the U.S. Customs Department, and the withholding of Social Security checks from eligible recipients living in Guyana.

Under special investigation by Peoples Temple is Joseph Mazor, whom the **Berkeley Barb** had exposed as having a long criminal record and as having hired one of the largest public relations firms in San Francisco to help him orchestrate the attacks in the media against Jim Jones and Peoples Temple. He has not revealed who has paid for such a costly enterprise, but the temple now has documented evidence that he is a member of the International Police Congress, an adjunct to INTERPOL, the notorious Nazi-infested international criminal police organization. Remarkably, there is also documented evidence that INTERPOL has been responsible for spreading lies about the church in other areas of the world that bear close resemblance to the media smears coordinated by Mazor in the Bay Area.

Another point under close

scrutiny is how an individual like Mazor managed to obtain a state investigator's license after his release from prison in 1976. The temple is pursuing many leads, it does not plan to stop until every phase of Mazor's operation is exposed.

Another piece of evidence exposed by the temple in recent days is the possession of a U.S. Postal Service memo distributed to San Francisco branch post offices, directing them to return Social Security checks to HEW when there is a forwarding address order for Guyana. Elderly and disabled residents of the temple project in Guyana, all of whom have submitted appropriate transfer documents to the Social Security office and who were assured of transfer with forwarding of their checks in the interim, now face denial of benefits that they have worked for. Peoples Temple strongly protests what it considers an outrageous denial of constitutional and human rights. The temple plans to pursue this matter through its legal staff and by contacting elected government officials.

Temple members have said that their determination was strengthened when the march of some 500 people in front of the San Francisco Examiner

Building on Fifth Street several weeks ago resulted in a report of only "70" pickets in an article in that paper. Now these members, expressing outrage

at new developments, have vowed to march and protest on a continuing basis if necessary, so that the facts will reach the public's attention.

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LETTERS

Left wing stance also needs Gospel criticism

I agree a radical look at society is necessary, if by that you mean to get at the roots. But it bothers me to find Dr Fraser, in his article "Violence in Camouflage" (December issue), saying that "sacralized assumptions produce a worrying superficiality". True indeed. How sad that he does not see his own article as a textbook example of it, the more especially when he is by no means factually reliable, nor concise in his use of words.

He makes the left wing conventional remark that the Queen's financial assets are violence against the poor. Does he mean financial? Or her assets and possessions? For there is a great difference that I should want to explore (and have evidence of) before attempting to ask the further questions called for by such a fatuous assumption.

He also says War on Want set up a Greenwich hardship fund. War on Want did no such thing. Some staff members did, as individuals, although publicizing their employer's name. Again, I see a great difference, which totally invalidates his conclusion.

And what "McCarthyite witch hunt" is West Germany? I do know of some too-adequate judicial process against the Bundes-Minister terrorist, but my news sources (*The Times* and BBC) know of no tribunal headed by a latter-day McCarthy. Let him criticize if he will: but do let him allege facts, then criticize them: not reach for his left-wing phrase book and sneer.

Is it not tragic that Dr Fraser should be (rightly) detached from an uncritical acceptance of things as they are, only to become so totally absorbed in an extreme political stance that he can't see his own stance is equally open to prejudice, and, more important, to criticism from the Gospel? And, more sadly yet, to appear to believe that his stance is the pure Gospel translated into political action! Believe me, it isn't.

Things will be even worse if his standpoint becomes the new orthodoxy (or, more precisely, orthodoxy), because, not only does it too much under the judgment of the Gospel: it would result in violent change, of which the devastating side-effects would be terrible, to say nothing of the faults inherent in his scheme, as in all human systems.

Canon Colin Evans
Hobbsend, Leam., UK

Pentecostalism - "feeling good"

When I read articles such as the conversation with Rex Davis on Pentecostalism, I wonder whether I mean by the term the same phenomenon that he does.

At the grassroots level where one has to deal on a day-to-day basis with its effects on actual congregations and individuals, it seems

primarily to be a critic expression of a much more all-embracing way of life which in short-hand one might describe as "feeling good". Its main concern seems to be some kind of emotional ecstasy through which one escapes from the suffering of critical living.

I am open to revising my opinion, but at present I have found no evidence to suggest that Pentecostalism will be a source of renewal for world Christianity.

Mervyn Russell
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Christian pacifism is untried approach

I want to express appreciation for the article "Why They Call Them the Peace Churches" in the December 1977 issue. It is heartening to see the World Council of Churches give this kind of visibility to the witness of Christian pacifism. The dreadful momentum of the world arms race makes this Christian pacifist witness look more relevant with every year that passes.

It does seem to me that the way of Christian pacifism has not been tried and found wanting, but rather has been found difficult and left untried. It is my hope that Christians on a worldwide scale will commit themselves to trying before it is too late. As always in history, there is hope, but persistence is necessary. The Church should show the way by repudiating its complicity in violence and militarism.

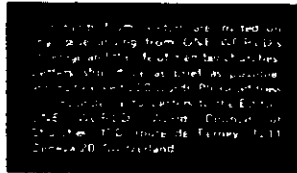
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Guyana group finds a new lease on life

I was just reading over my copy of the September issue of ONE WORLD, enjoying the articles submitted from various "confessing communities" in different parts of the world. I thought that I would share with you some news of a very unique community which has been developed here in Guyana by Rev. Jim Jones and 1,000 members of his large church, Peoples Temple (Christian Church-Disciples of Christ), who have moved here from the United States. Peoples Temple is one of the most socially-active ministries in America.

We are very proud of what has been accomplished in Guyana over the past three years.

Peoples Temple is a strongly "holistic" church, embracing the ideals of communal sharing of the earliest Christians (Acts 2:44-46).



ECUPARABLE: THE FOUR PRISONERS

One upon a prison term, three friends (all poor) found themselves locked up in the same cell. There was no way out, until a fourth friend (and a rich one) peered through the bars and promised to free them.

The three friends laughed. "Look around you," they said. "Don't you see that you're in prison too?"

The rich friend looked around, as he had never looked before, and had to agree (even though he had a bigger cell).

"I suppose you're right," he said, then he asked (very softly): "What do we do now?"

"Why, we dig a hole together and crawl out of here," said the three friends. And they did. For it's amazing what four friends can do, when they try together.

The Rev. Jim Jones has been heard by tens of thousands of people and has fearlessly witnessed to the "gospel of liberation" in his own life, which has been a constant struggle against tremendous opposition and persecution.

In 1973, the large San Francisco headquarters of Peoples Temple was struck by an assassin and gutted. There have been attempts on the Rev. Jones' life, and the catalogue of harassment and malice against him and his immediate family (which includes seven adopted children of different races), as well as his church's "extended family", is a grim testimony to the permanence of vicious religious and political persecution in the United States.

The Jonestown community in Guyana is an amalgam of races and ages, including over 250 minor citizens (the oldest is 107), most of whom were ghetto dwellers in the United States. In Guyana they are finding a new "lease on life", a peaceful, wholesome environment free from the tensions bred by American cities, and the evils of racism.

Former drug addicts, sociopaths, "brothers", and dependent youths who couldn't see any future for themselves have been transformed in this environment, in this extraordinary community of love, sharing, and cooperation.

This, for us, is the heart of Christ's teaching - a way of life where "all that believe are together," participating in a new society where selfishness, greed, and exploitation are overcome. Since its founding 25 years ago in Indiana by Jim Jones, Peoples Temple has stressed total racial equality, extending vital social services to needy and desperate persons.

We believe that socialism, cooperativism, communalism - whatever you may call it - points the way to a future for mankind: a way of life that transcends mere dogma, doctrine, and empty theory and theological abstractions (as well as empty Sunday morning parties).

Richard D. Tropp
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TEMPLE RADIO MAKES FRIENDS WORLD-WIDE

THE SUB REPORTER, Thursday, February 23, 1978

Peoples Temple Takes To The Air

Rev. Jim Jones, at the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project in Guyana, South America, has initiated a remarkable new project using the temple's ham radio. In just the last few weeks Rev. Jones and a crew of experienced radio operators have made more than 2,000 contacts of friendship and goodwill to ham radio operators throughout the United States and in other countries.

The purpose of the contacts is to strengthen friendly ties between the United States and Guyana and support Carter's Administration in furnishing needed economic assistance to this newly emerged nation, which is a leader in the Caribbean area of the hemisphere.

Jones has spearheaded this new effort with great energy and persistence. "Radio operators can make wonderful ambassadors," he notes, and "the response has been amazing." The temple has been deeply gratified to find a widespread understanding of the need for nonintervention, mutual assistance, and aid to America's neighbors to the south.

The agricultural project was begun four years ago for the just purpose of providing a

wholesome alternative lifestyle for troubled young persons and to produce food and agricultural technology that can help solve world food problems. The radio is being used exclusively as an extension of these humanitarian efforts. Many times the temple has been able to relay requests for medical assistance and other needed help.

One situation involved a child in a neighboring country who was critically ill and needed a

medication that could not be obtained there. Rev. Jones had hundreds of contacts made over the radio, over an area ranging thousands of miles, until the rare medication could be located.

Another remarkable set of contacts involved the delivery of a baby in Jonestown by the doctor there. The baby was a breech birth, and the mother was hemorrhaging. Eleven doctors here called in for consultation over the radio.

The medical complications were handled in an expert manner, and both mother and child are doing very well.

Copies of radio identification numbers the temple has contacted from its Guyanese station are being forwarded to President Carter and many U.S. congressional representatives. The temple is proud to do its part in furthering goodwill for the United States in this part of the world. It has made known its support for the Guyanese policy of nonalignment.

San Francisco Chronicle Sat., Feb. 18, 1978

Long-Distance Caesarean

Washington

Dr. Albert Greenfield helped deliver twins by Caesarean section this week, although the patient was more than 200 miles away in a village in the jungles of Guyana.

Greenfield, an obstetrician, was at home in suburban Bethesda, Md., on Monday night when a neighbor, who is a ham radio operator, said a doctor at the Minton Village clinic in Guyana needed help because a storm prevented the woman from being flown to a hospital. The two doctors began the long-distance consultation. Greenfield said the next day he was told the mother and babies were doing well.

Associated Press

THE SUN REPORTER, Thursday, March 28, 1978

Jonestown Adds Cattle

Jonestown, Guyana, founded by Rev. Jim Jones, continues to expand by leaps and bounds. Dairy cattle is one of the more recent additions to the project, and a whole new industry is in the making, which is expected to meet and go beyond the needs of self-sufficiency of the community.

Experts in every field visit this thriving community, which is accessible by either boat or plane. Both Guyanese and American officials have been made welcome in recent weeks, including officials from the U.S. State Department, who have been responsive and helpful.

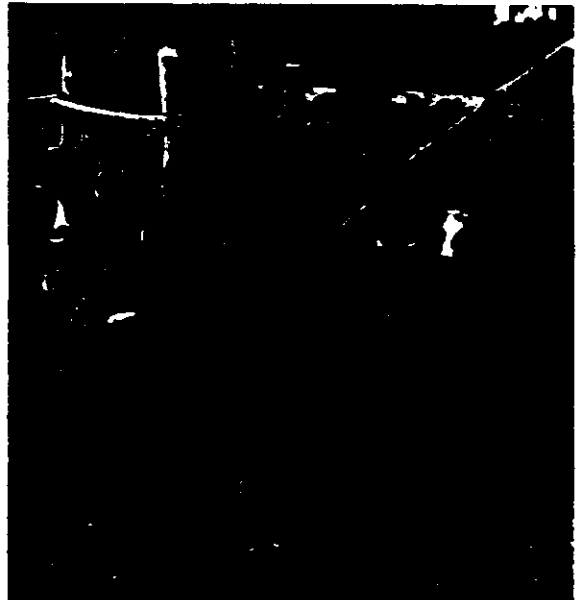
One of the project's most recent visitors was the chairman of the board of Guyana Livestock Corporation, who came in an advisory capacity, and yet made an extensive review of the project. He is a member of one of the wealthiest business families in Guyana, and a world traveler.

When Dr. Fernandes first came to Jonestown, he looked into every phase of the project, beyond just the cattle industry. He moved freely through the community, speaking with people at random in every department. He expressed great interest in finding out what motivated people to their high level of productivity. He had visited every type of society and said that he was cynical in that he always found inequities of some sort everywhere he had visited.

This prominent businessman reported to Rev. Jones and the people of Jonestown that he was amazed at what he found: a true egalitarian blend of every race, region, and back-

ground. He saw the leader was taking no privileges above his followers. He said he had never seen a society that was pure in its egalitarianism until

he visited Jonestown. The harmony and happiness of the residents of Jonestown impressed him deeply, and he expressed the desire to return.



A POTOMAC DOCTOR HELPS DELIVER TWINS 2,000 MILES AWAY



RICHARD HAYMAN

By Mary Ann Kahn
Washington Star Staff Writer

Dr. Albert A. Greenfield, an obstetrician, was about to retire for the night. He sat in his pajamas in a small room off his bedroom in Potomac, flipping through a medical journal on pediatric and adolescent gynecology.

Two blocks away, his friend, Richard W. Hayman, was turning the dial of his ham radio. He had just been talking to someone in Japan because he is planning a trip there in May.

More than 2,000 thousand miles away in the jungles of Guyana, a country in the northwest corner of South America, a woman two weeks overdue in her seventh pregnancy had been in labor more than 14 hours and was experiencing serious complications.

She couldn't be flown to the nearest hospital, one hour away, because a storm and ground fog prevented planes from taking off at the small airstrip seven miles away. The field is illuminated only by incandescent lamps.

IN THE NEXT few moments, the lives of the Maryland man and the Guyana woman became involved in an unusual medical drama. By the time it was over, the Potomac man had played a major role in the woman's delivery of identical twin girls, one weighing 6 pounds 4 ounces, the other 6 pounds 1 ounce.

At 10 o'clock Monday night, as Hayman was fiddling with the dial on his ham radio in his home at 3000 Colebrook Ave., he picked up an emergency call.

"I heard a doctor on one of the stations with an urgent plea to be connected with an obstetrician," said Hayman, who is vice president of

Hayman Cash Register Co. "He had a woman in South America who was expecting twins. I responded because I felt I could contact an obstetrician."

"I called Dr. Greenfield and I told him I had a medical mission in South America and a pregnant woman who needed medical advice," he said in an interview yesterday. "I asked him if he would help out."

For the next 6 minutes, Greenfield, 49, talked from the phone in his home at 1 Colebrook Court to the doctor in Guyana, giving him instructions on how to perform a Caesarean section on the woman. By using a special apparatus, Hayman was able to "patch" Greenfield's telephone to his ham radio so that the two doctors could carry on a two-way conversation.

WHILE GREENFIELD talked, thousands of ham radio operators here and in other parts of the country tuned in and listened.

One man said that after listening to the instructions he personally thought he could perform the surgery, said Hayman, who has been a ham operator for 30 years. His call letters are K1DML.

"The doctor in the jungle had made a diagnosis of twins by placing his hands on the woman's abdomen," said Greenfield.

"One of the twins was in a head down or vertex position and the other was in a breech or bottom down position."

"I talked him through the entire operation," said Greenfield, an obstetrician for the past 12 years. "I sure was nervous. I wanted to be sure I gave him every detail. I was oversimplifying things."

"After each detail, I'd say, 'Do you follow me?' and he'd say either 'Yes, go on to the next step,' or he'd say, 'Could you repeat that.'"

BY 11 P.M. MONDAY, Greenfield had finished giving instructions for the delivery as well as post-operative orders.

"That was a first for me," said the doctor. "That was the longest-distance consultation I ever had. It was a very novel and thrilling experience."

"We were waiting on pins and needles to hear from the doctor in Guyana."

"Al (Dr. Greenfield) expressed doubt to me personally whether any of them — the mother and twins —

would survive," said Hayman.

On Tuesday night, almost 24 hours later, Hayman and Greenfield called the doctor to find out the results of the operation. Because he was out on another medical emergency, the two Potomac men talked to a woman ham operator there who told them the operation had been successful. She also told them that the facility where the operation took place was called Mission Village in northwest Guyana. It has a medical clinic, an orphanage and an agricultural project, where most of the people are U.S. volunteers. She identified the man who performed the Caesarean, as Dr. Larry Schacht.

"THE OPERATION was very successful, thanks to your help," the woman operator said in a tape recording of the radio conversation which Hayman made.

"This is Dr. Greenfield," said the doctor. "How is the mother?"

"The mother is doing fine," said the woman. "She lost about two pints of blood and she is a little weak, but doing very well. And the babies are extremely healthy."

"Have the babies' lungs been listened to and if so are they clean?" asked Greenfield.

"Roger."
"Were there any mechanical problems doing the actual procedure?" asked Greenfield.

"The procedure went very well thanks to your clear explanation and outlining of the procedures. It went very well. Everybody just followed your blueprint and everything went just fine."

"This is Doctor Greenfield again. I forgot what I was going to say...."



DR. ALBERT GREENFIELD

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Peoples Temple Show: A Success!

The Peoples Temple Agricultural Project presented its cultural variety show entitled "A Cooperative Feeling" last week at the National Cultural Center with a style never before seen in Guyana, which literally prompted the audience to shout for more, following some of the performances. The theme of Cooperation was carried throughout the program, which consisted of over 20 different presentations, including Guyana's own Atlantic Symphony Orchestra and the Yoruba Singers. Although the program ran past midnight few people could be seen leaving.

"The show kept us on the edge of our seats with unique and exciting performances that always had us wondering what might be next," said two members of the Pegasus Soundwaves (a renowned Guyanese entertainment band.)

One singer, Dianne Wilkinson, moved many to tears with a song that she had adapted called "Guyana is so Beautiful". A talented twelve-year-old Temple boy who seems to have a bright future, delivered a powerful song he wrote entitled "Guyana is for Me."

Most of the show's song and dance numbers were accompanied by a brass band, "Jonestown Express", which one experienced stage crewman said was the best band he had heard in the Caribbean. He noted the hard work put in by the band, which often rehearsed from morning till midnight during the week preceding the show.

The presentation of donations raised by the Peoples Temple was made to various local charities, including The National Relief Committee, the Maha Saba Temple (a home for orphans), Bellfield Home for the Aged and the Guyana Council of Churches (of which Peoples Temple is a member).

Presently there are over 1000 persons living at the Peoples Temple's Agricultural Project at Jonestown, near Port Kaituma in the Northwest District. Over 100 members traveled to the cultural show via the Temple's boat—a fishing trawler used also as a medical mercy vessel, and to transport supplies.

The program was not without its light moments both in song and dances,

as well as in comedy skits. One act was a man with red wavy hair, dressed in a glittering jump suit, high heeled boots and dark glasses—a new rock and roll singing sensation. Young girls were screaming onto the stage hysterically, trying to get a moment of his attire. All that was left when they finished with him was a fat old man in polka dot undershorts and with a bald head. They even took his false teeth. The audience roared and few could miss the statement on how some singing stars are nothing more than packaged commodities.

All in all, the show seemed to contain something to delight everyone while promoting the theme that cooperative living can best solve the problems of a developing country. The Peoples Temple will be planning for further cultural shows.

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Editorial

Trouble brewing in Guyana

A potentially explosive situation is brewing in Jonestown, Guyana.

On Tuesday of this week some twenty-five relatives of Jones' followers who are residing in Jonestown, the Guyana settlement, led by Steve Katsaris, went to the Temple headquarters in San Francisco.

Katsaris' 24-year-old daughter Maria, who has resided in Jonestown since last summer, has

indicated through letters to her parents that she is satisfied to stay in Guyana. Katsaris accuses Jones of violating human rights by holding relatives as virtual captives.

ONE FATHER HAS EVEN THREATENED TO HIRE MERCENARIES TO RAID JONESTOWN AND "LIBERATE" HIS SON BY FORCE. TROUBLE THAT COULD LEAD TO AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT MAY LIE AHEAD.



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Relatives Praise Jonestown, Guy

Recently Peoples Temple held a press conference to let the public hear about Jonestown, Guyana, from people who had just returned from a visit with their relatives at the Agricultural Project. Rev. John V. Moore, former superintendent of United Methodist Churches of Northern California, and his wife, Mrs. Barbara Moore, spent several days with their two daughters and grandson in Jonestown. They came from their home in Reno, Nev., to relate to the public the great beauty and accomplishment of the thriving community in Guyana. The Moores are not members of Peoples Temple. They visited Guyana at their own expense, and traveled to San Francisco from Reno at their own expense for the press conference.

Rev. Moore said, "I'm John Moore, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Reno, Nevada. The two words that came to my mind as I tried to reflect upon my experience (of Jonestown) were 'impressive' and 'amazing.' It beggled the mind to see that great clearing (of land) and to understand how so much could have been done in such a relatively short period of time. I think almost a thousand acres have been cleared, and most of it has already been planted with various crops.

"I had a feeling of freedom. Neither in Georgetown, with 25 or 30 people coming and going all the time with total freedom, nor at the project itself did I have any feeling that anybody was being restrained or coerced or intimidated in any

way." When asked whether people told him they were happy, he responded, "It was so obvious. We talked about what they were doing, and all of them were engaged in some activities or work that was particularly important for them. We talked to anybody and everybody we wanted to, and we wore ourselves out walking around the facility. We went to the piggery, the chicken, the dairy, the sawmill, the catfish mill, the nursery."

Rev. Moore went on to talk about the day care nursery, the accredited school, and a health facility that is "the best facility in that whole region in Guyana." Rev. and Mrs. Moore commented on the "beauty" of the inclusion of older people in the community life, and the library with more than 8,000 volumes, where old and young read for pleasure or do research. Mrs. Moore described both the medical and the educational services as "excellent" (one of the Moores' daughters is a nurse, the other is a teacher), and went on to speak of the project as a whole as "a community of caring and sharing with the added dimension of love. In a sense it reminds me of a New Testament community," she reflected. "In the purest sense of the

word, in the love and concern for all. It is a beautiful, heroic, creative project. It is absolutely miraculous." One newscaster commented Mrs. Moore seemed very impressed and asked would she describe it as "utopian." "Yes," she answered, "It's a lovely utopia."

Other specifics were provided as well about the lifestyle and quality of life in Jonestown: "It is a cooperative... Food is provided for everyone. There's medical care for everyone, and educational opportunities for everyone. There are work needs and opportunities for the members of the community. One of the great things is the opportunity for some of the younger people particularly, to be learning skills when that opportunity is not present here."

Mrs. Moore added that the housing is well suited to the specific needs of the residents. "It's a complete city, and one thing they do encourage is the nuclear family. You can choose to have your own home, or, if you're a single person, you may live in a dormitory, whichever you prefer. The older folks have their neat little yards and white picket-type fences, with the opportunity to

garden, or just sit." Attorney Charles Garry, who was also present, added that, when he visited, he saw them put up a cottage in one day, from the ground on up ready for occupancy.

Garry concluded with remarks about the medical center in Jonestown, headed by a young doctor who was put through medical school by Peoples Temple and who graduated with high honors. He said that he was particularly impressed

with "the center citizens' cottages right around the (medical) compound." They're located in on by medical helpers first thing every morning. "Medical services are provided free to every resident on the project, and extensive clinic work is done in the surrounding community. The medical compound is something you have never seen, and you probably won't see it unless you go there. It's almost a miracle."

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COMMENT

Peoples Temple School Gets Official Status

There is a new addition to the growing family of Guyana's community schools, the Jonestown community school, up in the Northwest region near Port Kaituma. Located at the Peoples Temple Agricultural and Medical Project in Jonestown, which has grown considerably since land was first cleared there nearly four years ago, the school has over 275 students from nursery through high school, and has been in full operation since September, 1977.

A delegation of the teaching staff recently completed a week's seminar and orientation meetings to help them function according to Guyanese guidelines.

The Jonestown Community school is somewhat unique in that it forms a fully integrated part of the carefully structured cooperative community. In addition to being part of the traditional academic courses, the students are being trained in nearly twenty skills areas in the work/study program, (for example, agricultural, medical electronics, machine shop, wood-working, clothes manufacturing, mechanics, heavy equipment operation, home economics).

"The entire community is actually a school without walls", explains headmaster L.T. Grubbs. "The school and the community exist in a close symbi-

otic relationship." Already dozens of educators and students from various parts of Guyana have visited the community of U.S. "transplants", who are successfully pioneering a new life. "This is a community school in the truest sense", says a senior educational officer in the Ministry of Education, who toured the Jonestown school and project. "Every young person in the community is in the program and every adult is either directly or indirectly involved with it also."

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Thomas Fleming's Weekly Report

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Despite the fact that Jim Jones has temporarily departed the California scene to begin another career in Guyana, there are former members of Peoples Temple who still would do him physical harm or use the courts to destroy him.

Jones, the sociologist who has used Christianity to aid him in helping those of the human race who need help, was under constant attack by those who have followed a program of hypocrisy in their everyday relations with their fellowmen.

The writer was first attracted to Jones when Peoples Temple had its headquarters in Mendocino County, and when hundreds of persons who had been classified as pariahs by the rich and powerful made pilgrimages to Mendocino County every week, particularly for the Sunday services.

The services conducted by Jones resembled the sermons preached by Jesus Christ during his short stay on Earth. The sermons offered to the masses by Christ so angered the rich and powerful that they conspired to have him put to death.

This writer did not know Jones during his sojourn in the northern part of the state, and he was attracted to him by a series of articles appearing in the San Francisco Examiner, by the sometime religion editor, one Robert Kinsolving, who later turned out to be just another Bible thumper from that curious section of the country where the Bible thumpers uphold all of the vicious practices of white supremacy.

Jones brought people of all colors and speech into the fold to worship in peace.

There are many persons who find it difficult to find their particular niche in life, and such people are in dire need of assistance to find the niche that best suits their needs.

The majority of niche seekers are looking for what can best be described as a utopia, and those who went to Jones were not free of thoughts of searching for a land of milk and honey.

Some of those who did not find their utopia fell away and began to launch bitter attacks upon

Jones, which fact was not ignored by a number of publications in the state of California.

These publications immediately began to print lurid stories picturing Jones as a charlatan of the first degree—an individual who claimed super hearing powers, an individual who through devious means acquired property and money from some of those who went to him in search of utopia. Jones was also charged with possessing powers of persuasion so great that many of the persons within the organization had abandoned their families to follow Jones.

Of course, law enforcement officials joined the battle against Jones after lurid stories began appearing in public print. Investigations were conducted by law enforcement agencies into Jones's operation, but not a shred of evidence was ever produced that Jones was the four-headed devil he was pictured to be—a devil who violated all laws with consummate aplomb.

Jones is now in Guyana, heading a remarkable project, which reminds one of the pioneers of other days, particularly in the United States, who braved the unknown to carve out homes in uninhabited areas.

Guyana is in South America, and was once a British dependency, it then was called British Guiana. Later on it became a sovereign nation.

The population is largely Black, with a considerable number of former British subjects who emigrated from India in search of a better world during the British reign over that great Aelan country.

A Black man is president of the country. It is interesting that all of the Blacks found in the New World were brought to the New World from Africa as chattel slaves. Many of the Blacks brought to Guiana escaped and fled to the interior jungle areas, where they lived with the indigenous Indians as free people. Of course, the people found in the New World by Columbus were called Indians.

Where Jones led his great trek in Guyana is an area that is a virtual jungle, there before the American pioneers led by Jones disembarked

from a boat and hacked out a road through the heavily forested terrain to a designated spot.

More trees and other shrubbery had to be cut and burned before the settlers could erect their first buildings.

Now the cleared area is known as Jonestown, and there are perhaps more than 2,000 people. There are some people with medical skills and other skills that mankind has felt so essential for survival.

Among the new pioneers were several hundred young persons, some of whom left home to go abroad with the permission of their legal guardians.

Some of the onetime legal guardians, some of whom are parents of the young persons in the new settlement in Guyana, have been making rumbles that Jones is a person who should be charged with kidnapping. Furthermore, the allegations are made that, even if Jones did not kidnap any of these persons, he is holding them in Guyana against their wills and that in fact the persons held would be only too happy to rejoin their onetime legal guardians or relatives if they could.

The latest allegations against Jones sound just like so much humbug, just as past allegations sounded before Jones started what seems to be the greatest experiment in his career.

Jonestown is self-supporting. A great variety of crops are produced, which feed this tiny colony of transported North Americans; sufficient crops are raised so that some produce goes to the markets in Georgetown, the capital of Guyana. There is a large hog and poultry development within the commune. Several milk cows were taken from the United States, including one seed bull, which will be the nucleus of large-scale cattle raising in the near future.

The education of the young people did not cease when they went to Guyana, for a number of teachers are among the new pioneers, and a school has been built. The young people are also taught such skills as carpentry, plumbing, repairing motors, and just think of the marvelous recreation facilities in the lush land where they have settled. It is not utopia when one considers Homo sapiens, but it seems that it is the closest thing to it.