Jones attracted masses to Temple sect

United Press International
The Rev. Jim Jones was such a
dynamic preacher that he built the
People's Temple into the biggest rotestant congregation in California during the late 1960s.

His flamboyant religious mixture of old-time faith healing, suicide pacts, racial integration, Socialism and raising people from the dead drew converts from throughout the state. His membership included minorities, elderly dowagers and oung divorcees.

The whole concept, including an occasional "seniors' dance"—
featuring people in their 80s and 90s who boogied on a raised platform in front of the congregation—tumbled into apparent ruin during the

As echoing gunfire faded at the church's jungle headquarters in far-away Guyana, the bodies of a man," said San Francisco Chronicle

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — At-

rney Mark Lane said Monday a

gressmen and four members of his

party apparently used a tub of

that left 400 of them dead. Six

Lane told a news conference he unted 85 bursts of semi-automatic

veapons fire when the Peoples

auditorium of its commune at the Guyanese jungle town of Jones-

own, presumably for a mass suicide

The American lawyer said he had neard that the doctor and nurse of

commune carried a tub of poison

the auditorium prior to the mass

rmer San Francisco city offficial

who heads the religious community, ad sent him and fellow attorney

Charles Garry away from the scene.

"Jones had sent me (and Garry)
away to the East House," said Lane.

We could hear him speak of the digity of death, the beauty of dying.

nes shouted 'mother, mother, other, mother!' Then there was

Lane said he and Garry fled into

e bush near the commune settle-

ent after the massacre Sunday

the He said they heard lots of affire and people screaming, in-

luding children, fleeing through

The attorney told newsmen at an

promptu poolside hotel news con-

rence that in a statement to

Suyanese police he suggested that

ones may have escaped from the

commune. The commune was

Earlier, Guyana Minister of In-ormation Shirley Field-Ridley, who

wn to possess a launch.

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the first burst of shooting.

Lane said the Rev. Jim Jones,

ple sect gathered at an open air

undred others were missing.

Guyanan deaths

included suicides

band of American religious fanatics
who massacred a California consome of the victims apparently were

murdered.

Jones, 46, who at various times called himself "The Prophet of God" and "Father," professed to have raised more than 40 people from the dead at the height of his ministry whole catalogue of diseases he said were afflicting him, starting with cancer." and to have caused the "passing" of cancerous tumors from the bodies of the faithful.

A short, slightly pudgy man with straight black hair, he wore glasses, second-hand suits and exuded a dynamic self-confidence.

South American jungle outpost of Jonestown last year. There a dramatic change apparently began in the man who claimed the ability to

cure disease through faith.

"Jones has struck us as a mad-

first reported the mass suicide, said Guyanese troops Monday captured the headquarters of the Peoples

The bizarre case blazed into vio-

lence late Saturday when an ambush by members of the sect at a jungle

airport killed Rep. Leo J. Ryan,

D-Calif., and four other Americans

when Ryan was leaving with 20

members of the sect after investigating reports that many Americans were being held against their will.

Killed with him were NBC televi-

sion reporter Don Harris, 42, and

NBC cameraman Robert Brown, 36,

both of Los Angeles; San Francisco

Examiner photographer Gregory Robinson, 27; and Patricia Park, 18,

an American settler.

Lane, who had accompanied the investigating party to the jungle commune, said that after Ryan and his group left for the airport, he and Garry attempted to calm an atmosphere of parie that swent through

sphere of panic that swept through

He recalled that months earlier

Jones had been accused of suggesting a mass suicide. Just before the

suicide ceremony, Lane said, he

and Garry encountered two armed

black members of the commune en

route to the auditorium where

They said to us with smiles on

Shortly after that they heard the

them. We estimate some 600 persons may be missing."

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others had assembled.

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as he kept taking pills until he seemed dazed by them. He listed a

Jones began his ministry in Indianapolis, where he said he founded a church at the age of 18. Jones, who claims to be part American Indian, grew up in Lynn, Ind., once the national headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan.

Jones moved his multi-million dollar religious operation to the South American jungle outpost of interviewers, adding that his own father, a disabled war veteran, was sympathetic to the Klan.

Smarting from his "racist" back-ground, he attended Indiana University and graduated from Butler University in Indianapolis with a teaching certificate. He attended Cleveland Bible College and was ordained a minister of the Disciples

A stout advocate of civil rights, he was a pastor of churches in and near Indianapolis. He worked as a nursing home director and served as a missionary to Brazil in the early

Proclaiming Indiana too "racist, Jones moved in 1965 with about 100 of his followers to an area near the Northern California city of Ukiah. He began expanding his holdings as he received "gifts" of land and money from followers, which included a number of rich, elderly

His preaching became a mixture of healings, help programs for the disadvantaged and warnings that a race war was inevitable in America. The People's Temple, said Jones, with its vision of a peacefully integrated society, would provide protection for its members.

But disaffected followers charged he often practiced "mass suicides" with his congregations, explaining while they all drank a dark, evil looking liquid that it may become necessary for them to die rather than submit to evil.

His following grew until it boasted more than 20,000 members, making it possibly the largest single Protestant congregation in California. He commuted, with 13 special Greyhound buses and about 200 of the hard-core faithful, between church centers in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Bakersfield and the Redwood Valley, near Ukiah.

Iones also became a powerful force with local politicians, winning letters of praise from Gov. Edmund

their face, 'We are all going to die.'
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U.S. congressman and four others fleeing the sect were left crumpled in the mud.

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G. Brown Jr., as well as legislators and city officials, once he became known for his ability to produce hundreds of supporters at rallies within a few hours' notice.

He was appointed by San Francisco Mayor George Moscone to the City Housing Authority, where he served as chairman until he gave notice of his resignation with a letter from Guyana in the summer of

about 200 "misfits" whom he said needed the rigorous work of the outdoors

As the pressure mounted to investigate complaints from relatives of church members that physical force was used to punish Temple members or force them to turn over properties and money to his group, Jones began moving his operations en masse to the 27,000-acre South





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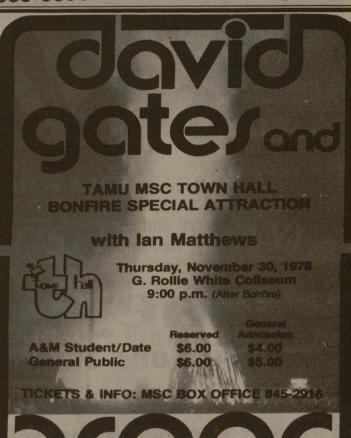
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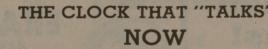


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