

Suicide aftermath scenes of horror

Editor's Note: UPI correspondent Nigel Cumberbatch was among the group of foreign correspondents to reach the scene of the Jonestown suicide. Following is his first-hand report.

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JONESTOWN, Guyana — The air auditorium where the Rev. Jim Jones and some 900 of his people's Temple cultists committed suicide was a scene of unspeakable horror.

Two apparently well-fed dogs wandered among the bodies that were blackened and swollen by the tropical sun, the flesh already falling from the bones. The faces were so distorted that visual identification was impossible.

The bodies were coated with a waxy substance, apparently the antiseptic sprayed over the piles of the decaying dead. Hair was beginning to fall off the scalps of some of the victims.

The stench was not as bad as we expected but was still clearly recognizable a quarter mile away.

U.S. soldiers, wearing blue masks, fatigues and white surgical gowns, were picking up the bodies, putting them in dark green plastic bags and dragging them to a nearby improvised helipad in a field where they were laid out in a row.

One by one the sacks were loaded aboard a helicopter and ferried to Matthews Ridge, 35 miles to the northwest, from where the Americans removed the bodies to Georgetown and then to the United States.

The irritable, overworked soldiers were dismayed by the time the journalists arrived Friday. They had learned only hours earlier that their grisly task would take twice as long as expected because they had more than double the 400 bodies initially reported by Guyanese police.

All the bodies were face down and many were still embracing others. The first sound we heard was the hum of the power generator which continued to hum through the night stillness that otherwise was punctuated only by bird calls.

At the death auditorium, police, cops and Guyanese pathologists viewed the furniture about to get to the bodies, overturning Jones' wooden chair from where he harangued his disciples and supervised the death ceremony.

A small plaque on a pillar proclaimed "Love One Another," and a larger sign over the stage read "Who who did not remember the day are condemned to repeat it."

The two stray dogs that were still there — there were three dead, apparently from eating poison — occasionally strolled through the pile of remaining bodies, sniffing at them. The sophisticated commune had a soap factory, mechanics shop, laundry, a clothes dryer made

Study sees auto industry shops closed

United Press International
DETROIT — A federal study warns that Chrysler Corp. and American Motors Corp. could be forced out of business in the next few years by tightening government regulation of the auto industry.

Contents of the study done by a Boston research firm for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration were outlined Sunday in a report by the Detroit Free Press.

Domestic automakers are facing tougher government requirements for safety, pollution and fuel economy by 1985. Only industry giants like General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. may survive the test, the study said, particularly if there is a recession.

The smaller firms will either have to be unusually skillful or uncommonly lucky to reach 1985 with market shares and a product breadth similar to those of the past, the interim report on the study said.

Even a minor recession in the next eight years is likely to destroy the abilities of Chrysler and American Motors to maintain their announced investment programs to meet already established regulatory requirements.

The findings contradicted the long-standing theory of the NHTSA that tighter regulations would not change the auto industry. Officials in the agency, which will formally release the report next month, were skeptical of the findings.

My impression after reading the document is that most of it came from auto industry spokesmen. Barry Felrice, acting administrator for plans and programs, told the Free Press. "I don't think they did much independent analysis."

But Harbridge House Inc., which conducted the study, defended the findings and said it would not change the conclusions regardless of the agency's reaction.

The report also warned that if a recession forced Ford and GM to go outside their own corporate structures for money, the result could be investment drought for the two smaller firms, which are less attractive to investors.

Guyana body identents sought

United Press International
DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. — Fingerprint experts and other specialists examining the bodies of 912 victims of a mass suicide and murder in Guyana said Monday it may take three weeks to identify all the dead.

So far only 29 of the bodies, including that of the Rev. Jim Jones, People's Temple leader, have been identified.

A team of morticians and fingerprint experts worked to process the bodies as hundreds of relatives called the base trying to find if their family members are among the dead.

A C-141 cargo plane arrived Sunday from Georgetown, Guyana with the last 183 bodies which were unloaded from the belly of the plane and stacked inside the freezing warehouse.

Army Maj. Brigham Shuler said that with the arrival of the last shipment of bodies from Guyana, "the major thrust of one of the most obvious parts of this mission is over."

The identification process is being conducted mainly through fingerprinting, Shuler said. So far, 532 bodies have been fingerprinted as the mortuary team rushed to get prints before the bodies decomposed too badly.

JFK pix evidence discounted

United Press International
DALLAS — The manager of the Texas School Book Depository has disputed a photo expert's contentions that a recently discovered film shows at least two persons — minutes before the assassination of John F. Kennedy — at the window from which the fatal shots are generally believed fired.

Roy S. Truly said any stranger filmed in the sixth floor window "would have no way of getting out of the building unless he flew off the roof."

Truly, discounting the findings of Robert J. Groden, a staff consultant on photographic evidence for the House Assassination Committee, hypothesized the film shot by amateur photographer Charles L. Bronson showed "reflections or shadows moving or something like that."

Truly said he and a Dallas policeman who rushed up the stairs of the building to the seventh floor would have seen any strangers attempting to leave.

Jesse Curry, Dallas' chief of police at the time of the assassination, declined comment Sunday. But Curry, in an interview with the British Broadcasting Company last December, said he had doubts about the Warren Commission's single-gunner theory and that he believed a conspiracy was still a possibility.

Neither the mother nor brother of Lee Harvey Oswald was excited about the recent disclosure.

"I am so sick and tired of all this," Marguerite Oswald said in Fort Worth. "There's supposed to be images back in the bushes and this and that. And nothing has materialized."

Oswald's brother, Robert, of Wichita Falls, declined comment.

Hundreds of persons visited the assassination site in downtown Dallas Sunday, many discussing the film that was uncovered nearly 15 years after Kennedy's death.

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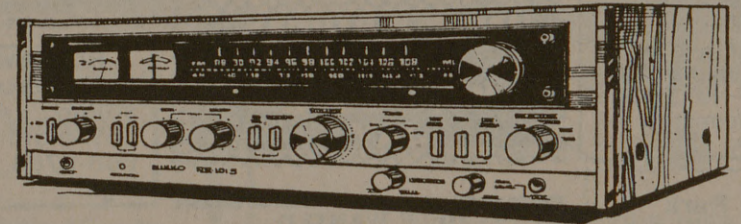
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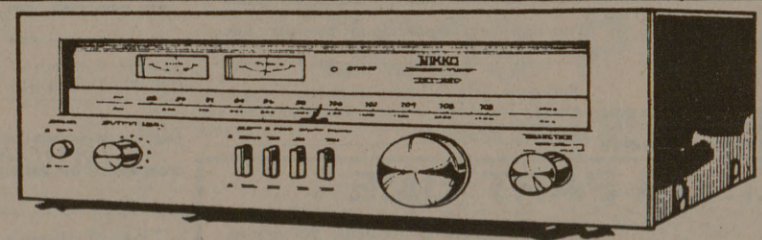
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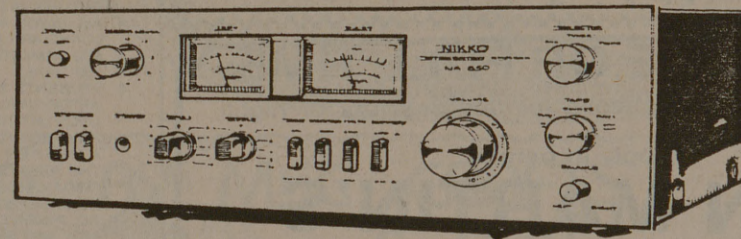
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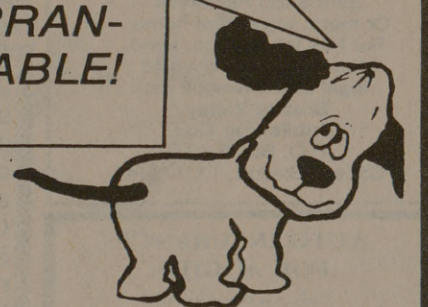
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