

Members to end cult

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SAN FRANCISCO — Papers to "wind up and dissolve" the Peoples Temple were filed in Superior Court Monday by the four surviving directors of the church.

The directors said they were taking the action because "in light of the tragedies that occurred in Jonestown, Guyana, it is practically and

morally impossible for the corporation to continue its existence."

They said they would devote all of the temple's assets to "recompense the families of the victims of the events in Guyana," and to pay claims against the church. They also set aside \$1 million for burial expenses for the 917 church members who died at the Jonestown settlement in Guyana.

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day to volunteer. More than 2,000 people volunteered at stations like this one in the Commons. Officials for the experiment say that 2,000 "guinea pigs" will be enough.

Battalion photo by Judy Dunn

Arrest warrants issued for cultists

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NEW YORK — Sealed arrest warrants have been issued to the FBI for people believed responsible in the Guyana slaying of Rep. Leo Ryan. The New York Times reported Tuesday.

In a report from San Francisco, the Times, quoting federal law enforcement sources, said less than a dozen warrants had been issued, all for Peoples Temple members.

The California congressman and three American journalists were shot to death Nov. 18 at an airstrip near the cult's settlement in Jonestown, Guyana, apparently because they planned to take several disenchanted cult members back to the United States with them. Ryan had gone to Guyana to investigate charges the Rev. Jim Jones was holding some of his followers against their will.

Hours after Ryan's death, Jones and more than 900 Peoples Temple members committed suicide.

One cult member, Larry Layton, already is being held by Guyanese authorities on murder charges in Ryan's death.

The Times said the FBI has not determined the whereabouts of the other suspects and quoted one source as saying at least some of them were "presumed to be dead."

The warrants were issued in New York because the survivors of the mass suicide have been returning to the United States on flights coming to Kennedy International Airport.

The Times said FBI agents carrying arrest warrants were meeting the returning cult members but the newspaper said the agency would say publicly only that it was seeking four fugitives who had fled to Guyana some time ago and who had no known direct connection with the cult.

First woman mayor in San Francisco

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SAN FRANCISCO — Pledging "our city's emotional reconstruction," Dianne Feinstein, became

San Francisco's first woman mayor Monday, taking over City Hall exactly one week after her predecessor, George Moscone, was assassinated.

The eloquent, dark-haired Ms. Feinstein, widowed just two months ago when her brain surgeon husband died of cancer, became the city's 39th mayor on a 6-2 vote by fellow members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

She immediately was sworn in by another of California's woman leaders — Chief Justice Rose Bird — and will serve the remaining year of Moscone's term.

"I will lead our city through the difficult healing process by being a strong chief executive," Mrs. Feinstein, 45, pledged. "Beginning the work of our city's emotional reconstruction is an awesome responsibility." She promised to get on with the business of "putting this city back together again."

Moscone, 49, and Supervisor Harvey Milk, 48, were shot to death in their City Hall offices Nov. 27. Charged with the murders was former Supervisor Dan White, who has reportedly confessed to the crimes.

White, who quit his superior post earlier in November, wanted the job back and was known to be angry over Moscone's decision to appoint someone else. Milk opposed Moscone's stand.

The only other declared contender for mayor was Supervisor Robert Gonzales, but after a series of meetings and discussion centers on appointments to vacancies on the board, he dropped out and the nominated Mrs. Feinstein.

A self-described middle-class reader, Mrs. Feinstein was the first woman in the city's history to be named president of the superior body, which is similar to a city council. First elected in 1968, she was among the most active of the board members, having served or led 18 governmental committees and participated in scores of civic projects.

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