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Cultist sentenced

Court gives Peoples Temple follower 5 years

United Press International
 GEORGETOWN, Guyana — An illiterate ex-Marine who once said he would do "anything" for Peoples Temple cult leader Jim Jones, was sentenced to five years for the attempted murder of a 9-year-old girl on the night of the Jonestown massacre.

Charles Beikman, 47, a native of Indianapolis, stood impassively in the dock Tuesday as the judge delivered the sentence. Guyanese defense attorneys hope his plea of guilt

attorneys hope his plea of guilt on one charge of attempted murder — and not guilty to four charges of murder — will spare his life.

They will try the same approach in their defense of another cultist — Larry Layton of San Francisco — who faces five murder charges in connection with the deaths of California Congressman Leo Ryan, three newsmen and a Temple defector. Layton's trial begins May 5.

However, Layton may also plead guilty to a lesser charge of attempted murder in return for promises from the prosecution they would drop the charges of murder, which carry a mandatory sentence of death by hanging under Guyanese law.

The attorneys say both Beikman and Layton were brainwashed by Jones, who led more than 900 of his followers into mass murder-suicides at the Temple's jungle commune in Guyana on Nov. 18, 1978.

In Beikman's statements to Guyanese police, the cultist said Temple spokesman Sharon Amos locked him in the bathroom with her, her three children and Jones' adopted granddaughter Stephanie Jones, and asked him to help her kill herself and the rest of the assembled with an 18-inch butcher knife and a shorter kitchen knife she brought into the room.

Besides Beikman, the Jones child was the only survivor and Beikman

was charged with the four murders of the Amos family and the murder of Stephanie.

Guyana High Court Judge Kenneth Kennard said the imposingly light five-year sentence in part due to the influence of Amos in the situation, the Beikman had used only the kitchen knife on the girl, and had already spent almost two years in jail in Guyana.

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Fighting in African nation breaks truce of factions

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 PARIS — Fresh fighting has shattered the short-lived truce between feuding factions in the African nation of Chad, just hours after the cease-fire went into effect, the French-controlled television network reported Wednesday.

The network said in a brief dispatch civil war broke out again with both sides shelling each other's positions Tuesday night. It gave no indication whether Tuesday's truce was re-established Wednesday.

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Africans get down to American jazz band

United Press International
 DAKAR, Senegal — A crowd of several thousand Africans gathered to hear a group of American jazz musicians play the music which is said to have its roots in their land.

There was no place to sit. They stood, tightly packed, children in front, in Oblesik Square here. There was no pushing. If they were tired of standing or waiting, it didn't show.

When the Stan Getz group — Andy Laverne, piano; Chuck Loeb, guitar; Victor Jones, drums and Brian Bromberg, bass — arrived, the crowd was being entertained by local musicians playing African music.

A group of youngsters standing near Victor Jones, the only black in the Getz band, grinned delightedly as the percussionist tuned up with a

few test rolls and cymbal clashes.

The audience erupted into applause and cheering when Getz was introduced although many in the crowd had had little or no exposure to jazz. Probably none had attended a live jazz concert before the series of free concerts in which the Getz group appeared.

After each solo, the applause was thunderous. The musicians seemed driven to greater effort.

In addition to Getz, jazz greats appearing in Senegal over a six-month period include Dizzy Gillespie, Lee Konitz, Buddy Rich, Frank Foster, Phil Woods, Clifford Jordan, Tommy Flanigan and Dexter Gordon.

The appearances are part of an

arrangement under which the group stays an average of two weeks and plays at a resort (Club Mance's Les Almadies village) of Dakar. Under the agreement supported by Senegal's President Leopold Senghor, an embassied jazz buff, they also give free in the city.

Guitarist Chuck Loeb, a "trip to Africa," called it "a life experience."

Getz, who has traveled in and lived in Kenya, said he thought there will be a greater demand for jazz in Africa. He said he has State Department will encourage groups to perform in countries that are too poor to bring their own.

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Plane spoils hijack try

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The Bombay-bound plane carrying nearly 100 passengers developed engine trouble before it was to take off from Delhi's Palam International Airport.

The passengers left the plane were taken to the airport.

After the trouble was corrected, passengers went through a security check before they boarded the plane.

The second check revealed a senger, identified as Rajesh Singh, was carrying a loaded pistol concealed beneath his pants.

Singhal was questioned and reportedly told them he planned to hijack the plane to Karachi, Pakistan.

Officials said Singh was managed to get through the security check before he boarded the plane.

The plane left for Bombay. Singh was arrested.

Soviets fire space ship

United Press International
 MOSCOW — The Soviet space capsule carrying two cosmonauts including Valery Ryumin last year set a space endurance record, Soviet television announced Wednesday.

The special broadcast said the ship was launched at 4:20 Moscow time for a planned 175 days last year aboard the 32 and Soyuz-34 mission.