

# Parents speak out

## 'Much good' died at Jonestown, their children did, too

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INDIANAPOLIS — Much good died with James Jones and his 900 followers at the Jonestown religious colony in Guyana, insist the parents of two colony members.

Jonestown was no shantytown in the jungle, said the Rev. John V. Moore, 60, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Reno, Nev. He and his wife, Barbara, lost two daughters and a grandson in the massacre.

"They had done a magnificent job of making it habitable," said Mrs. Moore. "It was supposed to be kind of a proving ground for Third World communities. Delegates were coming from all over the world to see this community."

She said there were good private gardens and a library of 10,000 volumes, including university texts.

The Moores' daughters, Carolyn Layton, 33, and Ann Moore, 24, a registered nurse, and Carolyn's son, Jim Jon, 4, died at Jonestown. Carolyn was married two years to Larry Layton, who was indicted for the murder of Rep. Leo Ryan, D-Calif., whose death triggered the orgy of mass murder and suicide among Jones' followers.

Carolyn and Larry Layton joined the People's Temple in 1968 or 1969, the Moores recalled. The Laytons were students at the University of Cali-

fornia at Davis and were attracted by the church's social outreach combined with good fellowship.

The Moores remembered a People's Temple home for the elderly and a home for retarded boys in California as the best they ever had seen.

They said if older members turned over their Social Security checks, they probably did so willingly, "in return for life-care, housing, and medical care, which is not unusual."

"It was a support community. A real community for lonely people. This is the other side of the coin that people did not know," Mrs. Moore said.

Moore said the timing of Ryan's inspection tour — November 1978 — contributed to the tragedy.

"I'm persuaded that if Ryan had gone in May, when we went, there would not have been a tragedy," he said.

The Moores went in May because they had heard news stories about the place and wanted to learn if their daughters were staying voluntarily.

Between May and Ryan's visit in November, Moore theorized, "The pressures built up. Jones was under increasing pressure." He felt an earlier visit by Ryan to a calmer Jones would not have triggered the debacle.

The Moores, in Indianapolis for a church conference, said a faction within the People's Temple colony was dedicated to its continuance but

against Jones.

"People there were convinced that there would have come an end to Jonestown within six months. It might have been a decision upon the part of Jones and some other people to leave," Moore said.

"The people who were there from its infancy were committed to developing that project. They had argued with the white leadership of the black community."

"I am not defending James Jones in any respect," Mrs. Moore said.

But she insisted a recent television special distorted the real Jones and his Guyana colony. "If he had talked in pious platitudes, he would not have gained any following," she said.

"It was not made clear that there were many people surrounding him that were very brilliant and well educated — blacks and whites."

"We didn't want our children to be a part of People's Temple," Moore added.

"People's Temple tried to separate children from their families, but we always kept the lines of communication open," his wife said. "There was every opportunity for them to tell us they wanted to leave."

# Jordan to aid peace talks

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WASHINGTON — President Carter, winding up talks Wednesday with King Hussein, said Jordan cannot avoid playing a central role in future Middle East peace talks.

Carter told reporters at a state dinner honoring Hussein Tuesday night their talks had been "much better" than he expected. He said the Camp David accord "envisions Jordan playing a role in the West Bank" autonomy negotiations.

Hussein sounded the same note as he downplayed differences with Carter over the peace negotiations,

saying, "I don't think there are differences — only differences in the approach to solve the problems. We're very happy to be here."

Jordan will indeed play a central role in the realization of the hopes and dreams of all who want peace and stability and freedom and security in the Middle East" because of Hussein's leadership and Jordan's location, Carter said in toasting Hussein.

"It is true that we may have differences in approach but we respect your dedication to the cause of peace in our part of the world. It's a dedica-

tion we share," Hussein said in response.

"We look into the future with hope, with determination, to contribute our full share for the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Middle East which will affect not only those who live there, but future generations there and elsewhere in the world."

Aides said Carter and Hussein hit it off Tuesday in a frank, two-hour dialogue that "cleared the air" and removed the strains which have developed in the relationship over the past 18 months.

## Few clues for Georgetown

# Strange 'flu' gets town down

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GEORGETOWN — Health workers are interviewing residents to trace the strange flu-like illness that has afflicted between 50 and 80 percent of Georgetown's population.

Local officials are conferring with the national Center for Disease Control in Atlanta seeking to identify the cause of the disease that victims say produces crippling cramps, slight fever or overwhelming chills and severe diarrhea.

Tests of local water supplies have produced no clues, but health authorities plan further studies of the city water and chemicals that were sprayed last week to combat mosquitoes.

"We're going to try to follow up every lead," said Dr. Clarence Skrovan, Williamson County health director.

Skrovan estimated between 5,000 and 8,000 of Georgetown's 10,000 residents have been hit by the disease. Some victims were hospitalized.

The illness hit all ages in all areas of town.

Health authorities ordered checks of chemicals used to spray for mosquitoes June 9 or 10 but W.L. Walden, assistant city manager, said he doubts the spray is responsible.

"The flu was here before the spraying because I had it," Walden said. He said he came down with the illness June 6.

County health workers began surveying residents Tuesday to try to determine when the illness began,

how many people had it and how long it lasted.

Skrovan said doctors at Georgetown Hospital are taking blood and other samples from flu patients for laboratory tests.

Municipal water supplies are being tested for the presence of E. coli bacteria, an indicator disease-causing bacteria might be present.

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# Jury selection continues in Klan-Nazi murder case

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GREENSBORO, N.C. — Among the potential jurors accepted by the prosecution in the murder trial of six Ku Klux Klansmen and Nazis are one who thinks the defendants are guilty and another who once worked with one of the victims.

Prosecutors rejected one whose brother-in-law is "very active in the Klan." They have accepted 13 jurors in all. Twelve jurors and four alternates must be selected.

The defense has not yet questioned any of the potential jurors in the murder case, which stems from a gunfight at a "Death to the Klan" march and rally staged Nov. 3 by the Communist Workers Party. Five CWP demonstrators were slain.

"At this time I consider the defendants guilty," said Daniel Stookey, who was among eight potential jurors approved Tuesday. "In my

mind there is a black and a white. There is no gray. A crime has been committed."

But Stookey told Superior Court Judge James M. Long he could base a verdict in the case on evidence presented in the trial even if it proved contrary to his present opinion.

Those standing trial on charges of felonious rioting and five counts of first-degree murder include Nazis Jack Wilson Fowler Jr., 27, and Roland Wayne Wood, 34, both of Winston-Salem, and Klansmen Jerry Paul Smith, 32, of Maiden; David Wayne Matthews, 24, of Newton; Coleman Blair Pridmore, 32, and Lawrence Gene Morgan, 27, both of Lincolnton.

Sixteen potential jurors were dismissed "for cause" Tuesday, half of them saying they could under no circumstance vote to send a defendant to the gas chamber. Prosecuting

attorneys have used 16 of their 84 challenges.

Willie Washington, a black man who was the first juror approved Tuesday, said he worked with Sandra Smith, one of the slain CWP members.

Assistant District Attorney Jim Coman asked Washington if he discussed political issues with Smith at the Cone Mills textile plant where they worked.

"Do I have to answer that?" Washington asked Long.

The judge said he did, but did not have to tell what he discussed with Smith.

Washington said they had discussed political issues.

# Apology, money for woman in Secret Service foul-up

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SAN FRANCISCO — A union leader, dragged off the convention floor just before President Carter was to address her group's convention last year in Detroit, has received \$3,500 and a letter of apology from the Secret Service.

Jane Margolis, a Communications Worker of America officer, and attorney Charles Garry said Tuesday the money and the letter settled her suit against the Secret Service. They produced a copy of the letter to her, which termed her arrest "regrettable."

Margolis, 32, of San Francisco, said she was held by the Secret Service on July 16, 1979, because she had planned to ask President Carter a hostile question. But the Secret Service said in its letter of apology "it was his (the agent's) belief that she was assisting a Detroit police officer in making an arrest. At the same time, the Detroit police officer be-

lieved that the arrest was being made for violation of federal law.

"In any event, it is now apparent that no arrest should have been made under the circumstances.

Margolis, executive board member of CWA Local 9410, said she was surrounded by about a half-dozen Secret Service agents, taken off the floor and handcuffed in a back room. She said she was released 40 minutes later.

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