

Jones' son says cult was duped

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana — Steven Jones, 19, said today he believed his father, the Rev. Jim Jones, tricked the fanatical members of his People's Temple cult into mass suicide by telling them it was only a "drill" when he offered them a mixture of grape-flavored Kool-Aid laced with cyanide.

Guyanese police and army troops said they had found the bodies of 400 men, women and children sprawled through the Jonestown jungle commune where they had died alongside each other in a scene straight out of hell.

EVEN THEIR PET cats and dogs were dead.

Police said they had found 30 survivors in the surrounding jungle and in Georgetown as well as Jones, who died in Jonestown with two half brothers whom his father claimed were the only two who had survived.

Steve, a lanky, clean-cut basketball player, said his father, a one-time city housing official in San Francisco, had not been well lately and had been taking drugs that had made him paranoid. He said he did not know what kind of drugs his father was taking.

"I hated him," Steven told newsmen in Georgetown. "He became a Fascist, he destroyed everything that we loved and worked for. He has discredited socialism."

He said his father's followers had most likely been tricked into suicide thinking it was a "drill." He confirmed reports of "White Knight" suicide drills in which simulated poison was drunk by the sect members as proof of loyalty and bravery.

A U.S. TEAM AIDED by Guyanese authorities and some survivors were trying today to identify the victims. They said all of the victims were Americans from California, with the exception of seven Guyanese adopted children. Most of them took poison in the suicide rite. A few were shot dead by fanatics at the commune, 150 miles northwest of Georgetown.

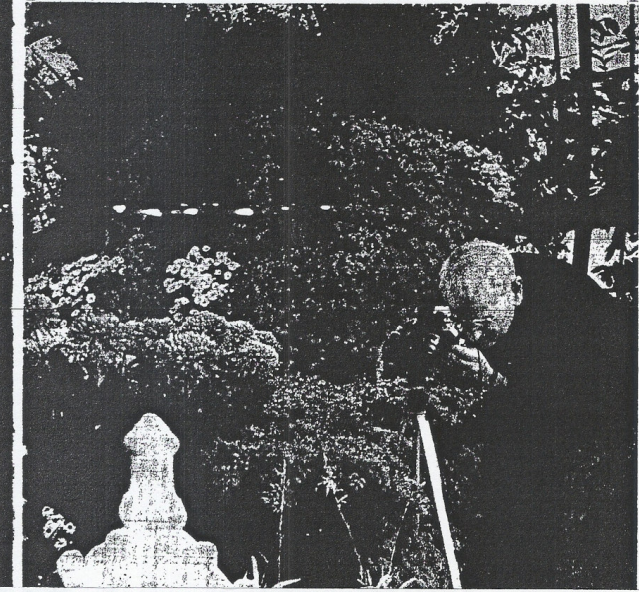
The cult leader was found shot in the right temple, but it was not clear whether his death was murder or suicide.

In addition to the victims at the commune, police said a woman in Georgetown in radio contact with the commune slit the throats of her three children and then her own to fulfill her part of the mass suicide pact.

The mass suicide took place started at sundown Saturday after cult members massacred Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., and four other Americans on a fact-finding tour of the commune to check reports some of the inmates were held in slavery conditions against their will.

A PRISON REPORT FROM Port Kaituma, a few miles from the camp, disagreed with Jones' account.

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Rhodes said the ritual began with the babies and that others drank the deadly poison served by a Jonestown doctor, Lawrence Schacht, and by nurses.

In Houston the shocked family of the doctor declined comment on reports Schacht helped administer the poison.

Rhodes said mothers would often give the cyanide to their own children before taking it themselves.

Rhodes said the ritual began quietly enough with cult members stepping forward willingly to drink the deadly mixture. But others tried to flee and were turned back by armed guards who ringed the central pavilion where the rite was taking place.

JUST AFTER THE MASS killing began "I just got all out of order," Rhodes said. "Babies were screaming, children were screaming and there was mass confusion."

He said it took about five minutes for the liquid to kill. During that time, Rhodes said, young and old, black and white, grouped themselves, usually near other family members, often with their arms around each other, waiting for the outside to strike.

Some fell in convulsions, their eyes rolling upward. They would gasp for breath and then fall dead, Rhodes said.

All the while, Jones was talking to them, urging them on, explaining that they would "meet in another place."

NEAR THE END, Jones began chanting "mother, mother, mother, mother." Young Jones told the news

conference in Georgetown he always used those words when he was quarantining with his mother, Marcelyn, who died in Jonestown with two half brothers whom his father claimed were the only two who had survived in his act.

The U.S. Embassy said 200 army and air force personnel have arrived in Guyana aboard three transport planes to assist in transporting the bodies home. Two helicopters flew in from Panama and seven more were en route.

Ten other transport planes were leaving from Fort Bragg, N.C. tonight but a State Department spokesman said "we are actively considering local interment of the remains because the tropical climate, sanitary problems and the lack of local facilities makes preservation of the bodies difficult."

The body of the 46-year-old Jones — successor of the town and leader of the Temple — was found face up among his lifeless followers. His mistress was found dead in bed with another woman, investigators said.

THE REMAINING CULT members ran into jungles like with quick sand and high-caliber bullets rather than partners in mass suicide.

The cultists were found in an altar along with those who were gone.

"We kept finding bodies in other places," assistant police commissioner C.A. Roberts said.

An earlier death toll of 383 was broken down to 183 women, 82 children and 138 men.



The bodies of hundreds of poisoned People's Temple members were visible from the air, lying in heaps around the open-sided meeting hall at the cult's commune.

Posters imply Teng trying to oust Ho

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TOKYO — Wall posters openly criticizing Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng have appeared in Peking for the first time, apparently signaling a deepening leadership struggle, Japanese reports from Peking said today.

Wording of the posters suggested they were the work of supporters of powerful Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-chang, a prime mover in China's new program of modernization and expanded trade with Western countries.

IT WAS NOT CLEAR whether they signaled a break between Teng and Hua, who brought Teng back into the government in mid-1977, or whether they were aimed at Premier Hua as chief of staff.

Japan's Kyodo News Service today said the latest poster, apparently written by Teng's supporters, demanded that an unnamed "big shot" who is exercising state power be punished.

It said, "The entire people will feel easy if Teng Hsiao-chang takes over the supreme power."

Several copies of a crudely printed poster appeared in Peking's Wangfujing district today calling on the Chinese Communist Party to cancel an April 1976 resolution firing Teng as vice premier and giving Hua the job.

THE RESOLUTION was presented by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung, whom the Chinese public has fought to regard as inflexible before his death in September 1976. But in the last week, even Mao has been subjected to criticism from the masses.

Hua also is considered vulnerable in the campaign to criticize Mao, because he rose to power in the last

years of Mao's rule and became Mao's successor after his death.

Early Japanese reports from Peking said the new posters mentioned Hua by name, but the Kyodo News Agency said later only Teng's Japanese reports from Peking said today.

It was objected to the fact that Hua was mentioned by name in a poster critical center that appeared Monday in Changan Street, a major Peking thoroughfare.

It was objected to the fact that Hua's handwriting appears on the square sign of the Tenanmen rotunda, published about Peking's 25th anniversary in 1976. On that occasion, Mao ordered a police crackdown on a demonstration in honor of the late Premier Chou En-lai, in which 300 persons were arrested.

Besides demanding nullification of the 1976 resolution firing Teng, the posters today demanded punishment of everybody involved in organizing the demonstration. Hua was Mao's minister of security at the time.

PEOPLE'S DAILY today published a long article setting forth the "true facts" of the Tenanmen riot. It showed the so-called "gang of four" radicals, including Mao's wife, distorted the reporting of the event.

Japanese specialists on China say the fact that the campaign of criticism of Mao and in favor of the Tenanmen rioters now taking place reflects the growing political power of Teng.

They think the ultimate target of the campaign may not be Hua, but those holdovers from the Mao era who have been cool to Teng's modernization program.

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