

Wilson E. Speer, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, announced at Austin a \$40,000 campaign utilizing bumper stickers and slogans such as "Lock-a-Doodle-Do" in an effort to curb auto thefts.

Stanley Mark Riklin, 32, a computer analyst of Sepulveda, Cal., was arraigned at Los Angeles on felony charges in a scheme to transfer \$10.2 million from a bank into a private account he had set up in Switzerland.

Dr. Patrick Steptoe, 59, the British physician who spearheaded research that led to the world's first test-tube baby, arrived at Norfolk, Va., to help plan for a test-tube baby center at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

James M. Fallows, 29, a Rhodes Scholar who has served as President Carter's chief speech writer since 1976, will leave the White House this week to return to magazine writing, becoming Washington correspondent for The Atlantic Monthly.

Maxine Cheekie, the Washington columnist, writing in Ladies Home Journal magazine, said that the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (Rep., Wis.) was reported to have been a morphine addict who had his drugs supplied by the federal Bureau of Narcotics.

Willy Brandt, 64, the former West German chancellor, was hospitalized at Bonn after suffering a mild heart attack.

Ed Jennings, president of New York city's firemen's union, called on members to boycott American Airlines because of its decision to move its headquarters from New York to Dallas.

Gene Ball, a high school teacher at Kerrville, Tex., who was fired for refusing to shave his beard, was turned down by the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals at New Orleans in an attempt to be reinstated.

Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba met at Havana's Palace of the Revolution with 60 Cuban exiles for the start of discussions that could result in freedom for most of the 5,000 political prisoners still held in Cuban jails.

Lt. Gen. Kenneth L. Tallman, superintendent of the Air Force Academy, said at Fort Springs, Col., that he was concerned about the attrition rate for cadets, noting that the dropout rate was 40 per cent and saying that some of the reasons given for cadets leaving the academy "are enough to make you cry."

John Hill, attorney general of Texas, filed at Oklahoma City a joint petition for his state, Oklahoma and Louisiana asking a federal court to strike down President Carter's energy program that provides federal legislation regarding intrastate fuel prices and limits what the three states can charge for natural gas produced on state-owned lands.

Henry A. Kissinger, the former secretary of State, agreed at New York to serve as non-voting chairman of a committee to raise \$13 million for the New York city ballet.

Mrs. Janetta Krep, the Commerce secretary, will travel to India and Rama next week to promote trade relations between the United States and the two countries, it was announced at Washington.

Joseph Tommasi, 71, former president of the United Paperworkers International Union, was sentenced at New York to six years in prison and was fined \$15,000 for embezzling \$25,500 in union funds and obstructing justice.

Rev. Chasem King, the black minister who tried to integrate President Carter's Baptist church at Plains, Ga., two years ago, was convicted at Albany, Ga., of offering bribes of \$160 each through a newspaper advertisement if they would vote for him for state representative.

Russell Means, the American Indian leader serving a four-year sentence for inciting a riot, joined a prison work-release program at Sioux Falls as a \$3.45-an-hour employe in the office of Senator James Abourezk (Dem., S.D.).

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Little Rock Forecast
Considerable cloudiness with chance of light rain or drizzle. A high in the mid 50s is forecast today, with a low in the mid-40s tonight. Monday's high was 52, the low 42. (Weather Map on Page 2A.)



Diggs arrives at courthouse. —AP Wirephoto

Diggs Loses Plea, Gets 3-year Term

WASHINGTON — Federal Judge Oliver G. Goch rejected the plea Monday of Representative Charles C. Diggs Jr. (Dem., Mich.) "to be free to redeem myself" and sentenced him to a maximum of three years in prison. Diggs, 55, the country's senior black congressman, was convicted October 7 of 29 counts of defrauding the government of \$66,000 with a payroll scheme that lasted from October 1973 to March 1977. Diggs could have been fined

Mears Refuses To Sign Paper; Funds at Stake

Jobs Statement Key to Receiving Nearly \$2 Million

By DAVID TERRELL
Of the Gazette Staff
County Judge Roger C. Mears Jr. has refused to sign a statement to the effect that Pulaski County is complying with the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 in its employment practices, and County Judge-elect W. E. "Bill" Beaumont, who will have to live with a substantial loss of federal funds if Mears doesn't sign, is pleading with Mears to sign it. To become eligible for the almost \$3 million in federal general revenue sharing funds that the county is scheduled to receive in 1979, the chief executive officer must sign a "statement of assurances," attesting to the revenue sharing administrators that, among other things, the county does not discriminate against minority group members in its hiring, firing and promotion practices. Mears, who believes that the county, by failing to pass his proposed personnel policies has failed to meet the federal standards, won't sign the statement.

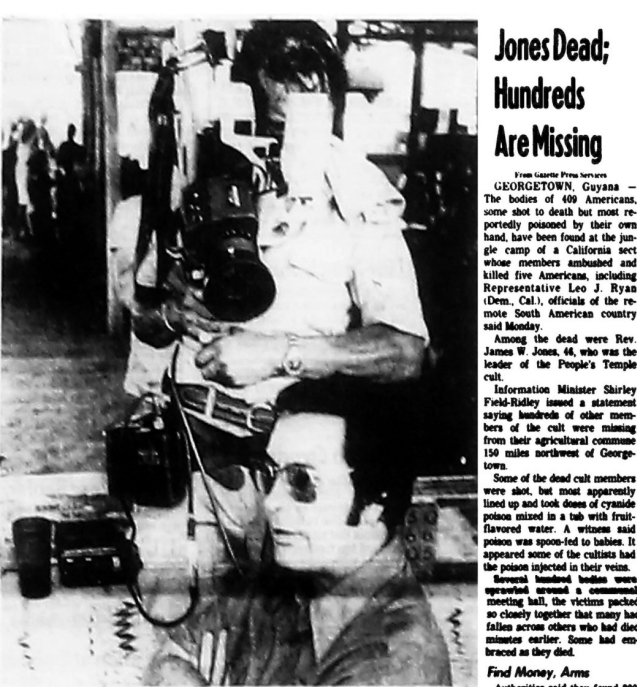
Beaumont sent Mears a letter Monday saying, "I appeal to your sense of fair play in respectfully requesting that you sign the standard compliance forms." He pointed out in an interview that Mears had signed the form last year, so that his administration could get the federal funds. His refusal to sign it this year, Beaumont said, "is not hurting him, because his administration will end December 31. It is hurting the Beaumont administration, and possibly will hurt the employes of Pulaski County. Much of the revenue sharing money, although it is intended for "enrichment" of existing programs, is used for basic services, including payrolls, in Pulaski County and elsewhere." Beaumont, after he takes office January 1, can sign the form himself, making the county eligible for the federal funds. However, he said, if the form is not signed and submitted by November 30, the county cannot become eligible for the money until at least April, and he can't tell yet how the county budget will hold up without the funds until that time.

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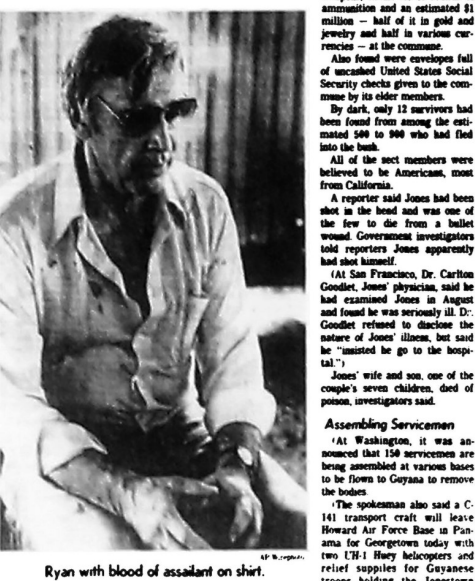


Cameraman Bob Brown, who died later, photographs Jones. —AP Wirephoto/—San Francisco Examiner

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Ryan with blood of assailant on shirt.

Jones Dead; Hundreds Are Missing

From Gazette Press Service
GEORGETOWN, Guyana — The bodies of 409 Americans, some shot to death but most reportedly poisoned by their own hand, have been found at the jungle camp of a California sect whose members ambushed and killed five Americans, including Representative Leo J. Ryan (Dem., Cal.), officials of the remote South American country said Monday.

Among the dead were Rev. James W. Jones, 44, who was the leader of the People's Temple cult. Information Minister Shirley Field-Ridley issued a statement, saying hundreds of other members of the cult were missing from their agricultural commune 150 miles northwest of Georgetown.

Some of the dead cult members were shot, but most apparently laced up and took doses of cyanide poison mixed in a tub with fruit-flavored water. A witness said poison was spooned to babies. It appeared some of the cultists had the poison injected in their veins. Several hundred bodies were upturned around a communal meeting hall, the victims packed so closely together that many had fallen across others who had died minutes earlier. Some had embraced as they died.

Find Money, Arms

Authorities said they found 800 American passports, 45 automatic weapons, thousands of rounds of ammunition and an estimated \$1 million — half of it in gold and jewelry and half in various currencies — at the commune. Also found were envelopes full of unmailed United States Social Security checks given to the commune by its elder members. By dark, only 12 survivors had been found from among the estimated 500 to 600 who had fled into the bush.

All of the sect members were believed to be Americans, most from California.

A reporter said Jones had been shot in the head and was one of the few to die from a bullet wound. Government investigators told reporters Jones apparently had shot himself.

(At San Francisco, Dr. Carlton Goodlet, Jones' physician, said he had examined Jones in August and found he was seriously ill. Dr. Goodlet refused to disclose the nature of Jones' illness, but said he "instated he took to the hospital.")

Jones' wife and son, one of the couple's seven children, died of poison, investigators said.

Assembling Servicemen

(At Washington, it was announced that 158 servicemen are being assembled at various bases to be flown to Guyana to remove the bodies. "The spokesman also said a C-141 transport craft will leave Howard Air Force Base in Panama for Georgetown today with two UH-1 Huey helicopters and relief supplies for Guyanese troops holding the Jonestown camp.)

Mark Lane, an American lawyer who acted as counsel for Jones, told newsmen earlier that the poisoned victims happily drank the lethal brew laced out of a big tub by the commune's doctor and nurse. Executives loyal to Jones blamed down many of the cultists as they tried to flee into the jungle, reports said. Lane said he counted 85 bursts of ammunition weapons fired at the bizarre mass suicide bazaar Saturday night after the ambush of Ryan's party by cult members at Port Kaituma.

Killed While Leaving

Members of the People's Temple sect killed Ryan and four other Americans as the group was heading back to the United States with 16 defectors from the com-

Forest Service Agrees To Halt Herbicide Use In Move to Settle Suit

By CAROL MATTACK
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National Forest Service officials, in a move to settle a three-year old federal lawsuit, said Monday they had no plans to resume using the herbicides 2,4,5-T and silvex in the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest.

The Newton County Wildlife Association and the Sierra Club, plaintiffs in the suit against the Forest Service, termed the announcement "a major national victory" for environmentalists and said they were ready to sign an agreement ending the suit. Silvex and 2,4,5-T haven't been used in the National Forest since 1975, when the Newton County group filed a suit alleging that the Forest Service had failed to prepare an adequate environmental impact statement on the spraying of herbicides. Judge G. Thomas Eisele issued a temporary injunction halting the use of the herbicides, and it has been in effect since then.

The Forest Service had been spraying 2,4,5-T and silvex to clear overgrown areas and to "convert" hardwood acreage to pine. The herbicides kill hard wood trees and other broadleaf plants but don't harm pine trees.

The Wildlife Association, which later was joined by the Sierra Club, argued that 2,4,5-T and sil-

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