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# TOLL AT JONESTOWN IS SET AT 909 BY U.S. AS ARMY PULLS OUT

## LAST 183 BODIES FLOWN HOME

### Guyana Still Holds Most Survivors

— F.B.I. Ready to Question  
Them On Return to U.S.

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Nov. 26 — United States authorities put the final count of the number of dead at the Jonestown commune at 909 today and shipped the last bodies to the United States, but survivors were held here for a criminal investigation by Guyanese authorities into the killings and suicides.

[When the survivors are released, they will be flown to Charleston, S.C., where agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were waiting to interrogate as part of the F.B.I. investigation into the death of Representative Leo J. Ryan. Page A12.]

The last 183 bodies left here late last night aboard a C-141 jet transport, and this morning the 200 members of the recovery task force began returning to their military bases in the Panama Canal Zone and the United States.

#### Smoke From Burning Uniforms

This afternoon, soldiers at Timehri Airport, 30 miles south of here, were dismantling helicopters and stacking equipment for air shipment.

Beside a runway, a black curl of smoke rose from a bonfire of uniforms, boots and rubber gloves the soldiers had worn as they recovered the Jonestown bodies.

The military operation was over, but the ordeal of Jonestown was not completed. There will probably be months of investigations and trials and years of trying to piece together the destruction of the village.

Just when the 84 members of the People's Temple who are still living in Guyana will be permitted to return to the United States is not clear. Some of them are expected to be useful as witnesses, while others are suspects. [In Washington, the State Department said one survivor had been allowed to fly to New York. Page A12.]

Two of the 84 have been charged with murder — one in connection with the death of Mr. Ryan, three American journalists and an American woman, and the other in the death of Sharon Amos, the public information officer for the cult, and her three children in their home here.

#### Held in Protective Custody

At the time of the deaths in Jonestown, 46 members were at the cult headquarters here. Six others were on two of the cult's boats. The police said these were being held in protective custody at the Criminal Investigation Division.

The remaining 32 were either disaf-

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ected members who had hoped to leave Guyana with Mr. Ryan and were at the airfield at Port Kaituma, near Jonestown, when the Congressman was shot, or they are among the handful who fled the commune as a poisonous mixture of Kool-Aid and cyanide was being drunk by other members.

Most of the disaffected survivors were held in a third-floor wing of the once-grand Park Hotel, a colonial relic distinguished by a spacious latticed veranda with a tall cupola. Waiters took meals and soft drinks to their rooms, and two soldiers were posted at the head of the stairs to see that they were not bothered.

There was an uproar at the hotel yesterday afternoon when three close aides of Jim Jones, the cult leader who ordered the killings at the airport and the suicides at the commune, were assigned by local authorities to move into rooms on the third floor. They had been interrogated for the past several days, after assisting with identification of the bodies at the commune, and were asked to remain in Georgetown while the investigation continued.

Members of the two factions — each saying it feared the other — began shouting accusations and epithets. At one point, Dale Parks, a survivor of the airfield shootings, and Michael Prokes, one of the Jones aides, squeezed into a telephone booth together and spent an hour pleading with American Embassy officials to find separate housing for the factions.

In the end, the embassy chose not to act, and Mr. Prokes and the other aides, brothers named Michael and Timothy Carter, spent the night sleeping in a corner of the hotel terrace.

They were still there this morning, reading newspapers and talking to reporters. An embassy official moved between the factions but would not talk to reporters.

## A Total of 918 Died

At the airport, where the task force was bringing "Operation Jonestown" to an end, Capt. John Moscatelli, the task force spokesman, said that a total of 918 persons had died in the shootings and suicides — Mr. Ryan, three journalists and an American woman who were shot at the Port Kaituma airfield; Sharon Amos and her three children in Georgetown, and 909 in Jonestown. Among the bodies found in Jonestown was one Guyanese identified as Jim Gill, whose relationship to the cult, Captain Moscatelli said, was not known. All the others were American.