

An Attorney for People's Temple Files Court Papers to Dissolve It

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SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4 — A petition to dissolve the 13-year-old California corporation known as the People's Temple of the Disciples of Christ was filed this afternoon in Superior Court here.

The decision to dissolve the corporation "was made in light of the tragedies that occurred in Jonestown, Guyana," said the petition, which was filed by Charles R. Garry. Mr. Garry, a lawyer in San Francisco, has represented the People's Temple and its founder, the Rev. Jim Jones, since mid-1977.

"It is the desire of the corporation to

devote its assets to recompense the families of the victims of the events in Guyana and to pay claims against the corporation that may be established to the satisfaction of the court," the petition said.

Meanwhile, another lawyer who has represented the cult said one man may inherit all its assets.

Woman Said to Have Held Assets

The lawyer, Mark Lane, said in Memphis today that he had been told by Terri Buford, who purportedly controlled the cult's bank accounts until late October, that Mr. Jones had put all the money in the name of an elderly woman who died with more than 900 cult members in the killings and suicides at Jonestown on Nov. 18.

Mr. Lane said the woman's heir is a son who wants to "use all the money to help the surviving members come back." He declined to name the woman or her son.

Mr. Lane said that he would represent the heir, and that his fee would "be given to the survivors' relatives so they can use it to get the bodies back home."

The New York Times reported yesterday the statements of a confidential informant who said she had helped move the cult's money among foreign banks to facilitate Mr. Jones's plans of concealing it. She estimated the cult's assets at more than \$10 million.

Slayer Takes Drug Overdose

FLORENCE, Ariz., Dec. 4 (AP) — James Dean Clark, a convicted mass slayer, took an overdose of drugs today on death row at the state prison and was in critical condition at Maricopa County hospital in Phoenix, the Department of Corrections said. The 21-year-old man was convicted last July of slaying four persons at a dude ranch where he had been employed.

Guyana Inquiry Is Urged By Mother of Rep. Ryan

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 — The 80-year-old mother of Representative Leo J. Ryan criticized today President Carter's response to the killings and suicides in Guyana and called for creation of a joint, bipartisan committee of Congress to investigate the tragedy.

Autumn Mead Ryan said the investigation also should cover "the failures of the State and Justice Departments to protect, aid and rescue our citizens, as they have at other times all over the world."

Mrs. Ryan's remarks were contained in a 1,400-word statement she issued from the Capitol office of her son, the Democratic Congressman from California who was killed Nov. 18 after investigating the People's Temple commune in Guyana.

In a news conference earlier today, Mrs. Ryan and members of her family said they had asked Mr. Ryan's administrative assistant, G.W. Holsinger, to run for the Congressman's seat. An election to fill the vacancy will be held early in 1979.

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