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# 18 CULT SURVIVORS BARRED BY AIRLINE

## In Guyana, Pan American Requires an Armed U.S. Escort for Men

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GEORGETOWN, Guyana, Dec. 3 — In what was explained as a safety precaution, 18 men from the People's Temple, including four members of the Rev. Jim Jones's security force, were barred from boarding a Pan American World Airways flight to New York today because the group was not escorted by armed American officials, as the airline said it had been promised.

Two of those turned away were Timothy and James Jones, adopted sons of the cult leader and members of his security force. Contradicting many other survivors, both denied allegations that the security force was a "hit squad" trained to kill United States officials, that its members beat or maltreated Jonestown residents or that the men were well armed and proficient marksmen.

In an interview with reporters, Timothy Jones, 19 years old, said he never saw anyone at Jonestown beaten. "I don't even remember a fist fight," he added. He said the security force was to protect the community against theft and threats to kidnap his father, and to shoot "rats and opossums" that attacked their crops. He said that in turning him away, the air-

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## Airline Bars 18 of Cult's Survivors

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line had made him feel "like an outcast."

After a telephone call to Pan American headquarters in New York and talks between American consular officers and the Guyanese police, 10 persons from the People's Temple were permitted to board Pan American's flight 228, and the jet departed at 2:30 P.M., an hour and a half behind schedule.

Three other members of the cult, two women and a man, chose to remain in Guyana "for a while," according to Douglas Ellice, the senior American consular officer here.

A total of 38 cult members were released from police custody in Guyana yesterday. Six flew to New York and the 32 others were to follow today.

After refusing to let the men board his aircraft, Captain Albert E. Brockob told reporters, "We were supposed to have two F.B.I. agents to accompany them. But the agents didn't show up."

A few hours later, the American Embassy here issued a statement saying that it had been "unaware of any security concerns on the part of Pan American" until the group had arrived at the airport.

Embassy officials said they were caught by surprise when Guy McDaniel, the Pan American director in Guyana, told them the pilot would not take off without an armed escort.

There was no American law-enforcement officer available for the assignment, the Embassy said in its statement.

Mr. McDaniel indicated later that the size of the cult group that had planned to travel today and the violence that had come to be synonymous with Jonestown convinced Pan American that an armed guard was a necessary precaution for the safety of the jetliner and its passengers.

When the cultists checked in at the airport, the men were required to remove their clothing and were subjected to a thorough search. The police also painstakingly searched their luggage for weapons.

Joseph H. Blatchford, a lawyer and di-

rector of the Peace Corps in the Nixon Administration, who is representing 13 of the cult's survivors, said it was his understanding that the cult members who were based in Georgetown included "the most dangerous" members of the sect.

Mr. Blatchford said he represented 13 defectors from the cult who were with Representative Ryan when he was killed at an airstrip near Jonestown.

Most of the men turned back at the Georgetown airport had been among the cultists under house arrest at the People's Temple Lamaha Gardens headquarters in Georgetown since Nov. 18, when 911 cult members were killed or committed suicide at Jonestown. Despite warnings from other surviving cult members that the men turned away today might have dangerous intentions, the men were given rooms at the midtown Tower Hotel, and a consular officer said they were "free to come and go as they liked."

### A Denial of Rumors

Late this afternoon, one of the cult members, Michael Simon, speaking with reporters, denied rumors that have been circulating here and in the United States to the effect that Jim Jones had designated a "hit squad" to kill enemies of the People's Temple, including political figures, if the organization was destroyed. He also said there was no truth to rumors that President Carter was a target.

"I lost everyone I love in this thing," said Mr. Simon, whose wife, mother, two infants and brothers died at Jonestown.

In the crowded Tower Hotel bar, the group of survivors, some in colorful jogging suits, others in jeans, sat sipping soft drinks and chatting with reporters about Jonestown, their experiences in 13 days of detention by Guyanese authorities and what they contended were the real duties of the Jonestown security force.

He denied, as did his brother, Jim Jones Jr., that the group was trained to discipline cult members.

"I never beat anybody," said Jim Jones Jr., and his brother said he had "never seen anyone beaten."