

Jonestown Massacre: Two Books Due

NEW YORK (AP)—Two so-called "instant" paperback books based on the Peoples Temple group and events this week in Guyana are scheduled for distribution the week of Dec. 3, two publishing companies announced yesterday.

Stuart Applebaum, a Bantam Books spokesman, said their 160-page book, "Suicide Cult: The Untold Story of the Peoples Temple Sect and the Massacre in Guyana," was being written by San Francisco Chronicle reporters Marshall Kilduff and Ron Javers. Applebaum said the two reporters, "have been investigating the Peoples Temple story for more than two years."

The Washington Post is also entering the market. Its book, tentatively titled "The Jonestown Massacre: An Eyewitness Account," will be pub-

lished by Berkley Books of New York and is being written by Post National editor Lawrence Stern and reporter Charles A. Krause, who was in Guyana during the events of the past week and, with Javers, was a witness to the shooting deaths Sunday of Rep. Leo Ryan and four other persons.

Javers was wounded in the attack. The Post said completion of its 225-page book—including 16 pages of photographs—is due next Tuesday and it should be released on Dec. 3.

Applebaum said the Bantam manuscript is due in New York on Monday, with production to begin immediately and the finished books also to be in distribution Dec. 3.

The books are called "instant" because of the speeding up of the normal publishing process.