

Feared 'Guards,' Other Cultists Fly Out of Guyana Under Escort

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Seventeen more Peoples Temple members, including several reputed "security guards" feared by Jonestown dissidents and defectors, left Guyana yesterday for the United States.

The group was accompanied by federal marshals, brought down for the flight after a Pan American pilot refused Sunday to transport the group without protection from federal guards.

A number of Peoples Temple members and former members have gone "underground" in recent days to protect themselves from the threat they believe is posed by some of those returning as well as from temple loyalists within the United States.

Among those scheduled to be on the flight were two adopted sons of the Peoples Temple leader, the Rev. Jim Jones, and several members of the Jonestown basketball team, which doubled as an armed security force, according to survivors.

About 36 temple members remain in Georgetown, Guyana. A few are survivors of the fatal attack on a party led by Rep. Leo J. Ryan (D-Calif.). A handful are survivors of the forced mass suicide that followed the attack on Nov. 18.

Most were at the temple headquarters in Georgetown when both events occurred, either because they were stationed there at the moment by Jones,

were members of the basketball squad or were there for medical treatment.

Most of those now remaining are thought to be material witnesses to these events and to the murders of four people at the temple headquarters that occurred simultaneously. Guyanese police are detaining them during the investigation and trials stemming from the Jonestown incidents.

"I'm very apprehensive," one departing member, Bobby Stroud, 19, told the Associated Press as he boarded the Pan Am jet. "I just keep wondering how the United States is going to react to us. I was born there. It is my home and I have a lot of people I care about there."

"At this point, everywhere we go, people are going to know what we are, where we're from. People are going to know we're from the Peoples Temple, Jonestown . . . So I'll just try to disappear in the city for a while and get a job just go undercover for a while."

The FBI has stationed itself at Kennedy Airport with arrest warrants for those thought to have participated in the ambush on Ryan's party that touched off the suicides.

At least five of those named in the attack—Robert Kice, Tom Kice, Joe Wilson, Albert Touchette and Ron Talley—have been confirmed dead by body identification experts in Delaware.

The other three are believed to be dead though no positive identification has been made.