

Elderly cultists leave Guyana

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TIMAHRI, Guyana (AP) — "Jingle Bells" chimed from a loudspeaker in a government camp near the People's Temple headquarters in Georgetown on Wednesday as seven elderly, penniless survivors of the Jonestown murder-suicide left for their flight back home.

"I'm just taking one step at a time," said cult member Raymond Godshalk, 62, of Los Angeles. "I need a few days to think things over. I lost my companion of 38 years. Her name is Viola. She's my wife. Naturally I felt quite badly about it, but you can't cry over spilled milk."

Guyanese authorities said the other 72 survivors of the Jonestown tragedy would not be released until it is certain they are not material witnesses or suspects in the murders of Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., other members of his party and cultists in Georgetown. Two survivors already are being held in connection with the Ryan killings.

The seven departed Timahri International Airport at 1:51 p.m. (11:51 a.m. EST) aboard Pan American flight 228 and were due to arrive at Kennedy Airport in New York at about 6 p.m. EST, where connecting flights home and federal loans were being arranged.

The other six were identified as Hyacinth Thrash, 76, who missed the mass poisoning because she was asleep; Grover Davis, 79, who hid in a ditch; Alvaray Satterwhite, 61; Marian Campbell, 61; Madeline Brooks, 73, and Carol Young, 78. Miss Thrash and Miss Brooks are from San Francisco and Davis said he was from Los Angeles. The hometowns of the others could not be learned.

Miss Thrash and Davis, the only ones of the group who were in Jonestown during the mass deaths, have stayed in a hotel since. The other five, who were travelling or at the Georgetown headquarters, were kept under heavy guard at the cult headquarters.

Guyanese authorities refused to allow them to leave without express approval of the U.S. Embassy. One other sur-

vivor, 84-year-old Miguel DePina, was allowed to leave earlier.

The seven carried few belongings; some wore tennis shoes. They spoke briefly with reporters as they left Georgetown and then as they passed through customs here.