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Jonestown: Death cult or CIA conspiracy?

by John Judge

Fifteen years before the Waco standoff, another charismatic religious leader led nearly one thousand of his followers to their deaths. In this classic analysis, John Judge explores the conspiratorial possibilities of Jonestown:



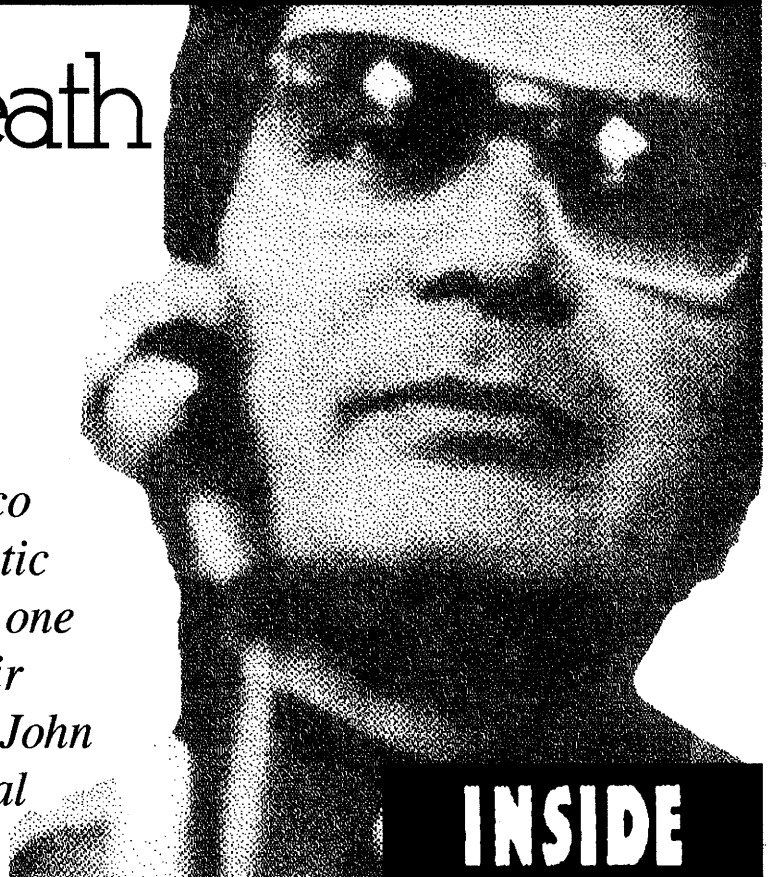
Homicide or suicide? Most bodies showed no signs of cyanide poisoning.

Somewhere in the concrete canyons of New York City a recently formed rock group is using the name: Jim Jones and the Suicides.

Irreverent and disarming, the name reflects the new trend in punk rock, to take social issues head on. Cynicism about the Jonestown deaths and social parallels abound in the lyrics to today's music. The messages are clear because we all know the

story. In fact, people today recognize the name "Jonestown" more than any other event, a full 98% of the population. The television and print media were filled with the news for more than a year, even though the tale reads like something from the *National Enquirer*. But despite all the coverage, the reality of Jonestown and the reasons behind the bizarre events remain a mystery. The details have faded from memory for most of us since November 18, 1978, but not the outlines. Think back a moment and you'll remember.

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From the Editor's Desk

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elcome to the bigger and better **PARANOIA**. We now have more pages, a glossy cover, and a better printer (our apologies to those who couldn't decipher the *Oswald Diary* in Issue 1. It wasn't a conspiracy, just a bad print job.) Also, we've decided to pursue the almighty advertising dollar, after determining that losing money on each issue was something we should try to avoid. If you want to reach other intelligent, curious, and sensibly paranoid people who mistrust the mainstream magazines, please consider advertising with us.

The response to Issue 1 has been **fantastic!** Special thanks to all our courageous charter subscribers. Due to serious malfunctions of both my own guts and those of my computer, there was no Summer issue of **PARANOIA**. But now we're both reasonably healthy and back on a quarterly production schedule. (At any rate, subscribers will always get four issues.) I want to thank everyone for their patience and support. (My illness wasn't a conspiracy, and no shellfish toxins were involved.)

Oddly, we've received a **ton** of great cartoons (more than we have the space for, unfortunately) but relatively few articles or news clips. So, c'mon all you functionally literate readers: Send us your conspiracy-related stuff! (Or at least a letter for *Reader Mail*.)

Back Cover Photo:

The controversial "apeman" photograph taken by Francis de Loys in 1929. Loys, a respected British anthropologist, reported that this "missing link" had "defecated into (its) hands and threw (its) excrement" at de Loys and his party.

This kind of emerged as a **Special Mass Death Issue**. From AIDS to Armageddon, it's all here. Inside, you'll find some disturbing questions about the deaths at Jonestown (and Waco), an eye-opening interview about AIDS, an Octopus/Casolaro update, a handy *Countdown to Armageddon Check List*, and lots more. . .

Yours in Paranoia,

Al Hidell
Editor

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Drugs and the CIA: from Ho to Hasenfus

by Eric Odinson

In **OSS: The Secret History**, R. Harris Smith states that the American-educated Ho Chi Minh made contact with OSS Col. Paul Helliwell at Kuming in World War II and was recruited as a U.S. agent. Ho's reports soon received top priority at the OSS (Office of Strategic Services, forerunner to the CIA) and were placed directly on OSS head General Donovan's desk. In addition, the Thai government in Miami, and Major Austin Glass, a Socony Oil official, sent arms to Ho for his revolutionary struggle. Another early Ho supporter was Lt. Tibaut de Saint Phalle, nephew of a prominent Paris banker.

Journalist Robert Shaplen reports that an official of Chase Manhattan Bank once parachuted into Ho's remote headquarters, where he found the guerrilla leader dying of malaria and dysentery. Ho's life was saved by OSS medic Paul Hoagland, who administered the new sulfa drugs and quinine. He later served at CIA headquarters until the 1970s and was known as "the man who saved Ho's life."

A special OSS contingent, the Deer Team, was sent to Ho's headquarters in November of 1945. The Team claimed that Ho was a great statesman whose nationalism transcended his communist loyalties. Team members were unanimous in their denunciation of the French "imperialists" in the colonial government. They boasted that it had been decided at the highest levels in Washington that the French had to go.

A prominent member of the Team was Captain Nicholas Deak, a Hungarian, now President of Deak Pereira. He has controlling interest in Swiss and Austrian banks and operates currency exchanges in the U.S., Canada and the Far East.

Ho was informed that General Donovan represented large economic interests (the World Commerce Corp.) which planned to rebuild Vietnam's railroads and highways in exchange for "economic privileges" in Indochina. In October, 1945 the OSS sponsored the "Vietnam Friendship Association" headed by OSS Lt. Col. Carlton H. Swift.

The French were dismayed to learn that their American "allies" were training and arming Ho's Viet Minh forces. The OSS armed them with the latest weapons, and gave intensive training in infiltration and demolition to selected men of general Giap's army. It was these men who later led the attacks against American troops in the Vietnam war. They were given training in the most advanced techniques of guerrilla warfare; training which our own troops never

received before being sent to Vietnam.

After World War II, the OSS-trained, financed, organized forces of Ho Chi Minh kept up a steady onslaught against the French colonial government. John Foster Dulles, playing a double game, met with French Minister of Foreign Affairs Georges Bidault, promising support and urging the French to make a stand. When the

After the war, Lansky moved the headquarters of the drug trade to Miami, where Paul Helliwell, OSS Chief of Special Operations in Asia and the man who recruited Ho Chi Minh, was his front man.

the drug trade in Asia. In **The Politics of Heroin**, Alfred McCoy points out that during World War II, mobsters Charles "Lucky" Luciano and Meyer Lansky secretly worked for the OSS. Through their influence, the OSS became deeply involved in drug running.

So how did the Golden Triangle opium and heroin get into the United States? It didn't until the so-called "French Connection" was shut down. Before World War II the Meyer Lansky-Lucy Luciano syndicate had overseen opium cultivation in Turkey, the processing of the crop into heroin in the French Mediterranean port of Marseilles, and its export to New York, Havana and elsewhere. This opium processing and exportation center in Marseilles was known as "The French Connection" and is known to many Americans from a popular movie of the same name. As war



Ho Chi Minh (seated) and friends in the 1940s. Was our "enemy" in Vietnam actually a CIA agent?

French forces were surrounded at Diem Bien Phu, Bidault, to explain his strategy, read Dulles' commitment to the French parliament. Diem Bien Phu collapsed after a 77-day siege and the French colonial government was lost. The French magazine *Le Figaro* claimed that the White House and the Kremlin had made a secret deal to partition French Indochina into U.S. and Soviet zones, as had been done in Korea.

The fall of French Indochina was a behind-the-scenes struggle to control

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began to heat up in IndoChina (where communist insurgents were struggling to free the region from French colonial rule) the Marseilles crime bosses, in league with corrupt French intelligence officers, began to eye the highlands of Laos as a new source of opium. French intelligence needed a source of revenue for semi-official military operations against communist guerrillas and the French crime machine wanted a source of opium under their own control, so they cut themselves loose from the rest of the mafia, who were not pleased. The U.S. takeover of the IndoChina War effort from the French in 1954 led not only to the Vietnam War but it also led to the Meyer Lansky-Lucky Luciano syndicate, in league with the CIA, gaining control of the IndoChinese heroin trade and finally breaking the French Connection. Meanwhile, Meyer Lansky moved the processing of Turkish opium into Lebanon, where it remains today. The French tactic of using drug money to finance covert operations was also used by the OSS to fund Chinese Nationalists, and was later used by the CIA in Vietnam, Central America, and Afghanistan.

Miami plays a crucial role in this closing down of the European shipments of heroin and the substitution of the Asian heroin. It is the center of a huge conspiratorial milieu whose personnel wind through the Bay of Pigs, attempts on Castro's life, the JFK murder, and the international drug trade. Miami became the nerve center of an alliance comprised of Thai and Chinese Nationals, mafiosi, CIA agents, Cuban exiles and Mafia money-laundering bankers, whose common interests were Asian opium and a thirst for political might. This last factor led to a common denominator in which the alliance invested heavily: Richard M. Nixon.

After World War II Meyer Lansky moved the headquarters of the drug trade to Miami where Paul Helliwell, OSS Chief of Special Operations in Asia and the man who recruited Ho Chi Minh into the OSS, was his front man. Helliwell also operated a CIA front in Miami called Sea Supply Inc.; one of his agents was Howard Hunt. Helliwell later served as paymaster for CIA sponsorship of the Bay of Pigs operation. He opened secret accounts for Miami banks, working closely with mobster Santos Trafficante. Helliwell was also attorney for General Development Corp., Lansky's real estate firm, which was run for him by Louis Chesler. After the war Helliwell also became counsel for the Thai Government in Miami. In the fifties and sixties much Thai and Nationalist Chinese capital was invested in Florida's explosive

development, much of it by way of the General Development Corp.

After leaving U.S. intelligence, Helliwell became head of the prestigious Miami law firm Helliwell, Melrose and DeWolf. His partner was Mary Jane Delrose, attorney for Resorts International, a Lansky operation rumored to be involved in drug money laundering. Helliwell opened the Castle Bank in the Bahamas to launder drug payoffs for Thailand poppy growers. CIA Miami Station Chief Theodore G. Shackley and his assistant, Thomas Cline, were later identified by Lt. Col. James "Bo" Gritz as having had drug dealings with Golden Triangle heroin warlord General Khun Sa.

As counsel for Miami National Bank, Paul Helliwell laundered mob funds through Swiss Banks. Miami National Bank, now owned by Citibank, was known for many years to be controlled by Meyer Lansky. The Bank financed the Outrigger Club, which became a meeting place for Philadelphia mobster Santos Trafficante Jr. and members of the Gambino crime family.

In 1960, when the CIA began plotting to overthrow Fidel Castro, they contacted heroin/cocaine kingpin Santos Trafficante Jr., who had just been kicked out of Cuba. Trafficante recruited the personnel who were trained by the CIA for the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion and provided hundreds of Cuban exiles to work for the CIA against Cuba in the \$100 million JM/WAVE operation. After 1968, Trafficante

and his organization controlled the smuggling of heroin into the US from Laos as the CIA waged a secret war on that nation.

Among those who smuggled opium out of Laos for the CIA was Eugene Hasenfus, who was later shot down in Nicaragua with a planeload of arms for the Contras. From 1965 to 1975, Hasenfus worked in Laos for Air America, as did George Bush's friend, Felix Rodriguez, alias Max Gomez, whom Hasenfus named as his CIA superior in the Nicaraguan operation. Under General Richard Secord, later head of the Arms-to-Contras operation, thousands of tons of raw opium grown by the Hmong tribes of northern Laos were ferried to CIA bases on the Plain of Jars. This opium then found its way into GI barracks in Vietnam and into the U.S. in the form of high grade heroin.

The Hmong had agreed to supply the CIA with mercenaries in exchange for marketing their opium and, thereby, manned the CIA's war on the LAO patriotic front and its raids into North Vietnam. The Village of Long Pot was completely destroyed by the U.S. Air Force on January 4, 1972 when villagers wanted out of the CIA's war. Laotian

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The trademark for Double U-O Globe brand heroin, manufactured by the Laotian army commander and sold to U.S. troops in Vietnam.

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by Joan D'Arc

The Proceedings of the Second Research Conference of the Third Decade researching the assassination of President John F. Kennedy took place June 18 through 20 at the Omni Biltmore Hotel in Providence, Rhode Island. Seventeen research papers were delivered, along with a presentation by guest speaker Gaeton Fonzi, an investigator for the House Assassinations Committee of the 1970s.

PARANOIA was invited to sit in on the event, which was coordinated by Providence writer Charles Drago and Professor Jerry D. Rose, publisher of **The Third Decade** research journal.

Drago's paper presented what he termed "Radicalisms," or new guidelines, in the search for "The New Conspirators." Radicalism numero uno: "The assassination of President Kennedy can be understood not as an aberration, but only as a realization of the governing political power structure in place then and now." He contends that the shelf life of the lone nut theory should have been thirty minutes if sustained on its own merits, but has lasted thirty years due to "the will of the State." Drago warned researchers to keep the "kudzu of paranoia" in check and keep the conspiracy "nuts" at bay by being careful who they align with. He cautioned against sharing platforms with UFOers, lest the coverup paintbrush dismiss you in the same brushstroke as the Tesla-Masons-Illuminati-Flying Saucer Conspiracy.

Drago emphasized the theme of the conference, "Taking the Critical Offensive," and said that it meant we no longer have to toil at the "prove conspiracy" mill. Then Ken Rahn from the University of Rhode Island School of Oceanography presented a paper

JFK researchers mark 30 years on the trail



entitled "Conspiracy is NOT a fact," attempting to disprove conspiracy theory. So much for Drago's hopefulness.

Drago congratulated researchers on a job well done. Yes, We the People, backed up by hundreds of books, have effectively proven a conspiracy; but, what about it? Has the Earth moved? Have the murderers been brought to justice? He calls for a renewed search for the assassins and suggests: "look where you'd least expect to find them."

This conference did just that. Peering under every rug imaginable and analyzing every facet of the assassination, the presentations were generally careful, precise and imaginative. Among the seventeen papers presented, topics included: the muddy getaway car used in the assassination (a 1959 Rambler station wagon,) detailed discussion of the autopsy, the two casket switcheroo, and the Secret Service driver, William Greer, as assassin.

Researcher John McLoughlin stated, "We have been led into the dilution of our efforts by focusing on five major themes which have already been thoroughly developed: The CIA, The Mafia, Cuban exiles, Military Intelligence, and the FBI." He believes that the "deliberate disinformation campaign" which has surrounded the JFK assassination is revisionist history perfected by mass brainwashing techniques.

McLoughlin focuses on extreme right wing groups, headed by top Nazi's coming into this country after World War II, a topic which he claims has been ignored. Does McLoughlin dare to name any names?

You bet he does. He is on the trail of a top-dog conspirator who he feels sits at the highest levels of command in the JFK murder and coverup: the fascist and mass murderer General Charles A. Willoughby, in command below MacArthur. McLoughlin feels that Willoughby will be remembered as one of the most heinous mass murderers in history, behind only Stalin and Hitler. He believes that the best hope for a JFK solution lies in the examination of ultra right wing extremists and their cliques, a search he calls "Looking for Hate in all the Right places." He feels that the right wing has controlled world events for almost fifty years.

While McLoughlin emphasized the





The Umbrella Man waits in Dealey Plaza, his umbrella at his feet.

need to look at the top conspirators in the chain, Monte Evans suggested in "Who Fired the Shots?" that the most basic task at hand is to identify the actual gunmen. Albeit pawns in the bigger scheme, they remain the foremost link in the conspiracy chain and provide links to their masters. He focused on the two sets of three hobos who were picked up at the scene and then released.

In his paper "The Umbrella Man," R.B. Cutler postulated a very radical theory which involves an umbrella instead of a gun, and a poison flechette to JFK's throat rather than a bullet to the head. This researcher attempted to prove that the fatal wound to the President's throat, at Zapruder frame Z-187, started the process of death ending 6.9 seconds later at frame Z-312 by a poison flechette. Here is the scenario according to Cutler: "The flechette's 5mm diameter leaves a small, round, clean, neat puncture wound, just above the necktie knot ... it damages the trachea, silences the larynx, poisons the President ... Jackie's cry was the only sound from the back seat." According to this theory, the 25-30mm tracheotomy which was performed about ten minutes later did not disturb the flechette, but it

an assassin positioned 62 feet above and approximately 140 feet behind and to the right of the President. The Umbrella Man, whom this paper names as George Novel, as seen on the Zapruder film, raises his black umbrella and turns clockwise as he pumps the umbrella up and down. All on a bright and sunny assassination day.

Claiming it is impossible to hit JFK at frame Z-187 from behind the stockade fence, Cutler believes the shooter must be on the limousine side, where the only suspicious person is: The Umbrella Man.

The speed of the limousine was analyzed by Mike Sylwester, along with details of the Zapruder film. His paper discussed aspects of crowd behavior as studied on film, and, most importantly, analyzed sudden displacements and blurring as evidence of splicing in the famous film. The original version of the film was used for analysis in the 1974 book *Murder From Within*, which

had to be removed, which explains the "pre-autopsy surgery" performed on the neck at Bethesda, resulting in a gaping wound. The poison flechette would have been removed through its own wound of entry (with tracheotomy enlargement), enlarging it to a gaping 75x40 mm wound of "exit." This theory is consistent with the impossibility of a throat wound of exit coming from

argues that Secret Service driver William Greer actually turned and shot JFK. (This theory is enjoying a resurgence of interest as propounded by William Cooper in *Behold a Pale Horse*.) To some folks, it is not anywhere near as absurd as the lone assassin theory.

In "The Third Alternative," Vincent Palamara stated that the role of the Secret Service has not been studied enough. Even the Warren Commission was puzzled as to why no agents were posted on the back or on either side of the open limo. Agents reported that they received word from the administrative offices of the White House that JFK did not want agents riding on the car. They apparently did not know who advised them of the President's purported request. Palamara also asked: Why was the bubble top removed from the limo? Why was the motorcade route changed from straight down Main Street to the dangerous "dog-leg turn" onto Elm

Street, a violation of Secret Service regulations?

This Conference was about more than just digging up old dirt, and it proved that, thirty years later, there still exists a fervor to find the assassins of JFK. From generals to pawns, names were named: what they did, how they got

away, and how they covered their tracks.

After thirty years, the Conference's true believers never tired in their quest to uncover the trail. ●

... a radical theory which involves an umbrella instead of a gun, and a poison flechette to JFK's throat

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Jonestown, *con't from page 1*

A fanatic religious leader in California led a multi-racial community into the jungles of remote Guyana to establish a socialist utopia. The People's Temple, his church, was in the heart of San Francisco and drew poor people, social activists, Blacks and Hispanics, young and old. The message was racial harmony and justice, and a criticism of the hypocrisy of the world around his followers. The Temple rose in a vacuum of leadership at the end of an era. The political confrontations of the '60's were almost over, and religious cults and "personal transformation" were on the rise. Those who had preached a similar message on the political soap box were gone, burnt out, discredited, or dead. The counterculture had apparently degenerated into drugs and violence. Charlie Manson was the only visible image of the period. Suddenly, religion seemed to offer a last hope. Even before they left for the Jonestown site, the People's Temple members were subjects of local scandal in the news. Jim Jones claimed these exposes were attacks on their newly-found religion, and used them as an excuse to move most of the members to Guyana. But disturbing reports continued to surround Jones, and soon came to the attention of Congressional members like Leo Ryan. Stories of beatings, kidnapping, sexual abuse and mysterious deaths leaked out in the press. Ryan decided to go the Guyana and investigate the situation for himself. The nightmare began. Isolated on the tiny airstrip at Port Kaituma, Ryan and several reporters in his group were murdered. Then came the almost unbelievable "White Night," a mass suicide pact of the Jonestown camp.

A community made up mostly of Blacks and women drank cyanide from paper cups of KoolAid, adults and children alike died and fell around the main pavilion. Jones himself was shot in the head, an apparent suicide. For days, the body count mounted, from 400 to nearly 1,000. The bodies were flown to the United States and later cremated or buried in mass graves. Temple member Larry Layton is still facing charges of conspiracy in Ryan's murder. Ryan was recently awarded a posthumous Medal of Honor, and was the first Congress member to die in the line of duty. Pete Hammill called the corpses "all the loose change of the sixties." The effect was electric. Any alternative to the current system was seen as futile, if not deadly. Protest only led to police riots and political assassination. Alternative life styles and drugs led to "creepy crawly" communes and

violent murders. And religious experiments led to cults and suicide. Social utopias were dreams that turned into nightmares. The television urged us to go back to "The Happy Days" of the apolitical 50's. The message was get a job, and go back to church. The unyielding nuclear threat generated only nihilism and hopelessness. There was no answer but death, no exit from the grisly future. The new ethic was personal success, aerobics, material consumption, a return to "American values," and the "moral majority," White, Christian world. The official message was clear.

BUT JUST SUPPOSE IT DIDN'T HAPPEN THAT WAY. . .

The headlines of the day of the massacre read, "CULT DIES IN SOUTH AMERICAN JUNGLE: 400 Die in Mass Suicide, 700 Flee into Jungle."

By all accounts in the press, as well as People's Temple statements, there were at least 1,100 people at Jonestown. There were 809 adult passports found there, and reports of 300 children (276 found among the dead, and 210 never identified.) The headline figures from the first day add to the same number, 1,100. The original body count done by the Guyanese were 408. The final count, given almost a week later

by American military authorities, was 913. A total of 16 survivors were reported to have returned to the U.S. Where were the others?

At their first press conference, the Americans claimed that the Guyanese "could not count." These local people had carried out the gruesome job of counting the bodies, and later assisted American troops in the process of poking holes in the flesh lest they explode from the gasses of decay. Then the Americans proposed another theory—they had missed seeing a pile of bodies at the back of the pavilion. The structure was the size of a small house, and they had been at the scene for days. Finally, we were given the official reason for the discrepancy: bodies had fallen on top of other bodies, adults covering children. It was a simple if morbid arithmetic that led to the first suspicions. The 408 bodies discovered at first count would have to be able to cover 505 bodies for a total of

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Young Entrepreneur: Jones sold monkeys door-to-door to finance his young socialist ministry.

913. In addition, those who first worked on the bodies would have been unlikely to miss bodies lying beneath each other since each body had to be punctured. Eighty-two of the bodies first found were those of children, reducing the number that could have been hidden below others. A search of nearly 150 photographs, aerial and close-up, fails to show even one body lying under another, much less 500. It seemed the first reports were true, 400 had died, and 700 had fled to the jungle.

The American authorities claimed to have searched for people who had escaped, but found no evidence of any in the surrounding area. At least a hundred Guyanese troops were among the first to arrive, and they were ordered to search the jungle for survivors. In the area, at the same time, British Black Watch troops were on "training exercises" with nearly 600 of their best-trained commandos. Soon, American Green Berets were on site as well.

The presence of these soldiers, specially trained in covert killing operations, may explain the increasing numbers of bodies that appeared. Most of the photographs show the bodies in neat rows, face down. There are few exceptions. Close shots indicate drag marks, as though the bodies were positioned by someone after death. Is it possible that the 700 who fled were rounded up by these troops, brought back to Jonestown and added to the body count? If so, the bodies would indicate the cause of death. A new word was coined by the media, "suicide-murder." But which was it?

Autopsies and forensic science are a developing art. The detectives of death use a variety of scientific methods and clues to determine how people die, when they expire, and the specific cause of death. Dr. Mootoo, the top Guyanese pathologist, was at Jonestown within hours after the massacre. Refused the assistance of U.S. pathologists, he accompanied the teams that counted the dead, examined the bodies and worked to identify the deceased. While the American press screamed about the "KoolAid Suicides," Dr. Mootoo was reaching a much different opinion. There are certain signs that show the types of poisons that lead to the end of life. Cyanide blocks the central nervous system. Even the "involuntary" function like breathing and heartbeat get mixed neural signals. It is a painful death, breath coming in spurts.

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The other muscles spasm, limbs twist and contort. The facial muscles draw back into a deadly grin, called "cyanide rictus." All these telling signs were absent in the Jonestown dead. Limbs were limp and relaxed, and the few visible faces showed no sign of distortion. Instead, Dr. Mootoo found fresh needle marks at the back of the left shoulder blades of 70-80% of the victims. Others had been shot or strangled. One survivor reported that those who resisted were forced by armed guards. The gun that reportedly shot Jim Jones was lying nearly 200 feet from his body, not a likely suicide weapon. As Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Mootoo's testimony to the Guyanese grand jury investigating Jonestown led to their conclusion

that all but three of the people were murdered by "persons unknown." Only two had committed suicide they said. Several pictures show the gunshot wounds on the bodies as well. The U.S. Army spokesman Lt. Col. Schuler said, "No autopsies are needed. The cause of death is not an issue here." The forensic doctors who later did autopsies at Dover, Delaware, were never made aware of Dr. Mootoo's findings.

There are other indications that the Guyanese government participated with American authorities in a cover-up of the real story, despite their own findings. One good example was Guyanese Police Chief Lloyd Barker, who interfered with investigations, helped "recover" \$2.5 million for the Guyanese government, and was often the first to officially announce the cover stories relating to suicide, body counts and survivors. Among the first to the scene were the wife of Guyanese Prime Minister Forbes Burnham, and his Deputy Prime Minister, Ptolemy Reid. They returned from the massacre site with nearly one million dollars in cash, gold and jewelry taken from the buildings and from the dead. Inexplicably, one of Burnham's political party secretaries had visited the site of the massacre only hours before it occurred. When Shirley Field Ridley, Guyanese Minister of Information, announced the change in the body count to the shocked Guyanese parliament, she refused to answer any further



questions. Other representatives began to point a finger of shame at Ridley and the Burnham government, and the local press dubbed the scandal "Templegate," and accused them of taking a ghoulish payoff. Perhaps, more significantly, the Americans brought in 16 huge C-131 cargo planes, but claimed they could only carry 36 caskets in each one.

These aircraft can carry tanks, trucks, troops, and

ammunition all in one load. At the scene, bodies were stripped of identification, including the medical wrist tags visible in many early photos. Dust-off operations during Vietnam clearly demonstrated that the military is capable of moving hundreds of bodies in a short period. Instead, they took nearly a week to bring back the Jonestown dead, bringing in the majority at the end of the period. The corpses, rotting in the heat, made autopsy impossible. At one point, the remains of 183 people arrived in

Witnesses described them as "zombies," walking mechanically, without emotion, and "looking through you, not at you" as they murdered.

83 caskets. Although the Guyanese had identified 174 bodies at the site, only 17 (later 46) were tentatively identified at the massive military mortuary in Dover, Delaware. Isolated there, hundreds of miles from their families, who might have visited the bodies at a similar mortuary in Oakland that was used during Vietnam, many of the dead were eventually cremated. Press was excluded, and even family members had difficulty getting access to the remains. Officials in New Jersey began to complain that state coroners were excluded, and that the military coroners appointed were illegally performing cremations. One of the top forensic body identification experts, who later was brought in to work on the Iranian raid casualties, was denied repeated requests to assist. In December, the President of the National Association of Medical Examiners complained in an open letter to the U.S. military that they "badly botched" procedures, and that a simple fluid autopsy was never performed at the point of discovery. Decomposition, embalming, and cremation made further forensic work impossible. The unorthodox method of identification attempted (to remove the skin from the finger tip and

slip it over a gloved finger) would not have stood up in court. The long delay made it impossible to reconstruct the event. As noted, these military doctors were unaware of Dr. Mootoo's conclusions. Several civilian pathology experts said they "shuddered at the ineptness" of the military, and that their autopsy method was "doing it backwards." But in official statements, the U.S. attempted to discredit the Guyanese grand jury findings, saying they had uncovered "few facts." Guyanese troops and police, who had arrived with American Embassy official Richard Dwyer, also failed to defend Congressman Leo Ryan and others who came to Guyana with him when they were shot down in cold blood at the Port Kaituma airstrip, even though the troops were nearby with machine guns at the ready.

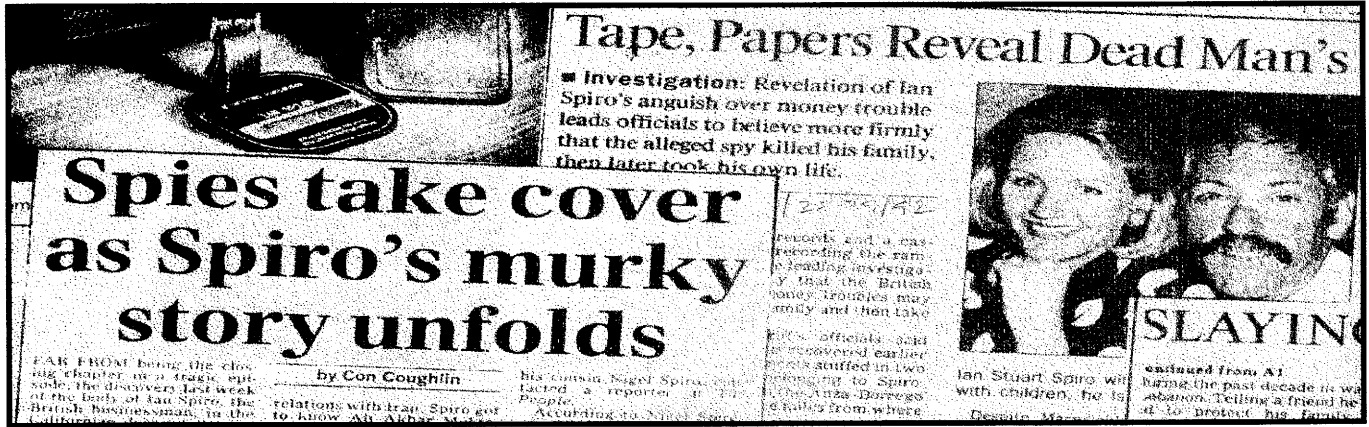
Although Temple member Larry Layton has been charged with the murders of Congressman Ryan, Temple defector Patricia Parks, and press reporters Greg Robinson, Don Harris and Bob Brown, he was not in position to shoot them. Blocked from boarding Ryan's twin engine Otter, he had entered another plane nearby. Once inside, he pulled out a gun and wounded two Temple followers, before being disarmed. The others were clearly killed by armed men who descended from a tractor trailer at the scene, after opening fire. Witnesses described them as "zombies," walking mechanically, without emotion, and "looking through you, not at you" as they murdered. Only certain people, like Ryan's aide Jackie Speier, were not harmed further, but the killers made sure that Ryan and the newsmen were dead. In some cases they shot people, already wounded, directly in the head. These gunmen were never finally identified, and may have been under Layton's command.

They may not have been among the Jonestown dead. At the Jonestown site, survivors described a special group of Jones followers who were allowed to carry weapons and money, and to come and go from the camp. These people were all white, mostly males. They ate better and worked less than the others, and they served as an armed guard to enforce discipline, control labor and restrict movement. Among them were Jones' top lieutenants, including George Phillip Blakey. Blakey and others regularly visited Georgetown, Guyana and made trips in their sea-going boat, the *Cudjoe*. He was privileged to be aboard the boat when the murders occurred. This special armed guard survived the massacre. Many were trained and programmed killers, like the zombies who attacked Ryan. Some were used as mercenaries in Africa, and elsewhere.

The dead were 90% women, and 80% Blacks. It is unlikely that men armed with guns and modern crossbows would give up control and willingly be injected with poisons. It is much more likely that

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The murky death of Ian Spiro



by Coddie Chubb

Late last October, British journalist Con Coughlin of the (London) **Sunday Telegraph** received a telephone call from a man he'd been trying to find for years. This mystery man was a key character in Coughlin's recently published book, **Hostage**, a history of the arms-for-hostages deals of the mid-1980s.

According to **Hostage**, this shadowy figure was a CIA-backed businessman-spy who had links to the Islamic Jihad kidnapers.

Coughlin was amazed by the call, which he says came "out of the blue."

"For three years I had tried to track down a man I knew simply as Spiro, who had worked as a secret agent for MI-6 (British

intelligence) and the CIA and played a key role in organizing Terry Waite's mission to Lebanon," he later wrote in the **Telegraph**.

(Terry Waite was a representative of the Anglican Church of the United Kingdom sent to Lebanon to negotiate for the release of hostages. He was himself taken hostage and accused of being a secret agent of American intelligence, a charge he denied.--Ed.)

Before hanging up, Spiro told Coughlin he'd be visiting London in mid-November--perhaps they could meet.

But two weeks later Spiro was dead, a victim of cyanide poisoning. His body was discovered on November 8 in a remote spot of California's Anza-Borrego desert, some 90 miles northeast of San Diego. A few days earlier, the bodies of his wife, Gail, and their three children had been found in their beds in Rancho Santa Fe, an expensive community north of San Diego.

According to initial press reports, the four had been shot through the head at point-blank range, probably about November 2.

Their corpses showed no sign of struggle.

To all appearances, the deaths of 46-year-old Ian Stuart Spiro and his family were

professional, well planned executions. And for Coughlin and other London journalists, there seemed no shortage of possible explanations: Spiro had been killed because he was about to reveal secrets of the arms-for-hostage swaps; Spiro was killed because he attempted to blackmail his old espionage contacts; Spiro had been discovered as a double agent; Spiro was killed in revenge for swindling an Iranian businessman.

For several weeks, the Spiro case was front-page news in London. Strangely, though, American papers

treated the killings casually, and ran stories that portrayed the multiple murder as a probable case of murder-suicide.

STORY AVOIDED

In fact, the story received almost no U.S. media coverage outside of southern California. The country's leading dailies--the **New York Times**, **Washington Post**, the **Wall Street Journal**, and **USA Today**--avoided the story entirely. So did **Time**, **Newsweek**, and **U.S. News and World Report**. By comparison, the Canadian news weekly **Maclean's** gave the story two pages (11/30/92).

The more one compares American and foreign press coverage of the Spiro case, the more it appears a cover-up has been going on in the American press. Some examples:

- San Diego press and television coverage routinely refer to Spiro as a "British businessman." Actually, as described in the English and Canadian press, Spiro was a "London-born Jew" who spent many years in Lebanon and attended university there. In the Middle East, Spiro often masqueraded as a "Greek." He confided to friends and relatives that he feared reprisals from Islamic contacts if his true ethnicity were revealed.

- In the Southern California press, Spiro's espionage work is dismissed as that of a "low-level CIA contact." According to London papers (the **Sunday Telegraph**, the **Observer**, and the **Times**), however, Spiro was

Media Blackout:
Outside of Southern California, the story was ignored by the U.S. media

The New York Times, Washington Post, and USA Today have avoided the story.

the primary nexus between Western intelligence and Lebanese kidnapers. In addition to working for the CIA, Spiro worked with or for MI-6 and the Israeli Mossad. Both Anglican envoy Terry Waite and former hostage David Jacobsen confirm Spiro's key role in the hostage negotiations.

● Local press and TV have stated that Spiro probably killed himself and his family because he was despondent about financial reversals. The media have even claimed, erroneously, that the Spiros were four months behind on their \$5,000-month rent.

Actually, at the time of his death, Spiro still owned a farm and other property in Europe. Letters of credit from London banks claim Spiro had been making an annual income of about \$400,000 at the time he moved to California in 1991.

Relatives firmly believe that the U.S. government--specifically, the CIA--is responsible for the quadruple murder.

several fortunes: "He didn't worry whether he was \$5 million in the hole or \$10 million in the bank," he told a writer for the *Los Angeles Times*.

The constant stream of misinformation in local press accounts is not, of course, accidental. Most of it is traceable to the FBI and local law enforcement agencies, which have been trying to put a lid on the case since it first erupted in November.

"They're trying to convince us it was a murder-suicide, when it obviously wasn't," complains a reporter on one of the four daily newspapers in the San Diego area. "They haven't released one bit of evidence to support their theory; in fact, they have sealed and withheld every bit of evidence in the case."

INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMIST

And according to Ian Spiro's English brother-in-law, Ken Quarton, it's extremely unlikely Spiro would have killed himself over financial setbacks. Quarton has described Spiro as an incorrigible optimist who had made and lost

This evidence includes: the personal papers, tapes, and household inventory of the Spiro house; the condition of the five Spiro bodies when they were found; the coroner's reports, showing the type of bullet used to kill Gail Spiro and the three children; and even the original search warrant and officers' reports from November 5, when the bodies of Gail and the children were first discovered.

Withholding of these records is highly unusual in a murder case, particularly in one that law enforcement personnel are attempting to depict as a fairly routine domestic killing. One newspaper, the (Oceanside) **Blade-Citizen**, has gone to court twice to force disclosure of these documents. Both times the judge has refused, claiming publication of the facts of the case would "hamper the investigation."

RECORDS SEALED

In addition to sealing all substantive records, the investigators have manipulated the news media with a campaign of disinformation. Since mid-November, "law enforcement experts" have been phoning newspaper and television reporters and offering tantalizing, unsolicited tidbits about the Spiro case. These "experts" invariably insist on anonymity, and after telling reporters there is considerable new evidence Ian Spiro killed his wife and children. (As noted, the evidence itself is never released.)

The main conduit for this disinformation campaign is the San Diego **Union Tribune**, a daily published by the Copley Press. Since December the **Union-Tribune** has run a series of articles on the case that consist of nothing more than speculative quotations from these unnamed sources. An example (from the December 30 1992 edition):

"The Spiro tape clearly indicates to anyone who listens to it that he (Spiro) offed the family," said one source, who asked not to be identified.

"And, there's no doubt that he's 5150," the source said, referring to state criminal code used by law enforcement to describe a mentally unstable or insane person.

More recently, the newspaper based an entire story upon the revelation that Spiro had once bought a Ouija board. The **Union-Tribune** "source" speculated that Spiro was so desperate he was using this fortune-telling device to predict lottery numbers. (The anonymous source couldn't produce the actual Ouija board, so the newspaper accompanied the story with a photograph of a Ouija board from a nearby toy store.)

What it all adds up to is the picture of a crazy man, fearful and despondent, who became so disconnected from reality that he claimed to have been an espionage hotshot, and then killed his family when he couldn't pay his bills.

At least, that's the official line in San Diego. Trouble is, not a shred of evidence has ever been produced to support it.

The relatives of Ian Spiro have asked Lawrence T. Walsh, the Iran-contra special prosecutor, to investigate the circumstances surrounding the deaths of Spiro and his immediate family. The relatives firmly believe that the U.S. government--specifically, the CIA--is responsible for the quadruple murder. ●

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AIDS, part II?

● As of July 1, 1993, the death toll of the latest "mystery virus" was 21. The respiratory virus seems to target native Americans, with most cases occurring on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico. The government's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now believes that it's a Hantaan virus, a rodent-carried Asian virus. However, Hantaan antibodies have not been present in all the victims. Furthermore, the Hantaan virus normally attacks people's kidney's, not their lungs. *Newsweek* says the virus "has apparently learned a deadly new trick." If this is the case, one wonders: who did the teaching? Delegates from the Navajo National Council have accused the government of a coverup. "I think there is an experiment going on in biological or chemical warfare testing," said Aneth, Utah Councilman Mark Maryboy. (*Newsweek* 6/14/93, *USAToday* 7/1/93)

White House Suicide Coverup

● On Tuesday July 20, Clinton friend and counsel Vincent Foster apparently committed suicide by placing an antique revolver in his mouth and pulling the trigger. Initially, Clinton and others expressed puzzlement, claiming that there were no signs of Foster's despondence and no suicide note. A Justice Department investigation was promised. But, a few days later, the story seemed to change, as if the case for suicide had to be made stronger. Clinton "admitted" that he spoke to Foster the night before his death because he knew he was having a "rough time." And the White House revealed that two notes had been found in Foster's office. One contained the names of several Washington psychiatrists, the other (torn up) appeared to be a draft letter of resignation. Citing this convenient evidence, and claiming it did not have jurisdiction, the Justice Department announced that a full-fledged investigation was no longer needed. It then turned over the investigation to agents of the U.S. Park Police. (*New York Times*, *Washington Post*)

CIA Shootings

● On January 25, a young man "coolly and methodically" sprayed rifle fire into cars waiting to enter CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia. The gunman, who used a Chinese-made AK-47 assault rifle, escaped and remains at large. The two people killed and two of the wounded all held positions as analysts for covert operations or as undercover agents. Claiming they still had no motive for the slayings, law enforcement officials soon charged a Pakistani, Mir Aimal Kansi, in the shooting. Mr. Kansi was said to be the target of a worldwide manhunt, although the case soon disappeared from the nation's media. (*LA Times*, *Washington Post*)

Hoaxers Linked to British Intelligence

● According to crop circle researchers, the two Englishmen who claim to have created England's mysterious crop circles have links to the UK military intelligence community. It seems

that many crop circles have been appearing near sensitive military installations, and researchers speculate that the government is promoting the "hoax" to reduce public interest in the phenomena. (*Nexus*, Jan/Feb 1992)

Maxwell Murdered?

● The mystery surrounding the "suicide" death of wealthy media magnate Robert Maxwell deepens. A second autopsy has shown extensive bruising inconsistent with his merely having fallen or jumped into the sea from his yacht. Maxwell is alleged to have had extensive links with Israeli intelligence (MOSSAD) and the Soviet KGB. One theory holds that Maxwell pressured his Israeli contacts for legal and financial help in avoiding the imminent collapse of his media empire. Upon being refused such aid, Maxwell reportedly warned the Israelis that his downfall would prove "highly damaging" to Israel. "We still don't quite know who in the Mossad terminated him," said one British investigator, "but we know they were the one outfit with strong motives and ample means to silence this desperate agent." (*Nexus*)

Radical Sheik is CIA Agent

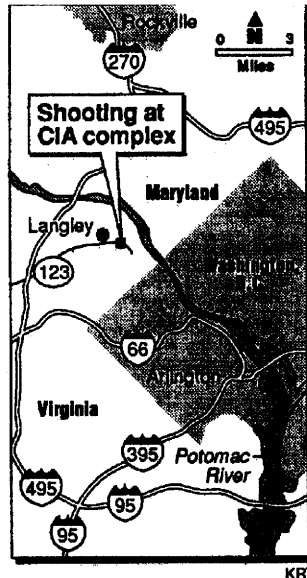
● A radical Egyptian cleric whose followers are charged in the World Trade Center bombing is a paid CIA agent. The allegation was made by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarek, quoted in an Egyptian newspaper. The charge challenges the US government's version of how Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman obtained a multiple-entry US visa in 1990 despite his presence on a State Department list of people ineligible for US visas. "The sheik has been a CIA agent since his days in Afghanistan. . . He still earns a salary," Mubarek told newspaper editors at a meeting in Cairo. "The visa he got was not issued by mistake. It is because of the services that he did." (*Associated Press*)

Gorby Staged Coup

● Twelve men set to go on trial for the attempted takeover of the former Soviet Union said then-President Mikhail Gorbachev secretly encouraged, then backed out of, the plot. They contend the former Soviet leader secretly pushed them to declare emergency rule and then backed out as the plot failed. The accused plotters were set free and the trial never occurred. (*Associated Press*)

Secret Bilderberg Meeting

● Behind the guarded walls of the elite Nafsika Astir Palace Hotel, a few miles south of Athens, Greece, the secret Bilderberger group recently held their annual meeting. The Bilderbergers are said to have plotted to exploit the rich natural resources of the former Soviet Union and Indochina. They also discussed the establishment of a new United Nations bureaucracy on the environment as well as permanent UN armed forces. As usual, this meeting of the world's most powerful financiers, industrialists, and political figures was ignored by the mainstream media. (*The Spotlight* 5/10/93)



PARANOTES

How Pope's roommate caused AIDS epidemic

In the late 1970s, a bloodmobile began canvassing the gay neighborhoods of Greenwich Village looking for homosexual volunteers for a new Hepatitis-B vaccine trial. Over 10,000 men signed up and donated blood samples for an upcoming experiment. Dr. Wolf Szmunn was the man responsible and the AIDS virus was the heinous result. Most people are unaware of the medical experiment that preceded the mass deaths of gays in American cities, but the details of the vaccine trial are recorded in the annals of medical science. This profile of Dr. Szmunn is excerpted from Dr. Alan Cantwell's book *Queer Blood: Secret Aids Genocide Plot*:

Szmunn was purportedly held for many years in Siberia for refusing to cooperate in spy activities. . . In 1959, the Soviets allowed him to return to Poland, where he worked as an epidemiologist in the Health Department. . . Exhausted due to job stress, he applied to the authorities for a vacation at a rest home. While recuperating, he shared a room with a young Catholic priest. A remarkable friendship developed and the two corresponded for a long time thereafter. The Polish priest eventually became the current anti-Communist and anti-gay Pope, John Paul II. . . There are conflicting reports of how Szmunn came to America. . .

By the mid-1970s, he was a world authority on hepatitis and transfusion medicine. By the late 1970s, he had been awarded millions of dollars in grant money and was phenomenally successful in his hepatitis work. Now he was fully prepared to undertake the most important mission of his life: the Hepatitis-B vaccine experiment. He became acquainted with the gay community and added homosexual physicians and activists to his staff. He was taken into the gay ghetto and viewed the baths, bars and discos. Promiscuous homosexuals were perfect guinea pigs. They would prove, beyond doubt, that Szmunn could wipe Hepatitis-B off the face of the Earth. Szmunn was highly selective in the men he chose as finalists. He required that the men be highly promiscuous. He was testing a vaccine against a sexually transmitted virus, therefore, he did not want any monogamous men. . . Promiscuous bisexuals were acceptable, but heterosexual men were excluded from the experiment. The Centers For Disease Control (CDC), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, were all involved in the study, as well as big pharmaceutical companies, such as Merck, Sharp and Dohme, Inc., and Abbott Laboratories. . . The first official group of gay men was inoculated in November 1978 at the New York City Blood Center. The experiment continued until October 1979. Over 1,000 men from Manhattan were injected with the vaccine. In January 1979, a few months after Wolf Szmunn began his experiment, purple skin lesions began to appear on the bodies of young, white gay men in the Village. The doctors were not sure exactly what was wrong with these men.

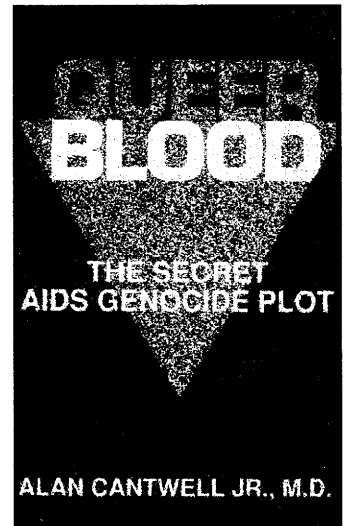
During the next 30 months, Manhattan physicians encountered dozens of cases of a new disease characterized by immunodeficiency, Kaposi's Sarcoma, and a rapidly fatal lung disease known as pneumocystis carinii pneumonia. All the men were young, gay and promiscuous. Almost all were white. All died horribly. Within a few years, AIDS would become the leading cause of death in young men and young women living in New York City.

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The Big Apple would be designated the epicenter of the new plague with the highest number of AIDS cases in the country. Wolf Szmunn was thrilled with the tremendous success of his Hepatitis experiment. In March 1980 the CDC supervised additional gay experiments in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, St. Louis and Chicago. In June 1981, the AIDS epidemic became "official." The epidemiologists and health experts could not understand why large numbers of young, white, previously healthy homosexual men were dying mysteriously in Manhattan, San Francisco and Los Angeles. By the beginning of the 1980s, Szmunn was awarded millions of dollars for his research, and his hugely successful Hepatitis vaccine was hailed as having tremendous global implications. He collaborated with the most powerful medical institutions in the nation: NIH, the National Cancer Institute, the FDA, the WHO, and the Cornell, Yale, and Harvard Schools of Public Health and the Russian Academy of Medical Science. Global connections included the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyons, France, and close associations with third world African countries. Even the services of the Senegalese Army were employed to secure blood specimens in one of Szmunn's many African experiments.

In June 1982, Wolf Szmunn died of lung cancer, but his seminal work at the New York City Blood Center continues to affect continents. The Center, in coordination with the WHO, IARC in France, and the Organization of African Unity has determined that all Black African babies are at "high risk" for hepatitis and that all babies require immunization. A 1983 report published after Szmunn's death details a new experimental hepatitis-B vaccine program in Kangwane, using Black South African infants as subjects.

On May 11, 1984 a landmark meeting took place to honor Szmunn. One of the most distinguished attendees was Dr. Robert Gallo, who had recently announced the discovery of the AIDS virus. Despite the denial of medical authorities, there is a connection between Szmunn's gay experiments and the outbreak of AIDS shortly thereafter. The connection spells: BIO-WARFARE. ●



Queer Blood: The truth about AIDS

interview by Mark Weston

Alan Cantwell Jr., M.D. is a dermatologist and scientific researcher in the field of cancer and AIDS microbiology. He is a graduate of New York Medical College, and is the author of more than thirty published papers on cancer, AIDS, and other immunological diseases in leading national and international peer-reviewed medical journals. He is the author of four books published by Aries Rising Press: **AIDS: The Mystery and the Solution**, **The Cancer Microbe**, **AIDS and the Doctors of Death** (in its fourth printing), and a new book **Queer Blood**. Doctor Cantwell was born in New York City in 1934, and now lives in Los Angeles.

Mark Weston: I notice that you publish your books yourself.

Dr. Cantwell: Nowadays if you want to get anything controversial published you have to do it yourself.

In your book *Aids and the Doctors of Death* you state that the AIDS epidemic had its origins in this country during Hepatitis-B vaccine trials conducted on gay men. What reason did the researchers give for selecting gay men as subjects?

Gay men have a high incidence of Hepatitis-B, so in order to test the efficacy of the Hepatitis-B vaccine, they felt that gay men were wonderful because they screwed a lot. Plus, I think the government in those days was coming down on the gay community about how diseased they were from all the screwing they were doing. So gay men were very willing to participate in this experiment.

Do you believe that these men were purposely infected with the AIDS virus as part of a deliberate genocidal plot against gays and certain ethnic groups?

It's my feeling that there was something behind it. I think they wanted to release the AIDS virus on the planet. I think that probably it's a depopulation plot. Now, naturally, if you concede that AIDS is an agent to depopulate the planet and the gay community then you have to say that what happened is that the green monkey bit someone's ass and that gays screwed too much. That was the cover story under which this awful virus spread worldwide. And the public, instead of suspecting genetic engineering and covert experiments, blame gay perversion.

I think that the whole AIDS genocide program is above U.S. politics. I think it's a worldwide plot and the coverup is this whole story about how we got AIDS. To my way of thinking there are two theories: The official one that AIDS came from Africa and my theory.

So called "AIDS experts" present only one AIDS model

to the American public. How many different theories on the origin and mechanics of HIV/AIDS exist?

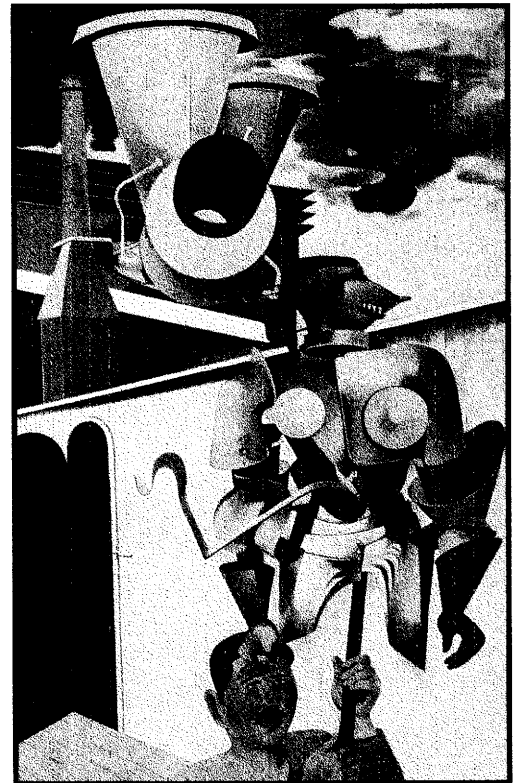
I happen to believe that AIDS is biological warfare and there are a few other people that believe the same. One theory relates the outbreak to a smallpox vaccine which was contaminated with the green monkey virus. That theory actually got quite a bit of fanfare. I remember hearing it on the radio. It was very interesting that they were talking about the vaccines they were giving to people in Africa which were contaminated with monkey virus. Gallo was aware of this outbreak with the smallpox vaccine in Africa, but when they interviewed him he never mentioned that he was aware of it. I don't think that's just an accidental result of poor journalism. If you could tie AIDS and the polio vaccine then how come the tie-in between smallpox and AIDS, which makes much more sense, was never mentioned?

That's why I feel very strongly that this was a deliberate plan and not an accident.

Who is profiting by this coverup?

I think you have the government scientists, who work hand in hand with military scientists, who work hand in hand with the World Health Organization, who work hand in hand with the pharmaceutical companies. We can no longer separate science from what is happening politically. In my view, for many years scientists have been led into the military to be a very important function of the political power structure. When you get your paycheck from the government, then right off the bat you have to tow the government line.

I was amazed to see in the *Advocate* (gay newspaper) a big ad inviting everyone to a dance after the March on Washington. And I'm looking at who sponsored this dance:



Big Brother still proclaims the "Green Monkey" theory, iron-clad after a decade of unsearch, uncure, and untruth.

AMFAR, the American Foundation for AIDS Research, the Advocate, and GENETECH, a genetic engineering company. Why would a genetic engineering company sponsor a gay dance? Then I say to myself, "No wonder they don't want to hear that AIDS is a genetically engineered virus put out there by scientists."

It's obvious from your writings that you believe that the AIDS virus was genetically engineered. Do you have any clues as to what the host virus might be?

I must admit, I'm not into virology. Others are saying that this virus has its origins in a mix of a couple of other animal viruses. All I can say is that's what I've read. Certain writings are very logical, so I would have to go along with them. Dr. Strecker makes a case that it is a virus that specifically looks like a combination of Bovine Lukemia/Sheep Visna, and I'm swayed to that kind of conclusion. I happen to think that's valid, or certainly as valid as Gallo's ideas about the green monkey model. If the AIDS virus were created by combining two animal viruses, that would be a way to get an animal virus across species. As I discuss in *Queer Blood*, they have started doing human genetic experiments. They are using a mouse Lukemia virus that is supposedly attenuated, and this virus was engineered into a human child. If you were to ask somebody, "Do you know that nowadays they are taking animal cancer virus and injecting it into human beings?" They would say, "The government would never do that!"

But that's exactly what they do!

Do you feel that HIV is the cause of AIDS?

In some way, I have to agree with that. I think that no matter what you call it, HIV is the trigger that leads to what we now call AIDS. There are some people who say that HIV does not cause AIDS; but I personally don't think that's true.

What does AIDS/HIV have in common with cancer?

When you study the tissues of AIDS patients, the cancerous parts of autopsies which I have done we find the

presence of bacteria similar to these cancer bacteria. What you find is that scientists have their own agenda and that agenda is all virus; it does not include bacteria, whereas 30 or 40 years ago, most of the biological warfare was done with bacteria. Now, since the advent of AIDS stemming from a gay lifestyle, the throwing in of another factor like bacteria rocks the boat. That would totally destroy the paradigm of HIV. Secondly, it would then throw AIDS into the cancer category and the government made very very clear that this was not cancer and had no relationship with cancer, and that straight

people could not get AIDS; only gays. So, what I found is that the cancer microbe concept was always highly controversial.

Do you think that condoms help stop the spread of AIDS?

They are as effective as helping to stop pregnancy. If a condom is good 90% of the time, and you are getting fucked 90 times a year, then 10 times you are not going to be safe or you are going to be pregnant. So my feeling in 1993 as a gay man, is that a penis should not be put in an asshole. But it's not politically correct to say that! You are trying to destroy gay culture if you say that. Give me a break. If I was a woman, nothing should go into my vagina unless its been tested and FDA approved. Otherwise, if I was a woman, we could do anything but, thank you, no fluids. I agree that it would not make for great heterosexual sex, but I think one has to ask oneself which would you rather be, fucked silly or

HIV negative? I personally think that, at least in the gay community, anal sex should not happen. If you want to put a ~~dirty~~ ~~dirty~~ fingers, fine.

Can mosquitos transmit the AIDS virus?

I hate that question. I think that it is theoretically possible. I think the best answer is the one that Dr. Strecker always gives. He says that we should take all those scientists that say

"absolutely not" and put them in a room full of mosquitos who have just sucked the blood out of a lot of AIDS patients and see what happens! I would love to see that experiment done. I could name a few people I would love to see put in that chamber. It would make a great Nazi experiment!

After being repeatedly ignored and reviled by the medical establishment all these years, do you ever suffer from the paranoid fear that the entrenched powers-that-be will try to get you out of the picture?

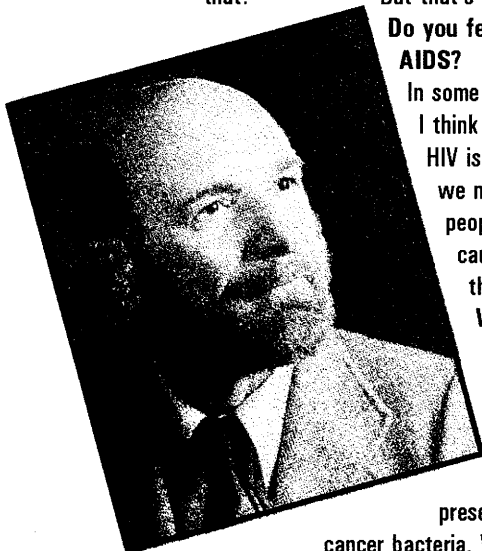
So far I've been lucky. They haven't taken me away yet. I like to feel that they can't steal my ideas. I don't have a microscope or a pill or a vaccine. They could take my books, but I've already seeded my books into the American population. Now, with the advent of the Xerox machine and computers, once you put it out there they can chop you into little pieces and your work still lives on. One of my great joys is being in contact with people like you from *Paranoia* magazine. It gives me the sense that, my god, there's hope.

Disseminating this information is the only way you are really going to wake up the American public. ●

When the government decides they want to make a statistic, they will figure out a way to make it

Dr. Alan Cantwell

We can no longer separate science from what is happening politically.



Jonestown, *con't from p. 9*

they forced nearly 400 people to die by injection, and then assisted in the murder of 500 more who attempted to escape. One survivor clearly heard people cheering 45 minutes after the massacre. Despite government claims, they are not accounted for, nor is their location known. Back in California,

Jeannie and Al Mills, who intended to write a book about Jones, were murdered at home, bound and shot. Some evidence indicates a connection between the Jonestown operation and the murders of Mayor Moscone and Harvey Milk by police agent Dan White.

People's Temple members openly admitted that they feared they were targeted by a "hit squad," and the Temple was surrounded for some time by local police forces. During that period, two members of the elite guard from Jonestown returned and were allowed into the Temple by police. The survivors who rode to Port Kaituma with Leo Ryan complained when Larry Layton boarded the truck, "He's not one of us." Rumors also persisted that a "death list" of U.S. officials existed, as some survivors verified in testimony to the San Francisco grand jury. A Congressional aide was quoted in the AP wires on May 19, 1979, "There are 120 white, brainwashed assassins out from Jonestown awaiting the trigger word to pick up their hit." Other survivors included Mark Lane and Charles Gary, lawyers for People's Temple who managed to escape the massacre somehow. In addition to the 16 who officially returned with the

Ryan party, others managed to reach Georgetown and come back home.

However, there have been continuing suspicious murders of those people here. Jeannie and Al Mills, who intended to write a book about Jones, were murdered at home, bound and shot. Some evidence indicates a connection between the Jonestown operation and the murders of Mayor Moscone and Harvey Milk by police agent Dan White. Another Jonestown survivor was shot near his home in Detroit by unidentified killers. Yet another was involved in a mass murder of school children in Los Angeles. Anyone who survived such massive slaughter must be somewhat suspect. The fact that the press never even spoke about nearly 200 survivors raises serious doubts.

WHO WAS JIM JONES?

In order to understand the strange events surrounding Jonestown, we must begin with a history of the people involved. The official story of a religious fanatic and his idealist followers doesn't

make sense in light of the evidence of murders, armed killers and autopsy cover-ups. If it happened the way we were told, there should be no reason to try to hide the facts from the public, and full investigation into the deaths at Jonestown, and the murder of Leo Ryan would have been welcomed. What did happen is something else instead: Jonestown was an experiment, part of a 30-year program called MKULTRA, the CIA and military intelligence code name for mind control.

Jim Jones grew up in Lynn, in southern Indiana. His father was an active member of the local Ku Klux Klan that infest that area. His friends found him a little strange, and he was interested in preaching the Bible and religious rituals. Perhaps more important was his boyhood friendship with Dan Mitrione, confirmed by local residents. In the early 50's Jones set out to be a religious minister, and was ordained at one point by a Christian denomination in Indianapolis. It was during this period that he met and married his lifelong mate, Marceline. He also had a small business selling monkeys, purchased from the research department at Indiana State University in Bloomington. We must abandon the myth that this was a religious commune and study instead the history that led to its formation.

A Bible-thumper and faith healer, Jones put on revivalist tent shows in the area, and worked close to Richmond, Indiana. Mitrione, his friend worked as chief of police there, and kept him from being arrested or run out of town. According to those close to him, he used wet chicken livers as evidence of "cancers" he was removing by "divine powers." His landlady called him "a gangster who used a Bible instead of a gun." His church followers included Charles Beikman, a Green Beret who was to stay with him to the end. Beikman was later charged with the murders of several Temple members in Georgetown, following the massacre. Dan Mitrione, Jones' friend, moved on to the CIA-financed International Police Academy, where police were trained in counterinsurgency and torture techniques from around the world. Jones, a poor, itinerant preacher, suddenly had money in 1961 for a trip to "minister" in Brazil, and he took his family with him. By this time, he had "adopted" Beikman, and eight children, both black and white. His neighbors in Brazil distrusted him. He told them he worked with U.S. Navy Intelligence. His transportation and groceries were being provided by the U.S. Embassy, as was the large house he lived in. His son Stephan commented that he made regular trips to Belo Horizonte, site of the CIA Headquarters in Brazil.

An American police advisor, working closely with the CIA at that point, Dan Mitrione was there as well. Mitrione had risen in the ranks quickly, and was busy training foreign police in torture and assassination methods. He was later kidnapped by Tupemaro guerrillas in Uruguay, interrogated and murdered. Costa Gavras made a film about his death, titled *State of Siege*. Jones returned to the United States in 1963, with \$10,000 in his pocket. Recent articles indicate that Catholic clergy are complaining about CIA funding of other denominations for "ministry" in Brazil; perhaps Jones was an early example.

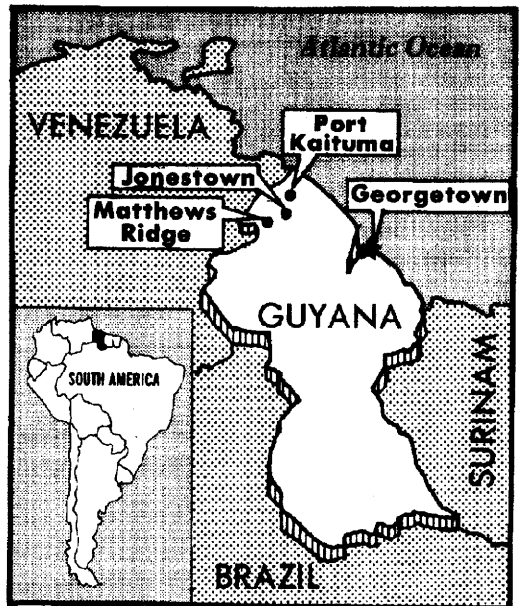
With his new wealth, Jones was able to travel to California and establish the first People's Temple in Ukiah, California, in 1965. Guarded by dogs, electric fences and guard towers, he set up Happy Havens Rest Home. Despite a lack of trained personnel, or proper licensing, Jones drew in many at the camp. He had elderly, prisoners, people from psychiatric institutions, and 150 foster children, often transferred to care at Happy Havens by court orders. He was contacted there by Christian missionaries from World Vision, an international evangelical order that had done espionage work for the CIA in Southeast Asia. He met "influential" members of the community, and was befriended by Walter Healy, the head of the local chapter of the John Birch Society. He used the members of his "church" to organize local voting drives for Richard Nixon's election, and worked closely with the Republican Party. He was even appointed chairman of the county grand jury.

"The Messiah from Ukiah," as he was known then, met and recruited Timothy Stoen, a Stanford graduate and member of the city D.A.'s office, and his wife Grace. During this time, the Layton family, Terri Buford and George Phillip Blakey, and other important members joined the Temple. The camp "doctor" Larry Schacht claims Jones got him off drugs and into medical school during this period. These were not just street urchins. Buford's father was a Commander for the fleet at the Philadelphia Navy Base for years. The Laytons were a well-heeled, aristocratic family. Dr. Layton donated at least a quarter-million dollars to Jones. His wife, son and daughter were all members of the Temple. George Blakey, who married Debbie Layton, was from a wealthy, British family. He donated \$60,000 to pay the lease on the 27,000 acre Guyana site in 1974. Lisa Phillips Layton had come to the U.S. from a rich banking family in Hamburg Germany.

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Jim Jones had amassed between \$26 million to \$2 billion, including bank accounts, foreign investments and real estate. Accounts were set up worldwide by key members, often in the personal name of certain people in the Temple. Much of this money, listed publicly after the massacre, disappeared mysteriously.

Stoen was able to set up important contacts for Jones as Assistant D.A. in San Francisco. Jones changed his image to that of a liberal. He had spent time studying the preaching methods of Father Divine in Philadelphia, and attempted to use them in a



Jonestown, Guyana

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manipulative way on the streets of Frisco. Fr. Divine ran a religious and charitable operation among Philadelphia's poor Black community. Jones was able to use his followers in an election once again, this time for Mayor Moscone. Moscone responded in 1976, putting Jones in charge of the city Housing Commission. In addition, many of his key followers got jobs with the city Welfare Department, and

much of the recruitment to the Temple in San Francisco came from the ranks of these unemployed and dispossessed people. Jones was introduced to many influential liberal and radical people there, and entertained or greeted people ranging from Rosalyn Carter to Angela Davis.

The period when Jones began the Temple there marked the end of an important political decade. Nixon's election had ushered in a domestic intelligence war against the movements for peace, civil rights and social justice. Names like COINTELPRO, CHAOS, OPERATION

GARDEN PLOT, and the HOUSTON PLAN made the news following in the wake of Watergate revelations. Senator Ervin called the White House plans against dissents "fascistic." These operations involved the highest levels of military and civilian intelligence and all levels of police agencies in a full-scale attempt to discredit, disrupt and destroy the movements that sprang up in the 1960's. There are indications that these plans, or the mood they created, led to the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Malcolm X, as unacceptable "Black Messiahs."

One of the architects under then Governor Reagan in California was the future Attorney General Edwin Meese. He coordinated OPERATION GARDEN PLOT for military intelligence and all police operations and intelligence in a period that was plagued with violations of civil and constitutional rights. Perhaps you can recall the police attacks on People's Park, the murder of many Black Panthers and activists, the infiltration of the Free Speech Movement and anti-war activity, the experimentation on prisoners at Vacaville, or the shooting of George Jackson. Meese later bragged that this activity had damaged or destroyed the people he called "revolutionaries." It was into this situation Jones came to usurp leadership.

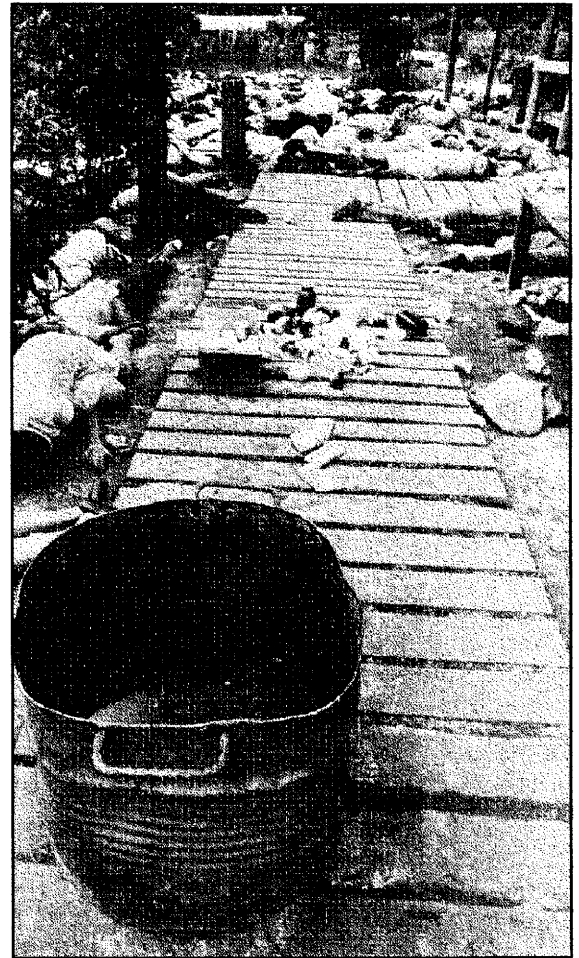
After his arrival in Ukiah, his methods were visible to those who took the time to investigate. His armed guards wore black uniforms and leather jackboots. His approach was first one of deception, and if that wore off, then manipulation and threats. Loyalty to his church included signing blank sheets of paper, later filled in with "confessions" and used for blackmail purposes, or to extort funds. Yet the vast membership he was extorting

often owned little, and he tried to milk them for everything from personal funds to land deeds. Illegal activities were regularly reported during this period, but either not investigated or unresolved. He clearly had the cooperation of local police. Years later, evidence would come out of charges of sexual solicitation, mysteriously dropped. Those who sought to leave were prevented and rebuked. Local journalist Kathy Hunter wrote in the Ukiah press about "Seven Mysterious Deaths" of Temple members who had argued with Jones and attempted to leave. One of these was Maxine Swaney. Jones openly hinted to other members that he had arranged for them to die, threatening a similar fate to others who would be disloyal. Kathy Hunter later tried to visit Jonestown, only to be forcibly drugged by Temple guards, and deported in Georgetown. She later charged that Mark Lane approached her, falsely identifying himself as a reporter for *Esquire*, rather than an attorney for Jim Jones. He led her to believe he was seeking information on Jones for an expose in the magazine, and asked to see her evidence.

The pattern was to continue in San Francisco.

In addition, Jones required that members practice for the mysterious "White Night," a mass suicide ritual that would protect them from murder at the hands of their enemies. Although the new Temple had no guards or fences to restrict members, few had other places to live, and many had given over all they owned to Jones. They felt trapped inside this community that preached love, but practiced hatred. Following press exposure, and a critical article in *New West* magazine, Jones became very agitated, and the number of suicide drills

increased. Complaints about mistreatment by current and ex-members began to appear in the media and reached the ears of Congressional representatives. Sam Houston, an old friend of



Rep. Leo Ryan, came to him with questions about the untimely death of his son following his departure from the Temple. Later, Timothy and Grace Stoen would complain to Ryan about custody of their young son, who was living with Jones, and urge him to visit the commune. Against advice of friends and staff members, Ryan decided to take a team of journalists to Guyana and seek the truth of the situation. Some feel that Ryan's journey there was planned and expected, and used as a convenient excuse to set up his murder. Others feel that this unexpected violation of

Misleading media: most Temple members were murder victims, not KoolAid suicides.

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UTNE Conspiracy?

After having read many conspiracy publications, I have come to believe in the existence of the international conspiracy. It seems apparent that one of the major families involved in the conspiracy quagmire is that of the Bauer clan -- otherwise known as the Rothschilds, or House of Rothschilds. Understanding this, one shudders when one learns that Eric Utne, of the **Utne Reader**: Journal of the "Alternative" Press, is, in fact, married to a Rothschild! What does this mean? It means the **Utne Reader** is merely the Establishment's organ, and indicates the extent to which the conspirators have infiltrated the realm of the alternative media. Woe unto ye, America...the eaters of thine sheep walk among thee as wolves.

-Devin X, Providence RI

Close to Armageddon

I am very interested to read "Trading with the Enemy" (PARANOIA Issue 1) and am writing to ask if you get...news about future, JFK, Hitler's holocaust, Jews' predictions for future, falling of Lucifer archangel, New World Order...I wish to joint with this subscription, and you send me regular newsletter about "future" story by post air mail directly to Australia within 15 days...It is too dangerous and scary to read of evil story and world is so close to Armageddon, I am so frightened!

-Henry B, Victoria Australia

Wild Theories?

My sister, Sandra Fonner, arranged JFK's assassination, through a local policeman Mr. Donahue. The reason: her birthday, November 25. Many times, it fell on Thanksgiving so she got to stay home from school. Early in November of '63, I tormented her because she would have to go to school that day. She said she wasn't going to school that day and neither would anybody else...Don't think Rhode Island is the only coverup state ("Report from RI", PARANOIA Issue 1); just look at Maryland: Agnew, Mandel, and we won't get into Schaeffer... Nintendo is a Japanese plot to make kids stupid...And how about Barney, a TV show too slow for a stupid turnip?

Who's making the bucks off that?

-Robin A, Baltimore MD

(Robin: I don't know about your other theories, but I do know that Rhode Island's own Hasbro toy company sells Barney the Dinosaur crap and paid a PR firm big bucks to create "Barneymania". Now, tell us more about those Maryland conspiracies.--Al)

Reporter Killed

Dear Conspiracy Nuts,

You folks seem to treat the conspiracy beat as it rightfully should be, with equal parts levity and seriousness. I'm not sure where I stand on some of the big Conspiracies, but they sure do fascinate me. Ask me about a local favorite sometime: The bombing of Phoenix reporter Don Bolles, the man who knew too much about mob/political crimes in our fair state.

-Rob C, Mesa AZ

(Rob: Do you have any news clips about Bolles? Might make a good article.--Al)

A Warning

Paranoia is a real fun read. Also, don't waste your time trying to work cooperatively with those **Processed World** magazine people: They're big scoffers at conspiracy theorists, not to mention that they're also a hypocritical bunch of authoritarian/Stalinist/statist/Personality Cultists.

-Ellen K, San Francisco CA

No UFOs

I was pleased to see your mag, much of it is very interesting. Especially the political stuff, which resonates with my own thinking and limited conspiracy knowledge. If I may comment, though: Please be very careful about the UFO stuff. You'll see why in my book, **Earth Lights Revelation**...I think the whole "extra terrestrial hypothesis" is hype, disinformation that has kept people who might otherwise stumble upon things aimlessly distracted. My god, they're still looking for dead aliens and crashed saucers in Roswell...I was unhappy to see Ellen Crystal's book in your "ReSources" section. There is definitely an unknown phenomenon occurring at Pine Bush...It has been by turns signs from god, dragons, meteors, German airships, foo fighters -- and

many other things before they became "alien spaceships".

-Paul Devereux, Publisher

The Ley Hunter, Cornwall England
Secret Government

I got a look at your first issue recently and would like to see more of the same creativity and boldness, so I've included moolah for a subscription. You can thank Ace Hayes and his Secret Government Seminar, in Portland, for the publicity here.

-Mark H, Portland OR

(Mark: Thanks for your support. Also, can you send us more information on Mr. Hayes and his Seminars?--Al)

The Flame Thrower

I heard your interview on KOA in Denver and just wanted to say that, while government gets and deserves a lot of credit, the private corporations are at the root of much evil and conspiracies so don't forget them...As lawyers proliferate like flies from maggots on dead meat, so conspiracies become more desirable. The rule of law will vanish like a puff of smoke, to be replaced by the flame thrower.

-J.S., Fresno CA

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Octopus Update: Casolaro and MJ-12

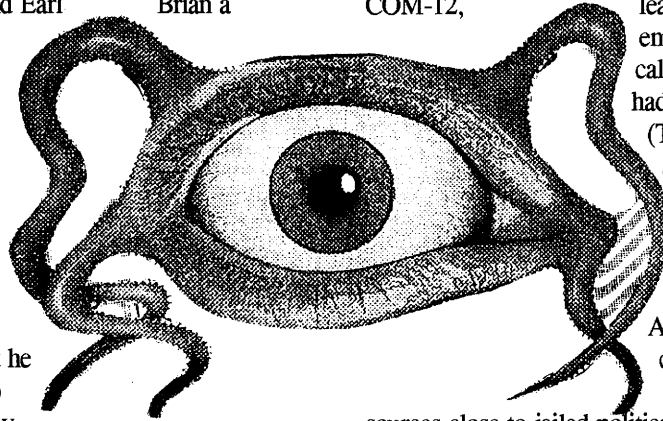
by Al Hidell

Writing in the Winter 1992 *Steamshovel Press*, Kenn Thomas provides new insights into the mysterious death of writer Danny Casolaro (see *PARANOIA*, Issue 1.) According to Thomas, Casolaro's death may have been more the result of a rift in the intelligence community than any threat posed by his reportedly fictional manuscript.

Casolaro had been working on a conspiracy manuscript which linked the S&L, Iran-Contra, October Surprise, BCCI, and INSLAW software scandals. He was found dead (with slashed wrists) in a West Virginia hotel room on August 10, 1991. His body was quickly embalmed, without the family's permission, before an autopsy could be performed. Conveniently, his notes and manuscript soon disappeared.

Inslaw and the October Surprise

Michael Riconosciuto, the central figure in Casolaro's story, claimed that Attorney General Ed Meese gave his friend Earl Brian a software program called Promis that had been sold by a company called Inslaw for the Justice Department's exclusive use. Brian apparently bootlegged the software and sold it to several international police agencies. Riconosciuto claims that he modified the software to allow the U.S. to secretly access the files of these international police agencies. Meese's buddy Brian is also alleged to have transported \$40 million to Iran as part of a 1980 Reagan-Bush campaign effort to delay the release of the Iranian hostages until



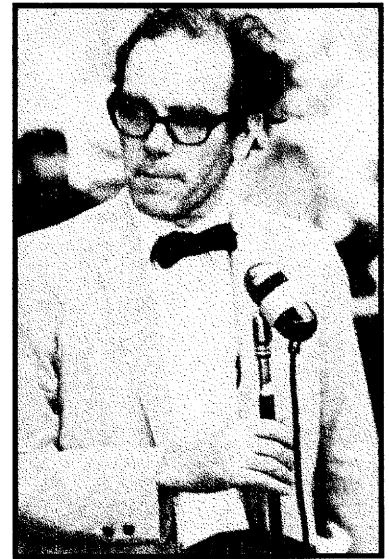
after the election (the October Surprise.)

Links to JFK

According to the *Village Voice* (10/15/91) Casolaro's Gambino crime family connection put him in touch with E. Howard Hunt, **Watergate** burglar and alleged "tramp" arrested after the JFK murder. Hunt lost a defamation suit filed against Liberty Lobby, which published claims of his involvement in the **JFK assassination**.

The UFO Connection

Riconosciuto is now jailed on drug charges, based on a bust that took place after he provided testimony in the Inslaw case. He claims that Casolaro's intelligence sources were involved in factional split, with the intelligence community divided over the question of loyalty to George Bush. One faction, COM-12,



Lyndon Larouche

leaked information to embarrass the other faction, called Aquarius. Aquarius had a subgroup called MJ-12. (The term MJ-12 appears on a controversial memo ostensibly documenting the retrieval of aliens from a 1947 UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico.)

Also, some of Casolaro's contacts were reportedly developed through sources close to jailed political and intelligence figure **Lyndon Larouche**. UFO researcher Jacques Vallee has suggested a link between Larouche's European followers and a cult of UFO hoaxsters (**UMMO**) in Spain, Argentina, and Russia. •

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The End times. Armageddon. The Apocalypse. From Saint John's Book of Revelation to the Seven Seals of David Koresh, it seems people have been predicting The End of The World since, well, the Beginning of the World.

But are these predictions part of a conspiracy? They are, in a way. Because constructing a conspiracy theory from various events is a lot like arguing for the imminent End of the World based on various "signs." Conspiracy theorists and apocalypse scholars are both looking for patterns as they try to explain a frightening world.

Hidden Agendas

But End Time entrepreneurs like author/evangelist Hal Lindsey and preacher Jim Jones often have a hidden political agenda. For Jones, who moved his followers to remote Guyana to escape the coming nuclear Apocalypse, the agenda was remarkably left-wing and was "hidden" by superficial coverage of the 1978 Jonestown massacre. For Lindsey, the politics were capitalist. That is, he hoped to sell a lot of books. But his paperback interpretations of Bible prophecy also had a wider political agenda: a strongly pro-Israel foreign policy and, domestically, a Cold War justification for the US military buildup of the 1980s.

Naked Rapture

The notion of the End of the World isn't confined to a particular political or religious group. And Ted Daniels, a Philadelphia folklorist who publishes *Millennium News*, tries to keep abreast of all of them: From people who believe the UFOs are coming to take the faithful to heaven (located in the Orion star system) to members of Korea's Mission of the Coming Days Church, who recently announced their imminent lifting up into heaven in what is known as the Rapture (a kind of cosmic rescue from the Apocalypse.) Church members, who

warned that their clothing and dental fillings would not be lifted up, saw their Day of Naked Rapture pass without incident.

"I find more and more (groups) all the time, and they seem to be getting more excited, especially the UFO people," says Daniels. Indeed, interest in the End of the World

Bible prophecies and believes that they refer to his own times. According to Lindsey, these are the "signs" that the "Countdown to Armageddon" has begun:

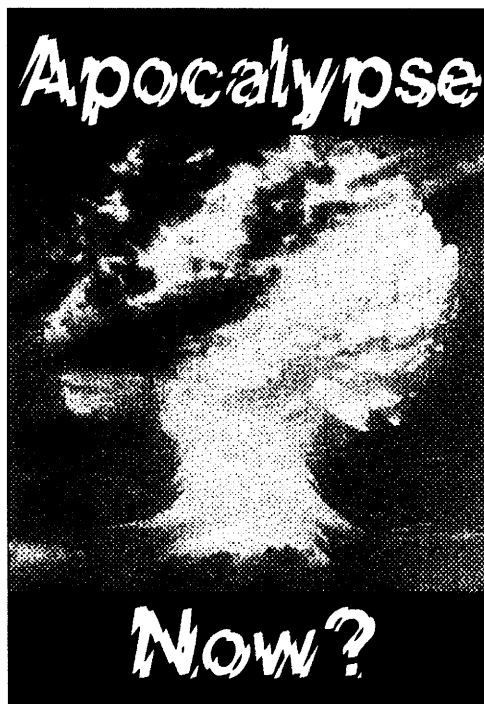
- **The Rebirth of Israel.** Israel is the key piece of Lindsey's Apocalyptic puzzle. He notes that Moses predicted that, just before the end of time, the Jews would return to their homeland and form a nation. This, of course, happened when the state of Israel was formed on May 14, 1948. As Lindsey proclaims, "On that day, the prophetic countdown began!" He gives Israel a prophetic stamp of inevitability, making Palestinian land claims seem almost irrelevant.

- **The Arab-Muslim Confederacy.** According to Lindsey, the prophets said the Arabs would be united in the End Times. And they are, he says: united in their common desire to destroy Israel.

- **The Rise of the Soviet Union.** Ezekiel, Daniel, and Zachariah all predicted that a nation to the extreme north of Israel (called "Magog") would become a worldwide threat and

launch an all-out attack on Israel. The country would then betray and invade its Arab allies. Lindsey cites the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, and the strategic importance of Middle Eastern oil, as signs that this prediction is valid. (Lindsey would likely say that, despite the collapse of the Soviet Union, Boris Yeltsin's Russia is still intact, the most powerful and largest former Soviet Republic. It is still a nuclear threat. And it is due north of Israel.)

- **The Rise of China.** A power known in the Bible as the "Kings of the East" will move an army of 200 million into the Russian/Middle East war. Lindsey says that only China is capable of mobilizing an army of 200 million. And he notes that, amazingly, the *total population* of the world was less than 200 million when this Biblical prophecy was



by Al Hidell

seems to grow towards the end of centuries, especially biggies like the year 2,000.

Of all the apocalyptic groups, "fundamentalist (Christian) groups are the most intense," according to Richard Cimino, editor of *Religious Watch*, a newsletter on contemporary religion. "The evangelicals used to see Communism as the big foe in terms of bringing in the Antichrist. Now, they're focusing a lot on Islam and Muslims." And, of all the fundamentalist doomsayers, perhaps the most intense is Hal Lindsey.

The End of the World Step-by-Step

In *The Late Great Planet Earth*, Lindsey describes how the world's powers will collide in the final stage of history. Like most apocalypse scholars, he bases his statements on

Sources
Hal Lindsey
The Late Great Planet Earth
and
The 1980s Countdown to Armageddon
Colin McEnroe
Hartford Courant

written.

● **Revival of the Roman Empire.** The Bible predicts the return of the Roman Empire in the form of a 10-nation confederacy. First, there will be economic integration, followed by political unity. A leader, someone who is alive today, will rise from the confederacy and enslave the world with his charm. This is the antichrist, who will talk peace but lead the world to the final battle (Armageddon), during which God will intervene and selectively lift the faithful into heaven.

Prophecy and Conspiracy

Today there is a movement toward European integration, both economic and political. As promoted by Insiders like the Trilateral Commission, this is seen by some as setting the stage for the rise of the antichrist. Indeed, Lindsey discusses the Trilateral Commission in *The 1980s: Countdown to Armageddon*. He thus links

the worlds of conspiracy theory and Biblical prophecy:

"The prophecies concerning the antichrist give us some insight into what world conditions must soon exist. First, there must be a shift of power to Western Europe.

Second, there must be a centralization of economic

power (and) a single world monetary system."

Lindsey then warns of a group "which is working to reduce (US) power and establish a world economic and political system. . . the organization's ultimate goal is to create a world government which will use economics to rule the world.

"The name of this group is the Trilateral Commission." ●

Countdown to Armageddon Checklist



part from a long nineteenth-century gap, the great powers have all gone to war with each other about every fifty years throughout modern history. So why do the great powers all go to war about every fifty years? It is almost certainly because the most important international facts in any interwar period are determined by the peace treaty that ended the last war. Each world war reshuffles the pack, and the situation is then more or less frozen by the peace settlement; that is what fixes all the sensitive, disputed frontiers and allocates the various great powers their positions in the international pecking order.

At the instant it is signed, the peace settlement is generally an exact description of the true power relationships in the world. It is easily enforceable, because the beneficiaries have just beaten the losers in war. But as the decades of peace pass, some powers grow rapidly in strength and others face relative decline, so that after half a century or so the real power relationships in the world are very different from those prescribed by the last peace settlement. And it is at that point that some frustrated power whose allotted role in the international system is too confining, or some frightened nation in decline that sees its power slipping away, kicks over the apple cart and initiates the next reshuffle of the deck.

There is no magic in the figure of fifty years. That just seems to be how long it usually takes for the realities of power to become seriously out of kilter with the relations prescribed by the last peace settlement. That World War II came only twenty years after World War I seriously distorts our perception of the normal historical rhythm (and gives us a quite unwarranted confidence that we are doing better than earlier generations at avoiding a major war). But the unusually brief interval of peace after World War I is probably due mainly to the fact that it was the first total war, with the accompanying demand for unconditional surrender by the losers, and so the Treaty of Versailles in 1919, with its extreme terms, was a less accurate description of the real power relationships in the world than are most peace settlements: "Tremendous victories make bad peaces," as Guglielmo Ferrero remarked.

There is no way of telling whether we should count ourselves lucky because this interval between world wars has lasted so long compared to the last one, or whether we are back on the traditional fifty-year cycle and simply have not come into the danger zone yet. A historical cycle is not a natural law, but merely a pattern with a high probability of recurring. But I personally believe that the world just hasn't changed enough yet to make another world war probable.

It is easy to list the key changes that would violate or undermine the 1945 settlement in dangerous ways:

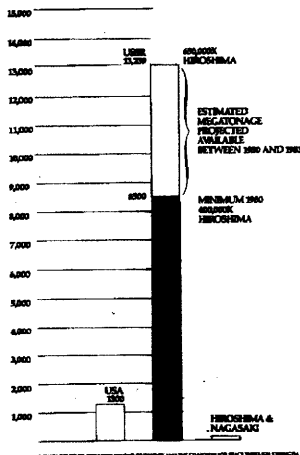
- ✓ The reunification of Germany
- ✓ The rearmament of Japan to a level commensurate with its economic strength
- ✓ The relative economic decline of the Soviet Union to the point where it could no longer credibly sustain its role as a superpower and a guardian of the status quo
- ✓ The emergence of China as a genuine great power

There are clearly political and economic trends in the contemporary world that point in the direction of some, if not all, of these changes, but none of them has actually come to pass yet. . .

From: Gwynne Dyer, *War*, Crown Publishers: NY, 1985

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The politics of paranoia: From Lindsey's book *The 1980s: Countdown to Armageddon*

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secrecy around Jonestown set off the spark that led to the mass murder. In either case, it marked the beginning of the end for Ryan and Jones.

At one point, to show his powers, Jones arranged to be shot in the heart in front of the congregation. Dragged to a back room, apparently wounded and bleeding, he returned a moment later alive and well. While this may have been more of his stage antics to prompt believers' faith, it may also have marked the end of Jim Jones.

For undisclosed reasons, Jones had and used "doubles." This is very unusual for a religious leader but quite common in intelligence operations. Even the death and identification of Jim Jones were peculiar. He was apparently shot by another person at the camp. Photos of his body do not show identifying tattoos on his chest. The body and face are not clearly recognizable due to bloating and discoloration. The FBI reportedly checked his fingerprints twice, a seemingly futile gesture since it is a precise operation. A more logical route would have been to check dental records. Several researchers familiar with the case feel that the body may not have been Jones. Even if the person at the site was one of the "doubles" it does not mean Jones is still alive. He may have been killed at an earlier point. ●

**To Be Continued Next Issue:
Jonestown and the Death of Martin Luther King.**

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Waco: Did history repeat itself?

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After a 51-day standoff, charismatic cult leader David Koresh led his followers to their deaths in a mass suicide. So goes the official version. Although the full story of Waco has yet to emerge, the fiery deaths of Koresh and his Branch Davidian sect were, at least in part, the direct result of government action. According to news footage, the Waco fire began in the part of the compound where the FBI's "non-pyrotechnic" tear gas was being launched. And CNN featured a Waco fire official who stated that the FBI took his department off emergency standby status before the fire. When the inferno began, the FBI had to call 911.

preparing a violent assault on the citizens of Waco; engaging in money-laundering; and running an illegal methodone lab. None of these charges have been proven.

● Although the FBI was technically correct in stating the CS gas pumped into the compound was not flammable, the statement is misleading. According to Engleman, the delivery system for the gas is a highly refined form of kerosene.

● Despite highly-publicized charges of child abuse, cited by Attorney General Reno, the Waco county Child Protective Services told Engleman that there is no evidence to corroborate the charges.

A possible motive

It's clear that the Koresh group was targeted by the U.S. government for a highly public campaign of harassment. If the intent was to simply arrest Koresh, that could have been done quietly during one of his excursions off the compound. The massive government siege, which only fed any existing paranoia among sect members, was simply not necessary.

But what could be the government's motive? At this point, the most plausible conspiracy theory holds that the U.S. wanted to make an example of David Koresh, as they attempted to do with the recently-aquitted Randy Weaver (During yet another

bloody "siege" in August 1992.) In both cases, a precedent was set for the exercise of extreme government power in order to disarm people with "radical" views. (Both Koresh and Weaver were ostensibly being sought for gun law violations.) To some, it was another step in the plot of "gun-grabbers" to disarm America,

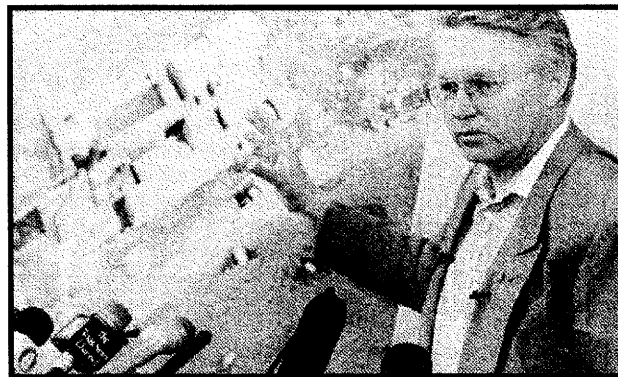
Who killed Koresh?

Like Jim Jones, Koresh did not die the way most of his followers died: Both men were shot to death. But forensic expert Cyril Wecht, hired by the Koresh family, says the gunshot wound to Koresh's forehead was "not typical" of suicide, according to a **Washington Post** report. Also, Wecht noted that the wound in the back of the head of Koresh lieutenant Steve Schneider means that "he did not shoot himself."

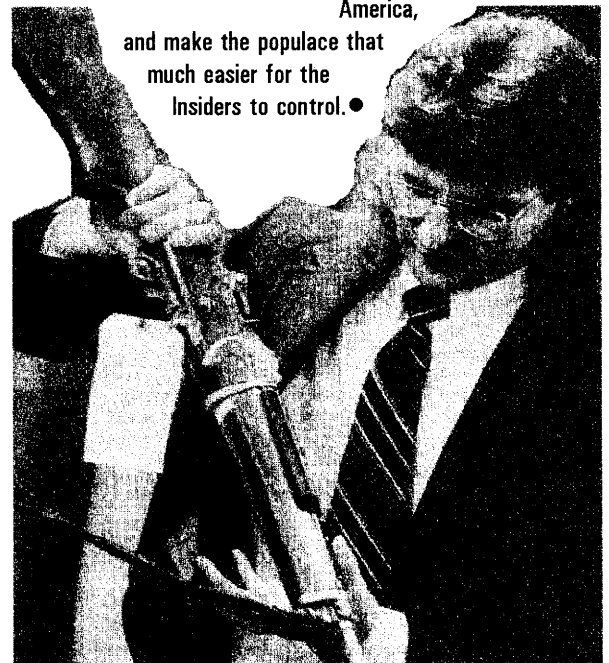
Government disinformation

First-hand observer Ron Engleman, a Dallas radio talk-show host, has noted several instances of government lying:

- The FBI implied the Waco inferno was a tragic, unexpected event. Yet a Parkland Hospital employee told Engleman the FBI had called asking how many available beds they had in their Burn Unit hours before the fire broke out.
- The BATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) made a widely-reported claim that they'd been "ambushed" by the Davidians, who fired the first shot. Later, a BATF agent admitted that the BATF fired first, "by accident."
- The BATF first claimed they'd been outgunned by the Davidians at the initial February 27 raid. The next day, the assistant BATF director admitted, "We were not outgunned."
- The BATF stated Koresh had not been out of the compound for eight months, making the siege unavoidable. This was contradicted by news footage of Koresh attending a December concert in Waco, and the statements of a restaurant manager that Koresh had eaten there weekly through the middle of February, often with the Waco sheriff.
- The government had charged the Branch Davidians with



Disinformation specialist? FBI special agent Bob Ricks



and make the populace that much easier for the Insiders to control. ●

David Koresh appears in court, 1986



Dear Diary

Oct. 22. Hospital I am in a small room with about 12 others (sick persons.) The room is very drab as well as breakfast. Only after prolonged (2 hours) observation of the other patients do I realize I am in the Insanity ward. This realization disgusts me. Later in afternoon I am visited by Rimma (**Oswald's "preety" Soviet Intourist guide--ed.)** she comes in with two doctors, as inter she must ask me medical questions: Did you know what you were doing? (**Oswald's suicide attempt--ed.)** Ans. yes. Did you blackout? No etc. I then complain about poor food the doctors laugh app. this is good sign. Later they leave, I am alone with Rimma (amongst the mentally ill) she encourages me and scolds me she says she will help me get transferred to another section of Hos. (not for insane) where food is good.

Oct. 23. Transferred to ordinary ward (airy, good food. but nurses suspicious of me. they know). Afternoon. I am visited by Rosa Agafonova of the hotel tourist office, who asks me about my health, very beautiful, excelant Eng., very merry and kind, she makes me glad to be alive. Later Rimma visits.

Oct. 24. Hospital routine. Rimma visits me in afternoon.

Oct 25. " "

Oct 26. An elderly American at the hospital grow suspicious about me for some reason, because at Embassy I told him I had not registered as most tourist and I am in general evasive about my presence in Moscow and at hospital. Afternoon Rimma visits.

Oct 27. Stitches are taken out by

doctor with "dull" scissor.

Wed, Oct 28. Leave hospital in intorist car with Rimma for Hotel "Berlin" later I change hotels to "Metropole" all cloths packed, and money from my room (to the last kopeek) returned as well as watch, ring. Ludmilla Dimitrova (Intorist office head) and Rosa invite me to come and sit and take with them any time. I get lonesome at new hotel. They feel sorry for me. Rimma notifies me that, pass & registration office whshes to see me about

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my future. Later Rimma and car pick me up and we enter the offices to find four offials waiting for me (all unknown to me) They ask How my arm is, I say O.K. They ask "Do you want to go to your homeland. I say no I want Sovite citizen. I say I want to reside in Soviet Union. They say they will see about that. Than

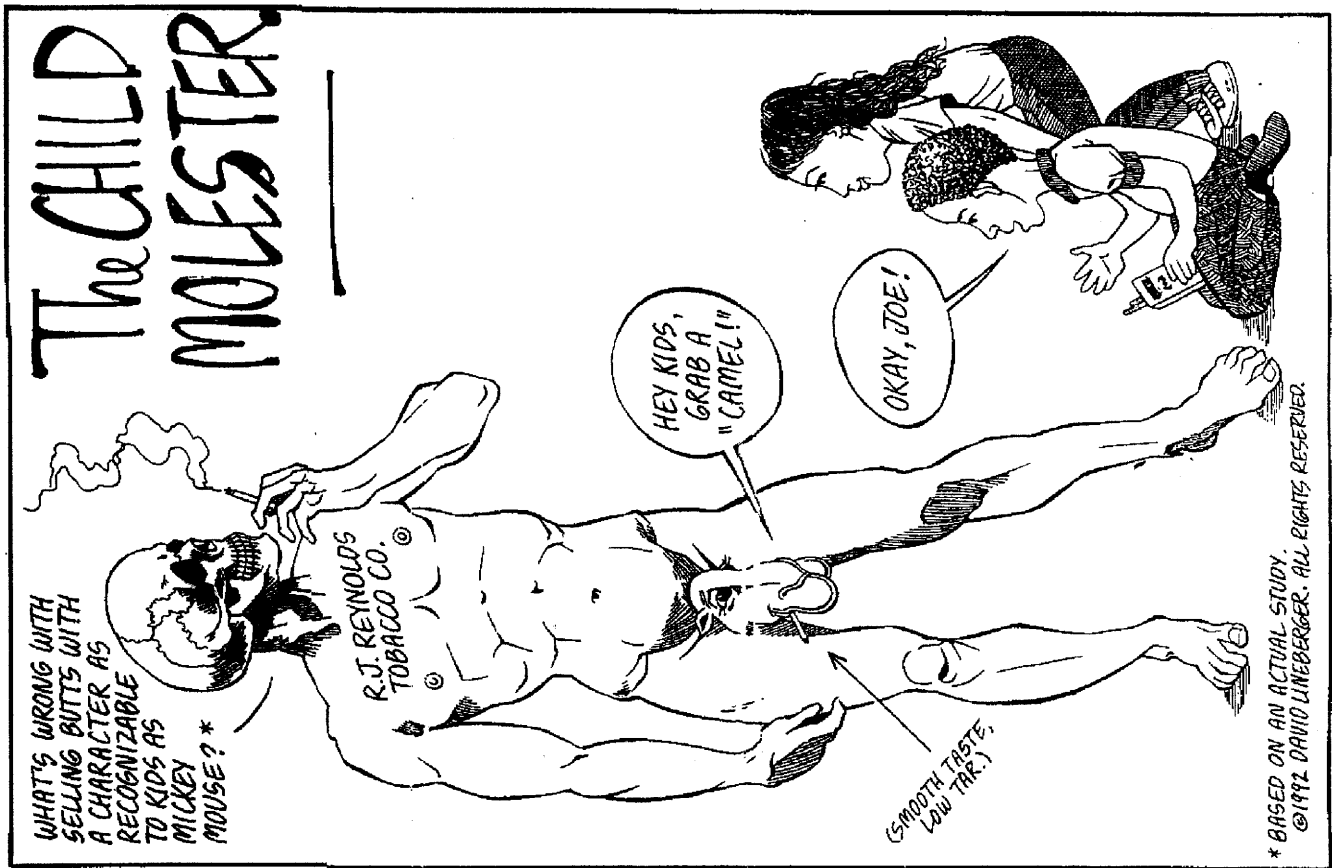
they ask me about the lone offial with whom I spoke in the first place (appar. he did not pass along my request at all but thought simply to get rid of me by not extending my Soviet visa) I describe him (they make notes) (what papers do you have to show who and what you are? I give them my dischare papers from the Marine Corps. They say wait for our ans. I ask how long? Not soon. Later Rimma comes to check on me. I feel insulted and insult her.

Oct 29. Hotel Room 214 Metropole Hotel. I wait. I worry. I eat once, stay next to phone worry I keep fully dressed.

Oct. 30. Hotel Room I have been in hotel three days, if seems like three years I must have some sort of showdown!

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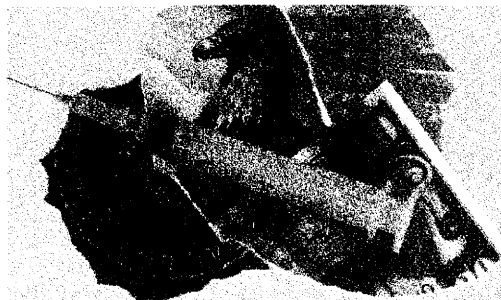
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heroin continued coming into the U.S. until 1975, when revolutionary forces drove the U.S. out of Laos and Vietnam.

As a direct result of CIA operations, the number of people in the U.S. addicted to heroin jumped from 57,000 in 1965 to 560,000 in 1971 and to 740,000 in 1977. Thereafter, U.S. military and CIA operations shifted to Thailand, which became the world's largest heroin producer. In 1973, U.S. Customs agents broke up a Chicago-based drug ring that had smuggled 100 pounds of pure opium into the U.S. from Thailand. A Thai national, Puttapor Khramkhraun, who was in the U.S. for a management training course sponsored by U.S. AID (Agency for International Development) was among those arrested. The case never went to trial, for it was later revealed that Khramkhraun was a CIA agent, and the entire case was dropped at the request of the CIA. While in custody, Khramkhraun "sang" to an investigator about 16 commando raids into China, and of guarding caravans of opium from Burma to Thailand. In 1976, a CIA-backed right-wing military junta took over Thailand. The flow of narcotics from Thailand increased dramatically and continues today.



In April, 1986 Costa Rican police seized a small airplane loaded with cocaine near the Nicaraguan border; arrested was Aldolfo Chamorro, second commander of U.S.-backed contra forces, and two anti-Castro Cubans.

This spurred an intensive investigation by Costa Rican authorities, which led to the expulsion of several CIA agents involved in

drug-running for the Contra operation. Among those expelled were Oliver North and Richard Secord, former head of Air America. They could not be prosecuted due to "diplomatic immunity."

In the same way that General Richard Secord's Air America acted as a cover for covert CIA opium smuggling, Richard Secord's Contra arms operation was a cover for covert CIA cocaine smuggling. In the locations of both of these operations, standard military surveillance of these areas was shut down for "national security" reasons so that the CIA could conduct their "anti-Communist" operations unhindered.

Future historians will refer to the Vietnam war as "the Drug War," akin to the British Opium Wars of the nineteenth century. Through Operation Air America, the CIA sold huge quantities of heroin to the troops at giveaway prices to get them addicted. One Vietnam veteran told me, "They sold it to us so cheap, I don't see how they could have made any money off us. I don't know why they did it." When the troops returned home, they discovered the price of the CIA's heroin

had greatly increased. The CIA may have lost money selling heroin to the troops in Vietnam, but they more than made it back when the troops returned home.

In 1964, the number of heroin addicts had dropped to 48,000 from 60,000 in 1950. A few years later, 15% of American soldiers would return home from Vietnam -- as heroin addicts.

The global drug trade was back in business. ●

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