

CPUSA named in Jim Jones' will

The pro-Moscow revisionist Communist Party U.S.A. has been named in the will of People's Temple leader Jim Jones.

The handwritten will of the late cult leader was published by the San Francisco Examiner Feb. 8 in the wake of the death of more than 900 Temple members.

According to the will, Jones' personal fortune, estimated at about \$10 million, should go to his family and, if the family was not alive, to the CPUSA.

Jones' wife Marceline, a daughter Agnes, and two adopted sons, John M. and Lew Jones, died in the ritual murder-suicide in Jonestown, Guyana, along with Jones last November. Survivors of the family include daughter Suzanne, a cult defector; son Stephan; and adopted sons Jim Jr. and Tim, who were

in Guyana at the time of the killings. Property listed in the will includes four sites in Indianapolis and other real estate.

The will demonstrates the close relationship that existed between the Jones-led cult and the revisionist party. CP leaders, such as Angela Davis, spoke at Jones' church in California and actively supported People's Temple activities.

The CP apparently found a common ground with Jones in the promotion of phony counter-culture alternatives to the struggle against the evils of capitalism. Both organizations presented a front of social activism only to channel the militancy of those attracted to them into the very system they pretended to oppose.

Jones was a strong apologist for the Soviet Union and often

spoke of it as a "socialist paradise." Following the mass killings, three People's Temple guards left the cult's Jonestown headquarters with half a million dollars in cash earmarked for the Soviet embassy in Guyana's capital.

It was later reported that the Russians actually offered the Temple "asylum" in the USSR or Cuba just prior to the massacre. But the Russian connection to the events in Jonestown were then quietly dropped from the pages of the press.

In its own press, the revisionist party tried to cover up the mass murders, at first ignoring their friends' brutal, anti-people act and then trying to pass it off as a "CIA plot." But the facts show that it was none other than the revisionists themselves, along

with their liberal Democratic Party friends, who worked closely with and supported the cult.

Jones was a strong backer of the CP's political allies who are part of its "left-center coalition" such as California representative Willie Brown; the late San Francisco mayor George Moscone; Calif. Lt. Gov. Mervyn Dymally, and Gov. Jerry Brown himself.

Despite the CP's efforts to disassociate themselves from Jonestown, the grisly events keep coming back to haunt the revisionists. Jones' will is a personal reminder from the late reactionary cult leader that the CP and the Moscow revisionists were his dear friends whom he remembers even in death.