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## Testimonial honors Fresno Four

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If you came to spend an evening with Assemblyman Willie Brown, Lt. Gov. Merwyn Dymally, San Francisco's Mayor George Moscone, Police Chief Charles R. Galt, District Attorney Joseph Freitas, Eldridge Cleaver and his wife and a member of the John Birch

Society, where do you think you would be?  
At a political rally, right? Wrong!

You would be one of the more than 4,000 people who turned out for a testimonial dinner in San Francisco for Pastor Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple honoring the Fresno Four newsmen with

the proceeds to go to the church's many charitable projects.

The whole evening was precipitated by the participation of approximately 1,000 members of the Peoples Temple who traveled from Los Angeles, San Francisco and Ukiah churches to protest the continued confinement of

the Fresno Bee newsmen in a peaceful demonstration supporting the First Amendment to the Constitution.

Mike Prokes, an assistant minister of the church, and Assemblyman Willie Brown shared the emcee duties of the evening which featured the public thanks of the "Fresno Four."



MEMBERS FROM THE "FRESNO FOUR" — A special feature of the testimonial dinner held in San Francisco Saturday night for Pastor Jim Jones of the Peoples Temple church was the appearance of the four Fresno Bee men who were jailed on contempt of court charges for refusing to divulge their news sources and came to the dinner to personally thank Jones and the 1,000 members of the Peoples Temple who

went to Fresno to make a peaceful demonstration protesting the confinement of the newsmen and in support of the First Amendment to the Constitution. Pictured with Jones at far right are, from left: Joseph Bonito, reporter; James Bert, city editor; William K. Patterson, reporter; and George Croner, managing editor. (See page 2 for additional pictures and story.) —Journal photo by K. Hunter.

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**REPUBLICANS ALSO TALK TO DEMOCRATS** — Dr. and Mrs. S. Boynton of Utah visit with Lt. Gov. Marvin Dymally

and his stunningly beautiful wife, who everyone agreed could win any office she chose to run for.



**WELCOME!** — Sandy Bradshaw of Utah, who was one of the hostesses for the Peoples Temple dinner, makes S.F. Police Chief Charles Gair especially welcome to the

evening's festivities while Tim Stoen exchanges a witticism with a dancer companion.

"We have seen no greater example of the brotherhood of man," said James Bart, city editor of the Fresno Bee speaking for himself and the other three newsmen, "than was exemplified by Rev. Jones and the members of the multi-racial, inter-faith Peoples Temple" who came to Fresno in their support.

Mayer George Moscone presented a plaque thanking Jones for "his personal support given on many occasions whenever asked" and State Senator Milton Marks presented the pastor with a resolution on behalf of the entire State Senate commending the work of the Peoples Temple.

A certificate of honor was also presented Jones by Bob Mendelsohn on behalf of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors thanking the church for its many projects "which have been so beneficial to all the citizens of the Bay Area."

Claude Worrell, ambassador to the Guyanese embassy in Washington, D.C. was present at the head table to thank Jones and the Peoples Temple for their present agricultural mission to his country and Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial church was also present to give Jones and the Temple a plaque of appreciation for the Temple's work in humanitarian ministry.

Perhaps the most poignant anecdote came from Lt. Gov. Dymally who commented that all people can live, work and love together for here was an example of thousands who had come together — blacks, whites, orientals, the young and the old of all denominations — in a temple, God's temple.

The evening, which included outstanding band and vocal entertainment as well as dancing by the Temple's young people, concluded with Jones telling the assemblage that prayer alone wouldn't do the job — "you have to put legs to your prayers."

He also introduced and thanked Walter Heady and Dr. and Mrs. S. Boynton of Utah for their support, counsel and friendship during many difficult times.