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violation of state constitution's ban on state support of religion should come first, application of the provision to discontinue revenue-sharing, state certification and training of law enforcement officers, access to LEDS and recognition of zoning and building regulations should come second, and only then should come the federal determination of whether the federal guarantee of religious freedom is violated; R attorney says the state is engaging in procedural manipulation and that federal constitutional rights are at issue; meanwhile discovery in the case continues in USDC in Portland and arguments on the state's June 29 request for summary judgment are scheduled for Oct. 15 (O-4; SJ-5; RG-5; RT-6; DWR-12)

- 4 W: R: R reportedly steps up precautions against AIDS, including cleaning hands with alcohol, use of bleach rinse on dishes and avoidance of "'all means of transfer and exchange of body fluids'"; two persons tested for AIDS at R found to have HTLV III antibodies and are placed in isolation; testing of all R residents began about one year ago; R has passed an ordinance banning discrimination against homosexuals (O; O-5; BB-5; LAT-6; SJ-6; RG-6; DWR-12; RT-13); visitor's report says R "scary, eerie" (CVR)
- 4 AUS: SCHL: Rajneeshees have sold Karri Valley Park property and agreed to move by November; they are seeking another site for their school; many locals and government officials express pleasure (WBT)
- 4 CAN: Rajneesh meditation center in apartment in Montreal faces problems with a director of permits and inspections after 8 years without problem (MG)
- 4 WCCC: NO. : Judge Kristena A. LaMar dismisses the final motion in the child abuse case brought against R residents by Diane McDonald after hearing W County DA arguments in an attempt to compel production of the alleged victims' names; main body of the case had been dismissed a week earlier and this dismissal ends all proceedings (RT-6; BB-6; O-6; DWR-12)
- 4 W: R: Madras, OR The Madras Pioneer runs edited text of their reporter's Aug. 23 interview with Bhagwan
- 5 W: R: Oregon state epidemiologist says R is overreacting to AIDS in its precautions and isolation of two persons in whom antibodies have been detected (O-7)
- 6 AUS: ED: Hostile public opinion poll to Rajneeshees in Esperance, West Australia; Education and Planning

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- Minister Bob Pearce pledges support for Esperance if Rajneeshees move there from Karri Valley, saying "...they sometimes go to extraordinary lengths to conceal what they are doing...I would support any attempt by the local community to resist domination."; apparently, local woman running for office had called him earlier in the week for investigation of a possible Rajneeshee move into the area; the Rajneeshees deny any plans to move and say the woman was merely seeking publicity and votes (EE)
- 7 W: R: CNCL: R Council decides to appeal W County decision to remove all cities from county comprehensive land use plan to LUBA (RT-13)
- 8 W: R: FEST: IMP: Mahaparinirvana Day celebration at R for all sannyasins who have left their bodies (RT-6); three new books released: Notes of a Madman, Glimpses of a Golden Childhood, Books I Have Loved (RT-13)
- 9 W: R: SCHL: COMM: PLAN: R School District opens classes with 65-70 grade school students in CR for classes from 1:30-5:30 and 50 junior and senior high school students in R; the "school without walls" program is not reopened, but the district is considering whether to challenge SPI's decision to without BSS money because the program "was permeated with religious symbolism" (BB-8; RT-13); W County Court/Commission votes to delete the comprehensive plans of R and all other cities from the county land use plan; R officials testify against the action; County Attorney says W the only county in the state that adopted city plans as part of the county plan (BB-10; RT-13)
- 9 WCCC: NO. : Couple arrested for disturbing the peace in R on Aug. 23 say they will plead innocent to all charges (criminal trespass, disorderly conduct, reckless endangerment); part of their bail is returned to them, which they will use to hire an attorney; they are tentatively scheduled to enter pleas on Sept. 16 (DWR-12)
- 10 USDC: NO. : Judge Owen Panner refuses to disqualify himself in R suit against state and federal officials, but "because of the 'apparent sensitivity' of the group (said) he was ordering the case assigned to another judge." (O-12; RG-13; DC-16; DWR-26)
- 11 W: R: BLDG: Oregon Building Codes Division recommends an increase in electrical fines against RNSIC by \$10,000 to \$111,500 for "winterized tents"; their recommendations and the hearings officer's report from

Sept July will be considered by the state Electrical Board on Oct. 10 (RG-12)

- 11 MCCC: NO. : A motion to suppress evidence seized during the 1983 investigation of the bombing of Hotel Rajneesh in Portland is taken under advisement; defense attorneys claim evidence from the accused Paster's home and auto was illegally obtained because police learned of his identity from a wallet removed by hospital employees before his emergency surgery without a search warrant; prosecutor argues that police learned Paster's name from hospital records and did not need the wallet, that Rajneeshes from the Hotel searched his clothes for his identity; defense also tries to suppress statement Paster made after surgery "that there were no bombs planted at Rajneeshpuram in Central Oregon, which he also visited using an alias." because Paster had not been read his rights (O)
- 12 W: R: J: Four other residents of R, 3 of them new arrivals, are found to have been exposed to the AIDS virus and join the other two already living in an isolated area of the ranch and having limited outside contact (DC; SJ; O; BB; RG; DWR-19); in response to recent The Madras Pioneer article quoting an interview with Bhagwan, Jon Bowerman has circulated and presented to the newspaper a copy of a petition signed by 27 "seeking support of local businesses and individuals opposing further articles 'promoting the thoughts and ideology of Bhagwan (sic) Shree Rajneesh and his followers.'"; Bowerman says the article was "'a slap in the face to the Antelope Community, to the Madras business community...and to the Chrisitain (sic) community,'" (MP); The Madras Pioneer prints Part 2 of interview with Bhagwan
- 12 EDS: BLM: Condon, OR, The Times-Journal says that BLM should have gone through with the R land swap; Madras, OR, The Madras Pioneer comments on "Threats of subscription cancellation, boycotts of businesses that advertise in The Pioneer and at least one cancellation of advertising" as responses to printing series on interview with Bhagwan
- 13 W: R: RMC: PLAN: LCDC: Ma Anand Puja, head of RMC, criticizes health officials for "deliberately downplaying the incidence and spread of the deadly AIDS virus" (BB); Jon Bowerman, Chair of the W County Planning Commission, writes head of LCDC claiming that they are too tough on the county and too easy on R (EO); FAA abandons efforts to collect a \$2000 fine from the Guardian Angels for flying an airplane too low over R

Sept on Nov. 19, 1984, saying it does not have sufficient evidence to take the matter to federal court and the expense of further investigation "'is unwarranted"; Guardian Angel recently arrested for failing to perform his sentence of 12 hours of community service spent one week in W County jail (BB; DWR-19); reported that after three refusals and a contested case hearing, the Electrical Board has finally accepted a sannyasin to sit for the supervising electrician's exam (RT-13)

13 EDS: COMM: PLAN: Bend, OR The Bulletin takes Bowerman to task for his petition against The Madras Pioneer; The Rajneesh Times editorializes about comments made at the recent W County Commission meeting which considered deleting cities from the county plan

14 W: R: RNSIC: RIC: RMC: RFI: Feature on interview with Bhagwan (WA); negative feature on R (Bild Am Sonntag); 10 to 15 Rajneeshee leaders resign and leave R, some by plane for Europe, some by van or car (Ma Anand Sheela, Mayor Sw. Krishna Deva, 36; Chief Financial Advisor to Sheela, Ma Prem Savita, 36; Pres. of RNSIC Ma Yoga Vidya, 38; Pres. of RIC Ma Anand Su, 38; Sec.-Treas. of RMC Ma Anand Puja, 37; Treas. of RFI Ma Shanti Bhadra, 40; Municipal Judge Ma Prem Homa, 31; City Councilmembers Ma Deva Rikta, 37, Ma Prem Patipada, 37, and Ma Anand Durga, 38; Sheela's husband Sw. Prem Jayananda, 44, had left a week before; Sheela said to have recently divorced Jayananda in Nepal, so she could marry a Swiss sannyasin in Mexico, BB-17; see O-17 or SPI-17 for profile of each) after a "falling out" with Bhagwan, who apparently discovered that they "had not been keeping him fully informed of their activities."; it is said by a spokesperson that "The deserters will not be 'welcome in any Rajneeshee center anywhere in the world,'" and that "'power corrupts people'", but that "'They left wearing their malas. They left as members of the commune.'"; most are believed headed for Switzerland or Germany; Ma Prem Hasya, 48, an American and wealthy movie producer from Hollywood who has lived at the ranch for several years is appointed new Secretary to Bhagwan (see DC-17, SPI-18, USA-18, and DWR-19 for biographical information and quotes; RT-20--see for "Last Day at Jesus Grove" article and reactions of sannyasins and profiles of new corporation officers), Sw. Dhyan John, 42, is put in charge of finances as Pres. of RIC (BB-16; DC-16; ST-16; SFC-17; DWR-19)

14 MCCC: NO. : Judge Kristena LaMar grants two defense motions for the suppression of evidence in the Rajneesh Hotel bombing case, while denying two others;

Sept she suppresses evidence obtained from Paster's wallet, but rules the search of home and car valid; she suppresses statements Paster made after surgery (O)

15 W: R: Feature on R (LT)

16 W: J: R: A: PLAN: SAHP: RFI: RNSIC: RMC: WEAV: OSP: AG: FAW: IMP: Bhagwan claims betrayal by Sheela, who left "amid allegation of attempted poisonings, money mismanagement and bugging of the guru's bedroom."; Bhagwan says "Sheela and her gang had turned my commune into a fascist concentration camp. The commune is \$55 million short'...linked former leaders with a major outbreak of salmonella food poisoning at The Dalles last year; with a fire that badly damaged the Wasco County planning office; and with putting chemicals in law enforcement vehicles at The Dalles so they wouldn't run. He also accused the former leaders of attempting to poison his doctor, dentist and companion; the Jefferson County district attorney; and the water system in The Dalles...Rajneesh's allegations could not be confirmed, nor did he offer evidence to substantiate them."; Bhagwan says "'Because I was not in contact with my sannnyasins...I was not aware of what was being done to them.'", that he was able to stop Sheela's plan to "build a 500-bed housing complex for AIDS victims in Antelope." only at the last minute, and that the SAHP was a "waste of \$3 million"; Bhagwan calls for better relations with Oregonians and offers to sell property in Antelope back to former owners; former A residents react with anger; books on terrorism and bugging devices said to have been found during investigation into Sheela's departure displayed; new Vice-Pres. of RFI is Ma Prem Arup; new Pres. of RNSIC Ma Prem Anuradha, new Pres. of RMC Sw. Shunyo, new Vice-Pres. of RMC Sw. Devaraj and Sec. of RMC Ma Deva Ghata, new Pres. of the Academy of Rajneeshism Sw. Anand Teertha; the only known criminal investigation up to this time is a federal grand jury investigating alleged visa fraud involving marriages; OSP Superintendent John C. Williams says his office will coordinate a criminal investigation into the charges, in which the R Peace Force was cooperating; US Rep. James Weaver asks FBI to investigate The Dalles salmonella poisonings; AG says the incidents will not affect his church-state lawsuit; State Rep. Fawbush says "the shake-up may signal the group's decline."; 90-93 Rolls Royces; 6000 residents in R (O-17; SJ-17; BB-17; SPI-17; TSV-17; ST-17; LT-17; NYP-17; DC-17; RG-17; O-18; NYDN-18; USA-18; SPI-18; DWR-19; RT-20; SJ-22); about 30 Rajneeshees, including Mayor Krishna Deva, said to have flown out of Portland

Sept airport (O-20)

17 W: J: R: CR: A: PLAN: ELECT: LCDC: SAHP: R residents vote to amend the city charter allowing the mayor, with council approval, to appoint a pro tem municipal court judge to serve while the judge is absent; voter registration in R is 1011, in CR is 150 (DWR-12; DC-12; O-15); reported that a Milwaukie City Councilmember had protested the CR charter repeal initiative as "bad" and objected to Rep. McTeague, one of its sponsors, being identified as D-Milwaukie (EC); J County land use plan wins tentative approval from LCDC; Bhagwan says that a Rajneeshee pilot says he was told to crash a plane loaded with bombs into The Dalles, that SAHP overtranquilized the homeless, causing one death; law enforcement officials say that the hotel, several homes, rental cabins and phones in R were "bugged" and an extensive wiretapping operation used 36 "voice-activated tape recorders to record all incoming and outgoing calls at the ranch.", that a hidden tunnel and laboratory were found in Sheela's home (BB-18; SPI-18; SFE-18; DC-19; DWR-26); sannnyasins living in Antelope are asked to vacate the town and move to R (MP-19)

17 SC: NO. : Oregon SC rules against R annexations, saying they were illegal since the land was zoned for agricultural use and LCDC had not yet approved a UGB for R; the ruling comes in a case brought by 1000 Friends and covers the land on which Mandir meditation hall and the Rajneesh Hotel stand; the land was annexed in August of 1983, LUBA ruled the annexation invalid in Feb. of 1984 and the CA upheld, saying an exceptions process was required if no UGB had been approved; R had claimed that the rules requiring goal exceptions were new and had never before been required (BB; SJ-18; O-18; SPI-18; RT-20; DWR-26)

18 W: J: R: CR: A: CO: AG: HULSE: OSP: WEAV: GOV: INS: Various anti-Rajneeshees express pleasure at recent R events and disbelief and suspicion about Bhagwan's gestures of friendship; for example, Laura Bentley of CO says "'Concerned Oregonians aren't buying this,'" (ADH; ST-20; BB-19; DC-18; DWR-19; RT-27); possible victims of poisonings are listed as J County DA Mike Sullivan (who asks the AG to appoint a special prosecutor in the investigation), W County Judge/Commissioner Bill Hulse, and Bhagwan's doctor, Sw. Devaraj, who 'said he believes he was poisoned four times, beginning in June of 1984"; most R residents express relief at Sheela's departure; 10 law enforcement officials (W County DA Smith, R Peace Force Chief

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Barkha, R Attorney Sangeet, W County Sheriff LaBrousse, OSP officers Noland, Theiss, Renfro, FBI agent McCann, The Dalles Police Chief Nagy, Dept. of Justice criminal investigator Keller) meet in The Dalles to sort through Bhagwan's accusations and later travel to R; an investigation coordinated by W County DA Smith will begin on 19th; R Peace Force says they have found "what they believe was a laboratory for the manufacture of poisons or explosives,...two concealed rooms and a 75 foot tunnel leading outside Sheela's house, and-suspect six Rajneeshees isolated for AIDS may not have had the disease, and were actually isolated so they would not talk"; US Rep. Weaver says FBI has agreed to investigate salmonella poisoning in The Dalles; Gov. Atiyeh expresses skepticism about Bhagwan; confirmed by INS that Sheela flew to Zurich on the 14th and a sannyasin in Amsterdam says she went on to West Germany; reported that she and friends plan to open a gambling casino (BB; SPI; DC; SFC; ST; SJ; RG; BB-19; ST-19; USA-19; SJ-19; O-19; SPI-19; DC-19; RG-19; MP-19; O-20; DWR-26); Bhagwan invites residents of CR to change the name back to Antelope and invites Sheela and others to return to R and repent after saying he received a phone call from Mayor Krishna Deva and 12 others tearfully asking to return (SJ-19; SPI-19; O-20; SJ-20; BB-20; RG-20; SPI-20; DWR-26); R attorney says R will be glad to comply with the SC ruling and go through the more complicated annexation process now required (BB); an R resident (Sw. Anand Lazarus, 43, formerly of Dallas TX), suspected of having AIDS, dies of cancer; he was one of 11 at R who were suspected of having AIDS; no autopsy is performed and cremation/-celebration occurs at R; new test of two R residents isolated for AIDS now show no trace of antibodies and they are released from isolation; others will be retested (USA-19; O-19; SJ-19; SPI-19; RG-19; BB-19; DC-19; RT-20--see for interview with one of those released; DTH-20; RG-21; O-21; O-23; DWR-26)

- 18 EDS: Vancouver, WA The Columbian says Bhagwan has purged R leaders (drawing parallels with Deng in China, as does the Eugene, OR Register-Guard) in an effort to make peace with Oregon, saying "Oregonians aren't quite ready to forgive and forget. Political and legal careers were founded on opposition to" R, including that of 1000 Friends; Salem, OR Statesman-Journal columnist says R story has overshadowed reporting on the sales tax, expresses disbelief about Bhagwan's not being aware of Sheela's activities and speculates it might all just be another publicity stunt and editorial column calls R a failed utopia; San Francisco Chronicle runs cartoon about Bhagwan and Sheela; Woodburn, OR

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Independent columnist says "Right now, quite a few Oregonians would like to drop an A-bomb in the Bagwan's (sic) bedroom simply because he claims he is God." ; The Dalles Chronicle says Bhagwan must prove his allegations and asks "...what is the Bhagwan really up to?"; Grants Pass, OR Daily Courier says Bhagwan "has been caught by his own weapon", social disruption

19 W: R: CR: A: PLAN: RIC: Reported that R will appeal W County removal of all city comprehensive plans from county plan (DWR); The Dalles water system director says that in 1984 his department "'initiated increased monitoring and security and surveillance of our water supplies and terminal reservoirs,'" long before the salmonella outbreak and during that period no biological contaminants were found by sampling, but could have occurred and been diluted by natural or treatment processes (DC; DWR-26); parents of Homa and Rikta express concern at not having heard from them (BB; O); 20 former residents of A and their supporters meet at the Willowdale Cafe and decide to ask Rajneeshees to disincorporate the town; RIC, which owns all Rajneeshee property in CR (32 lots of 80), says it will not support such a move because it would reduce the value of RIC investments; he also says books are being audited to determine if \$55 million is missing and that Rajneeshee owned corporations have assets worth about \$200 million (BB-20; O-20; SJ-21; O-21; SPI-21; RG-21; DC-19); profile of Ma Prem Hasya, new President of RFI (O; see RG-20 for interview)

19 EDS: The Dalles Weekly Reminder columnist expresses suspicion and an editorial expresses a "wait and see" attitude about Bhagwan's offer of friendship, as do the Condon, OR The Times-Journal and The Madras Pioneer; Portland, OR The Oregonina cartoon on Sheela

20 W: J: R: CR: GOV: AG: SPI: SCHL: FEST: Holland's Nieuwe Revue magazine runs feature on Bhagwan and R; W County DA expresses suspicion of Bhagwan's allegations (USA); Gov. orders AG to investigate allegations of assassination attempts, especially of J County DA Sullivan, wiretapping and embezzlement at R, and salmonella poisonings; Bhagwan says Sheela used slow poison in his milk; reported that Ma Prem Patipada was not among those who had fled, but Ma Anand Sagun, CR Recorder had been (CBW-19; BB-20; SJ-21; O-21; ST--21; SPI-21; RG-21; DC-22); Jewish Week-American Examiner, New York says sannyasins have a center in Israel; Bhagwan tells Stern reporter he will stay in US until he gets permanent residency and then travel to Germany (SJ-24); two laws aimed specifically at Rajneeshees go into effect (one relating to investigations and withholding of funds by SPI when school district is accused of "sponsoring, financially supporting or

- Sept actively involved with religious activity." and the other broadening the power of counties to regulate mass gatherings which would affect only the R summer festival; DWR-26); CR disincorporation petition drive to continue; Mayor KD said to have requested return to R and be welcome (DC)
- 20 EDS: BLM: Bend, OR The Bulletin laments fact that BLM trade 'nixed' by hostility towards Rajneeshees; McMinnville, OR News-Register says salmonella allegations should be investigated, as does the Klamath Falls, OR Herald and News, which adds that recent events might mean 'the sect may be taking a turn for the better.'; Seattle WA Post-Intelligencer recounts Bhagwan's allegations and says he is "hopping mad"; Longview, WA News says "Oregonians can be forgiven if they fail to turn handsprings in jubilation of the 'new and improved' Rancho Rajneesh. After four years of double talk, double-dealing and unbridled antagonism"; Tacoma, WA News Tribune doubts that Bhagwan is "an innocent dupe of the diabolical Sheela."; Bend, OR The Bulletin cartoon depicts Sheela as "Miss Piggy"; Seattle, WA Seattle Times columnist says Bhagwan has registered 95 Rolls Royces for a cheap \$1900 in Oregon, scored 100 on the written and 90 on the driving test
- 21 W: R: Many R security measures remain in place (O; DC-22); feature explores whether recent events at R are a "big joke...really happened just as the bhagwan told it...(are) a political necessity and a public relations coup." (SPI); Bhagwan says that Sheela may have access to Swiss bank accounts with about \$43 million in Rajneeshee money (BB-22; RT-27)
- 21 EDS: Lewiston, ID Lewiston Tribune columnist says about R "Another religious cult begins to unravel"; Moscow, ID Idahoian says about R "another utopian experiment is on the rocks."
- 22 W: R: Features on R, reforms in R (shorter workdays, dismantling of "mom" system of hierarchical power, new "leaders"), Bhagwan's allegations, the reactions of sannyasins, anti-Rajneeshees and various analysts; reported that Sheela married Sw. Dhyan Dipo/Urs Birnstiel, 34, in Mexico City last Dec. 14, that Sw. Rajan, Sheela's hairdresser had departed with her, that Sheela took tapes with her and the group had 28 pieces of baggage (NYT; Switzerland's Sonntagsblick, which focusses on Sheela's Swiss husband; BB; O--see particularly for biographical material on new corporation heads and a chronology of the departure events; O takes the position that all is merely the result of a power struggle and runs an ad for a three part series that started this day; SFE; SPI/ST; RG, which adopts

- Sept the power struggle scenario; CT; CNCO); feature on the reactions of The Rajneesh Times and its reporters (O)
- 22 EDS: Editor of The Rajneesh Times writes guest column for The Oregonian entitled "'Why didn't I understand what was happening?'" (fear, exile, ego, browbeating, logic, paranoia of R and Oregonians; see also DWR-26); editor of Oregon magazine writes guest column for The Oregonian entitled "With Rajneeshees, one thing certain: It's not the way it looks", saying Bhagwan is making Sheela a scapegoat, creating a smokescreen for his own departure, or he is purging the corrupt (see also DWR-26); Bend, OR The Bulletin gives Ma Anand Sheela Golden Throat Award to Bhagwan
- 23 W: R: CR: A: RST: AG: RMC: Features on recent events in R in Der Spiegel and Schweizer Illustrierte (which also runs article on Swiss sannyasins and their businesses); feature on Swiss bank accounts said to hold \$43 million in money "siphoned" from European communes says no evidence of embezzlement at R has been found, that Sheela had maintained personal accounts in at least 2 banks and that RST had 7 accounts in Zurich, 6 in London, 3 in Cologne, 4 in Amsterdam and 3 in Sydney at least until the end of 1983; former sannyasins say Bhagwan knew of existence of Swiss accounts; AG says R had "'evidence of the most massive wiretapping and bugging episode ever in Oregon history and the most sophisticated equipment to do it.'"; evidently it had been installed by a British sannyasin, Sw. Anand Julian, who left the ranch at about the time Sheela did (O--two articles also repeat all allegations; BB; SJ; DC; USA-24); ex-Antelopians and Rep. McTeague hold press conference, say they continue to distrust Bhagwan and call for CR council to place disincorporation of the town on Nov. 2 ballot during its scheduled Oct. 1 meeting; CR Mayor Kavido said to be unavailable for comment for several days (ST; SJ-24; O-24; DC-24; RG-24; BB-24; BB-25; DWR-26); head of RMC says 9 at R have confirmed tests showing AIDS antibodies, but all previous AIDS precautions are being re-evaluated (O); CR residents receive letters limiting use of water for outdoor watering; letters are dated Sept. 2 and signed by Ma Anand Sagun, Recorder who left on or about the 14th (DWR-26)
- 23 EDS: Seattle, WA Post-Intelligencer columnist negatively recounts recent events at R; Portland, OR Business Journal says look to grassroots, including R, for answer to tax/budget dilemmas in face of recent overwhelming defeat of sales tax measure

Sept 24 W: R: GER: SMITH: AG: INS: Feature on new "leadership" at R asks questions about Bhagwan's responsibility (O); reported that a 25 page interview with Sheela is to be printed in Stern magazine in West Germany this week, that she says she still loves Bhagwan but that he is corrupt and she has no money; Stern bought exclusive rights to the story and has Sheela "stashed" somewhere in Germany; more than 25 people now on task force investigating allegations in R; 25-40 witnesses have been interviewed to date (O; BB; RG; O-25; RT-27); US Rep. Bob Smith says he has called on the US AG, Oregon AG, FBI, state police and INS to investigate the "horror stories" at R (DC-19; HN); Sheela gives NBC an interview "at her North Sea island hideout.", saying the drug Ecstasy is stockpiled at R, Bhagwan uses it to "manipulate his followers.", that he is a liar, denies committing any of the crimes of which Bhagwan has accused her or knowing about the wiretapping or planning to use AIDS victims as a "'human wall' to keep outsiders away, tried to warn him that the commune was running out of money and her disenchantment with Bhagwan began 18 months ago "when he asked her to get him a \$2.5 million diamond watch." or he would commit suicide; Bhagwan denies there are any drugs at R and at a 2 hour news conference says if Sheela is innocent "why didn't she return to Rajneeshpuram to face him."; Oregon Dept. of Motor Vehicles lists 76 Rolls Royces (not 93) registered at R; Bhagwan criticizes AG and investigation for "harassing innocent people.", cancelling interviews with him four times and not going after the guilty; he says former Mayor Krishna Deva is hiding in California trying to make a deal with the AG seeking immunity; up to 50 investigators now said to be working on the case (SPI-25; DC-25; USA-25; BB-25; O-25; DWR-26; O-26; RT-27); AG says Bhagwan has been making statements which show that R "'is a theocracy.'" as he contends in the church-state case (BB-25; DWR-26)

24 R: CNCL: R Mayor pro tem Sw. Prem Niren expresses concern to R City Council about role of AG's office in the task force because of the pending church-state issue; media covers council meeting; applications solicited for two vacancies on Council and Municipal Judge vacancy to be submitted by Oct. 4 and considered at the Oct. 5 meeting; 90 people attend and ask for more access to information; Council appoints an information officer to post daily updates; later council meets with R Attorney in executive session to discuss status of current litigation (BB-25; DWR-26; RT-27)

24 SC: NO. : Oregon SC refuses motion to reconsider

Sept filed by 1000 Friends in R incorporation case, thus reaffirming their July 9 ruling that W County officials did not need to take a formal exception to Goal 14 and that LCDC's retroactive rule was unfair; the two issues of agricultural land classification and W County Commissioner Rick Cantrell's actions must still be considered by LUBA (SJ-25; RG-25; O-25)

25 W: R: CR: A: GOV: CR Mayor Kavido says the Council is open to holding a vote on changing the name back to Antelope (BB; O-26); Bhagwan criticizes law enforcement agencies again; FBI says it cancelled interviews with him because it could not allow video cameras upon which Bhagwan insisted; Gov. says his "'patience has been worn as thin as it can get'" with R as he and Bhagwan "traded barbed comments for 24 hours over conduct of the investigation"; Gov. also says there are contingency plans to "protect" the people at R, declining to elaborate; harmony said to be restored this date (BB-26; O-26; SJ-26; ST-26; RT-27); German police say the Sheela in a resort hotel on the North Sea island of Juist is not Ma Anand Sheela, report is later contradicted (O-26; RG-27); cremation/celebration for Ma Deva Nartano, who died of cancer in hospital in Bend (RT-27)

25 EDS: Editorial cartoons in Molalla, OR Pioneer and Cottage Grove, OR Sentinel; Portland, OR Business Journal says there's reason for hope out of Rajneeshes' trauma; Seattle, WA, Seattle Times columnist writes sarcastically about recent events at R; The Dalles Chronicle expresses skepticism about the "Cat fights between the Bhagwan and Sheela"; Longview, WA News columnist asks who to believe

26 W: R: INS: RLS: OSP: SAHP: GOV: RIC: European Rajneeshes quoted as shocked by Bhagwan's allegations (DWR); Stern prints interview with Sheela, entitled "To Hell with Bahgwan" in which she says 20 people left with her, she fears being killed and also prints an interview with Bhagwan (see also SJ; BB; USA; ST; RT-27--see for list of those at Sheela's interview; Newsweek-10/7) features on recent events at R in West Germany's Quick magazine (includes interview with Bhagwan), in West Germany's Bunte magazine; feature in Willamette Week speculates that Sheela's departure may be to distance Bhagwan from alleged INS violations and remove Sheela and cohorts from grand jury proceedings; reported that hunting will not be allowed at Rancho Rajneesh (O); Bhagwan says sannyasins need no longer wear the colors of the sunrise or the mala, that he will have The Book of Rajneeshism destroyed and they should no longer call themselves Rajneeshes in order

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to avoid the insitutionalization of his movement (BB; RT-27; SJ-27; RG-27; O-27; SPI-28; ST-29; DWR-10/3); article describing Bhagwan's nightly interviews (BB); third in series on interview with Bhagwan in The Madras Pioneer; a fund called the Rajneeshpuram Legal Assistance Fund reported to have been started at R for those willing to give evidence in allegations, since RLS may have a conflict of interest in representing them and R corporations at the same time (DWR; O-29; SJ-30; ST-30); teams of three said to be investigating various crimes, a private line telephone installed in R for police business, a motor home to lodge law enforcement personnel who spend the night in R and a crime laboratory; R said to be in a state of shock, but cooperative; OSP says Rajneeshees very cooperative until SAHP and relations strained during last year, now again good (DWR); Mayor of R Sw. Prem Niren says he has called for state and federal observers of the investigations at R and that "there was alarm in the community when it was rumored that Gov. Vic Atiyeh might be planning to call up the National Guard." but that the Gov.'s office had said "no such action was imminent." although "We are prepared for virtually any eventuality." (O-27); Sheela and friends apparently fly out of island of Juist (RG-27; O-27); Pres. of RIC says First Interstate Bank is closing all its accounts with Rajneeshee corporations and organizations (who have had those accounts for three or more years), thus Rajneeshee businesses can no longer accept bank credit cards; bank gives notice that all Rajneeshee business checking accounts will be terminated at the end of Oct.; letter from the bank said to refer to news articles which claim the businesses are "on a shaky financial footing."; RIC Pres. says there are no financial problems (DC-27; O-27; SJ-28; SPI-28; DWR-10/3)

- 26 WCCC: NO. : In the first of moves suggested by Bhagwan, CR Mayor and Recorder ask their attorney to move to dismiss lawsuit filed on Aug. 31, 1984 against W County Clerk Sue Proffitt for deciding to conduct a 1984 election through mail ballots, her assignment of polling places and amended to bring a civil rights complaint (O-27; DC-27; DWR-10/3; RT-10/11)
- 26 EDS: CR: Editorial cartoon in Myrtle Creek, OR Umpqua Free Press; Prineville, OR Central Oregonian columnist asks "Whom do we believe?"; The Dalles Weekly Reminder says disincorporating CR may be the only way Rajneeshees can "get that second chance"; Waitsburg, WA Times columnist expresses pleasure at R's "troubles"

Sept 27 W: R: PUR: RIMU: Feature story on recent events at R in Italy's Epoca magazine; two articles in Swiss papers, one saying mother of Dipo hopeful that he has escaped "the snares of the Bhagwan clan." (Blick Fuer Die Frau magazine) and another tracing Sheela's whereabouts after Zurich (Haeusern in the Black Forest for three days, then to Kassel; Aargauer Tagblatt); those who purchased 52 acres of land in Cannon Beach in 1982 say they did so to prevent Rajneeshees from doing so (RG); two Portland attorneys meet with R residents to inform them of their rights (O-29; BB-30; SJ-30); article describing Sheela's visit to Zurich Commune (RT); among allegations being investigated are the infection of the R dairy herd, a plan aborted at the last minute to poison everyone eating Mahaparinirvana boxed dinners, poisoning of 350-400 fish in Patanjali Lake; interview with Ma Anand Zeno who had been wrongly isolated as carrying the AIDS virus and with Sw. Devageet, new Chancellor of RIMU (RT)

27 EDS: A: GOV: AG: Bend, OR The Bulletin says Antelope should get back its name; The Rajneesh Times editorials on law enforcement officials procedures, the continuing hostility of Gov. and AG, the revolution at R

28 W: R: RIC: RNSIC: RMC: RHT: Sheela reported still to be in Juist and to fear a 'hit team' might "kill her" (SFE); FBI evaluates evidence from an alleged "clandestine laboratory or workshop that reputedly was used for 'germ warfare' experiments at Rancho Rajneesh."; the article also reports: investigators were told Sheela withdrew \$87,000 from a Portland bank just before departure, but RIC Pres. knows nothing of it; RNSIC bought as much as \$100,000 worth of electronic gear per month from Oct. 1984 on; over 200 separate eavesdropping devices have been found; Sw. Anand Julian allegedly daily changed tapes on secret recording device in Bhagwan's home; police have recovered 2500 to 3000 tapes from wiretaps and buggings; no evidence has been found to link Rajneeshees to salmonella outbreak in The Dalles although RMC "did buy two batches of an apparently different salmonella strain from a laboratory supply company." (O; RG; SJ); two sannnyasins who went to R on RHT program said they were given "scholarships" and "encouraged" to register to vote (O)

29 W: R: Features on recent events in R and interviews with Bhagwan (BB; USA; Dayton, OH Dayton Daily News)

29 EDS: 1000: Bend, OR The Bulletin continues to give the Ma Anand Sheela Golden Throat Award; Longview, WA News

Sept columnist mentions Bhagwan in writing about secular humanism in the schools; Salem, OR Statesman-Journal comments on the "unlikely alliance" between 1000 Friends and Eastern Oregon "local officials as both groups seek to curb Rajneesh activities."

30 W: R: AG: RFI: RIC: RNSIC: 4000-6000 copies of The Book of Rajneeshism and Sheela's red robes burned at a ceremony attended by 2000-2500 at the R crematorium; at a press conference afterwards Bhagwan denounces all religions but lauds "religiousness", says that the death of Rajneeshism negates the AG's church-state lawsuit and that Rajneeshes will drop all cases against the state if the church-state suit is dropped (SFE-29; BB-29; O; DC-10/1; BB-10/1; O-10/1; SJ-10/1; SPI-10/1; OCR-10/1; USA-10/1; SFE-10/2; The Guardian--10/2; DWR-10/3); RFI has retained Robert McCrea of Eugene, RIC Ronald Hoebet of Portland and RNSIC John Ransom of Portland to advise them and members of their legal rights (BB; SJ; DWR-10/3); articles on recent events in R in Time and Newsweek magazines; federal and state authorities begin serving 80 subpoenas to prospective witnesses on allegations, about 40 before a W County grand jury on Oct. 16-17 and about 30 for a federal grand jury Nov. 18-19 in Portland; more subpoenas said to be forthcoming (SJ-10/1; SPI-10/1; BB-10/1; O-10/1--see for list of some receiving subpoenas; SJ-10/2; O-10/2--says 78 persons are named in 85 subpoenas; DWR-10/3); Bhagwan and AG Frohnmayer appear on ABC-TV's "Nightline" (RG 10/2; DWR-10/3); Sociology Professor Robert Bellah of UC Berkeley says at UO keynote address that Rajneeshes may join as a rejection of "'radical autonomy'" in American values (O-10/1)

30 EDS: Pendleton, OR East Oregonian quotes Bhagwan and chides him for accusing Sheela; Portland, OR The Oregonian editorial cartoon suggesting financial problems at R

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Oct 1 W: R: RMC: E: ENG: CHRAJ: INS: Oregon magazine's "Rajneesh Watch" focusses on RMC and health care in R; feature article summarizes recent events in R (LAHE); Assistant US Attorney Barry Sheldahl says that the federal grand jury focus will be on wiretapping violations at R (DC); two features on Zurich commune and recent R events (Tages-Anzeiger); feature on Medina commune in England and recent events at R (EADT); feature on Church of Rajneeshism commune in Laguna Beach, CA (SAR); sannyasins interviewed at R call Sheela "'Emotional cripple.'" 'She-bear.' 'corrupted by power.'" (DC); R Mayor Niren says he has reason to believe that Bhagwan and others will be arrested today or tomorrow; W County DA says arrests in the next two days are "'not anticipated'"; INS denies that arrests are imminent (BB; SJ-2; DC-2); Bhagwan gives interview to Stern reporter (see RT-11 for partial text); New Frontier magazine runs feature, "Bhagwan on sex"

1 CR: CNCL: CR Council votes to accept a petition by 30 residents (most, perhaps all, sannyasins) to put a measure on the Nov. 5 ballot to change name back to Antelope; ex-A Councilman Smith warns that disincorporation petition already has 10-20,000 (MP says 200,000) signatures and will continue to circulate; letter from The Committee to Save Antelope read which requests disincorporation; the matter will be researched and discussed at the November meeting; the tax rate in CR is reported to be: county \$3.56, school \$1.77, city \$19.80, ESD \$1.30, Treaty Oak \$0.71, total \$27.14; by comparison the combined rate in The Dalles is \$23.62; next year's CR rate, however, will fall from \$19.80 to \$12.14 per \$1000 of assessed valuation; "longtime" A residents express suspicion of sannyasin words and actions; Council urges CR Attorney to negotiate a settlement in the matter of the ownership of Antelope Community Church; "The council discussed a proposal in which the city would drop its fight for the church and four of six town lots that go with it in exchange for title to three lots. The city wants to retain three lots because its fire hall and recycling center are built on them." (BB; DC; DC-2; S-2; O-2; SJ-2; DWR-3; MP-3; CTJ-10; BB-10)

1 SC: NO. : Oregon SC rules that W County must coordinate its comprehensive plan with R; W County Planner says the county "'completed coordination responsibilities when the county court took final actions Sept. 4' to repeal all city plans from the county plan." (DC-2; USA-2; O-2; DWR-10)

1 MCCC: NO. : Testimony begins in arson trial against Stephen P. Paster, accused of Hotel Rajneesh

Oct bombing in 1983; prosecutor says he will not offer a motive and defense attorney says the evidence is circumstantial; trial is expected to last two days; Judge is Clifford B. Olsen (O-2)

- 1 EDS: Seattle, WA Post-Intelligencer runs editorial cartoon on sale of Rolls Royces
- 2 W: R: AG: OSP: SMITH: INS: GOV: AG Frohnmayer says that statements by Bhagwan saying that Rajneeshism as a religion is dead are "like 'holding up an egg and calling it a sausage.'", that he will continue the church-state case, oral arguments are scheduled for mid-November (DC; BB RG; SFC-3); OSP Superintendent John Williams says he expects more subpoenas to be served on R residents this week and possibly search warrants (DC; BB); Rep. Bob Smith calls on Treasury Secretary James Baker and US AG Edwin Meese for an immediate review of the tax and immigration status of Bhagwan, sannnyasins and their corporations in light of the declaration that Rajneeshism is dead as a religion, "saying any advantages he enjoyed as a religious leader should be withdrawn and deportation proceedings against him would be appropriate." and that past taxes should be recovered since religious exemptions were not warranted (DC; see O for INS comments; HN-3; see CTJ-3 and LCE-3 for column on topic written by Smith; MP-10); features on interview with Bhagwan, R, recent events, sannnyasins' and experts' reactions (LDN); Bhagwan says in morning discourse that Sheela was never a meditator, urges her arrest, and says "authorities have plans to arrest him and 100 disciples and that the Oregon National Guard is on alert and massing troops in Madras."; R Mayor says that representatives of the INS, US AG and US Attorney's Office in Portland held a meeting last week in Washington DC, arrest warrants have been ordered, but that the US Justice Department was prepared to discuss the possibility that those named could surrender; INS, US Attorney and AG's offices deny arrests are scheduled for this week and the Governor says he has not placed the National Guard on alert although "plans have been developed 'for every eventuality.'" (BB; RG; O; LAHE; SJ; SPI-3); High School music club in Salem invites Bhagwan to bring his Rolls Royces for a car wash fundraiser (DC; BB); 7 search warrants served by state investigators seeking medical and financial records and FBI looking for electronic eavesdropping related evidence; searches of buildings and a lake where fish have been dying (apparently looking for a metal box containing automatic weapons) begin (SJ-3; O-3--see also for feature on Julian, accused of installing the "bugs"; SPI-3; RG-3; ST-3; DC-7); Bhagwan gives interview to Newsweek reporter (see RT-11 for partial text)

- Oct 2 : MCCC: NO. : Stephen Paster found guilty (after 1 1/2 days of testimony and one hour jury deliberation) of first degree arson in bombing of Hotel Rajneesh in Portland in 1983; sentencing set for Nov. 4 (RG-3; O-3)
- 2 EDS: A: CR: 1000: Corvallis, OR Gazette-Times says Bhagwan has put Oregon "on the national news map" and that R will pay about \$200,000 in property taxes this year; LaGrande, OR Observer columnist spoofs recent events in R; Baker, OR Democrat-Herald says name of Antelope should be returned; Portland, OR The Oregonian spoof about Rolls Royces and guest columnist takes the paper to task for accepting 1000 Friends' positions without question; The Dalles Chronicle supports disincorporation of CR and suspicion of Bhagwan
- 3 W: J: R: GER: SAHP: CR: Feature on Bhagwan's recent statements, reactions by German sannyasins and an exclusive interview with Sheela in West Germany's Stern magazine; Sheela claims use of "ecstasy" (MDMA) by Hasya and others, discounts Devaraj's story of being poisoned by Shanti Bhadra, says there are only about 30,000 sannyasins, and that: she did not embezzle any money; Bhagwan's companion, Vivek, is a nag and takes drugs and was once struck by Bhagwan; there are 21-27 "defectors" with her; Bhagwan's silence occurred because it was "more favorable politically" and meant sannyasins would work longer hours; he decided to talk again when she opposed the purchase of a watch for over a million dollars; Bhagwan traded "enlightenment documents" for Rolls Royces; his food, clothing and body care costed \$50,000 per month; he took Valium and laughing gas regularly; article has biographical material on Sheela, including her sex life; she claims her belligerent behavior was coached by Bhagwan and that SAHP and the AIDS complex in CR were his ideas (see also O; BB; SJ; RG; ST; DWR-10); last in series on August interview with Bhagwan (MP); feature on the sophisticated technology used in electronic eavesdropping devices in R (O--see also for list of some subpoenaed to testify before the federal grand jury that will begin investigating the matter on Nov. 19); Eastern Oregon poet said to be working on a collection of essays entitled "'Translations of Rural America for the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh.'" (MP); the Society of Professional Journalists holds a panel discussion on media coverage of R at the Heathman Hotel in Portland (O-9/24); mixed reactions to a "man in the street" poll of Myrtle Creek, OR area residents on whether they would "like Rajneeshis (sic) as neighbors?" (UFP); 11,000 word affidavit filed in J County in support of search warrant "quotes a witness as saying that top

Oct Rajneeshees held meetings to plot murders, and that Krishna Deva, the former Rajneeshpuram mayor, attended several of them."; the witness is Ma Deva Samya, 34, Argentinian by birth and publisher of The Rajneesh Times, married to Sw. Shunyo, 40, a physician who apparently left R and dropped sannyas the previous week and also quoted in the 49 page document signed by OSP Lt. Dean L. Renfrow; the affidavit says Ma Anand Puja, 37, Philippines-born, was responsible for research labs and unorthodox medical practices at R; witnesses also testified that J County DA Michael Sullivan clearly had symptoms of poisoning two years previously, that SAHP participants' beer had been spiked with Haldol (O-4--see for names of others allegedly attending murder-plot meetings, details of various allegations and profile of Puja; see O-12 for correction on name Karuna mentioned with regard to affidavit; BB-4; SJ-5; BB-6; DC-7; MP-10; DWR-10)

- 3 USCA: NO. : Deadline for INS to make determination of status of 23 Rajneeshee spouses; INS asks for delay; a federal grand jury has been hearing evidence on marriage fraud allegations; according to an April 1983 INS internal memo: "'The organization is responsible for from 300 to 500 suspect marriages according to former followers believed to be credible. 95% of the marriages between citizens and alien members of this organization are phony.'"; the INS is granted an indefinite extension of deadline to complete its criminal investigations (O-2; RG-2; SJ-2; DC-2; O-8; RG-9; DC-9; RT-11)
- 3 EDS: INS: Madras, OR The Pioneer asks why INS hasn't deported Bhagwan to India yet; Bend, OR The Bulletin says Bhagwan in hoping to save R by declaring Rajneeshism dead as a religion might hurry his own deportation; Prineville, OR Central Oregonian asks about past wages and taxes for sannyasin workers now that Rajneeshism is declared not to be a religion
- 4 W: R: GER: OSP: CR: Article speculating on the number and types of search warrants issued to date (DC); West Germanys' Die Zeit prints speculation that Bhagwan will take over the island of Helgoland; OSP Superintendent says indictments and arrest warrants will be forthcoming; 20 new warrants served this date; it is reported that ex-R Mayor Krishna Deva and ex-CR Recorder Ma Anand Sagun returned to R the previous evening and are "believed to be seeking legal immunity in exchange for information."; 100 subpoenas have been served to date, including one on Bhagwan to appear on Oct. 9; discussions concerning immunity for two witnesses said to be held and two more such discussions

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Oct likely, says AG (ST-5; SJ-5; BB-6; DC-7; O-8; SJ-8; DWR-10)

- 5 W: R: GER: Calgary, Canada Herald prints R resident's positive report on life at R; Cologne, West Germany's Bild reports on 'Sheela and 20 followers' life in Haeusern in the Black Forest; feature on recent events in R in West Germany's Stuttgarter Nachrichten
- 5 R: CNCL: Council ratifies Sw. Prem Niren as Mayor, accepts Ma Jayamala resignation from Council and appoints Sw. Sharanananda to a different vacancy, selects Ma Deva Anando as Municipal Judge; Council decides to post minutes of meetings and dispense with formal reading: Oct. 20 set as hearing date to begin taking testimony on repeat of annexation process; vacancy projected in office of City Recorder and Finance Officer; position of City Budget Officer and Hearings Officer for appeals on land use matters are open; Pro Tem Judge position to be filled as needed; announcement that R's insurance has been cancelled; City Attorney recommends R drop a lawsuit against W County for violations of the open meetings law and asks a Councilmember to attend a settlement hearing for part of the Harvey case; she announces that Judge Helen Frye is now sitting on the case against several Oregon officials, Judge Owen Panner having removed himself; Council invites applications for vacancies on Committee for Citizens Involvement (RT-11; SJ-13)
- 6 W: R: GER: AG: Interview with ex-movie star and disillusioned sannyasin in West Germany's Bild Am Sonntag; investigations at R said to be stalled while some disciples seek immunity (Sw. Krishna Deva, 36, and Ma Ava, 25; AG says R has never cooperated as much as they have asserted they would (O--see also for key dates in investigation; SJ); feature on recent events at R (SB); former R Mayor Krishna Deva leaves R once again (RT-11)
- 6 EDS: Portland, OR The Oregonian mulls over what it feels to be the confusing behavior of sannyasins
- 7 W: R: CR: GER: AG: Reported that Bhagwan has said work should no longer be called "worship" nor places of work be called "temples"; CR Mayor Kavido announces she will resign as of Oct. 15, saying she is tired of politics; reported that Bhagwan had been subpoenaed to testify tomorrow before a federal grand jury in Portland concerning wiretapping, but that the US Attorney's office today approved a delay in his appearance for at least 30 days; R Attorney says Home Insurance Co. of Seattle has cancelled R's auto and

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workers' compensation coverage as of this date (with notification on Aug. 6) giving no reason for the midterm cancellation; R has filed a complaint protesting the Oregon Insurance Commissioner's failure to prevent that move, is awaiting a hearing and has found minimal insurance coverage until then; American State Bank confirms reports that seven major Rajneesh corporation accounts have been opened with them (BB; O-8; SJ-8; DC-9; DWR-10; O-11; RT-11; DWR-17); feature on recent events at R in People magazine (see also LAHE); 5 Bend, OR evangelical Christians continue to travel to R to preach in the streets (O); features on Laguna Beach sannyasins and their reactions to recent events in R (DN; LAT); interview with R resident, formerly of Watertown, NY (DT)

- 7 EDS: Las Vegas, Nevada Review-Journal says "A silly cult reveals squalid underside" in R; Eugene, OR Register-Guard columnist comments on use of Book of Rajneeshism in court swearing-in process

- 8 W: R: GER: E: Features on Sheela's stay in the Black Forest of West Germany and on Swiss sannyasins in Basle (Basler Zeitung); features on recent events in R in the Globe and in the Star; The Oregonian reporter says the recent weeks' "rumors of arrests and military intervention proved false...But that did not seem to reduce the siege atmosphere" at R; article on touring American soprano and sannyasin currently in South Africa in the Capetown Cape Times; article on increased business at Shaniko Sam's gas station and store as a result of events at R (DC)

- 8 EDS: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal runs editorial cartoon on sale of Rolls Royces; Eagle Point, OR Independent News columnist recounts degree to which R events are occupying officials at the state Capitol

- 9 W: R: RNSIC: INS: CO: CR: FAW: Former R City Recorder and RNSIC Treasurer, Ma Sat Prabodhi, and psychiatrist and former Vice-Chancellor of RIMU, Sw. Prem Siddha, both of whom had resigned and left R in July reportedly located in Arizona (O; RT-11); reported that Sheela's sister had also left R; R bus station moved to keep bus system almost entirely on private roads; investigation continues (O) INS says it is taking a hard look at Bhagwan's application for permanent residency in light of his statements about religion; R spokesperson and OSU Religion Professor say the demise of "Rajneeshism" "does not mean Rajneesh is not a religious leader of a spritual movement and should not affect the foundation's tax-exempt status."

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(DC; BB; see also DWR-10); CO (also referred to as Concerned Oregonians of Wasco County Political Action Committee or COWC-PAC) announces a fundraiser at The Dalles High School on Oct. 17 to raise money and gather signatures for the CR disincorporation petition; Reps. Dave McTeague and Wayne Fawbush, chief sponsors of the petition drive, will speak (DC; DWR-10); FBI and R representatives hold long meeting at R and five more cartons of documents handed over to authorities (O-10)

- 9 EDS: SAHP: AG: SMITH: Portland, OR The Oregonian mentions change in voter registration laws as response to SAHP; Klamath Falls, OR Herald and News says "Either the teachings of Rajneesh are religious and Frohnmayer has a case, or they aren't and Smith has one." and tax exemptions and Bhagwan's visa should be withdrawn, says "Rajneesh, in his efforts to undo the past, may have boxed himself in. Whether that leads to his eventual exit from Oregon, however, will depend on what federal authorities do next."
- 10 W: R: OSP: CR: A: AG: GOV: State Dept. of Justice and OSP notify the Emergency Board of the Legislature that they may seek up to \$932,000 as early as December for the cost of criminal investigations at R; OSP say they have already spent \$60,000 (BB; O-11; DC-11; RT-11; DWR-17; RT-18); Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon says the CR Council has offered an out-of-court settlement in the dispute over ownership the the A Community Church, apparently different from the one discussed by the Council at their meeting on Oct. 1; the case is before the CA, which has heard arguments, but not yet issued a decision (BB-10; O-11; DC-11; MP-17); W County DA says W County grand jury which convenes on Oct. 16 will hear regular cases first and R last, with AG Office staff preparing evidence and obtaining witnesses, not his office (DC; SJ-11); Governor says "there is a strong likelihood that former followers of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh will be indicted on criminal charges." by the W County grand jury (DC-11)
- 10 EDS: RSD: AG: The Dalles Weekly Reminder columnist says that educators fear HB 2568, passed into law and aimed at the R School District, could create a legal morass because it doesn't define its terms, including "religious activity" and an editorial says AG still has a church-state case, even if "there is no longer a religion of Rajneeshism"
- 11 W: R: RNSIC: RIC: RFI: CR/A: RHT: PROFF: ELECT: RIMU: RSD: New Pres. of RNSIC, Ma Prem Anuradha,

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41, says she believes the commune will survive, that it grossed about \$17 million the previous year from its businesses, that it has 1200-1300 members (O; see RT for interview with her); Pres. of RIC Dhyana John says in speech to Portland City Club that R businesses pump \$2 million a month into Oregon's economy and assets "have a book value of \$80 million"; he was joined on a panel by Pres. of RFI Hasya and Ma Prem Isabel, RNSIC press relations director; they answer questions from the crowd of 400 for over an hour; Hasya speaks of building bridges and says the criminal investigation has gone astray, targetting Bhagwan and innocents at R and not criminals who have left the commune (SJ-12; RG-12; O-12; BB-13); Pres. RIC says he is willing to agree to purchase of corporation property in CR/A, which includes 11 houses, 2 trailers, 6 parcels of undeveloped land, the cafe/store and the "man-camp" housing project; RIC also supports the name change back to A (RT); RNSIC and RHT announce a joint program to plant 23,000 trees at R (RT); FBI agents and R attorneys continue to meet (O-12); Seattle sannnyasins hold meeting of over 150 at area Scottish Rite Temple to discuss events at R and work out their feelings with therapists from R (ST-12); lawsuit against W County Clerk Proffitt originally brought by CR Mayor Kavido and CR Recorder Sagun for conducting a 1984 election by mail ballot and later amended to challenge her change of polling place to the county garage has been dropped (RT); Fossil resident Elsie Thompson, frequent visitor to R, says harmony now possible (RT); costume parties, more live entertainment, popcorn and improved ventilation are announced for Omar Khayyam Lounge in R (RT); RIMU therapists offer program called "Clarity Amidst Chaos" for 30 days of living at R at a cost of \$900 (lower than the up to \$2000 charged previously); RIMU offering counselling to R residents free of charge, has run several groups for community residents and is taking application for new therapists (RT); 2 vacancies on RSD board announced, as well as vacancies for 3 voluntary teachers (RT)

- 11 EDS: Klamath Falls, OR, Herald and News columnist says he wanted to be a bhagwan at one time but it "no longer looks like fun."; The Rajneesh Times editorials comment on recent events in R
- 12 W: R: AG: USDC: HRCC: WCCC: LUBA: CANT: MCCC: RIC: BLDG: CR/A: SAHP: Litigation update lists upcoming schedule: Nov. 18 USDC AG's summary judgement request in church-state case; Nov. 8 USDC arguments on motion to dismiss in R suit against several state officials; Hood River County Circuit Court trial

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Oct. 15 in defamation suit against Sheela by Marcia Wichelmann seeking \$3 million, moved from W County on a change of venue motion; Oct. 22 WCCC hearing on R motion asking for the ban on construction in R to be lifted; Oct. 21 due date for LUBA briefs on Cantrell and agricultural land issues in incorporation case; Oct. 29 trial in MCCC in the suits and countersuits between former ranch manager Harvey and three R corporations; Nov. 14 in Salem the state Electrical Board will consider the request for \$111,500 in fines against RIC for "winterized tents"; other issues which are pending are: W County and federal grand jury investigations into criminal charges against departed leaders; a state Department of Revenue hearing on whether Mandir should be tax-exempt as a religious building; city hearing on the annexation of over 100 acres to R; the CR/A Community Church dispute; suit brought by ex-SAHP participants; several other civil suits involving arrests by the R Peace Force, recovery of money and damages for defamation; immigration status of Bhagwan and several sannnyasins (O; DC-13; BB-14); community meeting in R reaffirms AIDS precautions (RT-18)

- 14 W: R: CAN: RFI: First of several part series on recent events in R, life at R and quotes from Bhagwan (SPI); features on recent events in R, reactions of R and nearby residents (LAT; US News and World Report; Canada's Maclean's; Newsweek); alleged drug smuggler arrested in Vancouver, BC (Robert Franklin Black, 44) said to have ties to R, be a sannnyasin or have stayed at R; Black said to have used many aliases and to have been involved in international drug and currency smuggling since the late 1960s (BB-13; O; O-16); Board of RFI votes to change name from Rajneesh Foundation International to Rajneesh Friends International (RT-18)
- 14 EDS: BUS: Portland, OR Business Journal mentions that American State Bank, Portland's only minority-owned bank, faced disaster in December until R corporation money was deposited there, saying "Business is business, and religious discrimination has no business being involved."
- 15 W: R: GOV: AG: OSP: RIC: Second in series quotes Sheela and describes interviews with Bhagwan, describes recent events, cites attitudes about cleanliness and AIDS (SPI); W County grand jury (5 men and 2 women) begins hearing testimony from more than 100 sannnyasins in what is expected to be a 4 to 6 month process; appearing are Sw. Devaraj, Bhagwan's doctor, said to have been poisoned by Ma Shanti Bhadra (for four

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hours), Ma Prem Hasya, his wife and Bhagwan's secretary, Ma Deva Barkha, Chief of R Peace Force; the special order of the Governor has given the AG authority to conduct the grand jury proceedings in place of the W County DA; State Board of Medical Examiners will investigate alleged violations of Oregon's Medical Practices Act at R at request of OSP (SJ; O; BB; BB-16; SJ-16; O-16; DC-16; DWR-17; RT-18); Hotel Rajneesh in Portland is put up for sale by RIC for \$2.2 million (it was purchased in Jan. 1983 for \$1.4 million); RIC representatives have arranged meetings with three commercial brokerages to hear marketing strategies and are said to be looking for an all-cash sale with quick closing (O; SJ-16; RT-18)

- 15 HRCC: NO. : Jury selection begins in Wichelmann defamation suit against Sheela, RIC, RNSIC, RFI; Judge Jelderks says Sheela need not be present; defense attorneys "had agreed that Sheela's statement [about Wichelmann's husband who had died six weeks previous to the Oct. 1983 school board meeting at which the remarks were made] were made without any reason to believe they were true and that they constituted outrageous conduct as a matter of law.", jurors will be asked to decide whether Wichelmann suffered distress and if the damages of \$2 million being asked should be awarded (O-16; SJ-17; DWR-17)
- 15 MCCC: NO. : Judge Philip T. Abraham refuses to grant a third delay in trial date of Oct. 29 in the suits by RFI and RNSIC against the Harveys and their countersuits against the two organizations and R (O-16)
- 16 W: R: AUS: RIC: IMP: CR: GER: RHT: RFI: RMC: Feature on recent events in R, Rajneeshee corporation finances and the attempt to take over ERG in Australian Business magazine; three DC-3 airplanes at R sold to Texas woman for \$175,000; their original cost was \$300,000; R still has a 19 passenger twin engine Convair, a 10 passenger twin engine Britten Norman Islander, and a helicopter; several houses in CR are for sale for \$17,000 to \$75,000; the modular housing complex originally purchased in Idaho and brought to CR also put up for sale; RIC Pres. says he is divesting "'stupid' investments" and he hopes to buy a jet; assessors say Rancho Rajneesh and improvements are worth about \$22 million (DC; O; SJ; DWR-17; RT-25); Sheela's offer to buy a first-class, 500 year old, 67 room, but bankrupt hotel in Hinterzarten, near Haeusern for \$1.5 million is rejected by the town council after a "German expert on religious sects testified it was not certain that Sheela and the others definitely had

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split with Rajneesh,"; other reports say the owner of the hotel is asking \$1.9 million, that Sheela looked at the property but no offers have been made and that the Mayor and local residents will fight the purchase (O; SJ-17; RG-17); Sheela denies allegations of missing money, but many say she took millions in donations that never reached the corporations (O); Ma Prem Arup, new Secretary-Treasurer of RHT and new Pres. Sw. Anand Rajen announce their new project to plant 15,000 trees at R; Rajneesh Foundation International to be renamed Rajneesh Friends International and the Academy of Rajneeshism to be renamed Rajneesh Academy in corporation reorganizations (BB); testifying before W County grand jury are Ma Prem Hasya, Sw. Shunyo, former RMC doctor, Ma Yoga Taru (RG-17; SJ-17)

- 17 W: R: RIMU: RIC: GER: BUS: CO: CR: W County grand jury takes testimony from Sw. Devageet, Bhagwan's dentist, and Ma Prem Maitri, a RIMU therapist, Sw. Anand Devalaya, Vice-President of RIC, Sw. Prem Vardo, Sw. Sharanananda, Director of the R Legal Assistance Fund (DC; RG); West Germany's Quick magazine says sannyasin businesses there are still thriving, with 2,000 visiting the Cologne disco every night (see also RG-19); rally in The Dalles High School Auditorium sponsored by CO to raise money for the CR disincorporation petition drive; 150-400 attend and are told that 20,000 signatures have been gathered, \$1,700 raised and 15,000 petitions are on the streets; \$850 in contributions and ticket sales; Wamic singer dresses as Bhagwan and sings several songs he has written about R (DWR; DC-18; BB-20)
- 18 W: R: RMC: AUS: Recap of grand jury related events (IA); feature on RMC and medical care at R in American Medical News; reported that 16 Navy divers have been asked by the FBI to begin diving in Pantanjali Lake at R on the 21st to look for illegal machine guns; on Oct. 2 two divers failed to find anything (BB); feature on reactions in Perth, Australia commune to recent events in R; new arts group formed at R (RT)
- 18 HRCC: NO. : 5 woman, 7 man jury decides Sheela is liable for \$625,000 in damages to Marcia Wichelmann, who sought \$3 million for outrageous conduct; if damages are not recoverable from Sheela, a second trial will be held to determine corporate responsibility (O-19; BB-20; SJ-22; DWR-24; RT-25)
- 18 EDS: BUS: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal comments on sale of Hotel Rajneesh and Sheela's contemplation of German

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- Oct hotel purchase; The Rajneesh Times asks why the government is stalling and not arresting Sheela and other perpetrators of alleged crimes
- 19 W: R: Evangelist Luis Palau, who will conduct Nov. 20-24 Christian camp meetings in Salem, OR says he is praying for Bhagwan to become a Christian (SJ)
- 20 W: R: Reported that 5 sannyasins or ex-sannyasins were placed under heavy sedation for several days, others were incorrectly diagnosed as having conjunctivitis or AIDS (2 of 11) and placed in isolation, or given suspect medication by Sheela and Puja as "punishment" (O; DC; RG; SJ); features on recent events in R (WP; BG)
- 20 R: CNCL: Hearing to redo annexation procedure which was declared flawed by SC (RT-11; DWR-17); Council decides to change name of Peace Force to R Police Department and to pay R City Attorney a salary for her full time work; research will be done to lease space to bring all city projects together in one place; announced that more than 20 prehearing depositions on the Cantrell portion of the LUBA hearing on incorporation have been set and that R intends to appeal the third attempt of W County to remove the R comprehensive plan from the county plan; pretrial settlement in the Harvey case failed and the city may be liable for a maximum of \$5000 in damages in the trial which starts Oct. 29; announced that a hearing scheduled for Oct. 29 on the question of lifting the 1983 ban on construction in R by the W County Circuit Court has been postponed due to scheduling problems (RT-25)
- 20 EDS: Bend, OR The Bulletin gives the Sheela Golden Throat Award to US AG Edwin Meese
- 21 W: R: GER: Two divers hired by FBI turn up no weapons in Pantanjali Lake; Sheela speaks by phone with KGW-TV reporter and says she will be glad to return to US to answer any allegations, that she has no money, but she is negotiating to buy a hotel (SJ-22; RG-22); Sheela's former husband, Sw. Prem Jayandanda returns to R; he is expected to appear next week in Portland as a witness in the Harvey suits (O-23)
- 21 LUBA: NO. : Briefs due in incorporation case agricultural land and Cantrell issues
- 22 W: R: Sw. Dhyan Mansavi arrested at R and accused of second degree criminal trespass (DC); 3 divers hired by FBI turn up nothing in search of Patanjali Lake (O-23); feature on recent events in R (CT)

- Oct 22 WCCC: NO. : Hearing to determine whether to lift an injunction against building construction at R had been set for this date, but was "moved off the docket Tuesday because of a conflict." (DWR-17; O-23)
- 23 W: R: BUS: W County grand jury resumes hearing testimony, has heard from about 10 witnesses to date (O; O-24); 3 divers working for FBI move to larger Krishnamurti Lake (O-24; SJ-24; RT-25); man arrested for drug smuggling who may have been/be a sannyasin and is on US Marshal's list of 15 most wanted (Robert Franklin Black, 44) remanded into Canadian custody until Nov. 8 when date for an extradition hearing to be set; his wife has also been arrested (O-24); 150 business people from the Portland area are invited to Hotel Rajneesh to meet the new officers of R corporations (RT-25)
- 23 EDS: Lebanon, OH Western Star columnist comments on recent events in R
- 24 W: R: CR/A: Madras Pioneer begins series on interviews with former CR/A residents; story dubbed "invasion of the townsatchers"; two teams of 3 Navy divers join search in Krishnamurti Lake and two more divers expected on 25th; Navy divers delayed because of federal law prohibiting use of the military to aid local law enforcement, a requirement waived by the Defense Department at the request of the Oregon Justice Department (RT-25; SJ-25; BB-25; O-25)
- 24 EDS: Portland, OR The Oregonian columnist writes of a new parody song about Bhagwan
- 25 W: R: GER: SS: ELECT: Sheela said to be enjoying village life along with 24 other former sannyasins; they are renting nine apartments at the Sonnhalde Hotel in Haeusern at a cost of \$138 per day; the group is doing its own cooking and cleaning; Haeusern is about 40 miles from Zurich, Switzerland (RG); Hotel Rajneesh in R announces lower rates for 6 month period; the Rajneesh school in Medina England has been sold but will not close for one month; the commune will move to London and there are plans to open a new school in the Netherlands; interview with three of the new male coordinators of departments at R; articles on the reactions of sannyasins in Sydney, Australia; article on sannyasins in the Soviet Union; 200 at R recently attended an ecology seminar, first in series of educational seminars to be offered; announced that SS will take testimony on Nov. 8 in The Dalles on the types of identification felt to be appropriate for

- Oct implementing the new voter registration law requiring such identification within the last 12 days before an election (RT); two military jets buzz R during Bhagwan's discourse several times (RT-11/1)
- 25 EDS: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal says "paranoid cohesiveness...binds the Rajneeshees together."; Somerset, PA Somerset Daily American prints negative editorial about Bhagwan and recent events in R
- 25 USDC: NO. : Judge Owen M. Panner upholds jury award of \$1.25 million in punitive damages to Helen Byron, former sannyasin, while denying payment of \$63,000 in interest on part of her judgment; in May, Byron won a \$390,000 judgment for the return of money she said she had loaned; a tax attorney had testified at trial that RFI's assets in 1983 totalled \$30.8 million; Panner also denies RLS attorneys' request for a new trial on the grounds that a change of venue to California should have been allowed (O-26; SJ-27)
- 26 LUBA: NO. : USDC: NO. : Reported that R incorporation will go before LUBA in a Nov. 5 hearing on the suitability of the site for agricultural purposes and whether W County fully considered that factor and in a Nov. 18 hearing on whether W County Judge/Commissioner Cantrell should have declared a conflict of interest and declined to vote on the incorporation election; Dec. 6 is scheduled as a tentative date for a final order and opinion in the case; AG's church-state case will be argued on Nov. 18 in USDC in Portland (O--see for recap of land use issues; SJ-27)
- 27 W: R: National convention of the Society of the Scientific Study of Religion meeting in Savannah, GA hears presentation on R by a sannyasin therapist and Washington State Univ. Sociology Professor Lewis Carter on R (SNM/SEP-27); Bhagwan leaves R at 5:27 pm on a Gates Learjet with destination filed with FAA as Charlotte, NC; photoessay on this day at R (CT-29)
- 27 EDS: The Dalles Chronicle prints guest editorial saying the concept of work as worship is not new and urging tolerance
- 28 W: R: RFST: INS: RLS: USDC: GER: SMITH: GOV: AG: FAW: HULSE: J: CO: 1000: Bhagwan, four pilots and eight disciples (the six later charged are: Sw. Devaraj/ George Meredith, Ma Yoga Vivek/Christine Woolf, Ma Prem Nirupa/ Gillian Johnston, Ma Chetna/Sandra

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Pengally Thomson, Hemlata DesRosiers, Sw. Prem Jayesh/-Michael O'Bryne--see O-30 for a profile which says he is a trustee of RFST are arrested at 1:50 am EST, said to be under federal indictment and trying to flee the country and taken in handcuffs by US Customs Service officials who surround their two planes at Charlotte--Douglass International Airport in North Carolina; Bhagwan is taken to US Courthouse holding cell pending arraignment on charges of conspiracy to make false statements to federal immigration officers and with harboring aliens illegally in the US; they were said to be going to change planes and charter another set to fly them to Bermuda this evening, says US Marshal Ray Abrams, even though the FAA says the flight plans filed were for Charlotte as a final destination with one Learjet landing in Pueblo, Colorado and the other stopping in Salt Lake City on the way; Portland INS official Houseman says Bhagwan was named in indictments handed down by a federal grand jury in Portland on the 23rd; Houseman also says that the US Customs Service and FAA tracked the plane across the country and that he was unsure whether Bhagwan knew about the indictments; he says "I've heard reports that people at the ranch knew about the indictments," (see SJ-29); INS official in Charlotte says arrest was requested by the US Attorney of Oregon; 1000-3000 at R 9:00 pm meeting are told of events and that commune will continue; 4 lawyers, 2 RLS and 2 non-sannyasins, fly to Charlotte (CER; CT: SJ; BB; O--one edition lists names of five of seven sannyasins indicted along with Bhagwan on the immigration charges as Ma Prem Arup, Ma Prem Padma, Ma Prem Karuna, Ma Prem Mukta, Ma Navena and another edition omits the names; see O for feature article on the history of the INS investigations leading to the indictments); later reports add the following details: a pistol was recovered from the runway and said to have come from one of the Rajneeshee aircraft; a large amount of cash and a special chair were confiscated from the planes; at a hearing before US Magistrate Barbara DaLaney, Bhagwan and six disciples are ordered held until Oct. 31 for an extradition hearing, no bail is set and two sannyasins who had met the planes were released (Maxine Levine/ Ma Vedanta Hanya and Robert Jahn/Sw. Prem Prasad), as were four pilots; the requests that Bhagwan be ordered held in a hospital at his own expense due to severe asthma, allergies and back pain and that he be allowed to wear his own clothes were denied; Bhagwan is taken to Mecklenburg County Jail in chains (see O-29 for typical photo), clothed in army fatigues and placed in an eight person cell with five others very close to the nurse's station; the jail said it did make arrangements for

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constant medical supervision, cotton clothing and vegetarian meals of 850 calories each, but later it is said no special food or clothing has been allowed (see CNCO-29 and O-30); the federal indictment was unsealed in Portland this day and contained 35 counts charging Bhagwan and seven disciples with "conspiring to defraud the United States, and with ordering others to make false statements to the Immigration and Naturalization Service in a coverup of sham marriages between U.S. and foreign disciples. Rajneesh also is charged with lying to the INS to conceal his intent to remain permanently in this county (sic)"; Sheela was also charged in the indictment as was Ma Yoga Vidya; four others indicted turn themselves in in Portland (Ma Prem Arup; Ma Prem Padma; Ma Prem Naveena; Ma Prem Mukta; see O-29 for profiles of all indicted) and appear before USDC Judge Edward Leavy, are released without bail on the condition they relinquish their passports and are ordered to appear at 9:00 am on Oct. 31 to enter their pleas); another named in the indictment (Ma Prem Karuna) is in England and has made arrangements to surrender to Scotland Yard; Bhagwan faces a maximum sentence of 175 years and a fine of \$350,000 and the others face maximum sentences of 165 years and \$330,000 in fines on the federal indictment charges; US Attorney Charles Turner said federal officials were negotiating with Peter Schey, Bhagwan's attorney, for his surrender and implied it was Schey who "tipped" Bhagwan off to the indictments on the 27th, but Schey says he did not know about the indictments until today, that the US Attorney's Office in Oregon has refused to comment on whether indictments had issued since June of 1985 and denies that Bhagwan was fleeing the country since he left in broad daylight, in a chartered plane paid for with a credit card and in the presence of two news reporters; federal complaints are filed accusing Bhagwan of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution and a complaint against the six sannyasins arrested with him for harboring him; sannyasins at R seem calm but bewildered and concerned about Bhagwan's health; a few leave (SJ-29; O-29; USA-29; SPI-29; BB-29; CT-29; CT-30; RT-11/1--see also for article on the state of Bhagwan's health recently; TCS-11/2; Welt Am Sonntag--11/3; National Catholic Reporter-11/8); just hours after Bhagwan's arrest Sheela, Puja and Shanti Bhadra are taken into custody in West Germany on US immigration charges and an Oregon indictment (see DC-30 for text of the state indictment) handed down on Oct. 25 accusing them of attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder and first-degree assault in the attempt on Devaraj's life; conviction on each charge carries penalty of up to 20 years in prison and a fine of

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\$100,000; Paul Keller of Oregon's Criminal Justice Division and two Portland FBI agents aided with the arrests (Hadley McCann and Paul Hudson); Sheela and the others are held in the courthouse at Waldshut, a town on the German/Swiss border; German federal police and FBI agents search Sheela's living quarters (SJ-29; SPI-29; O-29; RT-11/1); US Rep. Bob Smith calls on the Governor, AG and US AG to find the "leak" that supposedly "tipped" Bhagwan "to the supposedly secret indictment, prompting him to attempt to flee the country."; AG says attempted flight did not surprise him; State Rep. Wayne Fawbush says Bhagwan's arrest could mark the demise of the commune and urges an INS crackdown; W County Commissioner Bill Hulse says he is "pleased"; J County DA says it would be "'inappropriate'" for him to comment; Laura Bentley, a leader of CO, says it's just a repeat of the flight from Poona; 1000 Friends Director says he doesn't think it will affect land use proceedings (SJ-29; O-29; BB-30--see also for reaction of Bend residents)

28 EDS: Bend, OR The Bulletin accuses Bhagwan of trying to avoid arrest

29 W: R: RLS: RIC: INS: GER: AG: Feature article accuses Bhagwan of building "his career on publicity stunts" (O); feature profiles Sheela and says she was "deposed" by the "'Hollywood gang'" (O); feature on interview with pilots flying the Learjets to Charlotte says a US Customs Service agent at R had seen the plane depart and that: he had been watching the airstrip for 2 weeks; US Attorney Turner had told the customs agent that Bhagwan's attorney, Peter Schey, had called the afternoon of the 27th and said he knew about the secret indictment and wanted to discuss bail; Turner received a call at 7pm on the 27th from the Portland lawyer for a ranch sannnyasin (Ava) who had told him Bhagwan had left; one hour before landing in Charlotte the pilots were asked if they could take the group to Bermuda and the reply was no (see SJ); they were handcuffed and arrested at riflepoint; all were shocked and offered no resistance, were placed in three holding cells, one for women, one for men, one for Bhagwan (O; CNCO; BB; SJ; DC-30; RT-11/1); reported that an Allentown, PA jet company had been called early in the morning of the 28th with a request for 2 planes to fly from Charlotte to Bermuda (AMC); feature on coverage of yesterday's hearing in Charlotte courthouse (CNCO); background piece on R (CNCO); feature on one of Charlotte resident disciples who met Bhagwan's plane (Ma Vedanta Hanya) (CNCO; see also SMN/SEP-30 and CNCO-11/4); background feature on the various investigations of R and sannnyasins (SJ); Bhagwan says in

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interview on ABC-TV's "nightline" (see RT-11/1 for partial text) that: he did not know where he was being taken, except to a safe place for rest because death threats had been received; he had been treated well in the jail but that the US Marshals had arrested him without a warrant and treated him badly in the federal courthouse holding cell; commune members react with shock at seeing Bhagwan in chains and in jail, but some say this is just another lesson (see ST); later Bhagwan tells CBS-TV's "Nightwatch" interviewer that he wants to leave America when the case is finished and will take his commune with him to India; Bhagwan's secretary insists his health is in danger; RLS attorneys file a motion seeking to permit his examination by medical specialists, which has so far been refused; the jail has also refused to allow his special food and chair to be brought to him; she also said that when one of their attorneys called R on the 27th to say that the flight wouldn't look good, several on the ranch tried to get through to the plane and ask it to turn back; they tried for four hours, but no answers came from the plane; she says the plane contained Bhagwan's special chair, a few clothes, medical equipment and \$56-58,000 in cash for the eight people intending to go on a few weeks vacation (O-30; SJ-30; RG-30; ST-30; BB-30; USA-30; GE-30; CNCO-30; SL-30; CT-30; BTA-30; DC-31; GNR--31; RT-11/1; LKT-11/2); disciples around the US are concerned about Bhagwan's health (BDC); Pres. of RMCCT and RIC says the car trust is negotiating to buy six more Rolls Royces and the commune will continue; he says the commune's assets total \$80 million and debts only \$35 million (ST-30--see also for profile of Sw. Dhyhan John, Pres. of RIC; SPI-30; DC-30); Rosemary McGreer says "'What we feel is somewhat vindicated,'" (SPI-30); Ma Prem Isabel, press relations, and Sw. Prem Niren, R Mayor, who are accused by INS of a "sham marriage" deny the charge (DC-30); Oregon officials said to be working "against the clock to produce legal documents that would authorize" the extradition of Sheela, Puja and Shanti B, since the initial paperwork must be filed within 40 days; the extradition could take 3 to 4 months as the paperwork must go through diplomatic channels, the AG says; Sheela gives telephone interview to a German newspaper; German police deny that FBI agents present did anything but observe the arrests and search; the three women appear before Waldshut District Justice Gerhard Wehmeier to be informed of the reason for their imprisonment; he orders them to be held until a higher court in Karlsruhe can determine whether the evidence is sufficient to continue holding them; no one is permitted to visit them except their attorneys (O-30; GE-30; DC-30; SJ-30;

- Oct O-31; RG-31; RT-11/1); a group of teen-age students from Santa Cruz, CA keep their scheduled visit to R (SJMN-30)
- 29 MCCC: NO. : Hearing set in Harvey suits and countersuits
- 29 A Katmandu, Nepal court dismisses a divorce plea by Sheela saying she failed to provide sufficient evidence of mental torture and abandonment; her American husband's, Jayananda's, attorney says Sheela married Swiss Dipo while still married to Jayananda, therefore her Swiss passport may not be valid and extradition to the US may be easier; Sheela is said to have falsified a petition to the court in which Jayananda allegedly agreed to the divorce and falsely claimed that he had beaten her (BB-11/7; O-11/8; SJ-11/9)
- 29 EDS: SS: GOV: Portland, OR The Oregonian columnist congratulates KGW-TV for Sunday scoop on Bhagwan's departure from ranch and recounts how they tracked the plane across the country and knew that Bhagwan would probably be arrested in Charlotte; Salem, OR Statesman-Journal columnist says Bhagwan's departure upstaged ex-SS Paulus' announcement of her candidacy for Governor
- 30 W: R: RNSIC: GER: RLS: Feature on R corporations' plans; 300 said to have newly applied for membership in RNSIC and 200 accepted so far (O); Redmond, OR store posts sign saying "VISIT HISTORIC ORE GHOST TOWNS SHANIKO AND RAJNEESH PURAM" (O); feature predicting all at R will be in need of counselling and reporting on the National Cult Awareness Network (DMN); sources say German authorities seized a number of documents and at least one syringe in Sheela's quarters and that her rent had been paid directly from a German bank account (O-31--see for list of those living with Sheela in Germany, a complete list of "suspects" and charges); RLS attorneys file motions to return money seized on plane and to compel production of evidence; government attorneys file motion opposing defense request that a physician be allowed to examine Bhagwan, claiming that "attempted poisonings...at the hands of certain followers have been planned. Apparently, there has also been some discussion among certain members of that group with regard to a suicide of the defendant"; federal magistrate refuses to allow private doctors to see Bhagwan (O-31; SJ-31; CNCO-31; RG-31; SPI-31); divers resume search of Patanjali Lake (O-31); Hasya, Anuradha and John hold press conferences (see RT 11/1 for partial texts)

- Oct 30 CA: NO. : Court rules that LCDC has the authority to review R Comprehensive Plan even though the city's legal status is in dispute; CA orders LCDC to reconsider whether R complied with land use laws in adopting their UGB and to determine whether need exists for urban-level population densities and support services at R (and future new cities) in ruling against 1000 Friends challenge; case is remanded to LCDC for consideration of what development is appropriate (O-31)
- 30 CA: NO. : Court rules that the state law requiring revocation of a teacher's certificate for wearing religious garb to class is unconstitutional because the penalty is too severe; the ruling leaves a question of whether wearing religious garb is still illegal and if so how a violation should be punished (SJ-31)
- 30 EDS: Chicago, IL Sun-Times says "God works his will in mysterious ways" and that "Arrogance. Deceit. Greed. Lust." are "ingredients of the cult" formed by Bhagwan in commenting on his arrest; Toledo, OH Blade runs cartoon on Bhagwan in jail
- 31 W: R: USDC: AG: PLAN: COMI: GER: INS: RIC: Description of items confiscated from plane (now said to include \$58,222 in cash--CN-11/1) and profile of Sw. Jayesh, one of those accompanying Bhagwan (O-31); article saying Ma Prem Vidya has not been arrested by German authorities even though she is named in the federal indictment (O-31); article profiling the eight sannnyasins arrested with Bhagwan (O-31); Oct/Nov issue of Utne Reader summarizes recent magazine articles on R and Bhagwan; 6 and 1/2 hour bail hearing for Bhagwan and six disciples in North Carolina USDC; prosecution continues to link Bhagwan with crimes allegedly committed by Sheela (including now a plot to kill US Attorney Turner and Oregon's AG, which she is said to have planned with Ma Shanti Bhadra, Ma Anand Puja and Ma Dhyan Yogini; see O-31; O-11/2; SJ-11/2 for further details, including R reactions, the names of 6 others alleged to be on Sheela's "'hit list'", but never written down--former Asst. AG Karen Green, W County Planning Director Dan Durow, W County Commissioner Jim Comini, former sannnyasins Helen Byron and Barbara Byron, The Oregonian reporter Les Zaitz--and the details of how Turner was to have been killed) and calls him a danger to society; hearing recessed until Nov. 1; magistrate denies request that private plane and security guards be used to transport Bhagwan back to Oregon; 6 arrested with Bhagwan face aiding flight from prosecution and concealment charges, each of which is punishable by up to five years in prison and a \$5000

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fine; about 1,500 sannyasins in West Berlin, Hamburg, Munich and Bonn gather in silent peaceful demonstrations (RT-11/1; CN-11/1; CNCO-11/1; CSM-11/1; SFC-11/1; RG-11/1; SJ-11/1); parents of Charlotte resident whose marriage to a German is claimed to be one of 16 "shams" by the INS deny the allegation, saying the four year old marriage is very loving (CNCO-11/1); Charlotte resident outside of Bhagwan's court hearing wears a T-shirt saying "We Bhagged the Bhagwan"; shop sells "Charlotte Bagged the Big Bad Bhagwan" T-shirts; hundreds of telegrams arrive at Mecklenburg County Jail and florists in Charlotte deliver hundreds of dollars of flowers to Bhagwan (CNCO-11/1; TSL-11/2); R Police Chief says R is a "'psychological disaster scene.'", three of her seven officers have resigned, that someone in the US Dept. of Justice had told her "'the U.S. government has been waiting for its chance to humiliate this man.'" in speaking of the leg irons used with Bhagwan (SFC-11/1); Pres. of RIC, Sw. Dhyan John, says that if Bhagwan is allowed to leave the US and invites sannyasins to come, they will sell the commune and leave (SJ-11/1)

31 USDC: NO. : Five (Padma, Navena, Karuna, Arup, Mukta) of seven sannyasins (the other two are Sheela and Vidya) indicted along with Bhagwan on federal immigration violation charges plead innocent; Judge Edward Leavy releases them without bail on condition that they stay in Oregon and report weekly to a probation officer; he rejects government motions that they be required to post \$25,000 bail and that all five be required to stay in Portland; they all intend to stay at R and have surrendered their passports; no trial date is yet set (O-11/1; RG-11/1; SJ-11/1)

31 EDS: Portland, OR The Oregonian columnist asks "is Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh an ambitious, power-grubbing megalomaniac with a weakness for fancy cars and diamond-studded jewelry? Or is he a hapless seeker for enlightenmnt who got swept up in the karmic careerist dreams of a group of ambitious 'devotees' who saw in him a lucrative ride on the spiritual bandwagon of the times?"; Western Oregon State College Lamron columnist comments on Bhagwan's arrest as does Salem, OR Statesman-Journal columnist, who adds comments on the cost of prosecuting the cases; Albany, OR Democrat-Herald says in speaking of recent government actions "if they're not careful, if they don't restrain themselves and their heavy-handed ways, they'll turn this man into a martyr."; Tulsa, OK Daily World says US should let Bhagwan leave the country; Trenton, NJ, The Trentonian columnist comments negatively on Bhagwan and his

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appearance on ABC's "Nightline"; Dallas, TX Morning News runs cartoon on Bhagwan's flight; Toronto, ON Canada Globe and Mail columnist comments on the loyalty of sannyasins at R; Milwaukee, WI Journal takes federal government to task for taking on the job of deciding whose marriage is a sham; Davis, CA Enterprise columnist says "I find it ironic that the very government that's been trying to run you out of the country for the last four years now detains you when you're tying (sic) to leave. They should have just let you continue on your merry way...I hate to say it, but if members of the Mafia wore beards, flowing robes, preached unconventional religious beliefs and lived on desert communes, they'd all be in jail by now." in an "open letter" to Bhagwan; Kokomo, IN Tribune comments on recent events in R

Nov 1 W: R: GOV: IND: SS: RIC: RNSIC: RSD: Oregon magazine prints article on Hasya, one on alleged RMC misdeeds, and one quoting "anti-cult experts" extensively in commenting on recent events in R; about 250 sannyasins march silently around federal courthouse in Portland for about an hour to protest Bhagwan's imprisonment (O-2; RG-2; SJ-2; GNR-2; LALO-2; O-3; RT-8); Gov. Atiyeh says Bhagwan's arrest was part of a contingency plan developed by his office (O-2); about 500 sannyasins protest in Bombay and New Delhi, India demanding Bhagwan's release from jail (RG-2; SJ-2); former SS Paulus, now candidate for Governor, in speaking to Phoenix, OR high school students predicts the demise of the R commune (Q-2); RIC President tells commune meeting of about 2000 that Bhagwan is expected to be in Portland Nov. 5; American Religious Freedom Foundation (ARFF), formed at R about a year ago, begins campaign to contact influential persons who might aid in gaining Bhagwan's release (O-3); two of three DC-3 planes bought from RIC by a cargo firm arrive in El Paso, TX and the third is expected in a month; an employee of the firm said he was impressed by R and two of his crew on the planes spoke with Bhagwan for about half an hour (EPT-2); interviews with sannyasins about recent treatment of Bhagwan; interviews with new RNSIC Vice-President (Sw. David) and Treasurer (Ma Sujato); 20-50 National Guardsmen and 3 helicopters are stationed in Redmond, OR; sannyasin invents a new type of condom; RSD has sponsored 4 weekend learning trips in its "School on wheels" program (RT)

- 1 USDC: NO. : Federal magistrate Barbara H. DeLaney orders Bhagwan held without bail pending his return to Oregon for trial on immigration charges, saying he had "'evidenced a predisposition for flight and the ability of flight both through financial resources and his devoted followers.'"; he "faces 34 felony counts of making or ordering others to make false statements to immigration officials and one felony count of conspiracy" (O-2--see also for explanation of DeLaney's reasoning for her decisions; also good explanation in CNCO-2); DeLaney dismissed a charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, saying it only applies to state, not federal, charges; DeLaney releases three (Chetna, Hemlata, Nirupa) of six sannyasins arrested with Bhagwan and finds probable cause to hold three others (Vivek, Devaraj, Jayesh) and sets bail at \$25,000 for each of them; the three post bail and depart after DeLaney sets a court appearance for them on Nov. 4 before Judge Edward Leavy in USDC in Portland; Hasya calls the decision to hold Bhagwan "'outrageous'" and

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says she doubts he had a fair hearing, given the conservative nature of the state, the presence of "'We bagged the Bhagwan'" T-shirts and such; Federal Marshal Ray Abrams refuses to say when Bhagwan will be returned to Oregon, saying it is practice not to announce such moves; US Attorney William Youngman says Bhagwan will probably be returned to Oregon "'by the middle of next week'"; R Mayor Niren says that US Attorney Turner stated at 4pm on Sunday, Oct. 27, that "any talk of Rajneesh's arrest was premature." (LJ; BCT; O-2; RG-2; SJ-2; GNR-2; CNCO-2; OCR-2; TGM-4; Welt Am Sonntag-4); Bhagwan's attorneys pledge R commune property as security against his trying to leave the country in an attempt to free him from jail, but Magistrate DeLaney had apparently already made her decision; Joespeh Greene of INS in Portland testifies that legal research had begun to determine where Bhagwan could go without a visa as early as January of this year (Bermuda and the Bahamas can be entered from the US without visa) (GNR-2; O-3)

- 1 EDS: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal calls Bhagwan a "loser"; Greensboro, NC News Record invites Bhagwan to enjoy his stay in the Mecklenburg County Jail; Roanoke, VA Times and World News recounts "the Bhagwan blues" and prints cartoon of Sheela; Window Rock, AZ Navajo Times Today explains Bhagwan's situation; Statesville, NC Record and Landmark columnist says "BHAGWAN BAGGED -- Sometimes the Lord works in mysterious ways,...After a long wait, it appears that justice may finally be served against this most obnoxious of religious cults."; Lexington, NC The Dispatch religion columnist says "The Long Arm Of The Law Bagged The Bhagwan" and implies he has used religion for his personal gain; The Rajneesh Times comments on Bhagwan's departure from R, arrest and shackling
- 2 W: R: RFI: Devaraj, Vivek and Chetna return to R, and tell an R community meeting that Bhagwan is "'being well looked after'" (O-3; RT-8--see also for sannyasin reactions); RFI begins taking reservations for Dec. 7--11 festival (O-3); Isabel, Niren, Hasya, John, Jayesh return to R (O-4); sannyasin at New Bremen, NY Center voices worry that Bhagwan will be "'poisoned by his jailers, and then'" the government will blame it on disciples (DT-4)
- 2 EDS: Greensboro, NC News Record comments on Bhagwan's baldness; Alton, IL Alton Telegraph columnist invites Bhagwan to come to his city (instead of leaving for India) because of the economic benefits it could have for the depressed area

- Nov 3 W: R: HD: CR/A: EUR: The Oregonian prints a list of Bhagwan and 12 sannyasins along with the charges against them, reports that Sheela and three others "used false identification to buy guns in Texas as part of an alleged plot to kill nine people" (see also SJ; THP; O-2), reports that a sannyasin informant said that the Sept. "1984 salmonella food poisoning in The Dalles was a test for a larger plan to rig the Nov. 6 general election" by making "people too ill to go to the polls." "However, state Health Division officials said that despite rumors of intentional contamination at the time of the outbreak, their findings revealed nothing to confirm it." (O; SJ-4); CR/A and ex-CR/A non-sannyasin residents are said to be "quietly savoring the guru's arrest...their comments were tinged with both bitterness and prejudice"; about 16 of the original 42 residents still live in CR/A (RG); feature on CR/A (TNT); feature articles on reactions of sannyasins at R says most remain upbeat (RG; PI--also contains background information on recent events); Oregon broadcast of "60 Minutes" TV show patching together previously taped interviews with Sheela in Germany and Bhagwan in R in which they speak disparagingly of each other (SJ-4; RG-5); feature article on recent R-related events (NYT); favorable reminiscences about sannyasin presence in Montclair, NJ (HNJR); demonstration of sannyasins in Florence, Italy where the US consulate refuses to accept a letter; demonstrations earlier in Amsterdam (RT-8)
- 3 EDS: Evansville, IN, Courier-Press comments sarcastically on Bhagwan's discomfort in Charlotte; Little Rock, AR Arkansas Gazette comments on Bhagwan's dislike of grits; Yakima, WA Herald Republic columnist humorously speculates on the media coverage that follows Bhagwan's arrest
- 4 W: R: GOV: GER: WEAV: Gov. Atiyeh says R is "'unraveling'... 'That has been the history of cults.'", he will be "'relieved'" if this situation results in the departure of sannyasins from R, he favors extradition of Bhagwan because "he does not want the state to get a reputation as a place where crimes can be committed with 'impunity'", and "he believes Rajneesh can get a fair trial in Oregon" (BB); US Marshal Max Wilson says he has received at least 10 to 15 direct threats of harm to himself or Bhagwan and that Bhagwan is "'real nice as far as being around.'" (ANCT); features on R, recent events, reactions of sannyasins in Der Spiegel and Sueddeutsche Zeitung (author of the latter says the goal of American authorities seems to be to crush the commune and she doubts that

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Bhagwan will be able to get a fair trial in Oregon); plane carrying Bhagwan and 66 other prisoners leaves Charlotte in the afternoon and arrives in Oklahoma City, OK about 7 pm; he is shackled, placed in a waiting automobile and thought to be taken to the Federal Correctional Institute in El Reno, 28 miles west of Oklahoma City, although officials there will not confirm; death threats against Bhagwan are acknowledged to have prevented the more normal bus transport from NC to Alabama before enplaning; authorities expect Bhagwan to arrive in Portland on Nov. 5 (RG-5; O-5; SJ-5; CNCO-5; BES-5; DTH-5); sannnyasins propose a weekend of meditation and celebration in Charlotte as a way to thank the residents there, counter negative publicity and satisfy interest generated by recent events (O-6; DC-6; CNCO-7); US Rep. Jim Weaver introduces a bill in Congress to turn 5,000 acres of Rancho Rajneesh along the John Day River into a federal hunting and fishing management area through negotiated purchase or condemnation and to prevent its development; he also charges that "the Rajneeshees were culturing AIDS in their laboratories to 'kill off as many people in this country as they possibly could with the AIDS culture.'" (DC-5; O-6)

- 4 USDC: NO. : Vivek, Devaraj and Jayesh appear in court in Portland without lawyers, are advised of their rights, ask for time to obtain counsel and are given a new appearance date of Nov. 12; they are ordered to maintain contact with the federal probation office (O-5; NCR-24)
- 4 EDS: Milwaukee, WI Sentinel says "Rajneesh went too far in exploiting religion"; Chicago, IL Sun-Times columnist, in commenting on his recent interview with Bhagwan, laments his inability to understand what attracts educated American followers
- 5 W: R: CR/A: WEAV: HD: RNSIC: SAHP: RIMU: US Rep. James Weaver says "there is now 'no question' that Rajneeshees caused a massive salmonella outbreak in The Dalles last year, and he charges the sect with 'developing all kinds of poisons and toxic chemicals' on its Central Oregon ranch."; he says he is writing an article for Penthouse magazine on the subject; the state Health Division says "there is still no evidence that the September 1984 salmonella outbreak in The Dalles was an act of sabotage." (RG-6; SJ-7); Bhagwan spends second day in Oklahoma in an undisclosed location; marshals say the location is not the federal facility at El Reno and Bhagwan will probably be moved to Portland on Nov. 6 (RG-6; SJ-6; O-6; RT-8--Hasya

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later thanks press for helping to locate Bhagwan after prison officials at El Reno denied his presence or expecting him); about 1000 sannyasins stage parade, music, speeches in R celebration on behalf of Bhagwan, sponsored by ARFF; they are said to be upset at the delay in his return to Portland (O-6; SJMN-6; RT-8--see also for statement by ARFF); R Councilmember (Ma Prem Rajo) and City Recorder (Ma Prem Sujato) appointed (RT-15); residents of CR/A vote 34 to 0 (about 21 sannyasins and 13 others voting out of about 75 registered sannyasins and 25 registered non-sannyasins) to change the name from Rajneesh back to Antelope; ex-Mayor Hill says it is an empty gesture and she is still upset about property taxes and "'Hindu'" street names; another long-time resident (Opray) says residents will continue to fight for disincorporation (SJ-6; DC-6; RT-8); interview with RNSIC President about new reorganization; about 55 SAHP participants said to still be at R, 40 of whom recently attended a 3 day introductory workshop at RIMU and 14 of whom have gone into a month-long series of workshops (RT-8)

- 5 LUBA: NO. : LUBA holds hearing on the suitability of R as a site for agriculture and whether that was adequately considered by the W County Court/Commission before granting an incorporation election; this is one of the two issues they have been ordered to consider by the SC; 1000 Friends attorney argues that the land was used for grazing in the past, that the Court/Commission did not consider any evidence that the land was unsuitable for agriculture and since the land is reclaimable it is suitable for agriculture; Eugene attorney Allen J. Johnson, representing individuals who petitioned to form R, argues that the Court/Commission did consider the agriculture issue insofar as stating that land use goals requiring the protection of agricultural land would have to be satisfied in the comprehensive planning process after incorporation; the LUBA chief referee says that the county found that Goal 3 (protection of agricultural land) did not apply to the incorporation decision itself, but only to the comprehensive planning process; R Attorney Sangeet says the city is required as an economic base in order to make land reclamation outside the city possible; LUBA is expected to hear the Cantrell issue on Nov. 18, the same day that the USDC will hear arguments in the church-state case (O-6)

- 5 EDS: Editorial cartoons on Bhagwan in jail in the Salem, OR Statesman-Journal and the Eugene, OR Register-Guard; Carlsbad, NM Carlsbad Current-Argus comments that Bhagwan doesn't like the South, as does Grants, NM

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- 6 W: R: IND: Bhagwan spends one more day in an undisclosed location in federal custody in Oklahoma (SJ-7; DWR-7; BMS-7); sannyasins at K said to be sad and following VCR tapes of news broadcasts on Bhagwan every night, but more committed to the commune than ever (O-7; DWR-7); Chicago Tribune writer says R's "future doubtful without Rajneesh", citing its estimated \$16-24 million annual gross product, which is likely to fall (also cites R's assets at \$80 million and debts at \$45 million; see also CT-7); Bhagwan's attorney holds press conference saying that a team of four attorneys (Myles Ambrose of Washington, DC, Brian O'Neill and Peter Schey of Los Angeles, Jack Ransom of Portland) will defend Bhagwan, as federal charges of marriage fraud against the sannyasin lawyer prevent him from participating directly in the case (O-7; BB-7; TC-7); US Attorney says federal government has launched an internal investigation to determine whether their employees have been leaking information to the press and sannyasins (O-7); feature on Tacoma, WA attorney's representation of Ma Prem Karuna against charges of marriage fraud (TNT); sannyasin demonstrations to take place in India between today and Nov. 13 (in New Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Indore, Bihar, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh) (RT-8)
- 6 EDS: The Oregonian runs editorial cartoon on Bhagwan's imprisonment; Framlingham, MA Daily News columnist asks "Is Rajneesh a victim of an American bias against divinity?"; a Charlotte, NC Observer columnist jokes that Bhagwan and the rain left Charlotte on the same day; Gastonia, NC Gazette columnist says "He [Bhagwan] probably is just as glad to be out of Charlotte as Charlotte is glad to be out of him."; Green Valley, AZ Green Valley Sun says Bhagwan "has fallen on hard times...he tried to pull the old flying-carpet trick on the federal government."
- 7 W: R: A: GER: Feature in West Germany's Quick on recent R-related events which finds the charges against Bhagwan mild and states that of 80,000 German sannyasins, only 4800 are left; another negative feature in same magazine entitled "A God in Chains"; feature in West Germany's Stern (also includes some details of Sheela's arrest); Madras Pioneer runs third in a series on history of A covering October 1981-April 1982, entitled "Townsnatchers flood council meetings"; Bhagwan is flown to Portland (with a refueling stop in Arizona, several other stops and a 13 hour flight) after 3 days in Oklahoma; he arrives at 7:30pm, is

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taken to the Multnomah County Justice Center (MCJC) and said by Hasya to be tired and shaky; he is now said to have been in the El Reno facility after all, to have been pressured to sign a false name to conceal his presence there, to have refused and had prison officials sign the name "'David Washington'" for him and then put him into a cell with a man suffering from herpes; a hearing in USDC is scheduled for 10am on Nov. 8 (DC; BB; TC; RG-8; O-8; SJ-8; SFC-8; SJ-9; JC-12); reported that the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon has made a counteroffer for an out-of-court settlement in the dispute over ownership of the A Community Church, asking for all six lots and the church (BB)

- 7 USDC: NO. : 1000 Friends file motion in USDC to dismiss three of four parts of lawsuit "brought by three Rajneesh organizations, the city of Rajneeshpuram and four individuals against two dozen federal, state and county officials and 1000 Friends and its attorneys." (which was filed on June 3 and accuses them all of conducting a "'religious-based discriminatory program of unlawful and intrusive monitoring'") on the basis that Bhagwan has said Rajneeshism is no longer a religion; oral arguments on motions in the case are set for Dec. 2 (O-8)
- 7 EDS: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal refers to R in editorial entitled "Hey, buddy, want to buy a city?"; Oxnard, CA Press Courier says Bhagwan "has fallen on hard times" after trying "to pull the old flying-carpet trick on the federal government."; Greensboro, NC News and Record columnist does a "humor" piece on Bhagwan; Shamokin, PA News-Item says Bhagwan has fallen on hard times
- 8 W: R: A: RIMU: ENG: CR sign (saying population 95) changed to A sign (population 115) (O; RG); The Oregonian prints map of Bhagwan's travels back to Oregon while in federal custody; US Navy divers complete their careful search of Patanjali and Krishna-murti Lakes in R, having apparently found none of the weapons or equipment they were seeking (O); Bhagwan is driven to R late in the evening after stopping briefly at the Hotel Rajneesh in Portland for a shower; a bomb threat is telephoned to the MCJC about 4pm, and is said to have delayed his release by one hour; a "'simulated bomb'" was found; 2-3000 sannnyasins meet with Hasya and John to hear about Bhagwan's release; they celebrate Bhagwan's arrival in R about 10:30pm with music and by lining the road (BB; NYT; BGT; O-9; SJ-9; CNCO-9-see also for account of Bhagwan's stay in Charlotte; WEG-9;

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O-10; BB-10; AJ-10; RT-11); feature on "Say It With T-Shirts" includes one which says "'We Bhagged the Bhagwan'" (CNCO); estimated that about 70 non-sannyasins visited the RIMU hospitality room at a Charlotte, NC hotel event, but few non-sannyasins attend the introductory evening of meditation (\$5) or the all day Saturday group activities (\$100); this program is a forerunner of "The Buddhafield Express" which will travel to New York, Washington, DC, Boston, San Francisco, Honolulu, Nashville, Los Angeles, San Diego, Boulder/Denver and Houston (RT; CNCO-11; RG-13); interview with Sandy Carter, nurse in charge of Bhagwan at Charlotte jail; interview with coordinator of the English commune at Medina (RT)

- 8 USDC: NO. : Bhagwan pleads innocent to charges of federal immigration fraud; about 35 disciples attend; attorneys try to win his release from jail, citing poor health; federal authorities still contend he is a security risk; Bhagwan is released on \$500,000 cash bail bond, paid for by a cashier's check 45 minutes after the judge's decision that he was not a flight risk and did not pose any danger to the community; Judge Leavy prohibits him from traveling in airplanes or leaving Oregon, says he must reside at R and report regularly to probation officers, and that no planes capable of overseas flights can be kept at R; judge strikes from the record INS Assistant Regional Director Joseph Greene's testimony in reference to salmonella poisoning and alleged murder plots, saying information about them had come to light at Bhagwan's urging; Bhagwan's attorney had said there is no way in which he could be tied to those offenses; judge also refuses to admit an illegal wiretap tape as evidence; Bhagwan says he is not guilty of federal immigration violations and will fight the charges; federal prosecutors say he should not have been released and if released on no less than \$5 million bail; the judge had rejected US Attorney Weaver's suggestions that the sect be required to submit a financial statement and Bhagwan be required to sign a statement saying he could be prosecuted in absentia before setting bail (BB; O-9; SJ-9; CNCO-9; WEG-9; LDN-9; BE-9; BMS-9; AH-9; O-10; BB-10; AJ-10)
- 8 MCCC: NO. : Stephen P. Paster is sentenced to up to 20 years in prison for setting off three bombs in the Rajneesh Hotel in Portland in 1983 and a sentence of one year and one day for failure to appear in court; the judge described his action as "'senseless, vicious, deadly and calculated.'"; Judge Clifford B. Olsen had heard testimony describing Paster as extremely intel-

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ligent, having no prior criminal history, belonging to a violent fundamentalist Moslem sect, that religion became a way for him to act out negative feelings for his stepfather, and that he had read some of Bhagwan's writings and was "repulsed by the thought of free sex in the name of religion."; Paster was the only one struck by the bomb blasts, sustaining injuries to eyes, ears and fingers (O-9; SJ-10; BB-10)

- 8 EDS: A: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal calls return to name of Antelope "Too little, too late...What the followers destroyed can never be revived."; The Oregonian says "Whether the Rajneeshee movement is dissolving, reforming or merely reposturing is still unanswerable." and that the legal system is working appropriately; an Oregonian columnist describes a game of "Oregon Trivia" which mentions R; McMinnville, OR News Register runs editorial cartoon on Bhagwan's US following; The Rajneesh Times comments on Bhagwan's jail stay, the case against him, the use of chains, recent media coverage, Bhagwan's health, events surrounding Bhagwan's departure from R and arrest, his court appearance, the institutions of the grand jury and bail
- 9 W: R: Feature on recent events in R and Bhagwan's teachings (SJMN); Albany, NY Knickerbocker runs account by last person to interview Bhagwan at R before he left for NC; Bhagwan does not appear at commune meeting; spokesperson says he needs to recover from "bad jail food, cockroaches in his jail cell, cigarette smoke, constant television noise and lack of sleep.", poor medical treatment, exposure to herpes (O-10; SJ-10; BB-10; RT-11)
- 9 EDS: Eugene, OR The Register-Guard runs editorial cartoon on Bhagwan's court appearance; Chicago, IL Metro News Weekly columnist casts Bhagwan as a con man; Washington, DC Post runs editorial cartoon implying Bhagwan has "lost it"
- 10 W: R: AG: GOV: ENG: Feature articles summarizing recent events in the Atlanta, GA Atlanta Journal and Rapid City, ND The Rapid City Journal (the latter also runs article with impressions of reporter who interviewed Bhagwan in September); Denver, CO The Denver Post magazine runs photo-feature on R and the reaction of a family of sannyasins in North Dakota to recent events; it is reported that some of the 2500-3000 illegal wiretap tapes turned over to the federal/state task force investigation in R detail questionable financial dealings between Sheela and her brother,

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- Bipin A. Patel, related to Rajneeshee corporation money; it appears that two commodities accounts were opened in Sheela's and Bipin's names and lost about \$175,000; report says the tapes were turned over to the Oregon AG's office criminal investigators, "who summarized their contents in a Sept. 27 report." which says Bipin was worried about an IRS investigation into \$58,000 run through his account (SJ-10; RG-10; O-10---most thorough in terms of possible financial misdealings of Bipin); article on Norma Paulus' campaign for Governor reminds of her "tangle with the Rajneeshees last year," (O-10); it is reported that sannyasins have sold Medina manor house near Herringswell, England to the International High School of Osaka, Japan for about \$700,000; they had purchased it for about \$725,000 (SJ-10); students who travelled to R and elsewhere with Santa Cruz, CA "traveling school" return home (SCS)
- 10 EDS: WEAV: Bend, OR The Bulletin says US Rep. Weaver is "a talker without much support from other House members." and runs an editorial cartoon on Bhagwan's coming to Central Oregon
- 11 W: J: R: A: Special "Welcome Home" edition of The Rajneesh Times runs feature on Bhagwan's "Odyssey" from Charlotte to court in Portland; feature on the US Marshal Service's new 727 airplane, used recently to transport Bhagwan and others (RG); feature on member of COWC who has so far filled 86 petitions with 1,720 signatures to repeal the charter of A; features on Bhagwan's arrest and incarceration in Newsweek and Time and a small quote from him in US News and World Report; article on J County DA Mike Sullivan's poisoning and the physician who attended him (DMR)
- 11 EDS: Editorial cartoons on Bhagwan's incarceration in US News and World Report and Springfield, IL, State Journal-Register
- 12 W: R: S: OSP: R speakers (Rosalie and Wadud) at Corvallis Chamber of Commerce meeting of about 80 answer questions about what will happen to R if Bhagwan leaves and questions on taxation, discrimination, weapons and immigration (GT); OSP's chief investigator Renfrow will return from Germany on Nov. 13 after interviewing Sheela and others (BB)
- 12 A: CNCL: A City Council votes to dissolve the police force as a gesture of goodwill; the action comes at the request of the city police chief, Dhiresha, who suggests a drive-through patrol once or twice a day and an on-call contract with R which could save A \$21,000

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per year of its \$66,200 annual budget; A will also discontinue its link with LEDS, since R cooperates with J County for records checks; Council names a nonsannyasin, James Wilson, as Fire Chief and City Marshall; Council appoints Ma Deva Parmita as Mayor (replacing Kavido), new councilmember Sandip (replacing Sagun), Municipal Court Clerk Deva Prabha; Council, at suggestion of member Manohar, agrees to consider at their December meeting a proposal to change the names of some of the city streets back to their previous names (SJ-13; RG-13; O-13; RT-15)

- 12 USDC: NO. : Judge Edward Leavy sets a Feb. 18 trial date for Bhagwan and five disciples accused of immigration violations; attorneys say they will file motions for a change of venue; Bhagwan does not attend the proceedings; US Attorney Weaver says the government expects to call about 40 witnesses and present about 400 exhibits and expects the trial to last for 3-4 weeks; Judge Leavy orders Devaraj and Jayesh to stay in Oregon, not to apply for passports and to report regularly to the federal probation office; Vivek does not appear due to illness; the three have been free on \$25,000 bail apiece; they will appear in court again on Nov. 18 on the charges against them for harboring a fugitive; there are no indictments against them by a grand jury (BB; SJ-13; O-13; RG-13; FWJG-13; FWST-13; ANMJ-13; PG-13)
- 12 MCCC: NO. : Jury selection begins in the suit by RNSIC against Robert Harvey and the Harvey counterclaims; Judge James R. Ellis presides; the case has been moved to Portland from two other counties (Jefferson and Grant) (O--see for details of allegations and damages sought, approximately \$136,000 by RNSIC and approximately \$3.5 million by the Harveys; BB; DC)
- 12 EDS: The Oregonian columnist jibes Bhagwan for not eating grits while in Charlotte; Vancouver, WA The Columbian says the "public hunger for [Bhagwan's] debasement may be somewhat sated....federal authorities really didn't produce much....Bhagwan bashing has been a fine Oregon sport for nearly five years now, but politicians should have sense enough to see that playing the game any longer will cost more than it's worth."; Sanford, NC Herald says Bhagwan's visit was "fun 'n' games time"
- 13 EDS: Lakeside, OR Tenmile Times says "Let's leave the Bhagwan and his followers alone." in recounting persecution of religious groups in America; Aurora, IL

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14 W: R: A: DCOM: BLDG: RSD: RNSIC: Using phrases like "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Nights of the Living Dread", the Madras, OR Pioneer runs the fourth in a series on early relationships between sannyasins and the residents of A; long-time residents of A "shrug off" the move to dismantle the police force there and say it is merely intended to head off the drive to disincorporate (RG); feature on why a person becomes a sannyasin (DWR); W County Assessor's report shows that: the RSD has by far the lowest tax rate of any school district in the county at 52 cents per \$1000; the city of A, with a rate of \$12.14 per \$1000, has by far the highest rate for any city in the county (more than twice that of the second place city); that the city of R has the lowest rate at \$1.72 per \$1000; that the land in the RSD is valued at \$31 million and taxed for just over \$300,000, about 1/3rd of that going to W County, and virtually all of it owned and paid for by Rajneeshee corporations (DWR); the State Electrical Board votes 10 to 1 to fine RNSIC \$111,600 for violations of electrical codes in the "winterized tents"; this amount is lower than the original suggestion of the Building Codes Division (\$1.4 million) and higher than the hearings officer recommendation (\$101,500) (RG-15; SJ-15; DJC-18); R residents line road to see Bhagwan off on plane for court appearance in Portland; later Bhagwan leaves the country and R Mayor meets with R residents to discuss his departure for the Himalayas for rest (see below); there is no talk of exodus, but rather of continuing and discussion of increase in business activities at R, such as mining, to make up for the loss of tourist revenues to come (SJ-15; O-15; BB-15; C-15; RT-15--see for quotes from community meeting)

14 USDC: NO. : Bhagwan changes his plea to an Alford plea (maintaining innocence, but pleading guilty for reasons other than culpability) to one count of "conspiring to arrange sham marriages of his disciples" and one count of lying to the INS about his intent to remain in the US permanently; 33 other charges against him are dropped; Judge Leavy accedes to the plea agreement calling for a suspended 10 year sentence, a fine of \$400,000 (including \$140,000 in prosecution costs), agreement to leave the US within 5 days and not to return for 5 years without the US Attorney General's written permission; Bhagwan says he never wants to return to the US; after leaving the court, Bhagwan

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is driven directly to the airport, boards a private plane at about 5:30pm (which flies him to Ireland and continues to Cyprus) along with about 12 disciples (including Hasya, Devaraj, Vivek, Chetna, Nirupa, Mukta, Hemlata DesRosiers and Bhagwan's mother), some of whom will return to the US, some of whom will go on with Bhagwan to the Himalayas; Devaraj, Vivek and Jayesh all were given permission to travel outside the country by Judge Leavy provided they continue their \$25,000 bail each, notify their attorneys of any change of address and they waive their rights to certain provisions of the speedy trial act (see also BB-17); Bhagwan's attorney (O'Neill) says he maintains his innocence but changed his plea because of "'possible danger or possible harassment [of himself or followers] were he to remain' in the" US; US Attorney Turner says that as part of the agreement, Bhagwan will "order" the dismissal of four civil lawsuits (two against the INS, one against the State Department and one against US AG Meese and other officials) and withdraw all applications for permanent resident status in the US; he also claims 412 sham marriages occurred (SJ-15; DC-15; BB-15; O-15; C-15; CT-15; LAT-15; NYT-15; SFC-15; SFE-15; PRIT-15; PG-15; AZ-15; ANMJ-15; RT-15; PDN-15; SAE-15; IIS-15; NYP-15; WT-15; DSE-15; PP-15; LKT-16; Time-25; Newsweek-25; see also Bhagwan quote in US News and World Report-25; Moody Monthly-12/1; Christian Life-12/1)

- 14 EDS: The Dalles Weekly Reminder says that sanniyasin behavior "takes place in a moral vacuum."
- 15 W: R: AG: GOV: FAW: SMITH: INS: MCG: DUROW: RIC: AG: OSP: RIMU: Large feature article on recent events in R, Bhagwan's arrest and incarceration in Asiaweek; two chronologies of major events at R (O; DC); in reactions to Bhagwan's departure: State Rep. McTeague says "the guru 'thought it would be better to cop a deal and make a run for it.'"; Oregon's AG says it will have no affect on continuing efforts against Sheela or in the church-state case (see also SFE); US Attorney Turner says it is a "'vindication" of the INS and federal investigations; Gov. Atiyeh says from Tokyo, "'the case against Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh is closed, a minimum of Oregon tax dollars have been spent and no thoughtful Oregonian will deny the fairness of the outcome,'" State Rep. Fawbush says "'I think it places in jeopardy the survival of the ranch as an economic unit.'" (see also DC); Rosemary McGreer says "she feels vindicated"; Diane McDonald says "she was glad to see Rajneesh go"; W County Planning Director Dan Durow says "The Rajneeshees

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probably will not be so concerned about seeing the incorporation of Rajneeshpuram survive legal challenges or about removing a building ban in the city." (BB; SJ); Jean Opray says "'It's neat to have it happening.'"; Frances Dickson says "'I'm disappointed they didn't tell him he could never come back,'"; Jon Bowerman says it is a "'step in the right direction.'"; US Rep. Bob Smith says "I won't deny the fact that I'm happy to have the Bhagwan out of Oregon...Certainly, there are those who believe that federal prosecutors should have extracted 'an extra pound of flesh' in retribution for the arrogance, the threats, the abuse that we've all been forced to take from Bhagwan. On a purely human level, I admit I'm one of those people...-The first step in ending our ordeal is complete. Bhagwan is gone...The last aspect is the ultimate disposition of Rajneeshpuram itself and the fate of the Bhagwan's followers who remain there." (DC--see for full text of Smith statement; see also SJ, which says Henry Richmond of 1000 Friends asserts "his group will continue to challenge the legality of Rajneeshpuram on grounds that it violates state zoning laws."; see also O, which quotes Norma Paulus as saying "'I think it's a very very good disposition of that situation... I think that's wonderful--a very good resolution of a difficult problem.'", Frances Dickson as saying "'This is what we wanted to happen all along,' and that followers will now leave); RIC President says the commune will stay in operation, look for ways to exploit the gold, silver, coal and geothermal deposits as an economic base and that the 93 Rolls Royces (worth about \$8 million; DMV shows 78 registered to RMCCT and 3 to RIC) and some equipment will be sold (LAT; O-16; SJ-16; NYT-16; NYP-16; MIS-16; SGDT-16; AR-16; ANMJ-16; SFC-16; CST-17; TGM-20; RT-22--see for excerpts from RIC President's news conference); state officials say that criminal investigations at R will have cost about \$824,000 by the time they are done (the bill up to Nov. 1 was \$255,800), that this is the largest investigation in Oregon history, and they will ask the Legislative Emergency Board for more funds for the AG and OSP; the state initially put five prosecutors, 17 investigators and 5 support personnel on the case; AG spokesperson says that use of the RICO law to "confiscate real and personal property involved in racketeering." against R had not been ruled out (SJ-16; BB-17; O-17; DJC-19); interview with one of the sannyasins (Ma Dharma Chetana) arrested with Bhagwan, and others, about events surrounding the arrest and Charlotte jail stay; features on art in R and new video rental service, on RIMU groups in Latin America, recent media quotes relative to Bhagwan's treatment, the

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- 15 MCCC: NO. : Jury selection continues for fourth day in the Harvey case and is scheduled to resume Monday; amounts involved said to be \$176,000 requested by Rajneeshee corporations and over \$4 million asked by Harveys (O-16)
- 15 EDS: WEAV: BLM: Albany, OR Democrat-Herald calls Bhagwan's plea agreement "a handy little bargain"; Livingston, MT Livingston Enterprise suggests Bhagwan got off easy, saying "Somehow, the Swami saved his biggest con for the curtain call."; The Rajneesh Times comments on inflexible government rules as they relate to Bhagwan's treatment, on Bhagwan's departure, The Oregonian and government collusion to link the arrests of Bhagwan and Sheela and thus attempt to link the charges against them in the public mind, US Congressman Jim Weaver's latest proposal regarding R and BLM land, Supreme Court decisions relating to the definition of religion
- 16 EDS: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal accuses Bhagwan of "Looking out for Number 1"; Eugene, OR The Register--Guard runs cartoon of silly headlines, including "The Bhagwan Drives a Chevy."; Cleveland, OH Plain Dealer says "Farewell" to Bhagwan saying he "came as close to paradise as you can get in a society that has deified the auto."; Wilmington, NC Morning Star says Bhagwan "lived like a Borgia Pope or a Cabinet officer in the Reagan administration."
- 17 W: R: IND: Life goes on as usual at R; an estimated 1500-3500 residents there; total investment in R said to have been \$120 million; sannyasins say they will continue to fight the challenges to R's incorporation in the courts; it is said to take \$2 million per month to operate the commune (SFC-16; BB; C; SR--see also for summary of improvements and demographics at R); Bhagwan arrives in New Delhi, India at 2:10 am (via Allentown, PA; Shannon, Ireland; a one night stay in Lanarca, Cyprus followed by Bahrain refueling) to hundreds (200-600) of followers throwing flower petals; he is said to be headed to a place near Manali named Kulu, 250 miles north of New Delhi in Himachal Pradesh state in the Himalayan foothills; he denounces America, saying "'It is just a wretched country.'" and "'a hypocrisy'" and says of India, "'This is my country,'"; in the news conference he says was mistreated in jail and will not have another commune, after which he leaves for Manali; the international headquarters

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of the movement will be in Poona, India but all communes will be independent (AK-16; DC; BB; SJ; O; SCCS; AR; ISW--twelve different local editions; CTS; DSE; SJ-18; RG-18; IIS-18; ANMJ-18; FWST-18; LIN-18; SFC-18; USA-18; RT-22); feature quoting the sister of Amrita Pritam, the anti-cultist daughter of Leo Ryan, saying she thought the commune had become "'sick'" when Sheela suggested putting Kool-Aid labels on bottles of champagne at Pritam's wedding (SFC; see also WP-18 report on her address to a Cult Awareness Network rally of 50 persons in Washington, DC where she tells of her fears that Bhagwan's disciples "will themselves commit mass suicide." and USA-25)

17 EDS: FAW: SMITH: GOV: AG: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal columnist asks for the politicians "is there life after bhagwan?", calls State Rep. Wayne Fawbush the "Legislature's leading Rajneesh-baiter." and takes others to task for being "bhagwan-baiters" (US Rep. Bob Smith; State Seantors John Brenneman of Newport and Peter Brockman of Sisters; Gov. Vic Atiyeh, AG Dave Frohnmayer); The Oregonian runs editorial cartoon on Bhagwan's departure; Miles City, MT Miles City Star calls Bhagwan a "con man"; Lewistown, MT News-Argus asks what R will do with all those Rolls Royces

18 W: R: IND: Bhagwan and 20 or so sannyasins book the 24 room, well-guarded Span Resorts Complex motel near Manali for 10 weeks; The Press Trust of India quotes a source as saying that some sannyasins had met with the chief minister of Himachal Pradesh state earlier this year proposing to buy land in Manali; local authorities are said concerned that Bhagwan's presence "might lead to drug trafficking and hippie communes." (DC-19; SJ-19; AHH-20; SHJ-20; RNO-20; AR-20; PI-20); Bhagwan is said to have suggested that 500-700 (of a total population of 1400-3500) foreign disciples leave R, fearing they might be harassed by authorities; commune residents discuss the suggestion in a meeting, but no decision is made; few sannyasins have left R recently, but the days of big festivals are said to be over (C-17; SJ-19; BB-19; DC-19; O-20); "Bloom County" cartoon strip mentions Bhagwan

18 USDC: NO. : R attorneys ask for more time to prepare a legal memorandum and Judge Frye postpones hearing in church-state case until Dec. 2 (BB)

18 EDS: Aurora, IL Beacon News likens Bhagwan's "work is worship" to the motto of the Benedictine Order, "'To labor is to pray.'"; Tulsa, OK Tribune says "There remains a question. Will another guru some day take

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over a rural American county as Rajneesh did? The enormous cash flow generated from the gullible enabled him to pack Washoe [sic] county, Ore., with his followers, then register and seize political power. It could happen again."; Binghamton, NY Press and Sun Bulletin says Bhagwan "got off easy" but "knowing the likes and dislikes of Attorney General Edwin Meese as we do, it's a sure thing that the Bhagwan...won't be back any time soon."; Sacramento, CA Bee prints a parody of the song "Bye, Bye Blackbird" for Bhagwan; New York, NY Daily News says "The Bhagwan has received fair treatment for flagrantly abusing the privileges he received."; Erie, PA Morning News says they agree with Bhagwan that he should never return

- 19 W: R: AG: Federal grand jury in Portland begins hearing three days of testimony about wiretapping at R; 28 sannyasins have been subpoenaed and some are approaching the Federal Defender's Office in Portland for legal help; additional subpoenas have been issued for Dec. 18 (O; BB; RG; RT-22); speakers at the annual meeting of the Positive Action Center at Jantzen Beach, OR say to 300 anti-cultists there will be "'many tragic cases of [sannyasins] needing therapy and help.'" due to the closure of R (O); state special grand jury is in session in The Dalles, but the AG and Circuit Court will not disclose details (DC-19)
- 19 MCCC: NO. Opening statements in the Harvey case are heard, the attorney for RIC stating that Harvey had not told anyone of the accounting error that resulted in his being paid \$1000 per week instead of \$1000 per month for 18 months (DC-20; O-20; RT-22)
- 19 EDS: Omaha, NE World-Herald says about Bhagwan that the US "benefits by getting rid of a nuisance;" and wishes India luck; Rock Island, IL Argus chides RMCCT for refusing to donate Rolls Royces to the World Food Bank and the Salvation Army; Charleston, SC Evening Post columnist says "Both Indiana-born Jones and Indian-born Bhagwan are mind-blowers. Their followers undergo a kind of self-induced lobotomy."; South Bend, IN Tribune calls Bhagwan a "colorful" character; Levittown, PA Bucks County Courier Times says in leaving for India Bhagwan "finally got the message" "folks out in Oregon have been trying to tell him...for years."; Port Huron, MI Times Herald says "Good riddance." to "imperial royalty." and that Bhagwan's case "improves image of plea bargaining"; Providence, RI Journal and Evening Bulletin "is grateful" that Bhagwan has vowed he will not leave India again

- Nov 20 W: R: A: SS: ELECT: RIC: OSP: SAHP: IND:
Multnomah County's director of elections warns that a rule proposed by the Secretary of State establishing the types of identification to be used when proving residency if registering within 11 days of the election might disenfranchise the homeless and the elderly living in nursing homes (O); Indian newspapers reportedly say Bhagwan will not be allowed to buy land in Himachal Pradesh and that the Rajneesh Foundation owes \$800,000 to \$3 million in taxes from the pre-1981 period (TNT); R Mayor says R will survive but a change in attitude on the part of Oregonians and a major reduction in population at R will be needed; one busload of sannyasins leaves R; President of RIC estimates the commune owes \$1.5 million to outside vendors and about \$33.5 million in long and short-term debt to sannyasins and the Rolls Royces will sell for about \$5 million; Rajneesh Jewelry Trust says that items will be sold; items in R stores are marked down drastically (75%); OSP says it will continue to keep 2 officers at R 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as long as is needed; 2 sannyasins have petitioned in W County to resume pre-sannyas legal names; 9 voters from A changed their registration to R between Sept. and Nov.; an estimated 20-100 SAHP participants remain and will be provided tickets if they wish to leave (O-21--see for interviews with SAHP participants; SJMN-21; IIS-22; WP-22; RT-22; AR-23; BDC-24)
- 20 EDS: INS: Redmond, OR Spokesman suggests that Oregon should acquire Rancho Rajneesh and use it as a state prison; Tigard, OR This Week columnist chides the INS for using chains on Bhagwan; Eugene, OR The Register--Guard columnist quotes Bill Bowerman, 74, "in a rambling conversation" as saying "'I think it's [R] the most evil thing we've had in this state,'" (Bowerman was founder of the CCC and helped to finance several legal fights against sannyasins); Troy, NY Times Record says Bhagwan's negative comments about America are "sour grapes" and that "The fact that Rajneesh was able to remain in this country for four years, bilking the people and causing suffering among his victims, is an indictment of our" INS and is upset that Bhagwan called America "'hell'" and Americans "'subhumans'"; McKeesport, PA Daily News says they hope "we've heard the last of" Bhagwan, citing the "'hell'" and "'subhuman'" statements; Houston, TX Post also takes umbrage at the "'hell'" and "'subhuman'" statements and invites Bhagwan to try to set up a commune in the USSR; Fort Worth, TX Star-Telegram says Bhagwan "bilked" people but "one could argue that he performed a public service. He got some of the crazies off the streets

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21 W: R: RIC: Most students polled by the WOSC Lamron, Monmouth, OR predict the demise of R; 50 more sannyasins leave R, most Europeans; most at R are undecided about whether to stay or go; reported that a move has been made to transfer titles of 27 of the Rolls Royces from the RMCCT to 2 individuals, one the President of RIC (SJ-22; RG-22; O-22)

21 MCCC: NO. : Robert and Glenda Harvey testify, saying they would have agreed to be paid \$1000 per month, but that conversation was interrupted and they never again spoke salary with Sheela; they say they talked to the bookkeeper about whether their larger than expected check was correct and he said yes; the bookkeeper says he was mistaken; R attorneys claim that Harvey, entrusted with blank checks to negotiate for and purchase vehicles for the commune, filled in higher amounts than actually paid for the vehicles in at least two instances (O-22)

21 EDS: Portland, OR The Oregonian says "American history contains shameful instances where intolerance ruled and non-conforming communes, sects and movements were harassed and persecuted. This is not one of them."; WOSC Lamron Monmouth, OR runs editorial cartoon on Bhagwan's departure; San Antonio, TX Express suggests Bhagwan try establishing a commune in the USSR; Wilkes-Barre, PA Times-Leader says "The Bhagwan has received fair treatment for flagrantly abusing the privileges he received."

22 W: J: R: A: RFST: RLS: RT: RIMU: INS: OSP: AG: WCCC: USDC: Feature saying the sale price of the Rolls Royces is about \$5 million for 86 of the 93 and that many inquiries have been made (RT; LAT); reported that it appears that 2 Rajneeshee corporations have missed a Nov. 15 deadline for paying the first one-third of their 1985-86 real and personal property taxes; RFST has paid \$484.54, RLS has paid \$435.61, RT Corporation \$43.67 and R Travel Corporation \$1.80 and that there are 43-54 other R tax accounts; W County says that R organizations paid about \$269,000 in taxes in 1984-85, over 1.6% of all the taxes levied by the county; J County records show \$3200 paid on farm land and 20 mobile homes there in 1982 (O); Mayor of R tells meeting that the commune will be disbanded, that it is not economically viable, having been built on donations and loans, considering Bhagwan's departure and the enormous recent legal costs and the move of RIMU to

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Europe; RIMU's "Buddhafield Express" touring groups will continue with stops in Montreal and Vancouver, Canada, Laguna Beach, San Francisco, Honolulu, Boulder, Houston, Nashville, New York and Boston; R Mayor asks sannyasins to leave R at their convenience, but within the next three weeks; about 100 sannyasins will remain as caretakers; this news comes just hours after former Mayor Krishna Deva/David Berry Knapp agreed to turn state's evidence under a plea-bargain agreement in which he pleads guilty to a state charge of racketeering involving wiretapping and eavesdropping in WCCC and a federal charge of immigration fraud involving sham marriages and records forgery in conspiracy with Sheela, Vidya and Karuna in USDC and agrees to provide information to prosecutors, the FBI, the INS, the OSP, the AG's Office, W County DA and the state and federal grand juries; he agrees to all this in return for immunity for any other non-violent crimes and admission to the federal witness protection program; racketeering carries a maximum 20 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine; immigration fraud carries a maximum of 5 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine; the plea agreement limits any prison term to 5 years and any fine to \$100,000; the AG calls the plea "'a major break in this complex criminal investigation.'"; soon after KD's pleas are received in the two courts, the AG files KD/Knapp's 22-page affidavit in USDC as supporting his contentions in the church-state case; specifically KD/Knapp apparently says that Bhagwan selected R's first city officials, was consulted on filling city office vacancies, told R lawyers that the AG's assertions about the lack of separation of church and state were true and selected the design used for R city stationery, that Sheela ordered a "rigged election" and "ruled over" the R police force and that phony city council minutes were written to make it appear that it was meeting more often than it did in the first six months; courtroom statements indicate that negotiations had been taking place between KD/Knapp and officials since at least Oct. 22; AG and US Attorney said to still be negotiating plea agreement with Ma Anand Sagun, former A City Recorder who left R with Knapp (SJ-23; O-23--see for quotes from affidavit, Knapp biography and his connections to Rajneeshee corporations; WEG-23; NYP-23; AR-24; WP-24; BGT-24; CST-24; BB-24; RG-24; DC-24; SJ-24; CSM-25; DMR-25; LMS-25; see also Advertising Age-25; CLH-26; RT-29); chronology of quotes and events related to R (RT)

- 22 EDS: The Rajneesh Times comments on the case against Bhagwan, the history and meaning of the Alford plea

- Nov 23. W: R: RIMU: About 35 sannyasins leave R; the International DeHypnotherapy Club is formed in R to keep those who have done this RIMU training in touch with each other (RT-29)
- 23 EDS: Sioux City, IA Journal columnist calls Bhagwan "The flim-flam man"; Columbus, OH Citizen Journal invites Bhagwan to try to establish a commune in the USSR
- 24 W: R: A: Three buses with about 100 sannyasins leave R and many others are planning their departure (SJ-25; SPI-25; AHH-25); about 20 nonsannyasins remain in A (DC); features on "local" sannyasins and their loyalty to Bhagwan in the Detroit, MI News and Houston, TX Post
- 24 SC: NO. : Eugene, OR School District says it will appeal CA decision to make the "religious garb" law for teachers unenforceable by declaring its penalties unconstitutionally harsh (SJ)
- 24 EDS: AG: INS: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal publisher casts aspersions on AG's request of the Legislative Emergency Board for more money to handle the R-related cases, but says the money will probably be granted and a columnist says for "Twit of the Year" it is "a close choice between the bhagwan," the INS and AG Frohnmayer; Evansville, IN Courier says "the Bhagwan's controversy in this country is one more example of the self-destructive nature of so many cults"; Chicago, IL Southtown Economist reprints New York, NY Daily News editorial referring to the "'hell'" and "'subhuman'" statements of Bhagwan in reference to America; Quincy, IL Herald Whig runs editorial cartoon on Bhagwan and Rolls Royces
- 25 W: R: CNCL: SPI: RSD: R City Council meets in emergency session to shift R bank account from The Oregon Bank, which closed it after signatures were changed, to American State Bank; R has about \$150,000 in its account; R Council meeting scheduled for Nov. 30 will consider the Police Force, the incorporation case, its role in the sale of property, whether councilmembers should be paid a salary; an estimated 100 persons per day have been leaving R since Nov. 22; present plans call for only 50-100 sannyasins to remain at R as caretakers (O-26); three buses and several private vehicles depart R this date; Bob Roethlisberger, owner of European Auto Group of Carrollton, Texas arrives at R to negotiate for the 79 Rolls Royces (of 93) for sale, expecting to pay about \$6 million and intending to conduct "an invitation-only auction for

- Nov interested bidders"; RMCCT which owns 78 of the cars owes more than \$4 million to disciples who loaned money to buy them; would-be buyers of all types of equipment and goods begin to arrive at R (SJ-26; O-26; RG-26; MP-28); R hotel and snack bars run out of food; R disco closed; a rash of petty thefts are reported in R; SPI is informed that junior and senior high school classes will end on Nov. 26 and elementary school in about one week; SPI has withheld the RSD November state school support payment (\$4303 due on Nov. 15; \$12,910 of a budgetted \$41,000 for the school year has already been received) because of "the unsettled state of affairs."; SPI calls for the school board to arrange an immediate audit and inventory of RSD funds and property; RSD records show an enrollment of 98 students as of October (down from last fall's enrollment of 123), 7 teachers and 5 aides; SPI asks RSD board to name Fred Krauss, W County ESD superintendent, as acting superintendent before all 5 school board members leave; Krauss says the district will probably be incorporated into 2 neighboring districts, the school building closed and property sold; R officials say they will continue to fight the legal land-use battles so that the property will retain its urban services possibilities and thus its value; suggested uses for R so far include "a medium-security prison, a farm school for homeless or delinquent children, a dude ranch, a state university research farm and a farming retreat for another religious organization." (RG-26; O-26; MP-28)
- 25 MCCC: NO. : Robert Hrvey testifies that Sheela threatened critical sannnyasins with removal from the ranch, banned sannnyasins from visiting the Harvey's house at one point and that some of his personal property was not returned after he left the Ranch, including a \$2995 TV satellite dish (O-26)
- 26 W: R: A: RSD: OSP: COMM: Bob Roethlisberger agrees to pay \$5-6 million cash for 82-84 Rolls Royces, the remaining 9-11 to be sold to individual sannnyasins (SJ-27; O-27; CDSE-27; NYP-27; CST-27; USA-27; CST-28; IIN-30; CT-12/1; WP-12/1); RSD's three junior and senior high school teachers resign, giving their 19 students an early vacation; about 30 of the 79 students registered in September remain in the elementary school, but that is expected to drop to 15 by next week and school to close on Dec. 6 (O-27); OSP Superintendent John C. Williams announces he will retire on Dec. 31, now that the "threat of conflict" involving sannnyasins has "been taken care of" (O-27; USA-27; SJ-28); feature on Les and Ellen Smallwood of A who engaged in a "quiet battle" with Rajneeshees, forming

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- Nov the Committee of Concerned Parents to deal with school-related issues and joining in creation of the ADF (RG-27); 3-4 sannnyasins on A City Council resign (Govind, Kranto and Sandip) and Mayor Parmita and 2-3 others are expected to resign by Nov. 30; \$10,000 left in the A General Fund and \$2000 left in the Street Fund; W Court/Commission says it will wait to appoint new council persons until Mayor (who has appointment powers before they do) resigns (MP-28; BB-28); photo of Bhagwan and Vivek in the Himalayas (LMS)
- 26 MCCC: NO. : Glenda Harvey says she received a letter from Sheela on Nov. 28, 1982 saying disciples would be barred from her home and that she suffered mental anguish over the "acrimonious departure from the ranch in January 1983."; she also says that she enrolled her two daughters in the ranch school, but found they had no text or homework so she eventually sent them to school in Madras (O-27; SJ-28)
- 26 JCCC: NO. : Roy Masters sues ex-SS Paulus for allowing a 1984 "Voters' Pamphlet" statement by Larryann Willis with the phrase "'believe they have been exploited by Rajneesh and Masters cults.'" (DC-27)
- 26 USDC: NO. : Helen Byron collects \$975,000 of the \$ 1.25 million judgment in her favor (SJ-29)
- 26 EDS: Galesburg, IL the Galesburg Register-Mail says if Bhagwan were to go to the USSR he would probably end up being "the guru of the gulag"
- 27 W: R: RSD: GOV: Feature on recent events in R with comments by sannnyasins who are leaving (NYT); RSD board meeting postpones a decision on disbanding since 7 children may remain for up to 6 months (RT-29; SJ-29); State Sen. Ed Fadeley, candidate for Governor, suggests Rancho Rajneesh should become a low cost minimum or medium security prison (SJ-28; RG-28); ranch equipment to be auctioned by Jack Healy of Moro in Dec. 17-19 sale (BB-28); Bhagwan invites his followers to go to the ashram in Poona (RT-29; SJ-29; WP-29; PP-29; SAL-30; RTD-12/1); 2 W County sheriff's deputies show up in R with 6 delinquent tax warrants totalling about \$78,000 due from R corporations; R spokesperson says the checks were mailed on Nov. 14, but apparently not received by W County (SJ-29)
- 27 USDC: NO. : Judge Owen Panner rules against R corporation attorney's request to block execution of the \$1.25 million judgment in favor of Helen Byron and require her to return \$975,00 collected the previous

Nov day in spite of "the sect's confused and uncertain financial situation" (SJ-29)

- 27 EDS: Eugene, OR The Register-Guard says "A certain sadness accompanies the exodus from Rajneeshpuram. Dreams die hard....Yet Rajneeshees have no one to blame but themselves....To be sure, some bigotry was directed at the Rajneeshees....The Biggest losers were the people of Antelope,..."; Pittsburgh, PA Post-Gazette columnist's Thanksgiving quiz mentions Bhagwan; columnist appearing in 10 independent weekly papers on Nov. 27 and 28 in Illinois quotes a resident as being thankful at Bhagwan's departure and says "it would appear that Oregon has inherited a white antelope, but has rid itself of a cancer."
- 28 W: R: A: Feature saying Bhagwan has said that "At least 20 of his followers have been 'interrogated,' 'harassed' and 'tortured' in the Soviet Union (Odessa, Kiev, Moscow, Leningrad, Siberia, East Germany, Hungary, Bulgaria, Romania and Poland) (BB); Rajneeshee property in A being looked at by private potential buyers (BB)
- 28 EDS: Madars, OR The Madras Pioneer says R is a "Dinosaur for sale", and one suggestion is "conversion to a brothel such as Mustang Ranch in Nevada, to get the prostitutes off the streets in Portland."; New York Post columnist says "THE WHOLE USA: Will be especially thankful it has seen the last of Bhagwan"
- 29 W: R: INS: INS Commissioner says in an interview with The Oregonian that "the ouster of Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh from this country should serve notice to other foreign sect leaders that 'they can't just set up shop' unfettered in the United States."; he denies reports of a "leak" from within his agency to Bhagwan and says "there was no pressure from members of Congress, the White House or Oregon officials to resolve the case against Rajneesh and his followers." (SJ); Bhagwan announced as one of 10 winners of the 1985 "Bozo Award" for "'the most Bozo-like deeds imaginable'" and being a "Funster" (DC; IS-30; CDSE-12/1; FWNS-12/2; DFP-12/2; SG-12/6); the last issue of The Rajneesh Times published at R includes a photo essay of Bhagwan's house there and lists 35 centers around the world with addresses and phone numbers
- 29 MCCC: NO. : Sw. Prem Niren testifies that Robert Harvey "'acknowledged that he had been overpaid. There was no real dispute about it. The he said, 'What can I do about it? I have already spent the money.'" in

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Nov January of 1983; the trial is expected to resume on Dec. 3 (BB-12/1)

29 EDS: Salem, OR Capital Press columnist says he "suspected [R] would fade away sooner or later." and accuses Bhagwan of 'waywardness, extravagance, conceit and greed'; Baltimore, MD Sun and Kansas City, MO Kansas City Star columnists mention Bhagwan in passing; Watertown, NY Daily Times speaks of "Disposing of 'Raj-mobiles'"; The Rajneesh Times comments on the closure of the commune

30 W: R: A: AG: OSP: Legislative Fiscal Office report suggests that AG and OSP's requests for \$824,000 for the ongoing investigation at R be reduced to a present allocation of \$114,000 (\$68,562 to the Justice Department and \$45,612 to OSP to cover expenses through Oct. 31) and that \$399,000 be set aside for future costs; they say the OSP request may have been inflated to cover the cost of a 10% salary increase ordered by an arbitrator rather than just to cover R investigation costs (RG; SJ); Bob Roethlisberger loads Rolls Royces onto 12 trucks for the 3-4 day drive to Dallas, TX to start tomorrow; he says he will sell them at a lavish auction Feb. 8-9 in Dallas, has already had over 300 inquiries, insures them for \$8 million and says there are now 85 in his collection (IIN; RG-12/1; SJ-12/2; USA-12/2; NYDN-12/2; NYP-12/2; ND-12/2; Time-12/9--see also for other recent events; Newsweek-12/9--see also for other recent events; National Review-12/13); the Committee to Save Antelope announces that it will stop gathering signatures for the statewide initiative petition to repeal the city charter, but William Gatchel, the executive director, says it still needs donations to offset costs already incurred (BB-12/1; DC-12/1; O-12/2; SJ-12/3); Ma Mary Catherine, editor of The Rajneesh Times says the newspaper's employees and their families may move to Boulder, CO "because of its cosmopolitan flavor and reputation for tolerance," (BDC-12/1)

30 WCCC: NO. : and NO: : Judge John V. Kelly issues temporary restraining orders to prevent the sale of Rancho Rajneesh and other assets (except the Rolls Royces and video equipment recently sold) pending a show-cause hearing for permanent injunctions to be held on Dec. 6; one order was sought by 3 restaurants in The Dalles involved in the salmonella poisoning incidents; that asked that all revenue from any sale be required to be deposited in interest-bearing accounts in Oregon banks under the court's supervision; the other request came from former A resident Marcia Wichelmann, who

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recently won a \$625,000 judgement against Sheela and blocks the sale of two aircraft; the orders also block the sale of the ranch and require the posting of \$100,000 cash bonds in three claims and require money from sales to be placed under the court's jurisdiction; in related actions two restaurant owners file a complaint "for tortuious [sic] interference with business, racketeering [sic] ultrahazardous activities and stress against R corporations and individuals and ask damages totalling more than \$40 million (SJ; RG; DC-12/1; DWR-12/5--most complete)

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Dec 1 W: R: Approximate date of Winter, 1985 Newservice special report on Bhagwan and R; Spin Magazine profiles ten of the most prominent new-age music figures, two of them sannyasins (Kitaro and Deuter); special report on recent events in R, interview with Bhagwan in India and photos in India Today magazine; Oregon magazine recaps the year in R and names Bhagwan one of region's "Newsmakers of the Year"; The Rajneesh Times reportedly may move to Boulder, CO (SJ)

1 EDS: AG: New York Times columnist suggests headline of "'Let Bhagwans Be Bhagwans'"; Lansing, MI Pointer-Economist reprints New York Daily News editorial focussing on Bhagwan's "America is 'hell'" remarks; Salem, OR Statesman-Journal columnist says AG Frohnmayer's "attempt to secure his political future with a campaign of Rajneeshee-baiting may be disappearing faster than a speeding bhagwan."; an editorial in the same paper asks "Sheela prosecution: is it worth the cost?" and says the AG should drop the case

2 W: R: A: GER: EUR: IND: CNCL: COMM: It is reported that West Germany's 350 member sannyasin commune in Cologne is prospering with \$8 million in annual sales; there are said to be 30,000 sannyasins in West Germany, second only to the number in the US; communes in Amsterdam and Zurich also said to be doing well and that the small Freiburg commune closed by Sheela is planning to reopen; Cologne sannyasin businesses include a weekly newspaper, travel agency, construction company, architectural bureau, catering company, several discos, small bars and a restaurant; the commune has its own laundry service, medical service, car pool, garage, shuttle buses; the commune pays full taxes on its business earnings (RG); R leavers said to be talking about setting up small communes in Italy (to publish books and named The Master's Press, for one) Spain, Hawaii, London, Greece, Australia, India and at several locations in the US (in 1981 there were 575 centers in 32 countries, but after Sheela's consolidation moves that was reduced by spring of 1985 to 19 centers in 10 countries) (BB); A Mayor Ma Deva Parmita, remaining two city council members (Sw. Prem Sukh and Ma Prem Manohar) and A City Recorder Ma Deva Prabha resign after turning city records over to W County Sheriff's Deputies for safekeeping and arranging to have the financial records delivered to the A Auditor in Portland; A still has about \$7000 in the General Fund and \$4000 in the Street Fund; the W County Court/Commission has scheduled the selection of at least a 4 member city council quorum replacement from the 21 remaining non-sannyasin residents in A at

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- Dec 11am on Dec. 4; A residents say they expect the new council to set a March election for disincorporation, to cut city taxes and to settle a lawsuit over ownership of the A Community Church (BB-3; DC-4; MP-5)
- 2 EDS: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal says R is destined be "Oregon's most expensive ghost town"
- 3 W: R: GER: COMM: HULSE: PLAN: GOV: RIC: RNSIC: It is reported that secret indictments were sent to Germany about a week ago charging Sheela and Puja with criminal conspiracy and first-degree assault in the alleged poisoning of W County Judge/Commissioner Bill Hulse last year, charging them with criminal conspiracy and second-degree assault in the alleged poisoning of W County Commissioner Ray Matthew at the same time (on a ranch tour while a flat tire on their car was being repaired; they, along with Commissioner Virgil Ellett who did not become ill, were offered drinks of water); Sheela is also charged with arson and burglary in the burning of the W County Planning Department Office on Jan. 14, 1985; conspiracy, first-degree arson and first-degree assault are Class A felonies with a maximum penalty each of 20 years in prison and a \$100,000 fine; second degree assault and burglary are Class C felonies with a maximum of five years in prison each and a \$100,000 fine each; others are said to be charged in the indictments but their names are not released because they are not yet in custody (O; DC; SJ-4; RG-4); R Mayor says that several R organizations may file for bankruptcy to "preserve assets for creditors by halting litigation [and]...provide for orderly payment of debts." about 80% of which are owed to sannyasins (SJ; RG-4; BB-4); gubernatorial candidate Norma Paulus, at a luncheon in Wilsonville, says she favors idea that Oregon should consider turning R into a prison (BB-4; SJ-6); W County receives \$17,357.18 for personal property tax on mobile homes and \$476.11 to cover 3 small real property accounts from R organizations; these are payments toward the portion of 1985-86 taxes which was due on Nov. 15, but were postmarked after that date; W County will try to collect \$200 in interest and fees for serving warrants on the property after the Nov. 15 deadline was missed; W County says about \$250,000 is due in future partial payments from RIC and RNSIC on their property (O-5)
- 4 W: J: R: A: EUR: COMM: CNCL: RIC: It is reported in the General-Anzeiger Thurg that a plan by Dipo to purchase a castle and 125 acres near Erlen, Switzerland for a farming community has been rejected by area residents in favor of sale to a Bern company for a golf

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course, a plan they originally had objected to; about 40 mountain-street bicycles from R arrive at a shop in Corvallis, OR and are selling for \$185 each (SJ); W County Court/Commission appoints Virgil Steinmetz, Alice Hensley, Jean Opray and Phil Hill as a quorum to the A City Council; they will presumably appoint a fifth member and a Mayor (DC; O-5); J County receives a check for \$5,024.54 to cover several small property tax accounts and some of the RIC tax account; J County says that \$9,742.92 is still owed on the 1985-86 tax bill; most of the 500 head of cattle and 300 (?) peacocks are said to have been sold (O-5)

- 4 MCCC: NO. : Jurors in Harvey/R corporation consolidated cases over salary, property and defamation disputes hear closing arguments (O-6--best summary; SJ-6)
- 4 EDS: Pittsburgh, PA Pittsburgh Press columnist mentions Bhagwan; Eugene, OR The Register-Guard says "The Legislative Emergency Board should not scrimp in appropriating enough money to cover the cost of past and ongoing state investigations of the Rajneeshees."
- 5 W: R: GER: RNSIC: Bob Roethlisberger and 85 Rolls Royces (several of them handpainted with special murals) arrive on 12 trucks in Dallas, TX after a 4 day trip; he says thousands of inquiries have been made and he has had four offers to buy all 85 as a package; he says he paid about \$7 million for the cars (which sannnyasins say will go to repay those who loaned the money to buy them) and figures he can net between \$8 and \$10 million on their sale (SJ-6; BB-6; CST-6); formal US extradition documents for Sheela arrive in Bonn, West Germany at the Justice Ministry; they will be sent to a state court in Karlsruhe to determine if there is enough evidence to support the US allegations (DC; RDC-6); it is reported that a Medford gun dealer has bought 250-300 weapons from R, including "semi--automatic versions of Israeli-made Galil assault rifles and Uzi submachine guns." (SJ; O); W County receives check for some \$277 to pay interest and filing fees in delinquent Nov. 15 RNSIC property tax payment
- 5 USBC: NO. : An ex-sannnyasin who left R with Sheela, Eva-Maria Mann of Berlin, West Germany, files a petition to place RNSIC in involuntary bankruptcy to ensure that they pay her \$800,000 which she alleges agents of the Rajneesh Services International Ltd. removed from her Swiss bank account without authority on Aug. 30 and disbursed to RNSIC; "she said the same day the agents deposited \$700,000 that did not belong

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to her into her account and withdrew it, disbursing to the commune."; on July 19 she had given Dipo power of attorney to invest funds in her account "'provided I approved such investments in advance.'"; Sw. Prem Dipo (Urs Birnstiel) had married Sheela several months earlier; also listed as petitioners for the bankruptcy were W County, which says it is owed \$277.50 for interest on delinquent property taxes and filing fees and Anna K. Meyers of Madras who says she is owed \$20,600 for a trailer park in A; RNSIC attorney says that a check for money owing to W County has been sent, that he finds it ironic that the action has been filed by a woman who left the ranch with Sheela and is based on actions by Sheela's husband Dipo, questioning whether it has been filed in "'good faith'"; Anna Meyers says all of the \$400 monthly payments on the trailer park are up to date; Judge Elizabeth Perris issues a temporary restraining order halting all payments to creditors and the disbursement of any funds to R residents to move, blocking any cash payments by RNSIC and limiting the use of sannyasins' debit cards to purchases of food and clothing; she refuses to halt the sales of RNSIC property and requires the parties bringing the suit to post a \$50,000 bond until another hearing on Dec. 9 (O-6; BB-6; SJ-7)

- 5 WCCC: NO. : AG files a civil racketeering lawsuit against 26 R organizations asking that the ranch, Hotel Rajneesh in Portland, all property in A, 835 vehicles and other corporate assets valued \$6.5 million be forfeited under the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations law (RICO) for participating "'in a pattern of racketeering activity' that ranged from conspiracy, attempted murder, arson, reckless endangering and [sic] assault."; the suit also "seeks \$250,000 in penalties against each of the 26 organizations and a court order forbidding them from conducting any business in Oregon." (O-6; SJ-6)
- 5 MCCC: NO. : Jurors award the Harveys \$142,760 (they had sought \$4 million) and sannyasins \$600 (for grazing fees collected by Harvey but not turned over to sannyasins) in the combined salary and defamation lawsuit decision after hearing the judge's instructions and deliberating for about 9 1/2 hours (SJ-6; BB-6)
- 5 EDS: condon, OR Times-Journal says it is "complacency that made it so easy for the Rajneesh to move in and begin flogging our system."
- 6 W: R: GER: AG: OSP: RIMU: RHT: Extradition hearing expected to be held for Sheela in Germany does

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not occur, but affidavits by investigators in Oregon are submitted to West German prosecutors who send them to the Karlsruhe court; US Attorney Turner, Assistant US Attorney Baron C. Sheldahl and Stephen Peifer of the Oregon AG's Office are all in Germany, have been viewing the physical evidence seized during the Oct. 28 arrest and say they expect a decision on extradition by the end of the month (SJ-5; BB-5; O-5; DC-5; O-7); the Legislative Emergency Board approves funding of \$125,000 (more than the \$114,612 recommended by their staff) to the OSP and AG for costs already incurred (as of Oct. 31) in the R investigation, sets aside \$399,000 for possible future costs; this is less than the \$824,147 the AG and OSP requested; in testifying before a subcommittee of the Board on Dec. 5, W County DA Smith said that he absolutely did not request that the AG make an investigation, did not need it or want it (O; SJ; BB; SJ-7; RG-7); Medford gun dealer reports brisk sales of weapons he purchased at R, mostly to collectors (BB-8); RIMU holds its last classes on the ranch; RHT programs end their three month sessions (BB-9)

- 6 WCCC: NO. : A restaurant employee testifies that she saw ex-Mayor of R, Krishna Deva, and a woman sannyasin near the salad bar of the Portage Inn in The Dalles on Sept. 12, the day before the 1984 salmonella outbreak; Judge John V. Kelly continues a temporary restraining order on behalf of four restaurants until Dec. 12 when the hearing is to be completed and orders that any sales of property for more than \$2000 in a day be reported to the restaurants' attorneys; the restaurants have filed civil suits against sannyasins and more than 6 R organizations totaling more than \$10 million in damages; the restraining order does not affect RNSIC (O-7; RG-8)
- 6 WCCC: NO. : Judge John Jelderks denies a motion for a new trial in the Wichelmann suit and hears arguments, motions and requests related to the second trial, which will determine whether sannyasin corporations can be held liable for the \$625,000 defamation judgement against Sheela (O-7)
- 6 EDS: Eugene, OR The Register-Guard says "Prison idea [for R] not so far-fetched"
- 7 IND: Excerpts from an interview with Bhagwan in the Hindustan Times
- 8 W: A: CO: HULSE: Concerned Oregonians of Wasco County announces that on Dec. 13, when the new A

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Council appointees are sworn in, a quiet celebration is planned and that CO will conduct a statewide fund drive "to finance a monument honoring Antelope's original residents who fought the battles which resulted in their regaining control of their town."; Laura Bentley later says the monument will be a life-sized Antelope and will cost \$7,000-8,000; residents of The Dalles are urged to reserve seats on a chartered bus for the affair; W County Judge/Commissioner Hulse will attend and the W County Treasurer will bring a check for the \$10,282 remaining in A coffers (DC-9; BB-11; DWR-19)

- 8 EDS: Congregationalist minister writes favorable column about Bhagwan in Vancouver, WA The Columbian
- 9 W: R: GER: IND: RNSIC: Interview with Bhagwan appears in Der Spiegel in which he indicates that he may be looking for a new location for a commune (see also BB-8; SJ-9; RG-9); it is reported that a group of lawyers and accountants spent the weekend going through RNSIC books and records as a part of the bankruptcy suit filed by Mann and Meyers (BB-9)
- 9 USBC: NO. : Bankruptcy hearing continues; attorney for Mann asks that a trustee be appointed to oversee the liquidation of RNSIC assets; his candidate for that job, Herbert O. Koenig testifies; attorney also says that some money is being shifted from RNSIC to RFST and given to commune members, "whose claims for payment should come after those of creditors." (O-10; O-11)
- 10 W: R: Article on R "decline" and feature on dispersal of R residents (O)
- 10 USDC: NO. : Federal Judge Helen Frye hands down summary judgement saying that the commune-city of R is an unconstitutional merging of church and state and thus violates the First Amendment; "'At the time of incorporation all real property (in the city) was owned and controlled by organizations whose purpose was to promote the religion of Rajneeshism....The material facts are undisputed,...The incorporation of the city is null and void.'" she said; Frye says the state of Oregon may keep the \$91,000 in revenue-sharing monies that have been held in escrow; R attorneys say they will appeal and ask for a 90 day stay of the ruling; the Judge gives both sides 7 days to prepare arguments on the stay; the AG says he is happy that "Frye had saved taxpayers the expense of 'a full-blown trial' in the case."; W County DA Smith predicts great celebrations over the decision; W County Judge/Commissioner

Dec Hulse says he expects the land to revert to EFU designation; 1000 Friends' Director Henry Richmond says they will continue to press the land-use lawsuits (O-11--best summary of arguments; SJ-11; USA-11; BB-11; O-12)

10 USBC: NO. : Federal Judge Elizabeth Perris approves a plan for Herbert Koenig and John Mitchell of Portland to oversee the liquidation of RNSIC assets; the Harveys join in the Mann bankruptcy suit on this date in an effort to claim their \$142,060 judgment against RNSIC; under terms of the trusteeship RNSIC will be allowed to spend up to \$50,000 to pay for disciples' travel in leaving the commune, as it is expected to reduce its population to 100 within two weeks; RNSIC may also pay for necessities and can continue to sell assets, but all payments and sales must be approved by the trustees; the order also prohibits RNSIC from making any payments to other R corporations for at least 30 days, including rent to RIC and \$22,000 monthly retainers to RLS; RNSIC also agrees to end the use of debit cards issued by RFST on or before Dec. 15; Judge Perris schedules a trial in Portland on the Mann claim for Jan. 2 (SJ-11; O-11; BB-11)

10 USDC: NO. : Federal prosecutors in Portland have summoned two of Bhagwan's lawyers (Niren and Peter Schey) to appear before a grand jury investigating his Oct. 28 flight to Charlotte; defense attorneys argue that they should not be called to testify when their client could potentially be indicted by the grand jury; US Assistant Attorney Weaver says they need to be asked about who "'leaked'" them information about the secret indictment; prosecutors tell Judge Leavy that they will not seek an indictment against Bhagwan nor would he be named "as an unindicted co-conspirator." for the flight (O-11)

10 WCCC: NO. : The State of Oregon files suit "to collect \$111,600 in civil penalties for violations of state electrical safety laws." in the "winterized tents" case (O-11)

10 WCCC: NO. : Alma James files suit against Sheela, RIC and several others asking for \$1 million in general damages, \$5000 in special damages and \$10 million in punitive damages for her alleged salmonella poisoning in September 1984 (O-11)

11 W: R: GER: IND: FEST: Interview with Bhagwan and photos in West Germany's Quick magazine; sannnyasins at

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R celebrate Bhagwan's 54th birthday with a "morning music and meditation service.", evening dancing and a special dinner; a giant auction scheduled at R for Dec. 17-19 has been postponed by bankruptcy trustee Herbert Koenig because he says it is the wrong time of year; some of the remaining 400 residents at R are not allowed to use their debit cards to purchase airline tickets this date because of cash-flow problems (O; SJ-12; BB-12; O-12; DWR-19)

- 11 USDC: NO. : Judge Edward Leavy rejects a motion to quash the subpoenas issued to Niren and Peter Schey; Niren testifies before the grand jury, refusing to reveal his source of information on the secret indictment of Oct. 23; federal prosecutors seek a court order requiring that he reveal the source, who apparently is a lawyer who represented one of the co-defendants named in the indictment; Niren's attorney (Brian O'Neill from Santa Monica, CA) argues that Niren's source is protected by confidentiality requirements; Judge Leavy takes the matter under advisement, saying he needs more information before making a decision; the grand jury also sought to know what information Niren gave in December 1983 to Sheela, but Judge Leavy refuses to order Niren to divulge that conversation because of the protected attorney-client relationship; the grand jury will not convene again to consider the Oct. 27-28 flight of Bhagwan until Jan. 15, 1986; Schey will not be required to testify until later (BB-12; SJ-12; O-12; RG-13)
- 12 W: R: A: GOV: Feature story on R in San Jose, Ca Metro; residents of A say they oppose putting a prison at R, will fight any such move and that they want the land to revert to EFU designation; gubernatorial candidate Fadeley reiterates his support for the prison idea, saying it would save taxpayers a lot of money while candidate Paulus, addressing a banquet of the W County Wheat Growers and Livestock Association in The Dalles, says area ranchers should help decide how to use R (DC; DC-13)
- 12 WCCC: NO. : A two-day show-cause hearing which began on Dec. 6 regarding the liability of R corporations toward four The Dalles' restaurants in the salmonella incident concludes; Judge John Kelly will decide whether to continue a restraining order obtained by the restaurants that blocks the disposal of assets until a \$10 million lawsuit is settled; Niren argues that the corporations cannot be held responsible for the acts of Krishna Deva or other individuals; former restaurant owner testifies, as does the head of

Dec Rajneesh Publications, which is seeking to move to Colorado but is blocked from doing so by the suit (BB-13; DC-13--the best account of arguments and testimony; DC-15)

12 EDS: AG: Salem, OR Statesman-Journal gives "Cheers for Frohnmayer" in "Church-state ruling"; Eugene, OR The Register-Guard calls Judge Frye's church-state ruling "meet, right and just."

13 W: R: A: OSP: RNSIC: CNCL: HULSE: PROFF: Two incidents of deer poaching at R have been uncovered and OSP game officers will step up patrols on the ranch; hunting has been banned there since it was purchased in 1981; 2 OSP officers are still living at R full-time (O); sales of RNSIC assets continue under the approval of trustees, who say that assets could be liquidated by May 1; RNSIC will attempt to purchase all of the travel tickets for departing members before tomorrow when prices go up (O-14; RG-14; BB-15; DC-15); New Mayor of A, Jean Opray, and City Councilmembers (Virgil Steinmetz, Randy Warnock, Alice Hensley, Phil Hill, Liz Stockton, Betty Anderson) are sworn in; sign at the ceremony reads "'Antelope hostages...free at last.'"; final acts of the sannyyasin Council included revoking a number of contracts with R and R corporations and changing names of A city streets back to their originals; 70-130 attend (only one a sannyyasin), including W County Judge/Commissioner Hulse, County Recorder Sue Proffitt, County Treasurer, County Sheriff Art Labrousse; A has about 20 residents; W County turns over the \$10,282.49 in tax money remaining in city coffers: A Mayor says disincorporation of the city will be one of the first issues considered by the Council; after the bussed in visitors and most of the media leave, the A church bells are rung (O-14; BB-15; SJ-15; DC-15; MP-19; DWR-19)

13 USDC: NO. : The US Attorney's Office announces that Ma Prem Karuna (Wendy Wyatt, American) has agreed to plead guilty to a felony charge of "inducing another Rajneeshee woman to lie to immigration officials to conceal the fact that the woman had entered into a sham marriage." and Ma Prem Arup (Maria Gemma Kortenhurst, Dutch), Ma Prem Padma (Suzanne Pelletier, American), Ma Prem Navena (Emily Jane Goldman, American), Ma Prem Mukta (Mary Agnes Evans/Breslin, Irish) have agreed to plead guilty to misdemeanor charges of "conspiring to violate U.S. immigration laws." in the 35 count secret indictment of Oct. 23 charging the arranging or cover-up of "sham" marriages (Sheela and Vidya have also been charged but have not appeared as yet);

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Padma also pleads guilty to a federal felony wiretapping charge and is released on her own recognizance until sentencing, set for Feb. 3; the maximum sentence on the wiretapping charge is 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine; all five women are placed on probation for 5 years on the immigration charges; Mukta and Arup are ordered to leave the country within 30 days; maximum penalties for the misdemeanors would have been up to 6 months in jail and up to a \$500 fine; all other charges against the five are dropped and they agree in return to drop two lawsuits against the INS, "one seeking a court order for the INS to complete its consideration of citizenship applications filed by Rajneeshees. The other claimed the government had violated disciples' rights in its investigation of the commune."; the women say it would have been impossible for them to get a fair trial in Oregon (BB; O-14; SJ-14; BB-15; DC-15--most thorough for quotes and details; DWR-19)

- 13 USDC: NO. : Eva-Maria Mann (Ma Dhyana Sushila), an ex-sannyasin from Berlin, files suit seeking \$1 million in punitive damages from 2 R corporations and 6 persons "she claims have refused to repay money she loaned to the" RMCCT in 1983 and 1984 in the amount of about \$120,000; the suit alleges that she was assured of repayment upon sale of the Rolls-Royces on Nov. 27 and that the sale money has subsequently been transferred out of the US and she has not been repaid (O-14; SJ-15)
- 13 WCCC: NO. : Judge John Kelly files an order permanently "encumbering Rajneesh assets pending settlement of suits" filed by four The Dalles restaurants seeking damages related to the salmonella outbreak in September, 1984; the USDC-appointed bankruptcy trustees are also appointed to oversee the sale of assets in this case; the extensive order (outlined best in DC-16) also blocks the move of Rajneesh Publications to Colorado; parties are notified by letter; public announcement of decision occurs on Dec. 16 (DC-16)
- 14 W: R: RIMU: EUR: RIMU reportedly moving to Italy; the Oregon Mint, an Umpqua County company, is offering 2,5000 one-ounce silver coins featuring a picture of Bhagwan in chains and the caption "'We Bagged the Bhagwan -- October 28, 1985'" for \$14.95 each (SJ; RG-15)
- 15 W: R: The Klamath Falls Fire Department and that city's Red Cross buy medical equipment from R at 1/4 to

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- 16 W: R: RNSIC: About 200-300 residents reported at R; RNSIC begins official sale of its assets, which range from about 170 cars/vans/trucks to farm equipment, sleeping bags, chemical toilets and tents, buses, all sorts of household goods and construction material, fire department equipment, ambulance and medical equipment; a staff of about 18 sannyasins is handling sales; two restaurants in R are open with reduced staff, shorter hours and limited menus; cafeteria for residents is operating on a reduced scale; among 100 or so buyers per day are officials from the city of Bend and Central Oregon Community College; Herbert O. Koenig, a court-appointed trustee in charge of overseeing finances signs most of the bills of sale (O-17; BB-18; MP-19)
- 17 W: R: IND: RNSIC: It is reported that all property of the Rajneesh Foundation in India has been seized by that government for \$3 million in back taxes (O-18; IW-27); feature on Bhagwan in India (O; BB); RNSIC sales to 12 to 15 individuals and companies said to total about \$40,000 at the moment (O-18)
- 18 W: R: Thirteen sannyasins from R travelling in a school bus reportedly looking to settle in Sonoma County, CA (SPD-19)
- 18 WCCC: NO. : Judge John Kelly has issued a preliminary injunction by letter to require R organizations to "place money over the amount required for regular expenses in a separate account in case they lose a suit filed against them by four restaurants."; the suit claims that then-Mayor Krishna Deva and a woman poisoned food in ten restaurants in The Dalles causing a salmonella outbreak in 1984 which affected more than 750 people; no criminal charges have been filed relating to the alleged salmonella incident; in his opinion, Judge Kelly "ruled that there is probable cause to indicate the Rajneeshees 'through a pattern of racketeering activity, endeavored to acquire control of the Wasco County'" Court/Commission; the restaurants' suits have been filed under the Racketeering Influence and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) statute; "Kelly said he hadn't been convinced that the plaintiffs are correct in their allegations, only that they showed sufficient evidence to warrant an injunction." (BB; O; DWR-26)
- 18 LUBA: NO. : On the first day of a scheduled three-day hearing, Former W County Judge/Commissioner

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Rick Cantrell testifies for nearly four hours before LUBA in the consideration of his sale of 48 head of cattle to sanniyasins; he says he heard about their interest in cattle in August, 1981, told his fellow commissioners about Oct. 7 that he was considering selling the cattle to the sanniyasins ("They said it would not bother them in any way."), wrote a letter Oct. 13 to offer the cattle for sale, sold them on Oct. 25, received a check for \$17,540 on Nov. 17 (the amount having been determined by him as that needed to pay off a bank loan and interest which he had coming due in December, 1981) and that the sale had not at all affected his vote on incorporation on Nov. 7 ("He said he voted Nov. 7, 1981, to permit the incorporaiton election on the basis of advice from District Attorney Bernard L. Smith that the issue was a political one in which the commissioners were required to allow the vote if petitions were properly submitted."); testimony will resume on Dec. 20 (DC-17; O-19; RG-19; BB-19)

- 19 W: R: OSP: A sanniyasin and former resident of R tells her story in the gay publication Sentinel USA; it is reported that an OSP detective who worked on the R investigative task force purchased 60 canoes from the commune on Nov. 27 and was removed from the task force soon after to avoid the appearance of wrongdoing; he has sold all but one of the canoes for a \$2700 profit with the permission of the OSP Superintendent; the detective says he concluded the sale as a private citizen on his own time; his superior and the OSP Superintendent approved the sale after the fact (SJ-20; BB-20; DC-20; RG-20); The Dalles school district may buy busses from R (DWR)
- 19 LUBA: NO. : Ex-Mayor of R Krishna Deva's statement that "he believed the purchase of cattle from a Wasco County judge in 1981 'wouldn't be something harmful to the commune.'" is entered into the record, but he also said that he never attempted "'to buy Judge Cantrell's vote,'" (BB-20; O-20; DC-20)
- 19 USDC: NO. : Ma Anand Kamala and Ma Prem Kavido (Krishna Deva's sister) plead guilty to conspiring with others to illegally monitor phone conversations in R; Judge Leavy sets sentencing on Feb. 3 for Kamal and Feb. 10 for Kavido (DC-20)
- 19 EDS: Sentinel USA suggests that people should learn from "wise ones" like Bhagwan without following them
- 20 W: R: OSP: Federal grand jury indicts 21 sanniyasins on five counts of conspiracy, accusing them of illegal-

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ly tapping telephone lines and planting microphones in rooms at R beginning in January of 1984 (Mas Anand Sheela [Sheela Patel Silverman, Indian]; Anand Puja [Diane Ivonne Onang, Filipino]; Anand Su [Susan Lissanevitch, British], Anand Jagruti [Bonnie May Barlow or Bonnie M. Hasdell, American--who surrenders this date and is arraigned before Judge Leavy, pleads innocent to one count and is released on her own recognizance after surrendering her passport], Yoga Vidya [Ann Phyllis McCarthy, South African], Prem Savita [Sally Anne Croft, British], Dhyan Yogini [Alma Angelina Potter, American], Deva Kranto [Gail Ellen Murphy, American], Deva Rikta [Phyllis Caldwell, American], Jivan Kavia [Evag Norback Wells], Prem Patipada [Mary Ann Young, American], Prem Samadhi [Carol Matthews, Carol A. Longo/Samadhi Selecki, American], Swamis Anand Julian [Julian James, British], Anand Michael [Michael Bisson], Prem Dipo [Urs Birnstiel, Swiss], Anugiten [Richard Kevin Langford], Veet Sandeha [James Grant Henningham], Prem Rajan [Gerald James Dunsford, British], Anubavo [Jorg Dauscher, German], Deva Kuteer [Carlo Zansi, Italian]); the OSP has thousands of cassette recordings of intercepted communications; each count in the indictment carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine; four sannyasins not named in the indictment have already pleaded guilt to felony wiretap charges (including Sw. Prem Rajesh, Thomas Alan Gay, this date and Sw. Krishna Deva [David Knapp, American] earlier) (BB; SJ-21; O-21; RG-21; BB-22; DC-22; DWR-26; IW-27); Bob Roethlisberger has sold a collection of Bhagwan's jewelry including diamond stick pins, 88 gold key chains studded with diamonds, and 25 watches, many of them gold or platinum, at a display at Jewels by Batky, an exclusive Dallas shop; the jewelry was insured for \$1 million (BB-19; RG-22; IW-27)

20 LUBA: NO. : In the last day of hearings, ex-ranch foreman Robert Harvey testifies that he lied to the Ethics Commission in 1982 when he said the price paid for Cantrell's cattle "'was good' and that Jayananda had 'negotiated' a price.", that Jayananda had said to him "'we're going to buy these cows from the judge so he'll like us.'", but that "he had never overheard any conversation between representatives of Rancho Rajneesh and Cantrell indicating the Rajneeshees were overpaying him or linking the sale to his Nov. 4 vote."; other testimony related to several witnesses' estimations of the value of the cattle (O-21; SJ-21; BB-22; DWR-26)

20 EDS: Sebastopol, CA The Press Democrat comments on sannyasins settling in their area

- Dec 22 W: R: Hundreds reportedly still flocking to R to buy things (BB)
- 23 W: R: GER: People magazine prints photo of Bhagwan and small story on sale of the ranch; West German appeals court takes first formal step towards extradition of Sheela, Puja and Shanti Bhadra by issuing a formal arrest warrant on the charge of attempted murder against Devaraj; the court will rule in January on a second charge of immigration fraud against Sheela; after that the court will have to formally rule on the extradition request and the decision must be upheld by the West German Justice Ministry (SJ-24; O-24; RG-24); 100-150 sannyasins said to remain at R (RG-24)
- 23 USBC: NO. : US Bankruptcy Judge Elizabeth Perris holds hearing on R commune finances, gives creditors until Jan. 6 to object to a settlement negotiated this date for RNSIC to pay Eva Marie Mann of Berlin, an ex-sannyasin, in full for her claim for \$800,000, which she filed in USDC earlier this month, saying that RNSIC officers had removed money from her Swiss bank account without her consent; a part of the settlement would set aside \$600,000 to be received immediately by Mann upon court approval, with the remaining \$200,000 to be paid within 30 days; it also includes a promise by sannyasins to pay all creditors in full; many of them have been paid and \$350,000 said to be outstanding to "trade creditors"; it also includes a provision that ownership of improvements valued at \$4 million made by RNSIC to the ranch will be turned over to RIC and assets valued at \$5.2 million will go from RIC and RFI to RFST (the "bank") which once held the assets of many sannyasins; provisions are also made to pay the settlement to the Harveys (about \$142,000) if it should be upheld on appeal; no provision is made to pay in the Wichelmann settlement (\$625,00) as it has not yet been determined that the corporations are liable for the judgement against Sheela; another hearing is scheduled for Jan. 7 (BB; BB-24; DC-24; RG-24; SJ-24; O-24)
- 23 WCCC: NO. : Niren withdraws as attorney for R corporations in the damage suit filed by four The Dalles restaurants related to the alleged salmonella poisoning in September 1984 and is replaced by Ronald H. Hoevet and Les Wellman, of Portland (DC-24)
- 24 USDC: NO. : Judge Edward Leavy orders Niren to "reveal to a federal grand jury who told him a secret indictment had been issued against the Indian guru." and that the information is not protected by the attorney-client privilege; the grand jury will meet

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- 24 SC: NO. : KOIN-TV and KATU-TV lose their request to copy the videotape of Bhagwan's testimony that he knew nothing related to the MCCC defamation suit filed by Donna Quick Smith in which it was found that Sheela had not defamed Smith by calling her a "'bigot'" and a "'thug'"; essentially the ruling upheld Judge Clifford B. Olsen's decision not to release the tape to the TV stations on the basis that it "should not have been offered as an exhibit and that the parties had agreed in advance that the tape would not be distributed outside the courtroom." (O-25; RG-25; DWR-1/2/86)
- 24 EDS: UPI subscribers select Bhagwan as the No. 1 news story in Oregon in 1985 (DC); The Oregonian columnist mentions Sheela
- 25 W: R: A: SCHL: RSD: SPI: IND: It is reported that the RSD will remain open with about 10 students attending school in R and it has \$40,000 in the bank; the SPI, however, has stopped payments from BSS Fund; the RSD consists of 19,000 acres of Rancho Rajneesh, the Lincoln School building in Antelope and a foot-wide strip connecting the two (BB; DWR-26; DWR-1/9/86); it is reported that all 10 non-Indian aides to Bhagwan (including a Canadian cook, British maid, Italian carpenter, German engineer) have been ordered out of India and that 9 had left as of Dec. 16 when their three-week tourist visas expired and were not extended; Ma Prem Hasya, Bhagwan's secretary, is refused a visa extension as of today and said to be forced from India tomorrow (to Katmandu, Nepal?) (O-26; BB-26; DWR-1/2/86)
- 26 USDC: NO. : Niren says he has not decided how to respond to Judge Leavy's order to reveal the source of his Oct. 26 information about the secret Oct. 23 indictment (O-27; BB-29)
- 26 EDS: The Dalles Weekly Reminder lists "Bhagwan's commune shuts down" as the No. 3 story of the year
- 27 W: R: IND: FAW: It is reported that Bhagwan plans to settle within the next 2 weeks on an island (one of three near Fiji) in the South Pacific, which would be privately owned, not under the control of any government and that he would "make his 'last effort' to build a commune." there or in one of two countries in South America; Bhagwan reportedly criticizes India; "the

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- Indian government reportedly had ordered all its embassies not to give visas to sannyasins." (BB-26; DC-27; O-27; SJ-28; BB-27; O-28; DWR-1/2/86); it is reported that Wayne Fawbush has announced he will seek a new term as state representative and not challenge US Representative Bob Smith for a seat in Congress (O); feature article on new religions who seek to recruit Oregonians summarizes "Rajneeshism" and others (O); Halsey Gold and Silver company in eastern Oregon has minted 2,500 gold coins with Bhagwan's picture in chains and the words "We bagged the Bhagwan -- October 28, 1985" and is selling them for from \$11-20 each (BB)
- 27 EDS: Worcester, MA Worcester Telegram names Bhagwan as one of the newsmakers of the year
- 28 W: R: IND: The members of the Religion Newswriters Association select Bhagwan and the closure of R as the No. 9 news story in the nation in 1985 (SJ); the Center for Population Research and Census at Portland State University estimates a W County net population loss recently of 500 persons (O); Bhagwan says India has bowed to US pressure (from the Senate) in preventing him from forming a commune there (RG-29; BB-29; SJ-29)
- 29 W: R: The Associated Press poll names "Rajneeshees" the No. 1 story in Oregon in 1985 (RG; SJ-30; O-31); The Oregonian sums the 1985 R story and runs an ad for its 10 page special section which will run on Dec. 30 on R; Fiji says Bhagwan has not applied for a residency permit there, but about 60 of its islands are privately owned and about 10 of those are big enough for a commune (O-30; RG-30)
- 30 W: R: A: CNCL: Ad for sale of the ranch in Dec. 27 Wall Street Journal is said to have triggered a lot of calls; the asking price is \$40 million (BB; SJ-31; DC-31; O-31); the new A Secretary-Treasurer is appointed; the A Council hires an attorney to tell them the advantages and disadvantages of disincorporation and officials sign the Antelope Episcopal Church and 6 lots back into ownership of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon; in return, the Diocese donates the lot that the fire hall sits on to A; the Diocese says the court battle for the church has cost them \$12,000-15,000; the W County Sheriff will see to the sale of weapons belonging to A (DC-17; DC-31; BB-31); The Oregonian 10-page special section on R, entitled "On the road again": lists names, ages, charges, custody dates, status of cases and penalties for Bhagwan and 34

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sannyasins; prints chronology of major events at R; sums developments in 1985; sums Sheela's "dirty tricks"; profiles Niren; details developments since September

30 LUBA: NO. : Due to more depositions and testimony LUBA delays its ruling on the Cantrell issue and R incorporation until Feb. 17; following all testimony 1000 Friends, W County and Cantrell will submit post-hearing briefs in response to LUBA questions; R attorneys file a new appeal challenging the deletion of R from the W County Comprehensive Plan (DC)

31 W: R: It is reported that sales at R ceased on Dec. 29 to take inventory and give staff a break and will resume again on Jan. 2 (O; SJ)

31 EDS: The Oregonian columnist mentions Sheela

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1986

Jan. 3 Rajneesh flies from India to Nepal
Jan. 19 Brochure asking \$40 million sale price for Ranch is circulated
Jan. 24 Antelope sets June 24 disincorporation election
Jan. 31 German legal process to extradite Sheela, Puja, Shanti Bhadra to US is completed
Feb. 6 Sheela, Puja, Shanti Bhadra arrive in Portland
Feb. 7 The three appear in federal court to plead on immigration violation charges and in W County Court to plead on charges of attempted poisoning of Rajneesh's doctor
Feb. 16 Rajneesh flies from Nepal to Crete
Mar. 5 Rajneesh deported from Greece
Mar. 6 Rajneesh's plane refused permission to land and/or stay in the following countries: France, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain, England
Mar. 7 Rajneesh arrives in Ireland, is rumored to have flown on to Antigua or Bermuda but does not, nevertheless governments say he is not welcome in either country
Mar. 14 LUBA sends Rajneeshpuram land use case back to W County for redetermination on whether land useful for farming but rejects invalidation of city on grounds of Wasco County Commissioner's failure to declare potential conflict of interest
Mar. 19 Rajneesh flies from Ireland via Senegal to Uruguay
Mar. 19 Sheela indicted for The Dalles salmonella poisoning
Apr. 17 Rajneesh granted one year temporary residency visa in Uruguay
May 15 Multnomah County Commissioners vote to buy Hotel Rajneesh in Portland as a work-release center for \$1.6 million
June 5 Uruguayan government refuses to grant Rajneesh a permanent residency visa and orders him to leave by the end of the month
June 9 State Senator LB Day of Salem suggests that Rancho Rajneesh be purchased and converted into minimum security prison
June 19 Rajneesh flies from Uruguay to Brazil to Jamaica
June 21 Jamaica tells Rajneesh he is not welcome and he flies to Portugal
June 24 Antelope votes to stay incorporated by 18 to 10
July 13 Wasco County residents have celebration to dedicate \$12,000 memorial statue of Antelope on courthouse lawn
July 22 Sheela, Puja and Shanti Bhadra agree to plea bargaining arrangement: Sheela pleads guilty to wiretapping, immigration fraud, salmonella poisoning, attempted murder of Rajneesh's physician, first-degree assault on County Judge Hulse and second-degree

assault on Commissioner Matthew, first-degree arson on Wasco Planning Office, and is sentenced to 4 1/2 to 20 years in federal prison, fined and charged restitution of \$469,353.31, \$200,000 of which is payable immediately, and given five years of probation to be served abroad (deportation upon release from prison); Puja pleads guilty to wiretapping, salmonella, attempted murder of Rajneesh's physician, first-degree assault on Hulse and second-degree assault on Matthew, is sentenced to 4 1/2 to 15 years and three years probation during which time she could leave the US; Shanti Bhadra pleads guilty to attempted murder of Rajneesh's physician and is sentenced to 1 1/2 to 10 years (see The Dalles Chronicle, July 22 for details); US Attorney, when "Asked if the big fish hadn't gotten away, Turner said the government did not have sufficient evidence to convict Rajneesh of other charges....'We felt if he left the country, the movement would disband,' (Statesman-Journal, July 23)

July 24 Price of Ranch goes down to \$28.5 million
July 29 Rajneesh flies to Bombay, India
Aug. 6 Court of Appeals rules Rajneeshpuram incorporation invalid because of Wasco County Commissioner's undeclared potential conflict of interest, but not invalid on land use questions
Aug. 15 Attorney General settles racketeering lawsuit with Rajneesh corporations' agreements to pay up to \$5.5 million to fund for victims of salmonella poisoning
Oct. 19 Laguna Beach Center sold for \$900,000
Nov. 24 Ex-Mayor of Rajneeshpuram, Krishna Deva, sentenced to 2 years in federal prison starting no later than Jan. 12 and fined \$5000, in spite of US Attorney's and Oregon Attorney General's appeals that he be given probation for acting as a government witness

1987

Jan. 5 Rajneesh settles at Poona ashram, Rajneeshdham
Apr. Sheela and Puja denied parole
June 18 Shanti Bhadra paroled, returns to Australia
Sept. 9 Oregon Supreme Court decides that Wasco County Commissioner's failure to declare a potential conflict of interest does not invalidate the incorporation of Rajneeshpuram
Dec. 11 Rajneesh too ill to appear for 56th birthday celebration, 6000 disciples attend from 15 countries; charges that he was poisoned by US authorities in Oklahoma jail follow

1988

- Jan. 11 Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., holder of the principal mortgage on Rancho Rajneesh files a foreclosure action in Wasco County Circuit Court
- Feb. 18 Convicted killer says he considered a request from Oregon ranchers to bomb buildings and roads at Rancho Rajneesh
- Mar. 14 Sheela is returned to Wasco County for a debtors exam since she has only paid \$200,000 in fines; 1000 Friends of Oregon appeals the Rajneeshpuram incorporation on land use grounds to the US Supreme Court
- May 19 US Supreme Court refuses to hear appeal of Rajneeshpuram land use case, thus reaffirming the incorporation in this regard once and for all
- July 7 Ore National Guard says it may turn Rancho Rajneesh into a training site
- Sept. 10 150 sannyasins hold goodbye party/reunion at Rancho Rajneesh
- Dec. 2 Rancho Rjneesh purchased at sheriff's auction by Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. for amount it is owed on mortgage (\$3.76 million) plus interest on unpaid balance, \$4.5 million total
- Dec. 13 Sheela released and deported to Germany
- Dec. 29 Rajneesh drops the title Bhagwan; Puja is returned to half way house in Portland

1989

- Feb. 27 Disciples officially vote to call Rajneesh Osho, which means "harmonious expansion of consciousness" and "oceanic"
- Year Osho develops new meditations "The Mystic Rose", "No Mind", gives discourses intermittently due to health problems

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- Jan. 19 Osho leaves his body