

Dear Mom and Dad,

Hi. I'm just stopping to say hello. Mom, would you write a letter to the Chronicle telling them how you read the newspaper article and how great the church is and stuff like that. You can say that you aren't a member and stuff but that you think the church deserves the highest praise. That would be good if you would do that. We've had so many crummy articles written about us in the Chronicle that now we finally have a decent one.

Things are O.K. here. This is my last week of work. Next week I will get all prepared to move down to Santa Rosa. It will be fun being with the kids but it will also be very hard for me taking all those solid courses. I hope I do O.K. I know I will if I can set my mind to it.

I can't say I'll be real sad to leave my job. I'll miss all of the old folks

but I sure won't miss the Pritchards,
my employers. Mr. Pritchard is the bad one.
He is so money hungry. I think he is sick.
Well, I must go now because I'm busy
around the house doing all the chores.
I also have to write a bunch of letters.
I may be able to come down next week
to visit with Debbie Layton. I'll have
to see though. Otherwise I'll have to
wait until I'm all moved in at Santa

Rosa.

Love,

Annie

A Church Gives \$4400 To the Press

Twelve newspapers — among them The Chronicle—and a newsmagazine and a television station have been awarded grants totaling \$4400 by Peoples Temple Christian Church of the Disciples of Christ for use "in the defense of a free press."

Announcement of the grants was made yesterday in Ukiah, Mendocino county, by the board of trustees of the church, which has a statewide membership of more than 7500.

THREAT

Speaking for the board, trustee James R. Pugh said:

"We believe the American way of life is being threatened by the recent jailings of news reporters for refusal to reveal their sources.

"As a church, we feel a responsibility to defend the free speech clause of the First Amendment, for without it America will have lost freedom of conscience and the climate will become ripe for totalitarianism."

Pugh said the church's pastor, the Rev. Jim Jones, had "publicly commended" The Chronicle and its "fine editorial staff" for taking a strong editorial position in defense of the First Amendment and for "the high quality of the newspaper."

"The San Francisco Chronicle has shown itself to be fair, lucid, comprehensive and courageous in confronting many issues head on," trustee Pugh said.

SOCIAL

Called less formally Peoples Temple, the church is best known and highly regarded for its social works which include housing and feeding senior citizens and medical convalescents, maintaining a home for retarded boys, rehabilitating youthful drug users, and assisting non-members as well as members of the faith through college and legal difficulties.

In accepting the grant in behalf of The Chronicle, Charles de Young Thieriot, editor and publisher, expressed his thanks to the Peoples Temple Christian Church.

Thieriot said the \$500

awarded to The Chronicle will be turned over to Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalistic society, which is active in defense of freedom of the press.

Other news media receiving grants and the amount awarded included:

The Los Angeles Times, \$500; San Francisco Sun-Reporter, \$300; Ukiah Journal \$300; Los Angeles Herald-Examiner \$300; Oakland Tribune \$300; Santa Rosa Press Democrat \$300; San Francisco Examiner \$300; Indianapolis Star \$300; KGO-TV San Francisco \$300; New York Times \$250; Christian Science Monitor \$250; Newsweek Magazine \$250 and Cincinnati Enquirer \$250.