

suffer the fear that the TFP fosters because it is an organization that thrives on fear and hatred.

EIR: What responses have you encountered on your visit to Washington, D.C. to present your case against the TFP?

Pochat: We visited the State Department, and there we got a very lukewarm response; they appear to know nothing about the problem. We didn't see them take much interest. Especially when the fact of the TFP's connections to the attempted assassination of His Holiness the Pope by Fernandez Krohn was presented, they didn't take the interest they should have.

In addition, they were shown a letter sent to the TFP by President Reagan expressing his appreciation in response to a letter sent him by the TFP after the invasion of the island of Grenada. We said the TFP was using this letter, and afterward using the money they can get so easily with such a letter, for terrorist ends—since this is the ultimate purpose of the internal doctrine of the TFP.

EIR: In terms of its medievalist orientation, is the TFP associated with any family in particular?

Pochat: In Brazil, when the youth between the ages of 14 and 15 go to Brazil for the first time, they sometimes take them in private jets if they are Americans, and they are received by the princes of Orleans and Bragança. They personally receive these young boys, who are of course very much impressed; this is where the real brainwashing begins. Even to the point of lending them their automobiles to drive. There are two princes who live permanently in a TFP house in Sao Paulo, which is the world headquarters of the TFP. According to an ex-member who spent seven years there, one of the princes was crowned as emperor of Brazil in a private ceremony of the TFP.

EIR: Can you explain to us the reason for organizing internationally against the TFP?

Pochat: We as parents who have suffered this problem, and who still continue to suffer because our sons have not yet returned, feel that while such a diabolical organization continues to exist—and I say diabolical because in Venezuela the TFP was baptized as “the diabolical sect” and even that name is too mild—and because of all the problems we have encountered and continue to encounter, we believe that the only solution for our sons and for the other parents who face the same problem in other countries is that these people be attacked. Well, we don't say attacked; rather that similar actions be taken in all countries so that the whole world is alerted and that the same results achieved in Venezuela be replicated everywhere and that they be totally eliminated.

EIR: What address can you offer our readers for more information?

Pochat: People can write to the association Asodefa at Apartado Postal #51552, Caracas 1050-A Venezuela, or at Telex 26277 OSTI VC.

How TFP destroys the minds of youth

by Ricardo Pochat

Ricardo Pochat gave a report on the TFP cult and his battle against it to the Fourth International Conference of the Schiller Institute in Richmond, Virginia on Jan. 14. What follows is an abridged text.

I want to thank the Schiller Institute for the invitation extended to me to present to this international audience the struggle, tribulations, experiences, and results which I, together with my wife and other parents, have lived through, as we attempted to rescue, in our particular case, our eldest son from the clutches of one of the most sinister sects which any person could possibly imagine to exist in this 20th century.

I'm talking about the sect which calls itself Tradition, Family, and Property (TFP). This sect, using this charismatic name and wrapping itself in doctrine of the Catholic Church and in false anti-communism, produces the opposite effects in the family and modern society.

The facts which I am going to present to you, analyzed by normal logic and reason, could seem a fable, or a fairy tale from the Dark Ages, but unfortunately they are strictly true. We have lived through an experience which is akin to that of a fantastic tale produced by an irrational mind. These family conflicts between fathers, mothers, and brothers are caused and provoked through sophisticated techniques of brain control.

Tradition, Family, and Property, better known as TFP, has its headquarters in São Paulo, Brazil. Its head is Dr. Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira, septuagenarian, venerated as a saint and prophet by the young followers he has yanked from their homes and separated from their families.

The way it starts out is that our children, most of them coming from Catholic families, and being between 12 and 15 years old at the beginning, are approached in their school or at the exit of the school by other young people, looking well-groomed, very well-dressed, with respectful demeanor, extremely well-educated. These other youth strike up friendship with our children in a very subtle way. Finally they take them to their luxurious mansion in the Country Club district of Caracas. The mansion is decorated in a tasteful way, with luxury and a light touch of medievalism. And all this, at the

beginning, with the consent and the joy of the parents themselves.

After a period which varies between four and six months, the children are invited on a "tourist trip" to São Paulo. No parent at this stage of the affair has the slightest inkling of the evil consequences which this "tourist trip" will plant in the heart of our families.

It is after their return from Brazil that the parents begin to note the first and true changes in the children. They come back very thin, pallid, with rings around their eyes as if they had had very little sleep. Then we see that, little by little, and very subtly, they begin to break off their previous friendships, in particular those with members of the opposite sex. They cease to practice sports. They lose interest in their studies, and become excessively religious, to the point that they attend mass every day. Then it is that we parents wake up to the fact that we have lost our children. Up until that time, we have not known the "other side of the coin," nor other parents. This occurs in July of 1984, when we meet with other parents who also have children inside TFP, and with ex-members who through a fortunate destiny have been able to get out of the clutches of the TFP on their own.

After listening to the testimony of the ex-members, a group of 15 of us Venezuelan parents decide to present a complaint to the Attorney General's Office of the Republic. We give precise details on the process of undermining, submission, and total control of the will which our children have been subjected to. With this they have been reduced to a state analogous to that of slaves.

Once stripped of their personality, our children become fanaticized, to the point that they hate their parents, their relatives, and former friends. They become capable, in such conditions of mental control, of carrying out acts of violence, and acts of any other nature that may be required by their leader and his so-called spiritual directors.

The known brainwashing techniques include:

- The creation by the victim's foreign spiritual controllers of well-orchestrated conflicts, first against his parents and then against the other members of his family.
- It is prohibited to make use of mirrors except for shaving, as a way to prevent self-admiration.
- Religious deviations that go so far as to carry huge scapularies and heavy beads. Initiates are obliged to pray every hour, addressing themselves to lord doctor Plínio, to Saint Monica (Lucila Riveira Dos Santos—Plínio's mother—reportedly very miraculous).
- They have to fulfill the punishments imposed by the spiritual controller, which are classified according to the gravity of the sin committed. These punishments represent the chief means by which the initiated are kept under control, thus preventing them from running away or withdrawing from the brainwashing operation. The main punishments are: to say the rosary several times for at least one hour a day,

with extended arms and a contemplative attitude; to walk several kilometers while praying silently; to study four or five hours a day the TFP doctrine and Plínio's writings, but only after 8:00 p.m.; to fast from 24 to 48 hours. Corporal punishments, self-flagellation, iron spike belts, "contemptuous penitence," namely, to eat from a dish set on the floor without using the hands, in the presence of the spiritual controller.

The public image presented by the TFP is that of a right-wing anti-communist and traditionalist Catholic organization. Its doctrine is almost completely based on the writings of Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira, whose basic book is the so-called *Revolution and Counter-revolution*. In it he offers an apology for the Middle Ages, as a period in which there was respect for the feudalistic aristocratic elites and the rest of the population was subjugated as serfs. According to Plínio, that was the period in which Catholic doctrine reached its greatest splendor; hence today's religious practices should regress to that time in history.

According to Plínio, from the end of the Middle Ages until our time there were four revolutions, which are bringing the world to communism and chaos. This will irredeemably end up in world chaos (*Bagarre*), after which will come punishment imposed by the Virgin Mary, according to the Third Prophecy of Fatima of Portugal—never revealed by the Vatican—in which Russia is to be converted to the traditionalist Christianity and the "Kingdom of Maria" will begin. At that instant, the TFP and its members who have led the counter-revolution will take charge.

Internal doctrine

The young recruits are led to believe that they are the counter-revolutionaries, the crusaders of the 21st century, who are being prepared as a super elite to run the world when it is overcome by that chaos or atomic war, from which only the members of the group will be saved. At the instant of their surviving that punishment by the works and grace of Plínio, they will also be infused with what they call "Great Detour," which consists of immorality and omniscience with which they will be imbued in a far better way than Jesus did with the Apostles.

When the chaos is over, the TFP members must also kill all the enemies of the counter-revolution, beginning with the *fasuras*, all those women who are causes of today's degeneration, including mothers and sisters. Also all the priests, since they are guilty of spreading communism, and the other enemies declared by the TFP, including the entire Jewish "race," which will be reduced to dust.

After this cleanup, the "Kingdom of Mary" will begin, under the rule of Plínio, who will replicate himself and be in several places at the same time. There will be emperors according to the region and whether he thinks one's presence is necessary. There are several omens that this end of the world is coming: Red *Bagarre* expansion of communism;

An appeal to the Pope from Venezuelan parents

Caracas, Jan. 22, 1985

His Holiness John Paul II,

We address ourselves to His Holiness with profound respect and overcome with emotion at the privilege of being able to do so.

We are one of numerous family groups which have been destroyed by the persistent activities of the international organization Tradition, Family, and Property, whose headquarters are in São Paulo, Brazil. This sect, hiding behind the Catholic doctrine and faith, recruits our sons at a very early age, secluding them from their families to turn them into automatons and fanatic followers of Mr. Plínio Corrêa de Oliveira (head of the cult), totally subjecting them to his will. This gentleman is worshipped by his followers as a saint and prophet of Our Lady. The same attitude is taken toward his mother, who is called "Saint Monica" and who is used by the organization to replace the recruit's real mother, and family.

We want to ask with all due respect that His Holiness guide us in this difficult and anguished situation in which

entire families have lost their sons to an ignoble cause far outside the doctrine of the Catholic Church.

In our particular case, our sons were taken from their homes and studies in Venezuela by the sect, following the Venezuelan government's decision to ban their activities throughout the country. No one today knows their whereabouts.

We know that a few words from His Holiness could return our sons to the Faith that Our Lord Jesus Christ taught us and could at the same time alert the rest of the world Catholic community to the dangers contained within a pseudo-Catholic organization that uses and elaborates on the doctrine of the Apostolic and Roman Catholic Church for unspeakable ends.

In relation to all the above, we attach some concrete proofs of the theological deviations and of the practices of its actual internal doctrine based on hatred instead of love for one's fellow man which with such generosity and humility His Holiness teaches us daily.

Finally, we wish to ask with open hearts that you grant apostolic benediction to our sons and to our families, praying for the future cementing of family unity which we so desire.

Respectfully kissing your Papal ring,

The Pochat, Dosa, Abreu, Ramos, and Fernandez families

Grey *Bagarre*—economic crisis; Black *Bagarre*—what began with the closing of the TFP in Venezuela, since its own prophecies hold that these acts are signs from God and his mother, Lucilia, to purify infidels from the group. *Bagarre* events like the release of lethal gas in India, the explosion of the gas pipeline in Mexico are preludes to this final chaos.

After the Kingdom of Mary begins, neither electric lights nor technology will be needed. Candles will provide illumination, and TFP members can get around on flying carpets.

Plínio is adored like a God, a prophet, the incarnation of the Virgin. All TFP members must stay on their knees for hours when he is present. They kiss his hands and feet. They collect his hair, nail clippings, and the kleenex and soap used by Plínio or any other thing touched by him, which they preserve as relics for religious worship. At the tomb of his mother, called Lucilia or Saint Monica, near São Paulo, young TFP members keep round the clock honor guard. The rose petals adorning her tomb are then preserved as religious relics and used by young members as amulets to protect their lives. Every TFP member carries a photo of Dona Lucilia. Her image has recently displaced that of the Virgin Mary in the altar in all TFP centers. In the altar in Venezuela was kept

a wheelchair which Plínio used after an auto accident. In those centers you usually can't see Jesus on the cross, except when visitors are there.

As you can see, the TFP does not practice the Catholic faith, but a total distortion of the Christian faith, considering Plínio and his mother as a new Christ who would come to save humanity after the third punishment prophesied at Fatima.

In the centers in Brazil and other countries, the members live a communal existence where all is shared and no member except for the chiefs has any personal belongings except for relics, rosaries, and TFP books. In Brazil, they always wear monastic habits, in accord with their level of indoctrination.

The TFP's ultimate purpose is setting up the Kingdom of Mary with its headquarters located in the zone of Roraima, in the Brazilian Amazon just south of the border with Venezuela, which Plínio says is the most indestructible place on earth.

Once this kingdom is established, Plínio and his already crowned emperors, for example, Prince Luis de Orleans e Bragança for Brazil, would establish a Khomeini-style society as the first step in Latin America and then the rest of the world.