



Interview: Ricardo Pochat

For an international mobilization to stop the TFP brainwashing cult

Ricardo Pochat is a businessman residing in Venezuela and the father of a youth recruited and brainwashed by the Tradition, Family, and Property cult. Together with other parents of the cult's members, Pochat initiated legal action against the TFP before the Venezuelan government and courts, helping to bring about the TFP's proscription and expulsion from that country in November 1984. He is one of the leaders of a parents' association, Asodefa, founded in Venezuela to investigate and bring to light the activities of the TFP as an alert to other parents in similar situations worldwide.

Pochat, who was in the United States in mid-January to address the Fourth International Conference of the Schiller Institute, reviewed the status of his fight against the TFP in an interview with EIR.

EIR: What plans do you have for continuing the fight against the TFP?

Pochat: Our first objective is to rescue our sons, who have been abducted from Venezuela despite the ban on their leaving the country imposed by several judges. The second objective is to alert all the other families in the 21 countries throughout the world where the TFP is organized, since the phenomena is the same everywhere—rupture, family disintegration. What has happened with us is what is happening to all the others everywhere. We have proven—and have the documents to back it up—that the system of mind control that the TFP uses is the same everywhere.

We are a group of parents, family members, ex-members, ex-contributors to the TFP who now know the reality, priests also, families of the Venezuelan community who have organized ourselves into an association which we call the Association for the Defense of the Family, or Asodefa. The objective of the Association is to help all the other families who have the same problem and also to alert the rest of the countries worldwide where the TFP always works very quietly and at high levels of power to be able to steal our sons from their families. We have exposed them and, through the

action of the Venezuelan government, the TFP has been shut down and its activities banned in Venezuela.

EIR: If TFP was shut down in Venezuela, then is the fight there ended?

Pochat: No, it is not yet ended, because right now there are two trials, one before the Penal Court and one before the Civil Court, the latter requested by the Venezuelan attorney general's office, where an injunction is being sought on behalf of the families and our sons, who are the TFP's victims. The other is a criminal trial, in which we as parents are accusing the TFP internationally of causing the destruction of the family and of subjecting our children to a situation analogous to slavery. The Venezuelan judges are in the process of investigating and we hope all will shortly be resolved as it should be.

EIR: We understand that you and others who have spoken out publicly against the TFP have been threatened?

Pochat: Yes, those youth who as ex-members have come out against the TFP were threatened, including with notes left on their cars saying they would be killed and that they had little time left. In my particular case, I recently received a threat from Mr. Pedro Morazani who was the founder of the TFP in Venezuela. He told me to be careful never to find myself on the same street with him, because I would never be seeing him again. It was perfectly clear, because I know he travels armed. He has a legal weapons license, of course, but always travels armed and is notorious for being rather violent.

EIR: Then what you are saying is that since the TFP is a centralized and international organization, you have decided to join forces with others in order to deal with this problem?

Pochat: Yes, we don't want parents in other countries to have to go through what we have gone through; we want them to have the same choice as we, so that they needn't

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