

# Polish libertarian loves jungle drugs

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No evidence has surfaced that Stanislaw Tyminski, Lech Walesa's libertarian opponent in Poland's Dec. 9 elections, is involved in cocaine trafficking. But there is plenty of evidence to show that he is infatuated with mind-bending drugs. Tyminski was soundly defeated in the runoff presidential elections, but he has stated that he intends to stay in politics.

Cocaine trafficking and other forms of contraband are the dominant economic activities in the part of the Peruvian jungle where Tyminski engaged his entrepreneurial talents from 1982-85. Tyminski was charged by a Peruvian congressional committee in May of this year with pirating television signals from foreign networks for rebroadcast by the cable TV system he set up in Iquitos, Peru.

Most of the Peruvian media articles on his "enchantment" with the "mysteries of the jungle" give prominent mention to his infatuation with various of the local mind-bending drugs. The weekly *Caretas* of Dec. 3 reports that, "from time to time," he bought bottles of "7 Roots," a mash of seven jungle roots in brandy which produces an intense and prolonged intoxicification, while reputedly aiding prolonged male sexual activity.

*Caretas* also reports that from his arrival in the jungle, he had fixated on "initiating himself into the spiritual experience of ayahuasca." It describes his "purge" with ayahuasca, an extremely powerful hallucinogen. Tyminski went deep into the jungle to find an Indian witch doctor. "From afar, but attentive and vigilant, Francisco, the witch doctor, guarded the *gringo* in his experience with the hallucinogenic potion. . . . But Stan could not bear more. Suddenly he felt the 'force' of the purge; he was nearing his homeland, Poland. Tenuous mental images of the Carpathian Mountains, plateaus and hills . . . appeared and disappeared all too soon. He couldn't 'see' more. Three days of 'purge' had not been sufficient."

*Sí* magazine of Dec. 2 describes how his marriage to a professional witch, Graciela, now 30, came about. Tyminski went to Rafael Elespuru's "traditional medicine" clinic in 1982 with a stomach problem. His cure was administered by Elespuru's wife, Graciela. Elespuru told *Sí* that Graciela has "the power to cure people, since she has the symbol of the

triangle on her right hand." She had become a practitioner of iridiagnosis, the magical art of diagnosing patients' illnesses by studying their iris. Tyminski soon told Elespuru he had fallen in love with Graciela. Elespuru posed no objection to divorcing her so she could marry Tyminski. Elespuru says he would do the same thing over again. "The good thing is that if she becomes first lady, she will spread naturism internationally," he adds.

Frank Ollie, a Tyminski business partner and friend, said that in the jungle Tyminski underwent a "spiritual transformation that involved telepathy," similar to that which New Age actress Shirley MacLaine claims to have experienced, the *Toronto Globe and Mail* reported Nov. 25.

The *Globe* reports that Graciela maintained a shop called the Amazon Aquarium in Toronto, which sold fish and crafts imported from the jungle. Although there is no evidence she was involved in drug trafficking, much of the cocaine shipped from Iquitos is hidden amid such artifacts. Although a long-time fan of Ayn Rand's Hobbesian philosophy, Tyminski only recently became a leader of the Libertarian Party of Canada.

## Lawyer tied to terrorism and drugs

Tyminski's Peruvian lawyer, Javier Valle Riestra, is one of the most powerful apologists for the narco-terrorists who have caused almost 20,000 deaths in Peru during the past decade, and who are in open cahoots with the drug mafia in the Andes. The daily *Cambio*, on Aug. 31, 1989, cited Valle Riestra professing, off the record, "I also am a believer in insurgency; I know that this democracy is finished and it must be destroyed; but, obviously, I couldn't say that in that form in the interview." *Cambio* is a mouthpiece of the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement (MRTA), Peru's "we-try-harder" terrorist movement. MRTA chief Victor Polay named Valle Riestra during his trial in April 1989, as a witness of his "activity as a guerrilla and revolutionary."

Valle Riestra is not a sectarian when it comes to defending terrorists. He got suspected terrorist leader Sybila de Arguedas out of jail when a group of Shining Path leaders and spokesmen were rounded up. She rewarded him with Shining Path's booklet, "How To Wage Guerrilla Warfare." In *El Nacional* on Sept. 30, 1989, he praised Shining Path chieftain Abimael Guzmán as "the man who wrote that brilliant thesis on Kantian thought."

In statements intended for public consumption, Valle Riestra generally criticizes the "criminal methodology" of the terrorists, while defending their motivation. He repeatedly says, "subversion is a response to historical causes." In the Lima daily *La República* on Sept. 29, 1989, he attributed the existence of the Shining Path terrorists to "our excesses and our abuses"—meaning those of established society. He fought against military trials for those waging war on Peru, asking, "Will this end with the problem of subversion? The problem comes from other causes, historical causes."