

Walesa wins Poland presidential election

WARSAW, Poland - Lech Walesa, the shipyard worker who helped lead his country out of Communism, swept to a landslide victory in Poland's first popular presidential vote Sunday, according to exit polls.

Walesa defeated emigre businessman Stanislaw Tyminski, a virtual unknown before the campaign, by a margin of 77 percent to 23 percent, according to an exit survey of 22,500 voters at 303 representative polling stations nationwide.

"There are terribly difficult tasks waiting for us," a smiling but serious Walesa said as he sipped a congratulatory glass of champagne before the television cameras and adoring supporters in Gdansk, where his Solidarity movement began.

"I hope that we will be building Poland's future together. I want to behave firmly, I want to firmly correct everything that is wrong, and make firm accounts for everything that has not been accounted for yet."

Tyminski declined to concede defeat immediately, saying he did not trust the polls. He said he would remain active in Polish politics.

Outgoing President Wojciech

Jaruzelski, who sent Walesa to jail under martial law nine years ago, sent his congratulations. He wished the new president "fruitful activity for the good of our homeland."

Turnout was estimated at 55 percent, according to the survey conducted by the German Infas service and state television.

The first actual results, from 165 of the country's more than 22,000 polling stations, showed 74.7 percent for Walesa and 25.3 percent for Tyminski, the television said.

Full official results were expected late today, but the exit polls have proven accurate to within 2 percent.

The Solidarity leader and 1983 Nobel Peace Prize laureate had asked voters to give him a broad mandate to lead the country to a market economy and a European-style democracy.

The polls showed that he did well among all social groups — nearly doubling the 40 percent he got in the first round in November.

Tyminski, who performed well in the first round, appeared to have been damaged by numerous questions raised about him at the end of the campaign.

"I'm surprised, but I won't make

any comments at the moment," Tyminski told reporters after inspecting the returns posted at his home voting district in Pecice, outside Warsaw. He then traveled downtown to his campaign headquarters in the Stalinist-era Palace of Culture, where he declined to make a statement.

Walesa had split the Solidarity movement when he opposed Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki in the first round of voting Nov. 25.

But this time, he ran with the backing of the powerful Roman Catholic Church and virtually all political and social organizations.

"I voted for Walesa. How could anyone vote for a clown?" said Jan Grzesiak, 52, a Warsaw building superintendent. "Walesa is a worker, he went through hardship, and he is an honest man — contrary to Tyminski."

"I think Walesa is better than an SB (secret police) agent," said 79-year-old pensioner Zofia Krzyształowska.

Tyminski, a self-proclaimed millionaire, beat Mazowiecki in the first round based on his promise to bring Western business know-how to Po-

land and improve the economy in a month.

Although he returned to Poland in September after 21 years in Canada and Peru, there were reports that he had ties with former Communist and police operatives.


Tyminski's political tract, "Sacred Dogs," was co-written with an ex-correspondent for a Communist Party daily, and he acknowledged that several ranking campaign aides were party members or secret-police veterans.

Also, he failed to clearly explain how he would carry out his promise to improve the economy. And questions were raised about his claimed mystical experiences in the Amazon jungle.

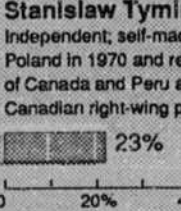
Tyminski, 42, who owns computer-related and communications businesses and leads the fringe Libertarian Party of Canada, had railed against the economic "treason" of Mazowiecki.

He appealed especially to young voters not under the spell of the Solidarity legend and eager for financial success. He also found votes among farmers, miners and others threatened by the government's tight-money and profit-or-perish market policies.

POLAND
Presidential Runoff Election Results
Based on exit surveys of 22,500 voters at 303 representative polling stations nationwide.



Lech Walesa
Head of Solidarity trade union; leader of anti-communist movement since 1980; received 1983 Nobel Peace Prize.



Stanislaw Tyminski
Independent, self-made millionaire who left Poland in 1970 and returned recently; citizen of Canada and Peru and leader of small Canadian right-wing party.

23%

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Evacuation should be complete within days First freed hostages leave Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The first Americans to be freed under an Iraqi decree releasing all foreign hostages left Baghdad Sunday on a U.S.-chartered flight for Frankfurt, Germany, ending a four-month ordeal.

"I am stunned and still cannot believe it. It seems like a miracle," said Lyonell Hoffman, 51, of Melbourne, Fla., who had worked as a contractor in Kuwait before Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion.

About 175 Americans were among an estimated 325 people aboard the jumbo jet. The Americans were expected to spend the night in Frankfurt and travel on to the United States today.

U.S. officials said they planned to charter another flight in three or four days to evacuate the rest of the estimated 750 Americans in Iraq and Kuwait.

The first foreigners to leave Baghdad under the decree issued by Saddam Hussein were a group of 240 hostages, mostly Italians, who left aboard an Italian-chartered jumbo jet for Rome earlier Sunday.

However, Western diplomats complained that Iraqi authorities had

thrown up some last-minute bureaucratic roadblocks to the exodus.

Foreigners in cities other than Baghdad were told they must obtain exit visas from those cities. Those who had been under work contracts were told that Iraqi law requires them to present a letter releasing them from their obligations.

Iraq has refused U.S. requests to waive visa requirements for freed hostages, and the processing of the visas alone had been expected to delay some departures for days.

However, diplomats said Iraqi officials were working quickly Sunday, processing an estimated 80 exit visas an hour. One diplomat said it normally takes up to half an hour to process a single exit visa.

"They clearly have a different set of instructions now," said the diplomat.

In addition to the Americans aboard the Frankfurt-bound jet, airport sources said passengers included 93 Britons, 31 Canadians, 12 Irish, five Greeks, three Austrians and one each from Argentina, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland.

About 20 former American hos-

tages landed in Houston early Sunday after flying out of Baghdad a day earlier aboard a jet chartered by former Treasury Secretary John Connally, who was in Iraq on a private hostage-freeing mission.

Their release was arranged prior to Iraq's decree freeing all foreigners.

"God bless America!" said one of the arriving Americans, Bill Nelson of Los Angeles. He said he was held at a munitions plant about 35 miles south of Baghdad.

Three U.S. Embassy employees in Iraq also were on the flight, along with relatives of the former hostages.

About 8,000 Westerners had been detained since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, including about 600 who were held at strategic sites in an effort to deter an attack. The hostages included about 900 Americans as well as other Westerners, Eastern Europeans and Japanese.

Voice of America broadcasts advised Americans in Kuwait, including those who have been in hiding since Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of the emirate, that they could leave on Sunday's charter flights.

Arab diplomats project peace, but want to get rid of Saddam

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia - Some diplomats and other observers can see the rough outlines of a peaceful solution to the Persian Gulf crisis emerging.

But any face-saving formula that induces Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait leaves a long-term question: what to do about his large and powerful military.

"We can't accept being next to a country ready to invade any morning," said a senior Saudi diplomat, who like his colleagues spoke on condition of anonymity.

A Saudi source knowledgeable on military affairs said Sunday that the release of hostages by Saddam may signal a planned withdrawal from Kuwait, and that chances of peace are better than those of war.

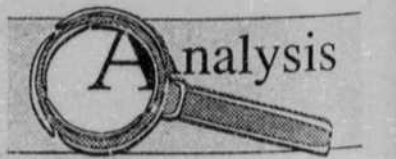
So far, Saddam has shown no inclination to pull his 460,000 troops from the Kuwait theater and reinstate the Kuwaiti ruling family, two key U.N. demands.

But he has agreed to release foreign hostages, which the Security Council has repeatedly called on him to do. The first group of them flew out

on Sunday.

Whether or not the hostage release signals a peaceful solution to the crisis, an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait is seen as only the first step in stripping Saddam of his military capabilities.

"If you don't get rid of him now, you'll have to do it two years from



now, or three years from now, or five years from now. And you'll have to pay a much higher price," said the Saudi source.

Saddam has threatened to use his chemical arsenal and some observers believe he could develop a nuclear bomb during this decade. With that firepower, he could dictate his neighbors' actions without necessarily moving troops.

But it would be difficult to send U.S. soldiers into action now on the basis of a possible future war.

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