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**An Interview with the Secretary General of the Immigrant Representation Party,
Mr. Tomas Paderewski.**

John Problem: Welcome on behalf of all our readers.

Mr. Paderewski: Thank you, Mr. Problem.

John Problem: Please tell us about your party, which is newly formed, I believe.

Mr. Paderewski: Yes, it is.

John Problem: Do you have many members?

Mr. Paderewski: You would be surprised. There are far more immigrants than the official figures would have us believe. Our own surveys show that the number of immigrants into Great Britain is far in advance of government records. If we can call them 'records....'

John Problem: And you believe that immigrants should have their own political party.

Mr. Paderewski: I do. And so do all my fellow immigrants. We must be represented in Parliament.

John Problem: Interesting.

Mr. Paderewski: No taxation without representation.

John Problem: No indeed.. And what will be your platform?

Mr. Paderewski: Patriotism and competence.

John Problem: Patriotism?

Mr. Paderewski: Of course! For our adopted country.

John Problem: Ah. You feel there is a lack of patriotism in our country and a lack of competence in our government?

Mr. Paderewski: Are you kidding?

John Problem: Well, let's look at competence.

Mr. Paderewski: With pleasure! You must surely have noticed that every single thing your government does is eventually found to be useless or at the least inappropriate. It doesn't take a foreigner to notice that!

John Problem: Well....

Mr. Paderewski: I don't wish to be objectionable, Mr. Problem, but facts are facts. Look at your newspapers and listen to the people you meet. They never give up pointing out the idiotic decisions made by your politicians. They are ruining the country. They don't run it, they ruin it! Don't you agree?

John Problem: I suppose I do.

Mr. Paderewski: There you are then. Well, my members don't want to live in an adopted country that is badly organised, that is badly run and where patriotism is considered politically incorrect.

John Problem: I can see that.

Mr. Paderewski: I don't think our platform is unreasonable, do you?

John Problem: Not at all.

Mr. Paderewski: Good. Patriotism and Competence! No Taxation without Representation! These are our watch-words. Now, you asked about competence. This is what we are proposing. First, we have established a bank.

John Problem: A bank?

Mr. Paderewski: Of course! A bank that is a real bank. You put your money in and take it out when you want it. No CDOs, no hedge funding, no sub-prime nonsense, no bloated bonuses for the managers, no leveraged debt. Just a bank. Not a tool for uber-meisters to make millions. A bank for people. Human beings. Tax-payers. Citizens.

John Problem: I see.

Mr. Paderewski: Next. As you know, many of our members have a good reputation for building work. So we have set up a Road Resurfacing Steering Committee. Even in the old Russian empire, the roads were resurfaced. When were they last resurfaced here? Eh?

John Problem: I haven't the foggiest idea.

Mr. Paderewski: There you are! Our cars are shaken apart! Next. In my old country - and in many of the immigrants' old countries - crime was very low. Regrettably, in our adopted country this is no longer so. Everywhere

you go there are traffic wardens, but when do you ever see any police? You can't walk the streets without feeling worried. Swaggering jobs everywhere. Your kids get hassled at school. Friday and Saturday nights are no-go areas. Gang shootings. You'd think you were in a banana republic. None of us want that! So we are proposing 'Immigrant Vigilant Groups'. They will fill the gap left by your police force. Now. I'm sure you noticed I used the word 'vigilant', not 'vigilante'. There is a big difference. These people will stick strictly to a code. Kind to whoever needs help, honest, courteous, but ready to deal with any unpleasantness. Each group will represent British society - there will be an African, a Caribbean, an Asian, an Eastern European and, of course, a British person.

John Problem: But, unless they are police, they can't make any arrests.

Mr. Paderewski: Of course not. They will reason with malefactors. If these malefactors don't understand how to behave, then they will be discouraged - if necessary with a little more pressure - to think about what they're doing. And desist.

John Problem: And if they don't?

Mr. Paderewski: That would be unfortunate.

John Problem: I'm sure most people will welcome peace on the streets. But I'm not sure you can do what you propose.

Mr. Paderewski: We shall be able to, when we have parliamentary approval. That's why we need representation. Anyway. Let's move on.

John Problem: Please do.

Mr. Paderewski: The Health Service.

John Problem: Ah.

Mr. Paderewski: In our Asian Section we have many fully qualified doctors and nurses. Committed and dedicated people. They are appalled to see what has happened to the Health Service, here. It seems to have forgotten that the purpose of a health service is to provide health care to the highest possible standard. Not to spend its time creating targets, meeting financial budgets, filling in five-fold forms, doing cost-benefit exercises, etc. It's a health service, for Heaven's sake! Not an accounting firm! New legislation is needed in parliament and we need dedicated health professionals to push it through.

John Problem: I'm sure many people will agree with you.

Mr. Paderewski: Finally, the education mess.

John Problem: The education mess?

Mr. Paderewski: Well, it is a mess, isn't it? British children are among the lowest in reading and writing skills, to say nothing of mathematics, foreign languages and a sense of history. In their case, alas, British history. We immigrants obviously don't want our kids growing up to be dullards. You used to have a good system here which was perfectly adapted to the different needs and abilities of children. Kids who had talent for the practical went to technical colleges, and kids who leaned more to word-skills went to grammar schools. Kids found their right niche. It's no good training a kid who can take an engine to pieces to read ancient greek, is it? Or a kid interested in history to learn cooking? It's not logical. And it's not good for the future. Do you know what's the finest raw material of any country, Mr. Problem?

John Problem: I could hazard a guess.

Mr. Paderewski: Don't bother. It's the children, of course. Well, you can see that we feel very strongly about many matters. When one adopts a new country, one is right to feel concerned about its problems and to want to fix them. We are, after all, patriots.

John Problem: Certainly.

Mr. Paderewski: The final thing I would like to mention is the lack of proper training or experience on the part of most of Britain's MPs. The current Prime Minister and Chancellor have never had a real job outside politics. They were political researchers like most of the rest of them. Hardly the right training to handle the affairs of a great nation and its budget of £600 billion.

John Problem: Quite.

Mr. Paderewski: So all of our candidates for a seat in Parliament will come from a real-life job which equips them intellectually and experientially..

John Problem: May I ask where you obtain your funding?

Mr. Paderewski: Of course. From wealthy donors, from our members, from the Lottery and from the Political Regeneration Fund of the European Union.

John Problem: I thank you, Mr. Paderewski, for coming in and giving us a more thorough understanding of your party.

Mr. Paderewski: It was a pleasure. Don't forget: TIRP, NTWR.

John Problem: Er.

Mr. Paderewski: The Immigrant Representation Party. No Taxation without Representation!