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Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

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taken racist actions—not demonstrably or even presumptively as a judge, in my opinion, but as a citizen. I for one was particularly appalled to learn that in 1966, while on the Federal district court bench, Judge Carswell could bring himself to sign a deed which included a covenant of racial restriction.

Judge Carswell has said that he is not a racist. But he has not explained the incident of the deed, nor has he satisfactorily explained another episode, which leaves the impression that he may have lent himself in 1956, when he was U.S. Attorney in Northern Florida, to a scheme for avoiding the desegregation of a public golf course. [Editorial Feb. 27].

To confirm the nomination on this state of the record would be to show indifference to the doubts that arise from it. It would be to impair the confidence of upwards of twenty million Negroes in the integrity and impartiality of the process of justice in this country. That is a grave matter.

ALEXANDER M. BICKEL
Yale Law School

New Haven, March 7, 1970

Soviet Coercion

To the Editor:

I am appalled by the March 5 news report "Soviet Jews . . . Back Moscow's Mideast Policy." Nothing I have seen recently conveys so nakedly the total destruction of the human spirit achieved by the Soviet regime.

It takes a peculiar form of sadism to coerce Jews into signing a statement equating their fellow Jews in Israel with the Nazis. I only hope that every reader will realize why even the most courageous Jew in Russia has no alternative but to put his name to the ignominious document. He may be

willing to sacrifice his own career, even his life. But in Soviet Russia every member of his family is automatically a hostage.

The Soviet regime is infinitely resourceful in breaking a man's spirit. The threat to his wife, children, his parents can take many forms short of outright death or imprisonment. In a thousand subtle and un-subtle ways people find themselves disfranchised, suddenly unable to obtain jobs, shelter, or even education.

This latest example of the total degradation to which the Soviet regime has reduced its people should be exposed.

HENRI TEMIANKA
New York, March 5, 1970

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I wish to point out the improper use of the word "commando" in such dispatches as the report (March 30) on the blowing up of the Bank of America in Beirut.

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Your editorial and Georgie Anne Geyer's column (Editorial Pages, March 26), "A Solution for the Palestinians?" are continuing proof of our naivete in swallowing the PLO's propaganda line—hook, line and sinker.

Never is there any mention of Israel's heroic, and possibly fatal, sacrifice in returning the entire Sinai to Egypt, with its precious oil resources that would have strengthened Israel against its enemies. What did Israel receive in exchange? A dubious pledge of recognition from Egypt, already violated by the shabby treatment of Israel's first ambassador to Egypt.

Those who continually condemn Israel's refusal to give up the West Bank should be reminded that the PLO is inexorably committed to the destruction of Israel. There is an ominous parallel between the conduct of the Western powers today and 42 years ago, when Czechoslovakia was coerced into giving up the Sudetenland for the sake of the "self-determination" of the Sudeten Germans. We all know what happened as a result of that disastrous mistake.

The Neville Chamberlains and Edouard Daladiers of yore have been replaced by Jimmy Carter and Giscard d'Estaing, aided and abetted by such luminaries as Yasser Arafat. Civilization, beware!

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