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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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Letters to VIEW

Anxiety: Language of the Heart

The predominance of Valium ("FDA Orders Valium Makers to Modify Ad Campaign" by Allan Parachini, Aug. 20) and other tranquilizers is the result of the almost universal fear of anxiety in today's society — anxie-

ty about jobs, anxiety about marriage, the bomb, the stockmarket, the Medfly, Weinberger and crime in the streets.

But we forget that anxiety is frequently healthy, necessary and even creative. It is the language of the heart and the conscience. The masterpieces of Michelangelo and Beethoven were not created by contented cows. Goethe said, "Who never ate his bread with tears or sat weeping on his bed does not know the heavenly powers."

Let us not sell out our heavenly powers for a mess of pottage, the soma of Huxley's "Brave New World." For those who want to avoid all anxiety at any cost there's always a lobotomy.

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