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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 the Times
Los Angeles Times
Times-Mirror Square
Los Angeles, CA 90053

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am grateful to the Times for having published Joy Rabin's letter about Allen Rabin, who died on June 27 at the age of 86. Allen Rabin was one of the most colorful, interesting and dynamic Los Angeles figures. The two Allen Rabin buildings near the Los Angeles International Airport attest to his acumen as a businessman, but they are only a small part of the Rabin legend. His fascinating book, Peddler in Paradise, describes the adventures of one of the most widely traveled unofficial ambassadors the United States ever boasted, and one of its very best.

In his late 70's, he learned to play the organ, discovered a gift for inventing melodies, and ended up with a bestselling song hit. At one time he owned the bean fields on which some of the choicest real estate in Palm Springs and Los Angeles now stands. Surrounded by his outstanding oriental art collection, this engaging, warmhearted, hospitable man would spin tall stories of his travels that kept his friends enthralled and endeared him to one and all. Especially at the time of our bicentennial, Los Angeles cannot afford to let the histories of such pioneers remain unrecorded.

Yours sincerely,

HENRI TEMIANKA

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