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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.

### Keywords

Henri Temianka, culture, virtuosity in musical performance, violinist, chamber music, camaraderie, press, August 20, 1965, race, racial commentary, legal matters

LETTERS TO THE TIMES

# Reader Suggests Using Jobless Watts Negroes to Rebuild Area

While committees deliberate, the Watts rebellion calls for immediate action.

Why not put all the unemployed Negroes in the area to work to clear the debris, to be followed by a long-term, government subsidized program for the rebuilding of their community?

Today's Times features a front-page article by Negro psychiatrist Dr. Harold W. Jones. His penetrating analysis points out the lack of discipline among the young, due to the passivity of the Negro father, degraded and demoralized because he is unemployed while the women go out working.

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There will be plenty of work rebuilding Watts, and it would be singularly appropriate to assign the people of Watts to do it. It could give them the pride and self-respect which they need, as well as economic independence.

I propose that no unemployed person turning down such an opportunity be permitted to collect unemployment insurance. Thus the cost of the rebuilding program would be largely offset by unemployment handouts saved.

If I were a judge with the responsibility of sentencing the looters and the burners, I would give even them the chance to redeem themselves through constructive labor in their own community. Let the punishment fit the crime.

Banishing 3,000 people to prison will solve nothing and only add to their despair and rage. When ultimately they are released they will be a terrible threat to society.

If we want Los Angeles

*The Times has received approximately 700 letters on last week's rioting. We will publish during the next several days as many as possible of those letters which express responsible comments and criticisms.*

to be a place in which we can live safely and proudly, it is essential that we proceed immediately with a creative plan. In our own enlightened self-interest we must reject all vindictive thoughts and actions.

Now is the time to think and act big. If we do, what has begun as a shocking disgrace could end up as a monument to Los Angeles, and an example to the rest of the country, and indeed the world.

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