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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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Political Poetry

Hail! Quayle!
All-American male
Intellectual snail
Keeper of the grail
Is America for sale?
Where did we fail?

HENRI TEMIANKA
Los Angeles

Handwritten note:
I am impressed by your editorial
Sept 30, 1979

I am unimpressed by your editorial ("The Warehousing of Violence," Sept. 30) that California's state prison system took in 9,874 prisoners in 1979, and that this was a record number for the third successive year. During that same period, millions of innocent people in Los Angeles alone also became prisoners. They are barricaded in their homes, in fear and trembling of the barbarous violence at the hands of countless armed criminals who are roaming the streets unhindered; criminals who are secure in the knowledge that an understaffed, demoralized police force will not arrest them, an impotent judicial system will not punish them, and cunning lawyers will easily bail them out in those rare cases where they are apprehended.

This is the issue that should be of prime importance to every voter in the coming elections. Is any of the candidates ready to make a commitment to reform and revitalize the judicial system and the police force? If there is such a candidate, I shall vote for him.

HENRI TEMIANKA
Los Angeles

Acquittal Raped

I read with revulsion of the acquittal of Sgt. Charles Hutto, the self-confessed child and baby murderer at My Lai, after his defense counsel described him as "a good soldier who obeyed orders and such was the backbone of America." Some backbone!

It is not difficult to imagine what this will do to the image of our country throughout the world. This is not the same America that convicted the German child murderers at Nuremberg. They too were only "obeying orders." Perhaps the U.S. government should now offer reparations to Germany for having wronged its military heroes.

HENRI TEMIANKA
Los Angeles

■ If a gang of thugs stole your car, mistreated it for several years and then after an endless series of frustrating phone calls and false promises, gave you back two worn tires, would you say "thank you"?

Does anyone know why our President thanked Syria and Iran?

DANIEL TEMIANKA
Palos Verdes Estates

■ I am amused by the idea of Islamic fundamentalists using sports analogies ("Now the ball is in the court of the United States and the Western countries . . .) in their description of the political climate of the hostage situation (Part A, May 2).

Moreover, I am disappointed by the simple volley Bush Administration spokesman Marlin Fitzwater had in response to the Iranians ("The ball has always been in their court"). I hope that the next time Fitzwater comes to bat, he throws them a curve.

Maybe this will be the start of a whole new form of communication between countries.

We can begin to expect statements from the Middle East like, "Boy, they're really playing hardball." Or maybe, "Strike three, you're out!"

PETER SIEMBAB
Los Angeles

Handwritten note:
LA Times May 9, '90