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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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Nov 8, 1957

Mr. Henri Tomianka,
2961 Motor Avenue
Los Angeles 64, Calif.

Dear Mr. Tomianka:

When you were in Ann Arbor last Spring you said you would be interested in teaching at Interlochen at any time when Joseph Knitzer should not be returning.

It turned out that Mr. Knitzer ~~was~~ was in greater demand than any of us anticipated, including himself, and he carried a very heavy ~~load~~ teaching load - 330 hours in eight weeks ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. The other violin teachers, Leedham, Berg, Holburn and Wyman all had full teaching schedules also.

Mr. Knitzer's contract was for 160 hours ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ for the season, or 20 hours per week, so he taught almost twice as many hours as called for - for extra pay of course. He does not want to teach that much next summer, nor does he want to stay over for the American String Teachers' meeting as he has other commitments at that time.

Would you want to join our faculty on the same basis as Mr. Knitzer, which is a salary of \$1700 for 160 hours of teaching plus \$10 per hour of overtime? Also ~~you~~ if you care to do this, would you care to stay over the week following for the string clinic for another \$250? We would charge the same fees for your lessons as we do for Knitzer and you would have equal rank on the faculty.

For your information Petrillo made ~~no~~ move against Knitzer nor against Don Gillis, composer, who spent the summer at Interlochen. Petrillo threatened Gillis with expulsion but the President of Local 802 told him to go and he would be protected. If the LA officers would do the same for you there would be no trouble. Knitzer did not resign from the union. He just came without permission. The situation now makes it highly unlikely that Petrillo or his union will dare to start anything that may lead to a congressional investigation.

I will be waiting to hear from you. ^{Regards to the}
family.

Hastily,