



B'NAI B'RITH BALL CHAIRMEN

Having fun while planning their annual Ball called "Rocket '66" on Sunday, February 6 at the Temple Beth Shalom are Mesdames Sam Dase, Leonard Gang, Jack Seidman, Marvin Myers and Irving Waller. The event will begin with cocktails at 7 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. and is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of B'nai B'rith.

Barney Glazer's Glazed Bits



Hollywood, Calif. (TCNS)- It is only fitting in casting good guys against the bad guys that Kirk Douglas finds himself banded with the do-gooders. In real life casting at the Beverly Hilton Hotel recently, the Beverly Hills B'nai B'rith honored Kirk as their Man of the Year.

They acknowledged his work for the U.S. Information Agency and our State Department by praising his many contributions to humanitarian and philanthropic causes. They singled him out for spreading love abroad among people who otherwise might hate us. They called him a "citizen in the diplomatic service of his country" and acclaimed him for performing his unofficial duties at great personal sacrifice.

George Jessel performed the Toastmaster honors, introducing celebrities and dignitaries including: Mike Frankovich, Mike Garrett, Jim Piersall, Edward G. Robinson, Jack L. Warner, Natalie Wood, Mrs. Simon Glass, Richard Ettinger, Sid Rogell, Jack Freeman and Rabbi Edgar Magnin.

Rosalind Russell proudly announced that she and her husband Freddie Brisson live in Beverly Hills back to back with Ann and Kirk, separated only by an alley. "We were delighted when the Douglas' moved in," said Roz. "They are two of the dearest people on this earth. If they ever move, we'll move right in with them."

Eddie Fisher sang a parody about "the most beautiful

Jew in the world is this man with his honors unfurled, a noble sort of chin with a cleft that a truck can drive in, among Jews working and Jews out of work is the wonderful work of talented Kirk, to millions he brings Joy, this man with muscles like a goy, the B'nai B'rith Man of the World is no quirk, to us he's the most wonderful Kirk."

Danny Thomas complained, "Between the Jews with their dinners and the Catholics with their bingo games, they've driven me nuts for 20 years. I've yet to meet a needy Protestant."

Looking at Kirk, Danny observed, "There sits a Jew who looks like a Christian and look at me, a Christian who looks like a Jew. Even God can be wrong sometimes."

Danny beamed, "I'm very thrilled that Kirk received this award. I'm very fond of this man."

Producer Stanley Kramer proudly recalled his first meeting with Douglas. "He was so ready for everything that has since happened to him. In order to persuade

me to give him the leading role for 'Champion,' he kept insisting, 'I can do it, you know I can do it'."

Kramer finally went for a middleweight boxing champion with a dimple. "The bankers gave me a \$250,000 loan," he admitted with a smile, "and I made sure I was well into production before they could learn it wasn't MELVYN Douglas."

In his acceptance speech, Kirk said with regret, "I wish that my parents could have attended and listened to the wonderful things said about me. Even if my father came alone, he could have told my mother and she might have believed him."

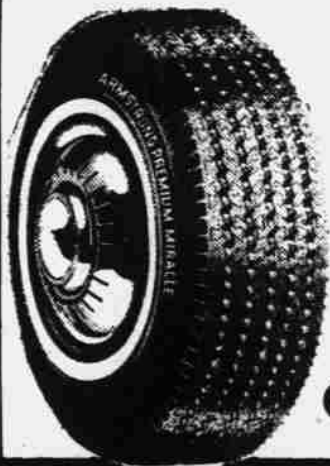
"This is a great honor. Frankly, I wouldn't have chosen me. Whatever I've done on my tours, I couldn't have accomplished anything without a great team - my wife, Ann."

"My parents came here in steerage from Russia, settling in Amsterdam, N.Y. They didn't find gold bricks in the streets but they did find where their son could enter a profession of his own choosing."

"In my tours overseas, my family story always clarifies the image of America."

Modestly, the star concluded, "I feel a little guilty that I haven't done more but I'm proud to be honored tonight."

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