

Barney Glazer's "HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE"

Had your irony today? A few years ago, this department reported that during a conversation at the Coconut Grove a prominent television actor had refused to answer my question, "Are you Jewish?"

When I reminded, "Actually, I know you're Jewish but need your verification before I say so," he replied, "I don't want any story published about my religion. If you were to say I'm Jewish, my sponsors might cancel my series."

"If you're Jewish," I asked, "have you considered refusing to perform for your anti-Semitic sponsors?" He replied, "I'm not admitting anything about my religion. Now will you please stop bothering me? I'm here tonight to enjoy myself."

Following publication of the interview in this and other newspapers, many

readers challenged my decision to withhold the star's name. They asked me to identify him and promised to blackball his program and write letters of protest both to him and his sponsors. I decided to continue withholding the actor's identity.

At this late hour, now that the star's series has been off the air, his sponsors are no longer in jeopardy and he has nothing to lose, he has suddenly become courageous enough to admit publicly "I am a Jew."

He recently told Jewish newspaper reporters in Australia, where he has been making personal appearances:

"My father came from Russia. My parents raised me in strictly orthodox fashion. I've never hidden my Jewishness (sic!) like other actors (sic!) and I'm very aware of being a Jew (sic!)." Which explains why suddenly, I feel sic! sic! sic! SEWING THEIR WILD QUOTES... George Segal (making the anti-neo Nazi film, "The Quiller Memorandum" in Berlin), "If the

Germans are lucky enough to lose one more war, they'll become the world's richest nation" . . . Eddie Fisher: "I'm lucky my pianist Eddie Samuels is Jewish. I pay him \$2000 per week in pledges."

Abe Heller, veteran trailer editor, "The Masquers knew what they were doing when they elected Jack Warner as their Honorary President. He collects night and day for the United Jewish Welfare. He has given a minimum of \$15,000 every year. Thus far, Jack and his late father, Harry, have contributed millions."

"Jack particularly takes keen delight in getting after Jews in the film industry who haven't contributed."

Allan Hersholt, publicity chief for the Masquers, about his late father, the celebrated star Jean Hersholt, "My father had more respect for Jack Warner than for anyone else in the industry."

THE GOSSIP: Danny Kaye left a recent CBS-TV party early and in a huff because other stars present were receiving more attention from the guests. THE TRUTH: Danny received as much attention as the other celebrities. He mixed with everyone. The guests loved him. He left late, tired and smiling.

THE GOSSIP: Marty Allen's bushy hair do is a wig. THE TRUTH: It's his own hair.

PROS & CONS: Sid Caesar "No heavy drama for me. That's for dramatic actors like Lee J. Cobb." Producer Bill Castle, "Sid can do anything. He'll make a successful dramatic actor

the first time he decides to try it."

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