

Barney Glazer's "HOLLYWOOD HOTLINE"

It wasn't easy checking out Artur Rubinstein's religion. Members of RCA Victor's Red Seal recording department either said, "I think so" or "I don't know," hardly an answer for readers of this column. Even Dimitri Tiomkin, a giant among Hollywood composers, replied "With that name he has to be Jewish. You'd be safe to say he is."

No factual consolation there, either.

One day, actor Hugh O' Brien staged his acting awards at UCLA. A girl and a boy won \$500 each. The boy gave me my answer to Arthur Rubinstein's religion. The boy's name: John Arthur Rubinstein, youngest of four children born to Artur and Aniela (Nela) Rubinstein. The famed pianist resents "Artur," which he labels a career affection dreamed up by an ambitious manager. His real name, he surprised is Arthur.

John answered my question in detail:

"My father was raised in an orthodox Jewish family. His ancestors lived in Lodz, Poland. My mother came from a strictly Catholic family. To this day, my father

is absolutely Jewish. Any rumors that he had converted are absolutely false.

"Religion was not imposed on any of the children. Our parents waited until we reached maturity to let us make our own decisions. I am 20 and my sister, Alina, 22. Neither she nor I have made our decision as yet.

"My older sister, Eva, who created the role of the older sister Margo on Broadway in 'Diary of Ann Frank,' was married to Yale University Chaplain William Sloane Coffin, Jr. (Presbyterian). Only then did she decide. Obviously, she adopted her husband's faith.

"Paul, 32, married Leslie, Rabbi Nussbam's daughter, in Jackson, Miss. I am not certain if Paul became Jewish but it is safe to assume he did."

John Rubinstein attends UCLA's famous theatre school. True to his father's tradition, he too plays piano, but on the other side of the fence. John plays jazz and pop. He wrote the music for "The Short and Turbulent Reign of Roger Ginsburg," with David Colloff.

Single, never married, John is going all out for the life of an actor. If he doesn't cut the mustard, he'll revert to family form and pursue his musical career. He hopes that won't become necessary, so wrapped up is he in acting.

He says that his Hugh O' Brien acting award earned him calls from MGM and Universal but nothing came of it. He's openly critical of the Hollywood casting system. "In New York, I do an audition. If they like me, they hire me right there. In Hollywood, the casting director rejects an actor without hearing him read or seeing act. They want a certain type.

"They judge the actor without hearing him read or seeing him act. It's discouraging. It's a sad comment. There should be a more honorable and worthy way of casting."

John won the Hugh O'Brien award with a cutting (condensation) of the last scene in "Luv," where Ellen leaves Harry Berlin. He thinks that the Berlin character is one of the best ever written for an actor. Jack Lemmon recently completed the role for the Columbia Pictures



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Young Rubinstein advised that his celebrated father commutes between Europe and America. He recently celebrated his 80th birthday, with all of his children in attendance, the day after playing in concert at Carnegie Hall.

As I've said repeatedly, Bernie Schwartz may have changed his name to Tony Curtis for motion picture imagery, but he is always a Jew. SPECIAL: Tony visited Russia four years ago strictly on a culture kick. At that time, he agreed to attend the upcoming Moscow Film Festival. This week, Curtis wrote Moscow, "I can not, will not visit any country that sponsors a belligerent country against Israel." The popular star in-

tends to stick to his guns unless Russia lifts its assist to the Arab nations. He also hopes that other Jewish and non-Jewish stars, who have accepted Moscow's invitation, will follow suit.

Keep your eye on news that reports American stars who attend the Moscow Film Festival. Particularly, observe if any Jewish actors appear. If so, write them later and protest.

Meanwhile, gentlemen, let us all doff our yahmelkachs to Tony Curtis. Here is an American first, a Jew always.

Love yuh, Tonilah!

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HERE & THERE In Our Community

The Men's Club of Temple Beth Shalom will hold a "Get Acquainted" Party, Wednesday evening, June 7th, at 8 p.m. in the Temple's social hall.

Program chairman, Bud Schiffman, announced that the event is being held to introduce the new Men's Club officers to the membership; and also to stage a social session for the purpose of welcoming new and prospective members.

There will be no charge for the evening. Food, soft drinks and beer will be served, and there will be entertainment, with several strip personalities in attendance. Following the program, a card party will be held.

At 7:45 p.m., preceding the party, a special election will be held to select a representative to the Temple's Board of Directors. All present members are urged to attend at the earliest hour to cast their vote.

Al Glassberg, one of the N. Y. Bagel Boys, who settled in Las Vegas, made a hurried trip back east to attend the funeral of his mother.

All Las Vegas mourns the death of Mrs. Sonia Cobb, who passed away on May 20. In her quarter century as a Las Vegas resident, she distinguished herself as a civic and religious leader. She received "Outstanding Citizens Award" and became known as "Queen of Las Vegas culture." Sonia was a prominent member of our Temple, the Hadassah and B'nai B'rith.

From Percy Villa we learned that when Vice President Humphrey was given a Humanitarian Award from a Labor organization, the award chairman introduced himself: "My name is Louis Stolberg. I succeeded David Dubinsky as President of the ILGWU. And I like it."

...Then George Meany introduced himself; "I'm president of the AFL-CIO. Nobody has asked me to retire - and I like it." Then the guest of honor arose and introduced himself: "My name is Hubert Humphrey. I'm Vice President of the United States. The Big Man hasn't asked me to retire from my job-- and I like it."

Senator Carl F. Dodge of Fallon, will keynote ceremonies to be held at Fort Churchill on Sunday, June 4. Four plaques will be unveiled at 2 p.m. to denote the historic role played by the fort in state and national affairs.

Las Vegas Transist System, Inc., started a Driver of The Month Award Program, in which bus riders and the public are invited and encouraged to notify the Bus Company at 1406 South Commerce Street, Las Vegas, by letter or card, anytime they observe a driver performing a courteous act of any kind to the public, whether a passenger on the bus or not.

Annette Goldfarb, returned to her profession as nurse, bringing cheer and comfort to patients at Sunrise Hospital.

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