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Theodore Bikel talks about Israel

By AL SCARTH

If the Jew today has anything to teach at all, it is a modus operandi on how to function under the threat of nuclear extinction.

That was the message brought to U of A last week by Theodore Bikel, one-time submarine commander in "The Russians are Coming, The Russians are Coming." Mr. Bikel is a Jew, not just in religion or food, but in his belief that the Jewish ethic, culture and literature must be preserved and used.

There are no shortcuts to being a Jew he told 50 persons at a Thursday meeting sponsored by B'nai B'rith Hillel. "You have to work at it, it is not your birthright. You have to go to the bookshelf."

It is the Jew, he said, who can tell you how to live when death threatens. "We Jews have been in that street before. We have faced that danger."

A prime example of productivity under stress, he argued, is Israel.

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"A total of \$232 was collected in the last Hunger Lunch held on campus," said Prof. Parker-Jervis of the Hunger Lunch program.

The money collected was shared by the Canadian Save the Children Fund and the Biafran Student Relief Fund.

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"The painters were painting and the sculptors were sculpting, and they knew all the time that at any minute they might be called upon to fight." Mr. Bikel returned from Israel about three weeks ago.

While the internationally known singer, actor and lecturer claims he is one of the Jewish establishment's severest critics, he had some

harsh words for the young as well.

"There is a preponderance of Jewish names in the ranks of the activists, a disproportionately great number of Jewish among the new left. If the hippies kept membership lists," he added, "there would be disproportionate numbers there too."

"Jews cotton on to new ideas

faster than others," he explained, but in their eagerness to attack the establishment, they are willing to take certain shortcuts.

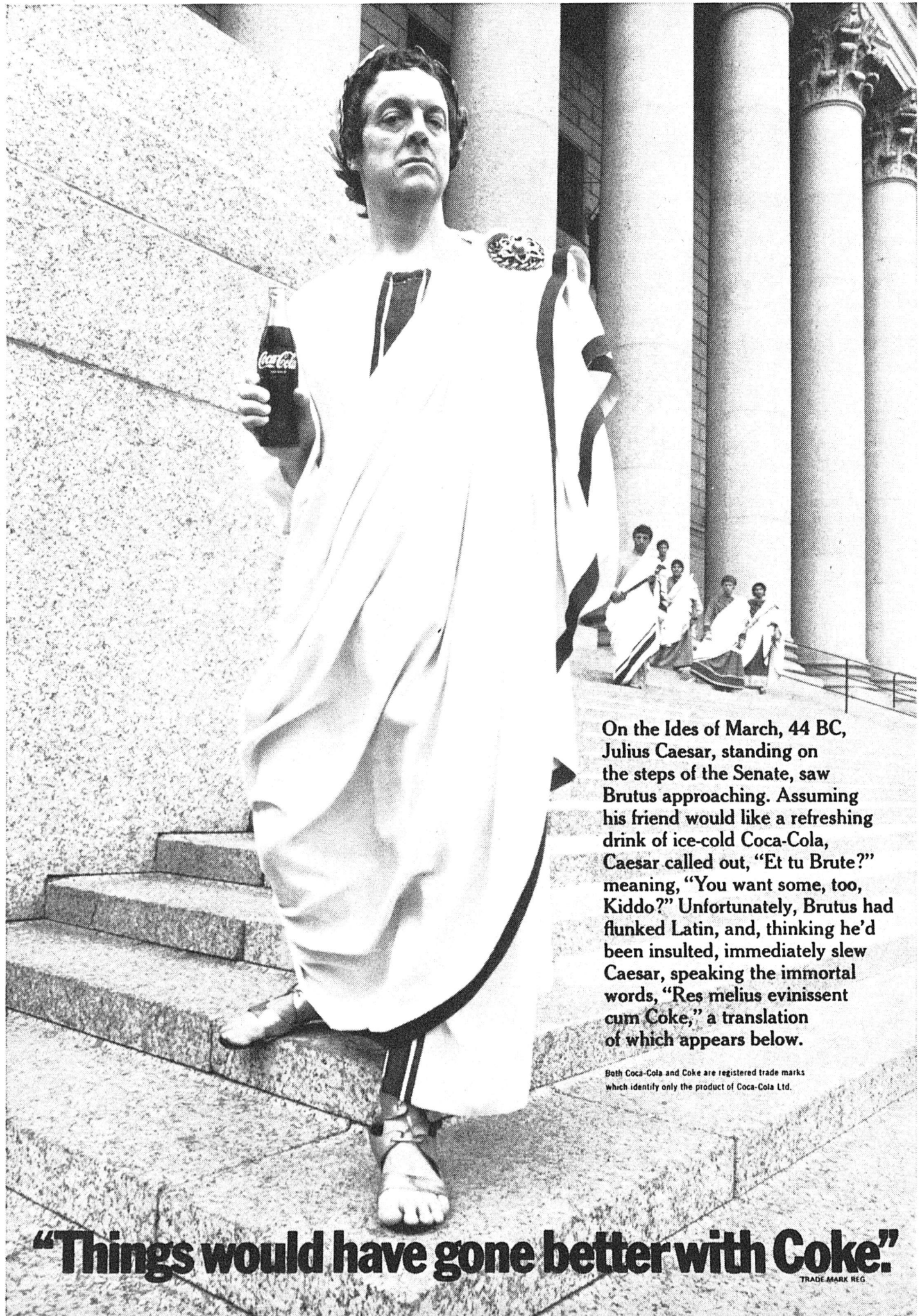
"They buy the romantic notion that puts the Arabs in the socialist camp."

The New Left, he said, does not care that the people swinging in Baghdad are political opponents.

The only successful socialism is the Kibbutz in Israel.

Mr. Bikel told his audience that Jewish youth fear a meaningless life more than an unfree one.

"If they criticize the idiots in the American establishment that say my country right or wrong, they themselves now say my movement right or wrong."



On the Ides of March, 44 BC, Julius Caesar, standing on the steps of the Senate, saw Brutus approaching. Assuming his friend would like a refreshing drink of ice-cold Coca-Cola, Caesar called out, "Et tu Brute?" meaning, "You want some, too, Kiddo?" Unfortunately, Brutus had flunked Latin, and, thinking he'd been insulted, immediately slew Caesar, speaking the immortal words, "Res melius evinissent cum Coke," a translation of which appears below.

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