

# Entertainment Outlook

## Nancy and Raisa resorting to lyrical Cold War?

In a world where tensions are already so high, you despair at the thought that someone will do something rash and disrupt the fragile detente between the superpowers.

That's why it was so disturbing to read that Nancy Reagan launched a musical first strike against Soviet first lady Raisa Gorbachev last week at the Washington media's annual Gridiron Club dinner.

Apparently, Nancy turned up unexpectedly on stage to sing a new version of Thanks for the Memories, which included a verse aimed at the fashion-conscious Raisa: "Thanks for the memory. The Soviet Mona Lisa, sometimes known as Raisa. She said to me, 'Would you like to see my Mastercard and Visa?'"

It is reported that the president beamed delightedly at his wife's witty performance, and immediately issued the challenge: "Raisa, top that."

Well, let's not push the panic-button just yet. Let's assume that the situation remains stable, and that the president knew what he was doing. (I'm not sure precisely why we should assume this, but let's.)

Still, let's be aware of the dangers. We know with what tragic ease these situations can get out of control. And what happens if Raisa DOES decide to take up the challenge?

Imagine how the situation could unfold, as reported in the papers...

Moscow, April 18: Raisa Gorbachev, stressing that good friends ought to be able to poke harmless fun at each other,



### Weir's View

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has taken up President Reagan's challenge to respond to Nancy's musical witticisms.

At a fund-raising dinner for the KGB Benevolent Society, Mrs. Gorbachev crooned, to the tune of that well-known Broadway song: "Hello Nancy — well, hello, Nancy! It's so nice to be back home where I belong. You're lookin' swell, Nancy — I can tell, Nancy, that the man who touches up your grey's still going strong..."

Washington, April 19: Nancy Reagan, saying that she is still laughing over Raisa Gorbachev's gentle wit, announced today that she has written her own version of that old Simon and Garfunkel hit, Mrs. Robinson:

"And here's to you, Mrs. Gorbachev — You're always welcome back if Moscow calls... (how it calls!) Goo-goo-goo-choo, Mrs. Gorbachev — Spend another fortune at the malls... (Woolco calls)..."

Moscow, April 23: A stern-looking

Mikhail Gorbachev appeared on Soviet TV last night to voice his fears that the Song Wars between his wife and Nancy Reagan may be about to escalate beyond control.

He stressed that the Americans have been the aggressors from the outset, but pledged that he and Raisa are still willing to let bygones be bygones.

To demonstrate his good faith and his sense of humor, Gorbachev concluded his address by singing a playful song to Ronald Reagan: "Thanks for the memories — of our visit, and so forth. (Oops, I forgot — your memory's shot.) My best to Ollie North."

The White House promptly fired back a tersely-worded communique from the president: "Twinkle, twinkle little Red — Wanna clout upside yo' head?"

Washington, May 1: Capitol Hill re-

mained tense today, a week after the Oval Office and the Kremlin suspended all communications following the latest exchange of musical hostilities.

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