

JEW'S WEREN'T THE ONLY TARGET OF MEL'S MELTDOWN

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MEL GIBSON's infamous hate-filled anti-Semitic rant wasn't the first time he erupted into a racist tirade.

In fact, just hours before his DUI arrest, the Oscar winner went off on another ethnic group - the Turks.

Mel got involved in a heated political discussion with a group of Armenians while dining at Taverna Tony in Malibu on July 27, according to an eyewitness.

"Taverna Tony is a very casual place, and you can walk around the restaurant, dance area and terrace mingling with guests," said a Hollywood insider who saw the

50-year-old actor at the restaurant.

"He started talking to a group of Armenians and the discussion turned deadly serious.

"Mel had a shot of tequila, and you could hear the intensity in his voice as he told the Armenians how

much he admired and respected their ethnicity. At one point Mel slurred: "You... you guys were the first Christians, and what did that mean for you?"

"Your people were slaughtered by those bastard Turkish brutes!"

The more he talked, the more worked up Mel became, said the insider.

"Mel was very passionate - it wasn't a calm discussion about world history. It almost seemed like he was looking for a fight."

Mel didn't get into a fight that night, but he certainly got into a whole lot of trouble.

