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BLIZZARDS, postponements, cancellations permitting, the next gathering of HJS will positively take place Sunday evening, January 31. (The reason for pushing the date ahead of the usual first-Sunday-of-the-month may be inferred from the paragraph below -- "A Field Trip.")

DIXIELAND will be the dish (to the ecstasy of Monty Wise, Dotty Murray et al) at the January 31 meeting. The band will be the Port Pleasant Jazz Band, who rang the bell on the 1964 Riverboat Cruise and at the 1963 Trinity College concert by Local 400. Personnel: Maurice LaValle, piano; Paul Riccucci, cornet; Percy Nelson, clarinet; Eddie French, trombone; Richie LePore, drums. The place: Jonathan Temple (upper floor). Contribution: \$1. for members, \$2. for non-members.

A FIELD TRIP awaits HJS members on Saturday, February 6, when a bus with capacity of 38 leaves Hartford (5 PM), bound for The Great City, where "Hartford Jazz Society Night" will be celebrated at The Loft in Greenwich Village. Music will be provided by several groups, including Randy Weston's, Ray Bryant's and others. Cost of the trip will be \$8 a person, which covers transportation, entertainment and setups en route. The Loft serves only beer and wine, but offers excellent food at low prices. For those who might become hungry before they arrive at The Loft (about 8 PM), box luncheons are advised. The bus will leave New York for the return trip at 3 or 4 AM Sunday. (If you wish to join this junket, bring your \$8 in cash or check to the meeting Sunday evening, January 31. Checks may be made out to "cash" or to Lucy Marsters.

RECOMMENDED: Oliver Nelson's "Fantabulous" (Anne Ferrerra), Oscar Peterson's "My Fair Lady" (Lucy Marsters), "The Count Basie Story," recreations of the Basie band of the 'thirties, two records in a handsome box, with illustrated booklet at only \$1.77 (Geo. Malcolm-Smith).

SUNDAY has become a busy day for jazz in Hartford. Beginning at 5 o'clock, the Hofbrau offers either Al Lepak's big band or the Port Pleasant Jazz Band. Then at 9 o'clock, and continuing till 1 AM, the Downstairs Coffee House on Trumbull Street offers music by Bobby Johnson, Paul Brown, Charlie Scott and any others who feel like jamming.

LOCAL STUFF: Happily, the New Breed is being heard again at D'Amato's on the Berlin Turnpike...The Subway on North Main Street offers Johnny Martin's quartet...Several WTIC programs offer jazz, old and new: Bill Hennessey's hour from noon to 1 o'clock; Bob Nelson's hour 5 to 6 PM; and Art Johnson's after midnight.

