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EXCITEMENT awaits the Hartford Jazz Society Sunday evening, March 6, when no less an attraction than the Randy Weston Quintet will offer the sort of program that loosened the wigs of "Down Beat," "Jazz" and "New York Times" critics. Personnel of the quintet: Randy Weston, piano; James Spaulding, alto saxophone; Ray Copeland, trumpet; Ahmed Abdul-Malik, bass; Lenny McBrowne, drums. The time: 8 PM; the place: Jonathan Temple, 700 Blue Hills Avenue. (There'll be a buffet, though the girls may have to split their aprons to rival the spread laid out at the February meeting by male members of the Society.)

"DOWN BEAT" in its current issue says of the new record, "Randy": "A fitting subtitle might be -- For Musical Reasons...If you should run across a copy, get it. The music is reason enough." Concerning Ray Copeland of the Randy Weston Quintet: "Every solo he plays is technically flawless, and he covers the full range of both fluegel and trumpet." (Copies of "Randy," as well as Randy himself, will be present Sunday evening.)

THE DEATH late in January of Dave Kidd, a member and loyal supporter of HJS, haunts the society. His obituaries lauded him as an ornament to jazz music and, through his WGY broadcasts, a potent influence in its appreciation. The utmost sympathy to Barbara Kidd, almost equally as well known to the Society, has been voiced to her by a number of members who knew and admired Dave. He is sorely missed.

NEWS OF YOUSE: Jerry Gordon leaves Hartford March 4 to join KXOA in Sacramento. Phyllis will remain with us, however, until Spring... Joe and Betty Jewel have named him Kenneth Eric, first HJS baby... Sam Johnson and Phyllis Gordon early this month told the story of HJS on the Dick and Ann Show over WRYM. A tape is in the Society archives...Ralph Sturges, still the indefatigable collector, uncovered a cache of 78 rpm gems of the Swing Era at the Salvation Army. Sorry, Harry Lichtenbaum, he cleaned them out...A number of HJS members attended the Ramsey Lewis concert, presented by the U of Hartford in mid-February at the Bushnell...Cannonball Adderly comes to Tony Romano's for a three-day engagement this weekend, March 4 through 5. Also booked for Romano's: Herbie Mann (March 11 through 13)...Bob Harrington progresses in his compilation of material from many sources for his biography of Bix...New members: Wilma Goodwin, James Wells and Bruce Goldstein (president of the Rhode Island Jazz Society).

RECOMMENDED: "Randy" by the Randy West Sextet..."Live at Lenny's" by Jaki Byard..."Hang On, Ramsey," by the Ramsey Lewis Trio..."Song of a Ballad" by Hank Crawford...Also Huntington's Book Store on Asylum Street has bargain copies of "Bird."

WHEN YOU SEE me coming, hoist your window high. (Old Song)

