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JAKK BYARD, one of the bigger names in the present roster of pianists, will be with HJS at its meeting Sunday evening, December 5 (Jonathan Temple, 700 Blue Hills Avenue). This is the Jaki Byard of whom "Down Beat"said last month, "A brilliant pianist with a profound knowledge of the jazz history of his instrument, an unsung but excellent composer and arranger, and a player with a working knowledge of all the instruments in the orchestra, he is his own man with his own voice." Jaki's background includes stints with Charlie Mingus, Maynard Ferguson, Charlie Mariano and Herb Pomeroy. His rhythm section will include Fred Tinsley, bass and Charlie Smith, drums.

THE RAFFLE progresses. Its success will give HJS an exchequer which will allow better concerts with larger groups of local and imported jazzmen. Sell to relatives, friends, people you trade with, anybody you see on the street who'd enjoy winning a color TV set, a hi-fi (Ah-Fh) console or an AM-FM transistor radio. Please bring to the December 5th meeting all stubs and money you've already accumulated.

NEW ORLEANS veterans of the Delta tradition are being imported by the Connecticut Traditional Jazz Club. They 'll be at Moose Lodge Hall in Stamford Friday evening, December 3 and at West Haven Motor Inn on the Connecticut Turnpike Monday evening, December 6... They 'll be taped for future telecasts and educational archives at noon, December 4 in the WTIC-TV studios. Jack Guckin, New Orleans jazz afficianado, is in charge. You're invited to join the studio audience. The musicians include Kid Thomas, Jim Robinson, John Handy and Sammy Penn.

JAZZ PASTOR John G. Gensel of Manhattan, good friend of HJS, is extremely active in bringing jazz into the church. He is sponsoring the Duke Ellington Sacred Concert (Admission \$2.00, make checks out to "Protestant Council, 7 West 55 Street, NYC, 10019," and address envelope to "Ellington Concert.")

NOTES on a frayed cuff: Everybody fell in love all over again with Toshiko for her playing at the HJS meeting of November 7...Gene Rodgers is fulfilling an engagement at Johnny's Restaurant in Forestville...Ray Cassarino and members of Local 400 are pushing ahead with plans for a spring series of jazz concerts. They deserve HJS support...Dave Kidd, veteran jazz commentator of NGY, Schenectady and HJS member, is home again, recuperating after a long illness. To write him, address the letter: "75 Sherwood Drive, Pittsfield, Mass."...Sell those raffle tickets, then get more raffle tickets and sell those.

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