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RANDY WESTON and his quartet, fresh from a tour of 16 African and Asiatic countries under the auspices of the State Department, will be the guests of HJS at its meeting Sunday evening, June 4 (Jonathan Hall, 700 Blue Hills Avenue). This one you can't miss, unless you enjoy hating yourself.

MARIAN McPARTLAND did at the April meeting just what Society members expected her to do -- capture their hearts. But the Society did what she never expected -- gave her the warmest reception she says she's had in years. Her fellow performers, Bassist Linc Milliman and Drummer Jim Kappes, also received a warm appreciation.

INSTALLATION of officers for the Year 1967-1968 will occupy a few moments of the forthcoming meeting. They are: George Malcolm-Smith, president; Curtis Gamble and Doug Hill, vice presidents; Barbara Guiffre, recording secretary; Annette Cohen, corresponding secretary; Marion Haynes and Carol Pfunder, membership secretaries; George Cohen, treasurer.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL JAZZ CRUISE is scheduled for Sunday, September 10. It's the most ambitious undertaking of the Society, and requires early planning and the assistance of many members. Volunteers thus far enlisted include: Sammy Johnson and Barbara Guiffre, co-chairmen of the cruise; Art Fine, entertainment; Doug Hill, Sharon Clark and Joe Jewel, publicity; Lucy Marsters, food; Walter Vogt, program booklet; George Cohen, Harry Lichtenbaum and Graham Ralph, tickets; Annette Cohen, miscellaneous arrangements; Earl Long, on-the-scene supervisor. You're being begged to volunteer to become a member of any of these committees. You'll enjoy the committee meetings and you'll feel more a part of the organization.

WELCOME these members: Peter Hannigan...Eleanor Harris...Bruce R. Machol...Dorothea McClanahan...James T. Rowley...Jacqueline Shaffer...David Thorstenson.

SCRAPS FROM AN INSIDE POCKET: Ronnie McClure, Hartford bassist, is in Europe with the Charles Lloyd Quartet, which participated in the Soviet Jazz Festival at Tallin, Russia May 11-14. (Incidentally, his "Nimbus," composed while he was a member of the Marian McPartland Trio, was played by Miss McPartland during her HJS appearance.)...Gene Rodgers, HJS favorite, is at the Park Plaza, New Haven...Satchmo's engagement at the Bushnell has been postponed till late August because

of The Great One's tangle with pneumonia...Tom Eagan, formerly of Hartford, now of Los Angeles, writes that Dick Cary, also formerly of Hartford and Rex Stewart, the famed Ellington "Boy Meets Horn" (both HJS friends), are active in projects in the much publicized Watts area of Los Angeles...Joey Stevenson (artist, thespian, HJS cheerleader) and Robbie W. Mims, also a Society member, were married May 12th...Joe Jewell and family leave Hartford this summer for Los Angeles, Joe's former home, where he will reenter UCLA to continue his interrupted formal education. He will be greatly missed...A group of HJS members attended John Dobbin's Dixieland party (Sun., May 7) which featured the Condon troupe (Lawson, Cutshall, Wilber, Haggart, Hyman and Leeman)...Rev. John Gensel, "Broadway's Jazz Pastor", friend of HJS and co-founder of Jazz Interactions, hitherto a "minister at large," was on May 21st installed as a minister of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lexington and West 54th...John Birchard ("Jazz Time," WTIC, 11:30 PM, Sat.) mc'ed. the Stan Kenton show at the Bushnell May 23... Some beautiful people appeared in the eight-column spread of pix taken by "The Hartford Courant" during the Marian McPartland meeting... Bassist Richard Davis, who made such an impression when he played with Cliff Jordan at an HJS meeting last winter, has been voted by readers of "Jazz" mag as their favorite of all bass players...Mr. and Mrs. Ted Curson, whose April wedding in Manhattan was attended by several HJS members, have thanked the Society for its wedding gift, adding that Ted is bound for a tour of Europe, where he will play at the Antibes Jazz Festival in France...Jay Fleming is conducting a jazz show over WBMI-FM from 7 to 9 on Wednesday and Saturday evenings...Graham Ralph is in good health again after a long illness...Also Bessye Proffitt, who thanks HJS members who wrote to her while she was hospitalized...Roberta Peck's Columbia record, "Roberta Peck Extraordinary" (with Clark Terry, Buck Clayton, Richard Davis, Frank Wess et al, in her band) is on sale all over town. (Roberta's husband, Bob Vater, who, like her, is a HJS member, is serving as her manager)...HJS will join Community Arts Center members in a display at Constitution Plaza during "Plaza" in mid-June.

"TAKE YOURSELF between your thumb and your forefinger and throw yourself away." (Old Refrain)