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JAKI BYARD'S QUARTET, a genuine treat, awaits HJS and friends Sunday evening, March 3, at the Society's new meeting place: Teferes Hall, 159 Blue Hills Avenue. (Again, the new address -- Teferes Hall, a larger place for the larger crowds.) With Jaki will be Trumpeter Jimmy Owens (picked in the "Down Beat" International Critics Poll as the top trumpet deserving wider recognition), Bassist Reggie Johnson (recently with Art Blakey) and Drummer Dick Burke (now with Ted Curson at Pookie's Pub, Greenwich Village). Of Jaki's new record, "Live! The Jaki Byard Quintet," the "Down Beat" review says: "Warm, gusty, gutsy, happy, introspective...He plays in many styles and modes, and yet is always Byard...He is irrepressible, a funny fellow who comes on naturally, never forced." Now, how can you afford to miss all that?

JUNIOR MANCE did it again at the February meeting -- showed his all-embracing talent for modern sounds, the blues and even boogie in a beautifully balanced performance. The crowd loved it. It was a crowd, too, with latecomers lining the walls and with dozens of later-comers turned away at the door. (A larger meeting place proved an absolute necessity; hence the move to Teferes Hall.) Junior's rhythm section -- Drummer Allen Dawson and Bassist Wilbur Little -- was perfect for his kind of music, and Marge Dodson won at least 200 personal fans.

ALL ABOARD for another bus trip to The Great City. The occasion will be the third birthday party of our friends, Jazz Interactions. The party will take place Sunday afternoon and evening, March 24, at the Red Garter in the Village. The bus leaves Union Place at 12:30 P.M. sharp. The cost (including Trailways bus fare to and from New York, plus entrance to the Red Garter, with no cover charge and no minimum) is \$8.00 per person. That is all you pay. Furthermore, 40 chairs in the Red Garter are being reserved for the Hartford group. Music will be by all the top jazzmen Joe Newman can gather. Again, the date: Sunday, March 24. All money must be in by March 17. Mail it to George Cohen, 73 Lebanon Street. For further info, call 242-6886.

WINNERS of the raffle conducted at the February meeting: Robert G. Gelinar of Broad Brook (trip for two to Bermuda); E. Winot of Simsbury (portable television set); and J. Jacomini of South Glastonbury (Polaroid camera).

CORRESPONDENCE: From Junior Mance: "I have felt close to you of the Hartford Jazz Society many years, and in my opinion you are the leading organization in the country for jazz. We really enjoyed playing for you. It was an

engagement we shall remember." From Douglas D. Forziati, winner of the 1967 HJS scholarship: "I want to thank all concerned for the \$150 scholarship award and to say that it is very much appreciated."

MANY THANKS to those who helped swell the HJS exchequer by selling raffle tickets -- Curtis Gamble, Logan Garret, Harry Lichtenbaum, Art and Barbara Hurwit, Jean Mounds, Bessye Proffitt, Barbara Guiffre, Millard Gibson, Jack and Marion Haynes, Walter Vaught, Lucy Marsters and many others.

NEWS OF YOUSE and Others: Barbara Curry is in Hartford Hospital, where she'd love to hear from HJS friends...Randy Weston has left for Morocco, where he plans to open a night club. (Randy, come home.)...Gene Rodgers is now in New York City, busy playing gigs...HJS is featured in an article in the current "Coda," Canada's jazz mag -- and a good one...For sale by an HJS member, a hi-fi set (Voice of Music). Call 247-2691 after 5:00 P.M.

"THE BEST IN JAZZ ALBUMS," a 19-page list compiled by Johnny Birchard of "jazz-time," WTIC, is being offered by that radio station. Write to "Jazztime," WTIC, Constitution Plaza, 06115.

WELCOME these new members: Roland Chirico...William G. Crampton...William Galvin...Harold Grubin...Mrs. Joy Jacobs...Mrs. Mattie M. Knighton...Robert L. Lewis, Junior...Aaron Mounds...Joan Mowery...John J. O'Connor...Dale John Seymour...Bill Stanley...Ellen I. Wexler.

FROM MILWAUKEE, HJS member Dave Waid recommends: Miles Davis' "The Sorcerer" ("Davis at his best. A real jewel.")...Earl Hines, with Pee Wee Russell and members of the Ellington band in "Once Upon a Time" ("Spontaneous joy. Old friends, appreciative of one another's great talents and just happy to be together.")...The Decca reissues of 78 rpm's of Chick Webb, Earl Hines, Andy Kirk and Woody Herman.

"How can I kiss you, grown-up baby -- you with your thumb in your mouth?"
(Old Refrain)