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ARE YOU READY for full-band treatment? Then mark your calendar: Sunday evening, May 5 -- Frank "Silk Stockings" Foster and his band. With the renowned ex-tenor of the Basie ensemble will be Ed Pazant, alto; Randy Brecker and Lou Soloff, trumpets; Kiane Zawadi, trombone; Richard Wyands, piano; Bob Cunningham, bass; Sonny Brown, drums. There'll be a table for you and your jolly companions at Teferes Hall, 159 Blue Hills Avenue. Wear sneakers because you'll be tapping your feet.

THOROUGHLY MUSICAL are the words for the meeting at which, earlier in the month, Jim Hall's Trio played. He might well be the tastiest of today's guitarists. But then, there are Burrell, Byrd and Montgomery. In any event, he provided an evening of sheer pleasure. His drummer, Jake Hanna, gave an exhibition of drumming finesse, never obtrusive, but providing an insistent beat. Bassist Eddie Gomez gave the trio a solid bottom. Mark: Excellent.

GOINGS ONE here & there: Roland Kirk and his quartet have been booked by the University of Bridgeport for a concert at its student center, Wednesday evening, May 15...The Trinity College Jazz Band may be heard Thursday evening, April 25 at the Austin Arts Center on the Trinity campus..."The Dixiecrats" are offering everything from "The Saints" to "Muskrat Ramble" at the Hotel America Monday evenings from 9 to 1 AM...And speaking of Jake Hanna as we were a moment ago, he has a band (including Richie Kamuka, tenor, and HJS friend Ross Tompkins, piano) playing for a month at the Half Note, Spring & Hudson streets, NYC...Bob Harrington of Bristol leaves April 25 for Charleston, West Virginia to attend, of all things, a convention of the National Coon-Sanders Admiration Society...But nobody in our acquaintance, apparently, is attending the New Orleans International Jazz Festival, May 12 through 18.

WELCOME these new members: Ballard Armstrong...Ed Bershtein... Leon N. Faneil...William G. Johnson, Junior...Jon Manselle... Patricia Swiatek.

JUST FOR THE SAKE of reminiscence and to remind you of the many great names in jazz HJS has enjoyed through its eight years, here's a list of some of the jazzmen we've entertained -- and who have entertained us -- at meetings and concerts.

Garnett Brown	Frank Foster	Joe Mariano	Pat Rebillot
Tommy Bryant	Jim Hall	Howard McGhee	Jerome Richardson
Kenny Burrell	John Handy	Dave McKenna	Joe Roland
Jaki Byard	Jake Hanna	Marian McPartland	Luckey Roberts
Buck Clayton	Oliver Jackson	Joe Newman	Clark Terry
Ray Copeland	Elvin Jones	Oliver Nelson	Toshiko
Richard Davis	Virgil Jones	Horace Parlan	Tony Scott
Booker Ervin	Roland Kirk	Roberta Peck	Willie (the Lion)Smith
Art Farmer	Dave MacKay	Julian Priester	Sadao Watanabe
Joe Farrell	Junior Mance	Gene Rodgers	Randy Weston

ADD to the enclosed announcement of the Rev. John Gensel -- Howard McGhee Jazz worship service to take place May 18 at the University of Hartford: A portion of the proceeds will be contributed by HJS to the Urban Religious Coalition of the Greater Hartford Council of Churches in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King.

"EASY RIDER been this way, but where he's gone I couldn't say."

(Old Refrain)