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JAKI BYARD — always welcome, always a great showman as well as jazzman — returns to regale HJS on Saturday night, October 12, Columbus Day. (Note: It's SATURDAY, not Sunday, as customary.) He returns with honors that have been heaped upon him since his last appearance at an HJS meeting: the annual international critics' poll conducted by "Down Beat" named him the year's No. Two pianist. (No. One is Bill Evans.) His record, "Jaki Byard at Lenny's on the Turnpike" was given five stars by the "Down Beat" reviewer. Now, really, could you think of a more enjoyable way of celebrating Columbus Day than joining him and his admirers at Teferes Hall, 159 Blue Hills Avenue? (Bring an Italian. Not Lucy Marsters. She's spoken for. Try Carol Santuccio or Marilyn Golormino.)

THE EASTERN CONFERENCE of Jazz Societies is scheduled for its second annual meeting on the weekend of November 8-9-10 in The Great City. The meeting will be a combined effort of Jazz Interactions of New York, the Jazz at Home Club of Philadelphia and the Hartford Jazz Society. Last year a busload of HJS members attended the Saturday evening session — a thoroughly pleasant memory of the 32 Hartfordites who took the tour of Manhattan jazz spots. Those who wish to repeat the experience, or who missed the party last year, may register at the forthcoming meeting. Announcements will be made on that occasion.

WHERE THE MUSIC IS: Roberta Peck begins an engagement at the Steak Club in East Hartford on Monday, October 7. She's being accompanied by Pianist Paul Neves, Bassist Fred Tinsley and Drummer Larry DiNatoli... Gene Rodgers' engagement at Nicola's in West Hartford has been extended. He's an HJS member and an HJS favorite... Horace Silver will be featured Friday eve. the 11th in a concert which will be part of the annual Chrysanthemum Festival in Bristol (the place: St. Paul's High School)... Here's advance notice in advance of advance: Signs posted in Ellington announce that Stan Kenton and his band will perform at Crystal Lake on December 9th... The First of Rev. John Gensel's Jazz Vespers (Sunday afternoons at 5 o'clock) was held October 6th, with Joe Newman's Quintet. Performers on coming Sundays will include: Howard McGhee, Eddie Bonnemere, Harold Ousley, Sonny Donaldson (the church is St. Peter's at Lexington Avenue and 54th Street). It would do you good to go to church some time — especially John Gensel's kind of church.

NEWS OF YOUSE: HJS made a donation to the Bill Strayhorn Scholarship Fund, and announcement of the fact was made at the Billy Strayhorn Memorial Concert presented Sunday evening at Philharmonic Hall in Lincoln Center... Applications for the annual scholarship offered by HJS to Greater Hartford musicians to attend Boston's Berklee School of Music are being received. The award will be made in December... Jacqui Anderson of HJS has been commended by the local press for her work with the Talent Assistant Cooperative, which this year has helped some 200 high school students who needed tutoring to enter college... Joan Mowery may leave Hartford to live with relatives in Florida. Talk her out of it... Paul Schmanska is planning an exhibit of photos taken by HJS members of HJS events. The event is slated for the January meeting. If you have pictures, see him.

DEFINITIONS: There have been some weird ones in various dictionaries, but the definition of "jazz" in the new Random House Dictionary covers all bases: "A music originating in New Orleans about the beginning of the 20th Century and subsequently developing through various increasingly complex styles, generally marked by intricate, propulsive rhythms, polyphonic ensemble playing, virtuosic splos of an improvisational nature, melodic freedom and harmonic idiom ranging from simple diatonicism through chromaticism to, in recent developments, atonality. " (That'll hold 'em until the next edition.)

WELCOME these new members: Rachel astle... Armand Belisle... Myrna Bershtein. .. Richard Cox... Lois Donnelly... Earl Evans... Rose Ferris... Douglas Forziati... Ray Ingram... Bernard Johnson... Gene Marchand... Tim Martin... Helen Mulkeen... Gloria Davis Phelon... David Rosenthal.

FOUND: One LP record by the Montovani Orchestra with Forty Strings, entitled "Schmaltz Me Around Again, Willie." Owner may have at next HJS meeting, if he or she will own up to it... Also one sweatshirt bearing the lettering: "If Lawrence Welk Is Good Enough for Steubenville, Ohio, He's Good Enough for Me." Size 23 Skidoo.

"Leave me any place, but please don't leave me here." (Old Refrain)

JAZZ ON CHANNEL 24 ETV (and thanks God for Educational TV):

Tues., Oct. 8, 9 PM — Judy Roberts Trio and John Klemmer Quartet
Fri., Oct. 11, 10 PM — " " "

Tues., Oct. 15, 10:30 PM — Count Basie
Thurs., Oct. 17, 8:30 — "

Wed., Oct. 16, 9PM — Herbie Mann at Newport
Fri., Oct. 18, 10 PM — "

Tues., Oct. 22, 8:30 PM — Kid Valentine's New Orleans Jazz Band
" 9 PM — Rochester Jazz Band playing Gillespie
" 10:30 PM — B.B. King, blues guitarist

Wed., Oct. 23, 9 PM — Duke Ellington at Antibes Festival
Thurs., Oct. 24, 10:30 PM — " "

Tues., Oct. 29, 10:30 PM — Charles Lloyd Quintet (with Ronnie McClure of HJS)