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ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY will be celebrated by HJS on Saturday evening, April 24 at the handsome Hartford Jewish Center Auditorium in West Hartford, with Kenny Burrell and his fine unit as guest performers. Admission, \$3.50 in advance, \$4.00 at the door. Visitors from other jazz clubs of the east will be present, and everybody can become acquainted with everybody else during the champagne reception following the concert. Miss this party and you'll never be able to look yourself in the face again. Now will anybody else.

THE ELVIN JONES QUARTET, guests at the HJS concert in March, pleased not only members & guests, but also the press. Victor Sasson of "The Courant," in a column-long review, praised Frank Foster, Gene Perla and particularly Joe Farrell ("pure lyricism on the alto sax"), though critical of Elvin's "massive solos." Ron Georgeff of "The Courant," however, praised Elvin for "such sweet thunder" and "black storms of sound," meanwhile commending the group for its "symbiotic energy." Emil Hoginsky of "The Springfield Daily News" termed Elvin "simply a master percussionist," adding that "if you are a jazz fan or merely one who appreciates the workings of musicians, HJS is a comfortable crowd to be with." More than 300 were present. Unhappily, many visitors had to be turned from the door.

"HARTFORD JAZZ SOCIETY MARKS 10TH BIRTHDAY" says a headline on Page One of the "Downbeat" news section. Readers learned, if they didn't know it already, that "the society holds monthly concerts featuring the best available talent, conducts an annual jazz cruise down the Connecticut River, and sponsors worthy students through scholarship grants to Berklee College of Music..."

INCIDENTALLY, there are beautiful solos by Kenny Burrell in his "Guitar Forms" (Verve) with arrangements by Gil Evans, in his "Blues, the Constant Strain" (Verve) with Clark Terry, Jimmy Owens, Richard Davis, et al., and in the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis album, "Jazz Wave, Ltd." (Blue Note).

"COME WITH ME TO THE CASHBAH," but, more importantly, to Randy Weston's African Rhythms Club at Tangier. Uniworld Travel Associates are organizing a flight to Morocco, scheduled for May 7, returning May 16. Here's an opportunity for a reunion with an old HJS friend, Randy Weston, in an Arabian Nights setting. The price: \$386.00,



which includes the flight, boat trip through the Straits of Gibraltar, motor trip to Fez and Rabat, three meals a day, and all hotel accommodations. For information: Uniworld Travel Associates, 62 West 45th Street, New York City 10036.

JAZZ LIVES at Quinnipiac College, Hamden. The annual Eastern American College Jazz Festival is scheduled there April 16 through 18th, with the participants including bands from Columbia, Temple, Union, MIT, Kent State, Buffalo and other colleges throughout the east. Guests will include Clark Terry, Marion McPartland, Ernie Wilkins, Ed Shaughnessy and Comedian Woody Allen's Galvanized Washboard Band.

MONTREUX, SWITZERLAND will again be the site of a European jazz festival. The airline, Swissair, has suggested that HJS and other clubs of the Eastern Jazz Conference take advantage of a group rate enabling Yankee Jazz fans to attend. The cost: \$368., which includes air fare, hotel accommodations and admission to events. Dizzy Gillespie, Garry Burton, Jimmy Owens, Chico Hamilton, Oliver Nelson and other American jazzmen will be performing. Of particular interest to HJS members is the fact that their favorites, the PJP Quartet, will be present, and the aforementioned Connecticut aggregation from Quinnipiac College. For more info, ask HJS, 73 Lebaron Street, Hartford. (Phone: 242-6886).

WELCOME these new members: Harold D. Alexander...Nora Bernier... Phil Carpenter...Randall C. Colbourne...Claudia Cinway...Mrs. Johnnye M. James...Duane H. Dow...Mrs. Gladys H. Dowdell...Peter D. Esposito ...Joseph T. Mallard...Charles R. Mason...Irvine Phillips...Mrs. Ida Thornton...Denis B. Swilley...Earl D. Swilley...Lee Sheridan.

THERE ARE ADVANTAGES in being an HJS dues-paying member: Discounts on admission to HJS concerts...a free jazz album...and membership privileges up to October, 1972. Annual dues are a mere \$10.00.

JAZZ VESPERs at Saint Peter's Lutheran Church in Manhattan (HJS friend, Rev. John Gensel, jazz pastor) will present Roy Haynes Ensemble (April 18), Jack Reilly Trio (April 25), Phil Young Quartet (May 2), Herbie Mann and Friends (May 9), Stella Marris Trio (May 16). The vespers are held each Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. If you're in the city at that time, Rev. Gensel will welcome you.

"She had a head like granite, so they planted her standing with her noggin sticking out."

(Old Refrain)