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ILLINOIS JACQUET returns Sunday, May 14th to fulfill a promise to HJS to repeat a demonstration of artistry which delighted the Society four years ago. Furthermore, he comes as leader of a quartet including three of the great names of jazz: Pianist and Organist Milt Buckner (whose "lock-handed," funky fame goes back to McKinney's Cotton Pickers and through renown as a star of Lionel Hampton's greatest period); Drummer Jo Jones (the first and greatest drummer of the Count Basie band and "inventor" of the cymbal); and Trumpeter Russell Jacquet (long a mainstay of the "Jazz at the Philharmonic" shows and creator of the popular "Bongo Blues"). Again, the date: Sunday evening, May 14th. And the place, as usual: St. George Hall, 433 Fairfield Avenue.

DIZZY GILLESPIE proved the perfect choice for the 11th annual anniversary party. Said Victor Sasson of The Courant: "He was as extraordinary as ever, alternating between ripping brass shouts and double-time progressions that dazzled the capacity audience...The quintet's performance was compelling and highly charged, with immense strength and momentum displayed by drummer Micky Roker. Also supporting Dizzy were guitarist Al Gaffa, pianist Mike Longo, and Bob Cranshaw on electric bass." (Applause is owed Dick Taylor for providing excellent acoustical equipment.)

GRADY TATE scored again at the HJS March meeting. He was almost eclipsed, however, by his quartet, which consisted of (surprise, surprise) the great bassist Richard Davis, pianist Norman Simons, guitarist Ted Dunbar and drummer Frank Grant.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUNGSTERS have been enjoying a series of eight concerts being presented at various schools under the auspices of the Hartford Jazz Society in cooperation with the National Foundation of the Arts. Wrote Principal Yetman of Hartford High: "The jazz group, The Collaboration, not only presented a lively and beautifully executed concert, but in addition explained to the students the history of modern music coming out of the combination of African and European music."

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MISCELLANY: Bessye Proffitt, cherished friend of Hartford Jazz Society, is in the Hilldale Care Center, 1095 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, and deserves mail or a visit from HJS members... Booked by Carville's Restaurant: Wild Bill Davidson (Wed., May 31) and Teddy Wilson (Mon., June 5)...The Big Bands Come Back to Lake Compounce this spring: Count Basie, Woody Herman, Stan Kenton and Harry James...The Wm. Hall High School Jazz Band (Bill Stanley, director) toured Europe in April to demonstrate that American Jazz still has its devotees among American youth...Quinnipiac College honored Clark Terry with a star-studded party in mid-April. HJS members who attended included Art and Janet Fine, Hal and Connie Braithwaite, George and Annette Cohen, Dick and Rae Taylor, George and Helen Malcolm-Smith, Norm Macklin, Lucy Marsters, Sticks Leonard and Linda Chatfield.

NEW OFFICERS for the 1972-73 year have been nominated. The election is scheduled for the HJS meeting Monday, May 22 at Society for Savings, 255 Barbour Street. Those nominated are Sammy Johnson (president), Nayil Siade and Thomas Harris IV (1st and 2nd vice presidents), George S. Cohen (treasurer), Annette L. Cohen (corresponding secretary) and Marge Malaney (recording secretary).

NON-MEMBERS, hear this: Join now and your membership dues are paid till October, 1973. You also get an LP of your choice, you get a one-dollar discount on admission to monthly concerts and the fun of the annual family picnic at Wickham Park, Manchester, in July.

WELCOME these new members: Mrs. Jane Bannister...James Brown... Leon E. Callahan...Barbara Caster...Mary Jo Descy...Betty Holloway ...Ronald and Marguerite Jones...Jenena Kurtz...Eleanor Lichtenbaum ...David Therault...Steve H. Washington...Mrs. Gloria Wright.

"FATHER, cut your toenails. You're tearing up the sheets."  
(Old Refrain)