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NEW YORK CITY.—MUSIC AS AN ENTERTAINMENT FEATURE OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC VIA RADIO, FILM, AND TELEVISION PRESENTATIONS, TOOK A BACK SEAT HERE DURING THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. A UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE HEADED BY SENATOR ESTES REPAUVER, AN APPOINTED BY OUR CONGRESS TO INVESTIGATE CRIME AND THE ARM-IN-ARM PRACTICES OF VICE, CORRUPTION AND POLITICS, FREQUENTLY HEARD SOME SENSATIONAL HEARINGS TO THE PUBLIC VIA RADIO AND TELEVISION DIRECTLY FROM THE FEDERAL OFFICES IN NEW YORK CITY.

From PAUL L. SPECHT Author of "How they became Name Bands"

here, and there has been some encouragement from State, City and the Community officials who promised to support the current campaign to secure allocations from municipality funds and appropriations for such cultural activities.

The most harmful deterrent to such appropriations and subsidies probably stems from the clamouring of Communist groups and the persistent minority propaganda for cheap and tawdry jazz music—the old time, swing, off-beat jumble of low-down funk—the kind that is chiefly "hokum."

This groaning, grunting type of jazz is being foisted on Americans and in other countries by a school of frustrated youngsters who are chiefly addicts of marihuana weed and by the presentation of dirty, sloppy jazz recordings featured by certain disc jockeys on the radio.

There are also regrettable mistakes in propagating distorted, inaccurate and misleading propaganda about this cheap jazz. Some of the current type of magazines and others are books which are full of lies. The writers have little regard for the factual history of jazz.

People have long ago discovered that the plying and wriggling that goes with cheap, dishonest jazz is just as repulsive as the music itself. It doesn't have to get granger and granger from the other side of the street to play real jazz music or to enjoy real, masterful, melodic jazz music.

It is America's real trade mark and America's real folk music. It is America's real folk music. It is America's real folk music. It is America's real folk music.

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PAUL SPECHT

been able to solve this industry problem, although industry and commerce in almost every other respect enjoys the protection of reciprocal agreements and treaties.

A TRIBUTE TO HARRY SARTON

HARRY SARTON, one of the most popular figures in the music world, died on April 1 from an attack of thrombosis. His loss is not only felt by the Decca Record Company, for which he was artists' manager. It is a loss shared by the entire entertainment professions and trades, who held him in the highest esteem. Always approachably, he was a willingess to pay tribute to his memory in these columns of Musical Express. These tributes give to the world an idea of the great affection he enjoyed among artists, musicians and trade alike.—EDITOR.

FROM Stanley Black (Director of the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra)
I THINK the same as everybody else must think—the passing of Harry Sarton is not only a loss to Decca, but a loss to the music profession. We all know that Mr. E. R. Lewis is the boss of Decca, and that Mr. Lewis will agree with me and all the other artists who work for that company, that Harry Sarton was a great professional friend.

FROM Dick James
WITH the passing of Harry Sarton I lose a friend who helped and inspired me more than with any words can ever express. Always approachably, he encouraged and always welcomed my suggestions. His patience and cordiality, a great supporter of the British songwriter, he devoted his life to helping and inspiring British artists in the U.S.A. and he asked nothing in return. He was a great professional friend.

FROM Johnny Johnson
NO artist, from the new to the well-established, could wish a more successful career than Harry Sarton. He was, and indeed everyone who had the pleasure of working with him, a sincere and popular man, has lost a great and valued friend.

FROM Jack Simmons (Musical Advisor for Decca Records)
WITH sadness I write in appreciation of Harry Sarton. Having had such close association with him for so many years, and knowing his character and disposition, I feel I can truly say that he was a man of the highest calibre, and the pleasure I have had from his sympathy, patience and readiness to help me in my work, is invaluable to me in my work. He was a great professional friend.

FROM Bob Faron
IN paying tribute to Harry Sarton, whom I considered a personal friend as well as a business associate, I express my deepest gratitude to him for the encouragement and support he has shown me in my work since we first met five years ago. He was a great professional friend.

FROM The Stergers
SO impossible to realize the extent to which we shall miss his help and support in our association was one really achieved in business. He gave us confidence in ourselves. He was our inspiration and example, but most of all, our friend.

FROM Leonard Smith (Lecturer-Music, Columbia Books)
I WAS profoundly shocked by the sudden and tragic death of Harry Sarton. I mourn him as a friend and respected member of our profession, for whom I had the greatest affection. We shall be the worse for his loss.

FROM Alan Dean
I WAS Harry Sarton who first gave me the opportunity of being a disc jockey, for this and for his enduring faith in my capabilities I shall always be grateful.

on the drums brought him international fame as he had appeared with many famous name bands as a featured player. He is a Louisiana-born jazz musician who has been in the business about a year ago on account of illness.

New York union musicians engaged in radio programmes featuring recently petitioned Local 662, a branch of the American Federation of Musicians, to hold a midnight meeting at which a decision was taken to strike against the radio and television stations for increases in pensions and a limited ban on disc jockey and recorded programmes.

Last week, President James Petrillo, of the national A.F. of M. office, called off the strike and announced that he was about to sign a new compact with the radio and television moguls, which would give the musicians a 15 per cent raise—but a cutback on recorded music privileges to the radio and TV networks remained.

These increases were more than justified in view of radio's growth to an all-time high of \$200,000,000 in 1960—an increase of \$28,000,000 over the previous year when television shows were getting \$125 to dance during a one-hour television show—although every all-star jazz concert was being given, and a heart attack. Catlett's aim to improve technique

FROM Chicago comes the sad news that Sidney (Big Sid) Catlett, 41 years old and famed jazz drummer, dropped dead at the Civic Opera House while an all-star jazz concert was being given. He suffered a heart attack. Catlett's aim to improve technique

RESPECFULLY yours,
PAUL L. SPECHT.



"Yus... all this 'ere mud is what the Tories has been slingin' at us!"

American Jazz Stars for the Festival Concerts

By JAMES ASMAN

THE news which is exciting every jazz enthusiast, modern traditionalist, and that last week-end the Ministry of Labour gave its official blessing to the booking of two star American jazz artists at the N.F.O. concerts at the Royal Festival Hall on July 11 and 12.

THE leading record vocal group in London, the London Jazz Record Society, has a full programme for the next few weeks. On April 21, George Ella will be giving a very comprehensive recital of a selection of Duke Ellington's Duke Ellington records, the following week and on May 4, Maurice Brown will give a highly contemporary recital of Duke Ellington's "Integrating Jazz".

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NEW TRANSCRIBED SHOW

A RADIO show recently recorded in London, introduces a new type of comedy-musical show...

The producers, Anglogram Radio Transcriptions, were responsible for one of the first big musical shows to be broadcast from Radio Luxembourg since the war.

ON THE BALL

AFTER a most successful debut at the Dankworth Club on Easter Saturday, when an attendance record was set up...

SINGS and SOCCER Stars on Luxembourg

Kathleen Oldfield with sportsman Leslie Compton on her Radio Luxembourg programme.

LUXEMBOURG PROGRAMMES

SUNDAY, APRIL 15: 12.30 THE SUNDAY MORNING SHOW... 1.30 NEW RELEASES OF GRAND VOICES...

TOP TEN

- 1. Tennessee Waltz (Chaplin)
2. My Heart Cries for You (Mortis)
3. Working Girl (Lester)
4. Posing With Billie (Southern)
5. Mocking Bird Hill (Southern)
6. We Love (Francis, Day and Hunter)
7. September Song (Sterling)
8. Good Luck, Good Health, Good Bye You (Crisp)
9. I'm Glad I Love You (Sterling)
10. If (Cecil Lane)

ELLINGTON QUARTET

Bournemouth Contract for Johnny Cedric

THE RAY ELLINGTON QUARTET, AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED IN OUR STOP PRESS COLUMN, WERE OBTAINING THE NECESSARY TOUR PERMITS FOR A FEW DAYS THE BOYS KEPT ON HOPING THAT THESE WOULD COME THROUGH...

This decision to temporarily forego the Milan engagement was the promise with which agents were asked to book the Quartet immediately it became known that they were free.

Lower Buckley offered them a fortnight's Midlands tour at once, and other agents followed rapidly. The Quartet has now booked with the minimum of delay.

The Quartet is to be re-announced as much as all in establishing their normal booking schedule from the moment of their announced availability. In addition to this they have had two radio tours.

On April 21 the very popular Saturday night programme, "Top Notes", takes on a new guise with the Quartet for a twenty week resident engagement, commencing on Wednesday.

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CO-OP PAYS DIVIDENDS

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LYTTELTON FOR LEICESTER

Humphrey Lyttelton and his band are appearing at the Montfort Hall, Leicester, on Sunday, April 22.

GRAEME BELL'S RETURN

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Hill For Paington

Commencing May 1 on long contract at the Palace Hotel, Paington, Norman Hill, leading on the piano, will be replaced by Steve Evans, piano.

JAZZ SCENE

THE International Youth Centre presents a Jazz Ball on Friday, April 20, at the Holborn Hall, London.

WICKY VISE, comedy character comedian, known to his intimates as Vic Wile, is to be the central figure at the new television show, "Vic's Grid".

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BIG NAMES FOR LEAMINGTON SPA FESTIVAL YEAR

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NATIONAL DANCE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

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