

Inge Borkh as Salome, Offenbachiana, Ricci

NGE BORKH may not be an outstanding Salome, but she is apt to be a very successful soprano at the Metropolitan Opera for some time to come. The German soprano made her debut in one of the most challenging parts in the repertory and vocalized it so well that one's mind began placing her in this and that Wagnerian role for which her talents are suitable (beginning with Sieglinde in a forthcoming "Walküre"). In size and quality, accuracy and sure control it took the operatic hurdles more smoothly than one would have expected from previous hearings in Carnegie and Town Halls.

For Salome, Miss Borkh has a number of striking physical assets, including more height than the average soprano, a reasonably streamlined body, good facial characteristics, and a mass of chestnut hair. Her characterization, following the line of the part, falls into three divisions. It is particularly good in the first long section, where she is credibly youthful, convincingly aroused by a perverse passion for Jokanaan. The characterization begins to falter when she has been rebuffed and must suggest a mounting, uncontrollable tide of desire which can only be satisfied by the thing she craves—the prophet's head.

The studied projection of this was made up too much of hand movements, arm waving, stalking of the stage, etc., too little of believable temper. Its weakest element was the awkwardly executed dance (Miss Borkh moves best when she doesn't move at all), which was more Mary Wigman than Mary Garden. I question particularly the physical contact with Herod, in which she throws herself across his knees and rolls to the floor. It defeats the subtle point of the scene that Salome is taunting Herod by denying physical contact.

However, when the head was forthcoming and she was once again the singing actress, the graph of accomplishment rose sharply. My suspicion is that Miss Borkh brought this characterization with her ready-made, and Hans Busch's participation as stage director was-in her case-purely nominal. Should she submit to skilfull direction, her vocal talents and dramatic aptitudes (she was originally an actress) might result in something consistently striking. At bottom, however, one doubts she has the brand (used in the inflamatory sense) of Eding much of the opportunity, respect to the control of the

temperament to ignite the hard core of Salome. There remains only one Welitch, for all the fact that Miss Borkh is married to a gentleman of the same name, and thus is, legally,

Despite its dramatic unevenness. Miss Borkh's musical accomplishment provided Dimitri Mitropoulos with a sure reliance around which to build his performance. This impressed me, on the whole, as more subtle, less dynamically violent than the one he gave in 1954 when Christl Goltz was the Salome, more sustained musically. It had some incidental difficulties to overcome, such as the substitution of Norman Kelley for Ramon Vinay (tending to suggest Otto Soglow's Little King rather than Strauss's Herod) and a less than powerful Jokanaan by Mack Harrell. Both men are finely conscientious artists, but Kelley's experience (especially in singing German) is limited for this frenzied part, while Harrell's voice lacks the thrust of power delivered for Jokanaan's music by Paul Schoeffler, Hans Hotter, Joel Berglund or, in other days, Friedrich Schorr. His striking physical conception will, however, be long remembered. In smaller parts, William Wilderman was conspicuously successful as the first Nazarene (rolling tones, fine German enunciation), Jon Crain was a promising Narraboth, Margaret Roggero a satisfactory Page. As Herodias, Blanche Thebom is both familiar and welcome.

As a cart-before-the-war horse, "Gianni Schicchi" resumed the place it had served in 1937, 1943, 1948, 1949, and 1951 (in 1954, "Salome" was preceded by a ballet "Vittorio"). It was also given in Italian, which was more to the advantage of Fernando Corena's artful Schicchi than to some of the others in the cast. Corena is a presently good and potentially excellent Schicci, Nicola Moscona made a striking characterization of Simone (he maintains, throughout, the palsied twitching associated with Virgilio Lazzari in this part, though it is probably traditional), and Ezio Flagello recalled his capable Leporello as a notary. Otherwise, the parts tended to be downgraded, especially the weakish Rinuccio sung by Gabor Corelli, the insufficient Vecchia of Belan Amparan, Nadine Conner, a late replacement for Emilia Cundari. asserted her professionalism by makcially in "O mia babbino cara." Some opinion found Mitropoulos's conducting of this score unduly "symphonic." I was gratified to hear, for once, all the subtleties of the writing properly honored, in a total conception frequently entertaining.

AMONG the perils of reviving one of the obscure Offenbach operettas is the possibility that its best tunes may already have been appropriated for such a pastiche as "Gaite Parisienne," "Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," etc. In the case of "La Grande Duchess de Gerolstein," which the American Opera Society presented in Town Hall, its overture began almost as a reprise of the Metropolitan's "La Perichole," which had thoughtfully appropriated two of its best tunes. Otherwise, it was a largely laudable enterprise under the direction of Arnold U. Gamson, thanks to the participation of Martial Singher (who sings the frisky music of General Boum with as much artistry as he bestows on Schubert's "Doppelgaenger"), the stalwart Leopold Simeoneau, the charming Pierette Alarie, and the adept Jennie Tourel. Stefan Schnabel spoke an English narration with well-flavored wit.

"Perichole" itself was presented to a large TV audience later in the week, as an "Omnibus" production on NBC-TV. Unquestionably superior entertainment for TV, it deprived the viewer of the large contribution Rolf Gerard's colorful decor made to the original effect (it was black and white all the way), while imposing on the listener visual effects much more suitable to the spaces of the Opera House than the TV camera. Cyril Ritchard, Theodor Uppman, Laurel Hurley (Patrice Munsel's TV services belong to another network!), and the rest performed with spirit under Jean Morel's direction, but it emphasized, for me, the axiom that TV opera should be created for the medium, or conveyed as a documentary from its point of origin. Straddling the conflicting demands of camera and stage can only result in compromise.

Ruggerio ricci's present status as a violinist of prowess and a musician of purpose was underlined by a Carnegie Hall recital full of fine sound and eloquent art. Unfortunately, a program which stressed musicianship rather than violinistics rewarded him with a pitiful small attendance. A sequence of sonatas by Beethoven (Op. 12, No. 1), Bloch, and Bach (G minor unaccompanied) provided pulsating, vibrantly alive music for those who were present. Carl-Bussotti's piano playing was an er cial reliance in the Bloch.

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RED NORVO: FAR OUT, FAR IN



Red in the late 1930s—"he wisely postponed learning to read music."

By RICHARD GEHMAN and EDDIE CONDON

NE of the most agreeable memories that many musicians retain of Chicago in the late Twenties and early Thirties is that Red Norvo was around, a man for whom smiling was never an effort. He was up from a southern Illinois riverboat stop, Beardstown, playing the xylophone in huge sales-convention bands (Paul Ash and his Quality Serenaders, etc.) and in quartets clad in bell-bottomed white ducks and striped blazers, and sometimes going out as a vaudeville soloist in a full-sleeved satin blouse, black charro pants, and a velvet sash, a costume that practically demanded that he tap dance in the breaks and produce Teddy bears and American flags from the logs in that forest he played. Red did not make many of the cellar sessions at the

Three Deuces and other spots for two good reasons: (1) few of his contemporaries regarded the xylophone even as a serious rival for the klaxon, and (2) the instrument was not altogether portable, although people often suggested that Red could put pedals on it and ride it.

Although he was a non-participant, nobody was more interested in the music then being discovered than he: he carried a phonograph and a suitcase full of Louis's records out on the road with him and drove his fellow blazerites half-crazy by wearing them out in the dressing room while the performing coyotes were onstage. Of the Chicagoans who remain—and the originals are running out of breath the way the Marxists in this country are running out of the party-Red is the only one who has made the transition from the jazz of those days. which he assimilated, to the jazz not merely of today but of tomorrow. which he is helping produce at a great rate. Dave Tough tried switching his style in his later years; Leonard Feather has publicly expressed the view that the attempt was a contributing factor in Dave's collapse. Benny Goodman got one foot on the bop train in the early Forties and promptly stepped back for reasons of love or money, one or the other. In the past few years both Bud Freeman and Pee Wee Russell have played competently and imaginatively with groups oriented to new jazz, but it can be argued that they, in Chicago, were far ahead of their day.

Well, so was Red-and in his case, the metamorphosis has been close to

Anyone who does anything well. whether it's hog-calling or Indian wrestling or playing an instrument called the xylophone, usually begins early, and Kenneth Norville, born 1908, was no exception. When Red was about nine, his older brother Howard went off to an Ag school and left him a pony. One day Red happened to hear a stage xylophonist, was fascinated, and told his parents he wanted to learn to play. They laughed at him: they had spent money on music lessons for Red's two older brothers and his older sister, and it was their idea that no Norville was really serious about music. Red was serious to the extent of selling the pony to buy his first xylophone (he pronounced it then, as now, "zilla-phone"). He was taught by one good teacher, his ear, and one bad, the phonograph. He copied what he could from some early horrors by George Hamilton Green and other virtuosi and made up the rest. Recently he told us, "I was always like instinctive-I don't know why, I just seemed to be able to play the things I like heard in my head" (like many musicians, Red is excessively fond of the word "like").

Background music for the early careers of all jazzmen ought to be the hum of a shuttle. Red, an easy-blushing teen-ager, went to Chicago in his early teens with a half-boys halfgirls band, auditioned for an agent, and went right back to Beardstown in trembling relief. The agent remembered and recalled him the following year, and his sash period began. His aspirations as a tap-dancing marimbist were dealt a hard blow when he joined a band led by Ocky Weslin (yes, Virginia, there was an Ocky Weslin), and felled when he heard his first Armstrong record. He wanted to go to college, but he took two jobs simultaneously with Chicago broadcasting studio bands. If he had matriculated he might have learned to read music almost at once, but he wisely

postponed that until he was in his mid-twenties.

Red's last name was handed him by an orchestra leader who could not seem to pronounce Norville. "Every night he hung something different on me," Red recalls. "Norby, Norver, and so on. Then he did 'Norvo' a couple nights in a row, and I figured what the hell, I might as well like adopt it."

In 1930 Paul Whiteman heard him and hired him, and Red heard Mildred Bailey and married her. He enjoyed marriage to Mildred but loathed the Whiteman working conditions, which forced him to be more entertainer than artist. After three years he finally left the band between engagements in New York. Then began an aimless, drifting time which he passed by attempting to drink everything in sight. In the early Thirties he formed a septet and played on 52nd Street in New York and made a few records which Epic has reissued ("Red Norvo and His All Stars," Epic LG 3128). One of the bands on that LP, made with some strollers named Benny Goodman (bass clarinet), Artie Bernstein (bass), and Dick McDonough (guitar), is a true classique, "Dance of the Octopus." and Bix's piano solo, "In a Mist." This record belongs in everybody's collection.

In the mid-Thirties Red met Eddie Sauter, who had some arranging notions that fitted in with his own concepts. Red and Mildred formed a twelve-piece band that is now firmly entrenched in history as one of the finest of all time. Eddie did most of the arranging, and there were soloists like Stewie Pletcher (cornet), Hank D'Amico (clarinet), Herb Haymer (tenor saxophone), and, naturally, Red himself. Columbia has been planning to reissue the records this combination made, and it's a shame that the company has yet to bring these plans to reality.

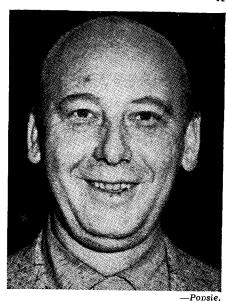
lacksquare N MANY respects the band's playing was exactly like Red's own-it was a light-touch, easy group that did nothing but swing. Red's xylophone would burst out of the brass figures and the warm saxophones would fall beneath him, and then Mildred's high, clearyet somehow earthy-voice would take over for a solo in a way that no lady singer has yet been able to emulate. It was some band. It broke up. eventually-Red and Mildred found they were compatible musically but not emotionally-and its members went on to other pursuits with the knowledge that they'd left behind something eminently memorable. That is, all the members but Stewie Pletcher. He vowed, when he left Red. he would never play in another band. and he never has. When last heard

from he was driving a diaper truck on the West Coast.

Red worked for spells in the bands of Woody Herman and Benny Goodman when the modern era was just beginning to find itself, and in the course of those jobs he found himself as well. He had decided that vibes were better suited to his musical ideas than the xylophone. Although Lionel Hampton had made vibes a swing instrument about ten years before, it was Red's technique that brought what seemed like hordes of young vibrists into the jazz scene. Today, thanks to him, the instrument is not only respectable but revered. And thanks to Red's ever-growing talent, the best music of which it is capable is his own.

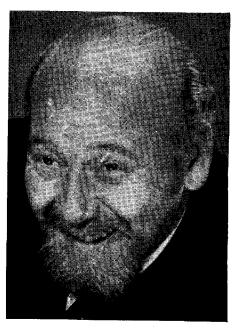
This music has been tumbling forth with heartening regularity during the past couple of years. Now settled in Santa Monica, California (he moved there with his wife, the former Eve Rogers, and their son and daughter, Kevin and Portia, in 1950), Red is far from settled musically; he is, as noted before, one of the few old-timers who has continued to develop. He plays with bass and guitar, he plays with that combination plus tenor and alto saxophones, flute, and drums. And while much of what he plays is pretty far out—a friend of ours has remarked, "Red plays the most consonant dissonances of anybody in music"-it's also always far in. In perfect time, in perfect taste, that is. Recently he has been teaming up more and more with Jack Montrose, the tenor man. Some idea of what the two of them have been doing may be gathered from two Victor LPs-"Blues and Vanilla" (LPM 1451) and "The Horn's Full" (LPM 1572). The first features a Montrose composition called "Concerto da Camera" which takes up the entire side; it is divided into two sections, one blues, the other jump (Montrose calls the second "vanilla," for some reason), and each is divided into three separate themes. The musicians play these themes against each other and with each other, concurrently and contrapuntally, and the result is some of the most exciting jazz to come from the West Coast for a long time.

Red may also be heard on "Music to Listen to Red Norvo By" (Contemporary C-3534) and on "Norvo—Naturally!" (Rave RLP 101). And that his sense of humor has not been blanched by the California sunshine is proved by "Red Norvo with Strings" (Fantasy 3-218). Evidently weary of the endless succession of records of Wild Bill with strings, Dizzy with strings, Lombardo with strings, Everybody with strings, Red made his own; but his string section consists



"Nothing but swing" (1945).

only of Tal Farlow, guitar (E, B, G, D, A, E) and Red Mitchell, bass (G, D, A, E). These three abovementioned records are well sprinkled with Red's own compositions. In addition to collecting Bennington china, and raising dappled dachshunds and children, in recent years he has been devoting more and more time to composition. He studies with Dr. Wesley Laviolette and writes for at least an hour every day. When we spoke to him recently, he said, "This writing's like opened up a whole new thing for me. I used to get ideas but couldn't develop them—now I can develop the thematic thing. Now I know why I do what I used to do instinctively-I'm like a new man, you might say." Yes, you might; that is one of the great things about this jazz pioneer. He's always been like a new man.



"Always a new man" (1957).

Recordings Report: Jazz LPs

PERFORMER, CONTENTS, DATA	REPORT
"Chicago/Austin High Jazz in Hi Fi." Bud Freeman Summa Cum Laude Orch. RCA Victor LPM 1508, \$3.98.	If more people (and critics) could appreciate the classic playing of Freeman, Teagarden, and Pee Wee, the music business probably wouldn't be scuffling as much as it is. The presence of Billy Butterfield, one of the world's finest all around trumpetists, is very gratifying. Wettling keeps everything under control. The rarely heard "Prince of Wails" is included.
"Cu Bop!" Art Blakey and His Jazz Messengers with Sabu and a Bongo Jubilee LP 1049, \$3.98.	Fine musicians. No message.
The original arrangements of Jimmie Lunceford in Hi Fi, featuring Sy Oliver and his Orch. Decca DL 8636, \$3.98.	It may not have been an easy job for Sy Oliver to get this production off the ground, but he surely did. From the warm singing of Sy, his trio, and the playing of Taft Jordan, Paul Jordan, and Jimmy Crawford, to the choice of numbers such as "Four or Five Times" and "Dream of You" and the very tasty arrangements, this album is a swinger and a joy to hear.
"Modern Jazz Perspective." Don Byrd-Gigi Gryce and the Jazz Lab Quintet with Jackie Paris, Columbia CL 1058, \$3.98.	The incorporation of "Jazz Lab" in any title is somehow repellent, but those words are probably why the liner notes go into complicated and unnecessary detail about "experimentation." The music speaks for itself. "Early Morning Blues" is a very interesting authentic-type treatment with the vocal handled very well by Paris, "Evening In Casablanca," a nice theme, shows an improved Don Byrd. Wendall Marshall and Wynton Kelly do good work and there are some beautiful ensembles. Unfortunately, although Gigi gets in a few strong words, the solos are not up to the "heads" (arrangements).
"Stan Getz in Stockholm." "Everything Happens to Me," "Over the Rainbow," "Jeepers Creepers," "Indiana," etc. Verve MGV 8213, \$4.98.	"Now he's playing with a great beat" is what is heard every now and then about Getz. It's true enough but it's barely evident here. On the ballads, he might possibly be bored, since they sound almost like backgrounds instead of leads. Pianist Bengt Halberg's time is a bit faulty in spots. Since Getz has already proven himself a man of tremendous capabilities, this album is rather disappointing.
"Tour De Force." The Trumpets of Roy Eldridge, Dizzy Gillespie and Harry Edison. Verve MGV 8212, \$4.98.	The first number, "Steeplechase," takes up a whole side of the album. It's almost impossible to sustain a high level of excitement for that long, but these fellows do it, and with a virtuosity that is magnificent. On the title tune, they're still swinging their heads off. Eldridge makes a work of art in "Through With Love." A tremendous album. Even the liner notes are good.
"Very Cool." Lee Konitz, Don Ferrara tpt, Sal Mosca piano, Peter Ind bass, Shadow Wilson drums. Verve MGV 8209, \$4.98.	"Movin' Around" has a nice little head by Don Ferrara. "Billie's Bounce" was the only really enjoyable number on this album and that only because it's so close to Bird. "Crazy She Calls Me" should have been moving because it's a lovely melody, but somehow everything slipped into the abstract. Nothing abstract about Shadow Wilson, though, who was the jazz boss on this record.
"New York Jazz." Sonny Stitt Quartet. Sonny Stitt, Jo Jones, Ray Brown, Jimmy Jones. "I Know that You Know," "If I Had You," "Alone Together," etc. Verve MGV 8219, \$4.98.	Sonny Stitt has always been a musician of integrity and taste, but now that he has realized his goal of being a marvelous technician, it would be nice if he relaxed a little, let some notes go by, and played a little more music. More advantage could have been taken of Jo "Genius" Jones' accompaniment. Best music is heard on "Norman's Blues."
"Pal Joey." Bobby Sherwood and His Orch. Jubilee 1061, \$3.98.	The band business could certainly use Bobby Sherwood's experience as a showman and tasteful musician. Unfortunately, this very musical guy is hampered on these sides by arrangements best suited for weddings, banquets, etc.
"Salute to Satch." Joe Newman and His Orch. "When the Saints Go Marchin' In," "Chinatown," "Back O' Town Blues," "Sweethearts on Parade," etc. RCA Victor LPM 1324, \$3.98.	Outside of Louis himself, this is one of the most musically intelligent and entertaining albums that have come out in a long time. Louis himself would be happy with the beautiful charts by Ernie Wilkins, Al Cohn, and Manny Album. Joe Newman utilizes the great backgrounds with all the formidable artistry in him and, (like Sy Oliver, Vic Dickenson, and Teagarden) displays remarkably good taste and feeling in his singing. More than adequate solos by Hank Jones, Urbie Green, and Al Cohn.
"Sittin' In." Stan Getz, Dizzy Gillespie, Coleman Hawkins, Paul Gonsalves, Wynton Kelly, J. C. Heard,, Wendall Marshall. Varve MGV 8225, \$4.98.	The artists here are all practicing individualists. It's unusual these days to hear an album where everyone doesn't sound like a carbon copy of a carbon copy. On "Without a Word of Warning" Gonsalves is especially warm. Every one is very busy on the up-tempos. Dizzy's control is so tremendous that he even finds time for warmly humorous insertions. Wendall, J. C., and Wynton created a nice groove for everyone to fall into. It was probably a ball for everyone to just get together and blow.
"Soft Sands." Oscar Peterson Piano Solos with orch. conducted by Buddy Bregman: "Soft Sands," "It Happens Every Spring," "Songs to the Stars," etc. Verve MG V-2079, \$3.98.	This is a pleasant album evidently intended for the pop field. Peterson has always been more competent as a soloist than an accompanist, but the only record up to par on this album is "You Took Advantage Of Me." Vocals a la Nat Cole.
"Texas! USA." The Rampart Street Paraders: "Dallas Blues," "The Eyes Of Texas," "Home On The Range," "Dixie," "Red River Valley," "March of the Mustangs," "I'm an Old Cowhand," etc. Columbia CL 1061, \$3.98.	Eddie Miller is a killer! I hope the name of the group doesn't lead anyone to think that this is a novelty record, because it has some very serious jazz on it. The great Eddie Miller is featured as are George Vans Eps, Abe Lincoln, Clyde Hurley and Matty Matlock, who plays very well on this album. Beautiful trumpet work by John Best on "On The Alamo." Each musician tried to deal with the character of each number in his own way. The result is that it doesn't sound like the same man playing every solo. That's not true of most albums these days. A very pretty thing called "Texas Mood" is included. Excellent notes by Charles Edward Smith.
"Out on a Limb." Pete Rugolo and his Orch. "Cha-lito Lindo," "Ballade for Drums," "Repetitious Riff," "Boy Next Door," Emarcy MG 36115, \$3.98.	The first side opens with "Don't Play the Melody" which is a swinging showcase for trombonist Frank Rosolino. On the same side is a number called "Early Duke," which shows understanding of Duke's voicings but misses a point. Duke always built his harmonies and voicings around his ever present gift for melody. "In A Modal Tone" feels like an exercise, and all the romanticism has been robbed from "Sunday Monday Or Always" and "Nancy." Don Fagerquist plays some

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THE "PARKER STORY"



—Popsie. Charlie Parker at the Three Deuces (1949).

By JOHN MEHEGAN

Since the death of Charlie Parker in 1955, there have appeared an increasing number of records documenting the achievement of the man who, nearly single-handed, created a new rhythmic and melodic vernacular in modern jazz.

Probably the most lavish discography has been released by Norman Granz, who reissued much of his Parker catalogue under the series "The Genius of Charlie Parker." Savoy released the "Charlie Parker Memorial," volumes 1 and 2; the "Immortal Charlie Parker," and "The Charlie Parker Story," the latter a fascinating chronology of one of Parker's greatest sessions during which he recorded "Now's the Time" (blues in F), "Billie's Bounce" (blues in F), and "Koko" ("Cherokee").

Now Granz has issued his version of the "Charlie Parker Story" in three volumes on Verve label. These volumes are extremely uneven in quality, running from incredible flashes of brilliance to a track in which Parker and a vocal group come to deadly grips over a miserable tune called "Old Folks." The gentle Parker is reduced to popping in and out of the arrangement much like Groucho Marx in "Room Service," while the

vocal group grinds away at such choice conceits as "he's so diplomatic and so democratic."

The tracks fall into three categories:

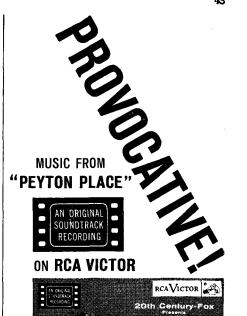
- 1. Small combo
- 2. Parker with strings
- 3. Miscellaneous groups

including Jazz at the Philharmonic sides, Machito and his orchestra, and Parker's big band. The best of these is of course the small combo sides; "with strings" is pretty vapid stuff which even Parker cannot bring within earshot of jazz. The miscellaneous sides are cluttered although there are some fine moments with Johnny Hodges, Benny Carter, and Parker blowing fours.

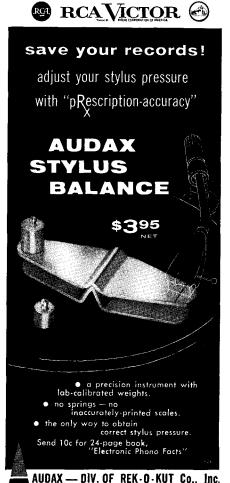
An analysis of the small combo sides reveals one of the fundamental structures of Parker's music—the blues. Parker was primarily concerned with destroying the rigidity of the bar-line and extending the melodic line. This could best be done by using simple automatic "charts" like blues (as in thirteen examples in this release). He would build a new "melody" over these chord charts using his vernacular rather than the original banal tune.

The implications to be drawn here touch upon the basic philosophical aspects of the morphology of jazz as an art form and its structure as a means of communicating emotion. If Parker is the major figure in modern jazz, and if the simplicity of his genius led him to the blues as an inexhaustible font of inspiration, could this mean that jazz is as it was in the beginning-archaic blues-and all else is the vanity of contrivance? In his revealing liner notes (identical in each of the three volumes), Granz speaks of prevailing upon Parker to "play pretty tunes . . . instead of the blues." Often this attempt to "humanize" Parker resulted in some magnificent playing as in "The Song Is You," "Love for Sale," "My Little Suede Shoes," and "Mango Mangue," but too often the boredom of playing indigent tunes like "I Love Paris" is apparent to even the casual listener.

It would seem that some basic questions of form and content are raised here. All art involves the dual premise of having something to say (content) and a way of saying it (form). Although it is a truism that an artist must confront both of these problems, it is also apparent that some sort of







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organic predisposition can lead an artist into one realm much more than the other.

It is not the point to equate one against the other. Jazz has nurtured artists of form (Mulligan, Henderson, Shearing), artists of content (Powell, Hawkins, Armstrong), and also a few giants possessing both in equal measure (Ellington, Tatum, Morton). Parker represents almost total content—if, of course, there can be such a thing.

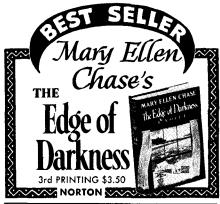
Recordings sometimes are like novels in that there is often a "story" in the microgrooves. "The Charles Parker Story" is a tragedy. It is told in the bitter empiricism of Sinclair Lewis and Sherwood Anderson. The method is realism. But Parker did not want realism. Realism meant playing bad tunes with soggy violins and being shuttled about as a submissive member of a "stellar package." This was Form with a vengeance.

Gillespie saw the need for form, realizing that his content alone (nearly equal to Parker's) could not bring bookings. Even a big band (an agent's headache) did not make it, so Diz tried comedy—a Van Dyke, dark glasses, and "be-bop" hats. This was 1946 and Parker, suffering a nervous breakdown, was forced to retire from active playing for over a year. Charlie resented these attempts of Diz to "merchandise" their music and relations between these two men were strained for some time. Much of "The Charlie Parker Story" covers the years from 1948 to the time of his death.

IN HIS notes, Granz tells of his trials in "organizing" Parker, first with JATP, then strings, and on to an endless parade of gimmicks, including Afro-Cuban bands, Charlie's big band, vocal groups, etc. Although much of this is told with an air of sanctimony, one cannot really argue with Granz. These are Parker's Travels in the imaginary lands of schedules and contracts. The "Story of Charlie Parker" is a search for form that he may never have found because he always possessed it.

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В.	Subsequently.	170 125 200 111 57 5 34 69 166 120	O. The position of power (2 wds.).	193 54 132 30 76 71 27 42
C.	Resume ownership of, on failure to receive install- ment payments for some object.	122 143 104 86 18 152 190 98 116	Possessed by the noble or courageous (2 wds.).	171 26 78 185 148 20 41 33 123
D.	Fastens with rope, chain, etc.	51 43 7 164 108 22	 One of the great apes, chiefly herbivorous. 	105 136 73 85 128 178 188 3 28 159 199
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н.	One of a people of cent. Caucasus, possibly immi- grants from Persia.	9 163 106 89 48	. Determine legally the pre- cise amount of damages or obligation.	174 127 141 2 23 97 63 10 37
ı.	Describing the part played by a super (comp.).	147 55 91 52 121 74	. Monday's powerful anagram.	187 53 198 6 1 17 60
J.	Regular collector of furnace residue.	66 21 151 173 181 8	V. Short piece of wool combed out from longer fibers.	96 191 158 196
Κ.	Quail.	157 88 39 82 68 195 146	. Large number: of nails or states, 1200 or even 1260.	138 58 153 161 110 95 12 80
L.	Bundle of papers containing detailed report, esp. about a criminal and his work.	183 46 19 107 155 83 169	. A kind of cement used to fill holes in wood or stone.	168 90 134 59 25 165 99 35
м.	Enunciated a conviction about.	201 13 149 180 139 112	. Zealously religious.	119 16 175 75 115 50 140 87 77 36

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