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BILLY PLONKIT: "And now, fellers, off with our winner Jackets and back to our dinner juckets!"



### BELISI" After Nearly Six Years Of Discord, The Guns Are Tacet In Europe THE

AT LAST! HERE IS THE EDITORIAL WE HAVE BEEN WAITING
FOR SO LONG TO WRITE IN THE ISSUE WE HAVE BEEN
WAITING FOR SO LONG TO PUT TO PRESS.
For nearly six gruelling years, we have been sustained and
fortified in our by no means casy endeavours by the certainty that
one day we could chronicle the victorious end of hostilities in
Europe. And now the day has dawned, and the title of the old
jazz-classic comes in very handy to express the emotions of all of

jazz-classic comes in very nancy to express the emotions of an or us—"Ring Dem Bells!"

Far greater pens than ours have expressed the general feeling of gratitude and relief, but it is not presumptuous on our part to add to their words, for the second resumptuous on our part to add to their words, for the second resumptuous on our part to add to their words, for the second resumptuous on our part to add to their words, for the second resumptuous on our part to add to their words, for the second resumptuous on our part to add to their words, for the second resumptuous on our part to add to their words, for the second resumptuous on our part to add to their words, for the second resumptuous on our part to add to their words, for the second resumptuous on our part to add to their words. it is not presumptuous on our part to add to their words, for every one of us—you reading this and we writing it—has had our full share of the war. We have suffered . . . we have mourned . . . and it is in a spirit of humility and thanksgiving that we pass from the shadows into the sunshine and record the deliverance of Europe from the tyranny of barbarism under which it has laboured for so long.

There are many disparagers of the music we stand for who will not hesitate to sneer at a "jazz" newspaper chronicling world events—but we make no apology for, never mind what the killioys say, dance bands and dance musicians have done their full share in this war.

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DANCE BANDS' WAR-EFFORT

No. ask the factory workers, who found dance music and dance bands a factor that helped to boost up production; ask the RAF, bomber crews who fiew their perilous missions fortified by the dance music witch came to them over the radios in their planes; ask the civilians who listened to radio dance bands in the blitz and were helped to forget their troubles as musiclans came into the shelters to play to them.

Ask, in fant, any of the Sorvices or any scotion of the community and you will find that they have all gained some holp from the simple music of the people and tho hard work of the men who play it.

Make no mistake about it; the dence bands have had a hard time; it is ancient history how they played through the biltzes, the flying-bombs and the rockets.

But what is not so well known is tho hardships they have endured in keeping the work going—how, in spile of the fact that they are all low-yrade men or elso they wouldn't have been out of the Forces or the factors—they have put up with the

#### WE MOURN

Nor, to add a solemn note to the rejoicins, must we forget the men of our profession who laid down their lives—Kon Johnson, Davo Williams, Al Bowlly, victims of the Nazi hiliz on London; Chick Henderson, killed in the Navy, fighting the profession's first D.F.C.; Michael Flome, who died in an Army accident; Jack Purvis, the R.A.F. "Skyrockets!" bass-player, killed by a Nazi bomb while on guard duty at his station; the six members of the somi-pro band who were wiped out when a lone raider dropped out when a lone raider dropped out when a lone raider dropped a homb on a Putney dance hall in November, 1043—and many, many more.

NO "FORGOTTEN MEN".

For they will come back to a profession which has changed from that which they left, and they must not find themselves up against closed ranks. That is important.

It is up to the Musicians Union and the bandleaders and the rank and fled the profession to see that the work is distributed—that the ex-Servicemen can get whatever-jobs are going for which their degree of talent fits them. WE MUST HAVE NO "FORGOTTEN MEN." IN DANCE MUSIC.

Now, may we close on a personal note?

The MILODY MAKES and its readers have been knitted together closer then ever by the war, and we cannot tell you row grateful we are for your encouragement, your support, and your appreciation of our difficulties.

You have put up with a journal

In the meantime, a cortain number of man will be demobilised and come back into Givy Street to pick up their Instruments again and reconter the profession.

It is of these mon that we are thinking now, and their fight is going to be OUR fight and, we hope, the fight of all of you.

NO "FORGOTTEN MEN":

that has shrunk to "postage-stamp" size through the paper shortage; four newsprint of war-time quality that must have been a strain on the eyes. Yet you have read us in the blitz form of the world, written to us in the heat of battle, and become not only our readers, but our friends.

#### OUR THANKS

We, for our part, have held the mirror up to the profession, and have kept you informed of what is going on. We have trken up the cudgels on behalf of dance music and its players, both in and out of the Services wherever they have been attacked. We have preised and we have criticised.

All these we shall continue to do! In this great symphony of discord, VE Day is the Coda. Soon the drums of war throughout the warld will be stilled, and the calm fluting of a posseful thems will be stated for the World Orchestra to play.

May it be in full harmony!

RAY SONIN

### "K.P." 32ND STAR PARCEL

### SEVEN DAYS A WEEK KATE SMITH'S LATEST HIT

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### Cest We Forget









(L. to r.): KEN JOHNSON (killed, with his tenor player, Dave Williams, when a homb hit the Café de Paris in 1940); CHICK HENDERSON (who lost his life in the Royal Navy in 1944 in charge of a sun fighting the flying-hombs); AL BOWLLY (another 1940 blitz victim); and MICHAEL FLOME (killed in the Army, 1944).

### CALL SHEET

· (Week commencing May 14)

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Nat ALLEN and his Broadcasting Orchestra.
One Night Stands, North-East. I'vy BENSON and her Girls Eand.
Empire. Glasgow.
dohnnie CLAES and Glaepigeons.
Gliderdrome, Boston.
Billy COTTON and Band.
Band of the Week, B.B.C.
Gloria GAYE and Band.
ENS.A.
Phil GREEN and his Radio Danco Band
Englie. Croydon.
Vera LYNN.
Empire. Hackney.
Fellx ME ND EL SS O HN and his Hawalian Serenaders.
Hippodrome, Wolverhampton.
Ronnie MUNRO and Orchestra.
Tivoli, Aberdeen.
Harry PARRY and his Radio Dance Orchostra.
Green's Playhouse, Glasgow.
Oscar RABIN and Band.
One Night Stands, Manchester.
Monte REY.
Hippodrome, Golders Green.
Harry ROY and Band.
Empire. Pinsbury Park.
Burton SEELEY and his Swing Time Serenaders.
Oueen's Theatre, Manchester.
Billy TENNENT and Orchestra.
One Night Stands, Midlands.
Billy THORBURN.
Empire. Oldham.
Empire. Oldham.
Empire. Oldham.
Empire. WinNilck and Orchestra.
Plaza Ballroom. Derby.
ENSA OVERSEAS CALLS:
Art GREGORY and Band.
Henry HALL and Band.
Carl BARRITEAU and Eand.

# "BLUE MARINERS

THE famous Naval Dance Orchestra, the "Blue Mariners," under their noted leader-pianist George Grow, are shortly off to the Continent for a heetle three weeks' tour of Forces entertainment.

It will be remembered that the "Mariners" were sent to Normandy soon after D-Day, so that it seems appropriate that they should make a return trip now, to play to some of the thousands of Troops whose unceasing efforts since that historic time have made possible this greatest of days which we now celebrate.

For a very long time past the "MM" has been waiting to raise its editorial headgear to the "Blue Mariners," who have a sterling and almost unequalled record of war service. Now, at last, the tale of all their war time activities can be told, and nothing could be more appropriate than that the story should be told now, at this great time of rejoicing in our Victory.

The "Blue Mariners" have been one of the-Sørvice Bands whose music has emphatically been entirely secondary to their Naval duties. For long periods at a time the boys have been split up; some of their member's serving in the famous "little ships" that did so much to bring about the downfall of Nazidom; and often the Band has heen asunder as long as several months at a time.

Nevertheless, the boys have always

come together, on their periods of leave, and their spells of duty ashore, and got the band going again; not for the sake of private engagements—of which they have probably done almost less than any other Service combination throughout the war—but for the sterling work of Forces entertainment, which the boys have concentrate wholeheartedly upon whenever the exigencies of their Service duties allowed them to be all together as a band.

#### FAR-SIGHTED

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In this connection, the thanks, both of the boys in the Band and the Porces to whom they have played, are due in no small measure to the far-sightedness of Commodore Duke, R.N., who, realising both the qualities and the great moral-raising powers of this outfit, has often made it possible for the boys' duties to run so that they have been able to get together ashore and put over more of the Porces' concerts which have raised them to Services.

It is safe to say, despite all this, that the "Blue Mariners" are nowadays playing better than ever—and those who have heard them in the "Mediterrancan Merry-Go-Round and the other radio programmes that they have occasionally had time and opportunity to perform will agree with us on the very high standard of the Band.

Just to remind you, the regular boys in the Band ere: George Crow ileader, planol; Freddy Gardner (allo sax); Hegp Pink (tenor sax); Hugh Rateliffe and Billy Farrell (trumpets); Ronnie (Clitherce (trombone); Al. Jenning; lobss), and Fred Latham (trums). Two additional members making the Continental trip will be the well-known vocalisis. Telegraphist Ivor Pyo and Petty-Officer Healor Hall.

The Central Britain Open Crooning Championship, organised by Arthur Kimbrell, for the Oscar Rabin Cup, was won by Flight/Sgt. Stone, of Sheffield.

Miss Joyce Weatherlll, of Sheffield, was second; John Spencer, of Stokeon-Trent, third.

During the heats and the final 242 was collected for the Red Cross.

TTERE is a real VE-Day offer, made in the true Victory season spirit by Leonard E. Hicks, of Rayes, Mid-dlesex.

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Leonard has for disposal a number of "Melody Makers" (about a couple of hundred in all) which he would like to send to the first serving man from whom he receives a letter. Write to Leonard Hicks, at 44, Mildred Avenue, Hayes, Middlesex.

### Simone Leaves H'smith Palais: Drummer Amiot Leads

ONSEQUENT upon the resignation of well-known violinist-leader Syd Simone from Haminersmith Palais, drummer Jack Amlot has taken over leadership and directorship of the band as from Sunday, April 29.

Jack Amlot originally had a great share in the formation of the band. Formed in a hurry, the outfit over which Syd Simone presided consisted in part of Jack Amlot's Band suitably augmented, and Jack came in not only as a drummer, but as the manager With Jack drumming and also doing all the announcing, band includes Chris Condon (first alto, clarinet and flute); Oscar Birch (alto and clarinet); Ken Lumb (tenor, clarinet, baritone and vocalist); Bave Reid (first trumpet); Fred Stanley (second trumpet, vocalist); Bill Brown (trombone); Maurice Reed (bass and violin); and Eddio Farrow (plano and accordion).

### Ted Weatherford Passes

A CABLE from Ken Brown, received as we were going to press, announced that the lamous coloured planist, Teddy Weatherford, died in Calcutta on April 25. He was 43 years of age.

Teddy, who has been referred to in India as "Terrible Teddy Weatherford—the Demon Plano Plaver," died in the Presidency General Hospital of cholern

Fuller details of his life and record—

Fuller details of his life and record-ing work will appear next week

### ORGAN ROBIN'S SWING

THE vexed question whether organists are able to "swing" or not bas never been satisfactorily solved but one man who has a definite ansver to. it—in the affirmative—is Robin Richmond, famous broadcasting and theatre organist usually domiciled at the Paramount Cinema. Tottenham Court Road. London.

After a long period of campaigning for his own special teature on the air, the B.B.C. have at last given way to Robin, and he starts his first swing spot on May 17. under the tillar "Organ Grinder's Swing" (12.15-12.30 Home).

Playing Hammond organ, Robin Richmond will be supported by Arohle Slavin (guitar): George Flerstone, (drums): Roy Marsh (vibes); and Benny Lee (vocalist).

### WRIGHT HITS

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Pat Dodd, George Evans, Ted Heath, Joe Jeanette, Mantovani, Lou Preager, George Melachrino, Gharles Bohm, Reg. Leopold, Frank Weir, Billy Munn, Ivor Malrants and Les Lambert.
These directors have appointed Charles Bohm as the first managing director, and those who know his fine work as member of the Executive Committee of the Musicians' Union for eight years, and then for four years as Joe Loss's manager, will know-that he will carry out his new position with efficiency and understanding.

MANAGEMENT & PROMOTION

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The objects for which the corporation—has been established are "to carry on business as producers, managers, promoters and agents, either alone or jointly with other companies or persons, of bands, artists, entertainers, musicians, playwrights, musical directors and other persons connected with the musical or theatrical profession."

Secondary objects are "to present, produce, manage and to make arrangements for the presentation, production or performance, either alone or with some other company or person, of concerts, dances, Variety entertainments and other musical and dramatic performances...

The corporation will also act as agents or registration bureaux for artists, bandleaders, entertainers, etc., and it aims at the businessible centralisation of the various technical services required in the production and distribution of public entertainment by musicians and artists.

As things stand at present, bandleaders—to take an example—have to run their own offices and employ their own staffs, irrespective of the financial returns that such a service can give.

financial returns that some can give.

Under the new corporation, it will be possible for such bandleaders to utilise all the facilities of a well-run £10,000 concern.

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### HARRY HAYES

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I don't Mind -I don't Mind - - - B 9415
What am I here for? - - B

### MELLROW-LADNIER QUINTET

If you see me comin' - - } 6 9416

### BUDDY FEATHERSTONHAUGH

and the Radio Rhythm Club Sextet Blues in my heart - B 9406



Gramophone Co. Ltd., Haves, Midde.

HERE'S cifering hearly Victory season congratulations to noted nianist Les Wharton, whose wife gave birth to a baby daughter on Friday last (May 4). Both mother and daughter are doing well. The baby is to be named Melody.

Les, by the way, is nowadays living out at Denham (Bucks), where he has resided ever since his breakdown in health.

He is finding the country air extremely beneficial, and although not it to do a regular job yet, is always ready for the right kind of gisse whenever there are any going, and hopes his old friends in the profession will remember him. Leaders in nearby Uxbridge may be glad of Leslie's services. nearby Uxbridge Leslie's services.



HERE is the picture of another historic occasion, for it shows the two famous bandleaders, Leslie ("Jiver") Hutchinson, and Vic Lewis, of the Lewis-Parnell "Jazzmen," signing up with the Countess Mala dola Marr and theatrical producer Clifford Webb to appear, with their bands, at the first of the Swing Celebrity Concorts at the London Winter Garden Thantro on June 3. Vic Lewis (left) is signing his contract with the Countess; Leslie Hutchinson is examining the document he has just signed; and Clifford Webb is on the extreme right.

Another great innovation at these concerts is to the presentation of some of the star semi-pro instrumentalists who are being featured in the Phili Green weekly air cories. Appearing at the first concert will be young London clarinet stylist Johnny Dankwerth and pianist Ken Moule—sultably supported by musicians from the other bands present. Already announced for this great event, besides "Jiver" Hutchinson and his All-Star Band and the Lewis-Parnell "Jazzmen," are Lauderic Caton and the Caribbean Club Trio and the famous S.E. London outlit, George Webb and his Dixtelanders. The whole show will be compèred by that doyen of dance band radio compères, the one-and-only David Miller.

EDGAR JACKSON'S Record Reviews

FAMOUS ORCHESTRA.

\*\*\*\*I Don't Mind (Strayhorn, Eflington) (V by Ivic Anderson) (Am. Victor (OA071891).

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"""What Am I Here For? (Ellington)
(Am. Victor OA071890).

(H.M.V. B0416-5s, 44d.)

Ellington (plano) with Otto Hardwlok, Johnny Hodges, Harry Garnoy,
Junr., Bon Weboler, Barney Bigard
(reeds); Rox Stewart, Wallace Jonco,
Ray Nance (tpts.); Joe Nanton, Juan
Tizol, Lawrence Brown (tmbs.); Fred
Guy (g'tar); Alvin Gagfan (bass);
Sonny (William Aloxander) Green
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Guy (g'tar): Alvin Gaglan (bass); Sonny (William Aloxander) Green (dms.). Recorded February 25, 1942. A FTER months of no Ellingtons. A H.M.V. have managed to produce the above.

But they are strictly "commercial" for Ellington—and maybe they won't go so well with the swing fans.

But this time you can't fairly blame Wally Moody.

The dispute between the A.F.M. and the U.S. recording companies held up practically all gramophone recording in the States from the Spring of 1942 to the autumn of last year, and with none of the new Ellington sides made since the dispute was settled having yet reached this country. H.M.V. are left with nothing but a few of the Duke's more "commercial" offerings.

But whether or not these two sides impress those who would allow the Duke to make only swing titles, they have gone more than somewhat well with me.

The numbers, you will notice, are both by the Duke himself, and there is usually something delightful chout his times, even when he is not applying to write anything more ambittors than sentimental belied foxtrots zuch as these.

But is usual when the Ellington band is on the job, tunes become of secondary importance to the way they are tracted and played.

The band has a way of coing things that can be and here on existence that can produce such a lovely rich sonority as the Ellington reed seaflon, and for another there is the highly personal character of the hand both individually and collectively, which never fails to impress itself on anything it may tackle.

You will hear this glorlous tonod blend and colour of the saxes impressively used in the first chorus of "What Am I Hore For?"

Later there is some exquisite tenor playing (? Ben Webster), the high notes of which are none the less intriguing because they have a curious flute-like sweetness more like a clarinet than a tenor.

Note, too, the va-wc trumpet and the first chorus and the swell spots by the trumpet and Hodge's alto in the following movement.

But high spots as these features are, they are but parts of a record which is conspicuous throughout for the immaculate way a most seeductively melodious arrangement is played.

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### Victory Swing for Feldman Glub

A CREAT Victory swing night is being arranged for this Sunday (May 13) at the Feldman Olub (100, Oxford St., W.). The celebrations will continue from 5 p.m. until midnight, and there will be continuous dancing to the music of three bands.

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### F. & D.'s TERRIFIC HITS!

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Fi./Lt. Jim Smalley, D.F.C., photographed by Jack Marshall in the "M.M." offices this week. Now compare it with . . .

WE ARE WRITING THIS WEEK'S
OF THE MOST COLOSSAL BUT
UNDERSTANDABLE DISTRACTIONS!
UP-Day has not yet been announced as we write, but everybody
seems to have started rehearsing for
the great occasion—except us!
We managed to get the "Antown
Maked out to time throughout the
war, despite the blitz, flying-bombs
and the V this and that, without
missing a single issue or keeping a
single reader waiting.
Well, we're rushing everything
through to keep that proud record,
although, believe us, the way everybody is talking of going home and
celeorating suggests that it's going to
be difficult!

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Anyway, the main thing is that the job in Europe is over—and that's the news we've been living for for many weary yeers.

The cartoon on the front page this week is by Dick Empson, who has been too busy for the last few years on war work to continue the adventures of his great creation—Billy Pionkit.

Dick rushed the drawing through to us with a little note which describes our feelings in these historic days and the relief we feel in a terse phrase that deserves to go down to posterity.

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posterity.

He writes:
"Blimey, Ray, isn't it a pleasure
to go to bed at night without having
your pants blown off!"

### CHAPPELL'S

-The House of Great Songs present JEROME KERN'S

MORE AND MORE

COLE PORTER'S

DON'T FENCE ME IN

IVOR NOVELLO'S

WE'LL GATHER LILACS LOVE IS -MY REASON

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DANCE BAND GOSSIP

TN years to come we shall all remember the sequence of events in our own lives immediately prior to and leading up to VE-Day. In this connection, there is one occasion I certainly shan't forget (writes Jack Marshall).



anxious to concernate of work.

Bandleaders and publishers who would be interested in helping him on his way with his arrangements can contact him c/o the Meloov Maken. He can also take on bass-playing in the evenings in London.









# But At "M.M." Contests This Time!

(Jack Davenport). Special prize for

1045 NORTH-WEST LONDON CHAMPIONSHIP.
Wednosday, May 2, 1945.
Town Hall, Hornsey.

WITH no "Underground" station was the content of this by no means unaccomplished and most enterprising little group is that its treatments, while being musically most inheresting and pleasing, were a little too ambitious for smail wing band dance musically most inheresting and pleasing, were a little too ambitious for smail wing band dance musically most inheresting and pleasing, were a little too ambitious for smail wing band dance musically most inheresting and pleasing. While everything that was done was cleverly in keeping with the modern swing style some of it required a larger band, and and in this quartet tended to disrupt the continuity of the pland and an times even make the pand sound a little too (if one amply such a word to a small swing outfit) symphonic. However, the performances, with young Dankworth's most stylish and control the brightest the hall has seen during the war.

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one of the brightest the hall has seen during the war.

Feature of the contest, won by the Johnny Dankworth Quariette, was the number of small combos (there was only one hand of more than six players) and the commendable understanding they showed.

Even groups whose young players still have to earn the benefit of exitil have to earn the benefit of exiting the exitil have to earn the benefit of exit





"M.M." expert Max Jones, photographed at the Woodlands School, Gillingham, Kent, where he is seen giving a lecture on jazz to the Glass Leaders of the Kent Association of Girls' and Mixed Clubs.

### U.S. JIVE JOTTINGS

he is seen giving a lecture on jazz to the Class Leaders of the Kent Association of Girls' and Mixed Glubs.

At the time of writing these notes, there has been no announcement of the complete cessation of hostilities in Germany, although everyone realises that the end must come in a day or two if not in a matter of hours. And so I write in the usual way of events which took place in the States recently, most of them last month. But I can hazard a guess at the effect which that announcement will have, and may be having by the time this appears, on the American public. In particular, this column is concerned with the activities of jazz and swing musicians and the welfare of them and their must. Also, to addit to out her element, perhaps, but still managing to put it over. I altitle out her element, perhaps, but still managing to put it over. The evening ended with a jam session played by Harry Hayes, who after helping to judge the contest, joined up with Chris James Quinter, and the way the crowd cheered Harry Suggests that if they weren't so sure them daily. They dread the possibility of governmental prohibition on all organised night life during the V-Days. There seems little reason to suspect that such a ban will be imposed. In any case, it could only result from with the most of the daily. They dread the possibility of governmental prohibition on all organised night life during the V-Days. There seems little reason to suspect that such a ban will be imposed. In any case, it could only result from with the imposed. In any case, it could only result from the such as the composition of the complete cessation of the dent of the co

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by REX HARRIS and MAX JONES

CO here is at last, after five and a half years of hopes and fears, elation and disappointment, separations and tragedies.

The Editor wants a special "Victory Corner," and since the bearded half is the only half available at this last moment before going to press, he is seated at his typewriter trying to produce for you some coherence from his very naturally chaotic and lumbled emotions on this long-awaited day.

It is in a spirit of thankfulness and deep gratitude that the Corner sends greetings to all readers; to those who have fought by sea, land and air, who have fought by sea, land and air, who have suffered privation, separation from their laved ones, loneliness and horrors; to those who have had to renounce their own personal world and have been pitchforked into a life of regimentation and long hours of boredom away from home and the music they love.

Jazz seems such a petty, inconsiderable trifle at a moment like this. It seems an impertinence to mention he word. But nevertheless there are thousands to whom it stands as a symbol of the life they knew before hey were plunged into the nightmare of these last few years. A symbol of freedom of expression; a right to enjoy the simple things of life without hindrance and without fear.





races of the world show it to have been a factor of international good will which transcended the boundaries of language and ideologies.

Hot Glubs were kept going secretly in many of the occupied territories of Europe, and it was a thrilling moment when I sat at the microphone on the 1st of September. 1944, and said: This is the Hot Clubs of London cailing the Hot Clubs of Europe.

I could imagine little groups gathered around their carefully softened radios in atties and cellars listening to the new Bunk Johnson discs, the old King Olivers, and many of the favourites which had been denied them for so long.

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As you probably know, jazz was once stigmatised by Hitler as "a barbaric and bestial music of the sub-human Negro exploited by Jewish capitalists." It is a fine thing to remember that in those dark days when France was occupied, it was our music which was adopted as a symbol of freedom amongst the French patriots, and the words: "Are you swing?" meant "Are you anti-Naz!?"

It was my privilege to collaborate with M. Franck Hauer during 1943 in zending out jaza and swing programmes from the B.B.C.'s European Services to the French people.

It can now be revealed that the programmes were received with joy and gratitude by many hundreds of young French men and women, to whom the strains of our signature tune. Horace Henderson's "Happy Feet," meant fifteen minutes of release from the ever-present shadow of the hated invader.

Remember, too, before these days fade into hazy recollections, that the penalty for listening to broadcasts by the British Broadcasting Corporation was death.

Perhaps, then, it is not so impertinent to mention Jazz at this moment. A music for which people will risk their lives can hardly be "barbaric and bestial."

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After the storm of battle, the loam of a gramophone record? Trese four American soldiers are shown as they take time out to listen to a record on a portable machine they found in Coblenz after the U.S. Third Army had taken the city.

served as a very real (what I had best describe as a) catalytic agent.

The word has swum up from my old chemistry days, and means an agent, which assists in a chemical process but which liself remains unchanged.

And I hope sincerely that it will always remain unchanged. This may be a conservative viewpoint, but there is always room for swing to evolve along its own lines; to develop hew ideas; to travel its road of progress or the reverse. But iazz, by its very nature, must always be jazz—a simple and unaffected music which was bornamong a simple and primitive people. To those of us who appreciate simpletty it is a mutual bond. May we hope that the future will prove it to be as successful in peace in fostering a brotherhood of man as it was in war.

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