

Jazz At Its Best



That is what you will experience, listening to the Las Vegas Jazz Society Quintet. Band members are, standing from left, Bart Broadnax, Calvin "Eagle Eye" Shields, Jim Russell, Merritt Ricardo and, seated, Stuart Aptaker.

Take Note . . . Five accomplished local musicians have recently pooled their talents to form the Las Vegas Jazz Society Quintet.

The quintet, which is sanctioned by the Las Vegas Jazz Society, plans to be a good-will ambassador for the city of Las Vegas, presenting

jazz music as an art form to the nation and world.

The band members are Merritt Ricardo, percussionist; Bart Broadnax, bassist; Jim Russell, guitarist; Stuart Aptaker, pianist; and Calvin "Eagle Eye" Shields, drummer.

These gentlemen have joined together to perform a variety of jazz music. "We're not limited to one aspect of jazz," said Ricardo. We do it all. We play good variations of good music from all over."

The underlying purpose of the quintet parallels the goals of the Las Vegas Jazz Society. The band wishes to present jazz to the public as an artistic and cultural contribution. "We want to keep jazz alive," said Broadnax.

The quintet will represent the Las Vegas Jazz Society and Las Vegas, on the whole, traveling

to the rest of the world. "We want to be good-will ambassadors for Las Vegas," said Ricardo, "and we want to play at all levels - from the large festivals down to the smokey joints . . . where jazz started."

The fivesome also plans to educate the younger generations on the history and different levels of jazz music. Beginning this September, the members will travel throughout the country to different college campuses, presenting workshops on the varied roots of jazz.

The Las Vegas Jazz Society is a non-profit organization that was founded by Monk Montgomery in April 1975. Montgomery innovated the electric bass and incorporated it into the jazz band. Monk was president of the society until his death in 1982. James Toler is the current president.

Three Arab Students Murdered

HEBRON (WNS) — In what was described as the worst act of violence on the West Bank in several years, masked gunmen, wielding Kalashnikov rifles, jumped out of a stationwagon and opened fire on a crowd of students at the Isdamic College here killing three Arab students and wounding 33. The incident was followed by riots in several West Bank towns.

A full scale investigation was launched by Israeli authorities who

swooped down in a demonstration of force in Hebron, the largest Arab city on the West Bank. Chief of Staff Gen. Moshe Levy said: "We are operating on two planes: first to prevent developments of disorder and attacks in the wake of the incident and second, to investigate every direction to reveal who committed these murders.

But according to last reports the investigation was gaining little progress. The difficulties that emerged included the fact that the attack, described as "very professional," was also carried out extremely fast -- five to seven minutes. There were no precise and those that did exist, were often contradictory in nature. There is yet no definite information leading to the identity of the car that was reportedly waiting for the assailants.

The machinegun and grenade attack took the lives of Saad Edin Hassan Sabri, Saad Nazal and Samih Fathi Daoud, all 30 years old, according to Israeli

authorities. Nazal and Sabri were identified as West Bank school teachers who were taking summer courses at the Islamic college. Most of those injured were in their teens or 20's. The faces of the gunmen were covered with the traditional Arab kaffiyas.

Premier Menachem Begin was quoted by Israel radio as saying the attack was a "despicable act." Deputy Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben Meir declared: "I have no words to express my condemnation of this outrage and atrocity which was perpetrated by evil people in Hebron." He pledged that the government "will do everything in its power to find the evil people responsible for this despicable act and bring them to justice."

Israeli security sources are investigating two theories, one that the attack was carried out by Jewish settlers in the spiraling violence and counter violence in Hebron, and the other that the attackers were Palestinian terrorists. Students at the Islamic College are bitterly divided between rival factions of the

Palestine Liberation Organization and the Moslem Brotherhood.

Tension has been at a high level in Hebron, which is sacred to Jews and Moslems. A yeshiva student, Aharon Gross, was stabbed to death in the Hebron vegetable market, touching off a rampage by Jewish settlers against Arab Residents. Another reason for the continued tension between Arabs and Jews has been the sudden influx of thousands of ultra nationalist Jewish settlers, led by Rabbi Moshe Levinger.

The settlers have build a modern township in Kiryat Arba, directly adjacent to Hebron. They have also moved into Hebron's old Jewish quarter, living under Israeli guard. Hebron had a substantial Jewish presence until 1929 when Arab rioters murdered 67 Jews. Officials said the hit and run attack July 26 was the worst single incident on the West Bank since May, 1980 when six Jews were ambushed and shot dead when returning to their homes from a synagogue in Hebron.

In the rioting that broke out following the shooting incident, Hebron and neighboring villages, as well as the Nablus cashbah and the nearby Balata camp were placed under curfew. At Bar Zeit University, a center of Palestinian nationalism, several hundred students attempted a protest march along the Jerusalem - Ramallah

highway, according to security reports. Several students were wounded in the demonstrations as security forces fired rubber bullets into the crowds. Scores of Arab students were detained for questioning. A two-day strike called by Palestinian activists on the West Bank received only spotty support.

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