

# Jazz instructor to take his show to S. Africa



**LARRY R. POWELL**

spent 15 years on the road as a musician, but now he's about to take a big trip.

He will be in Johannesburg, South Africa, July 7-Aug. 5 teaching the same jazz improvisation and jazz arranging techniques that he teaches in Dallas.

The invitation is the result of a

Dallas visit by Sipho Sempamla, director of the Federated Union of Black Artists of South Africa. "I showed him around the school and gave him one of our recordings (by the high school's various ensembles) and he must have taken that back and played it," Marantz says.

Marantz, who plays trumpet and fluegelhorn, sees the trip as a "once-in-a-lifetime experience to explore the roots of jazz."

"I am told that there is very little, if any, type of (civil disturbance) problem in Johannesburg proper. It's in the neighboring suburbs where the problems are," he says. "I'm proud that I've been invited by

the Federated Union of Black Artists — I'm white, but I'm going there to teach jazz music."

The Arts Magnet High School at Booker T. Washington has about 700 students and emphasizes traditional academic subjects, music, dance, theater and visual arts.

With that many students, you could expect a few *Milestones*. Next year you can expect *Passion Dance*. Those are record albums featuring the school's studio jazz orchestra, 20-piece band, 9-piece combo, quartet and lab singers with combo.

*Milestones*, which has won 10 awards at the academic level from

*Downbeat* magazine, will be entered in the Grammy competition this year, Marantz says. This week, the DISD school board will give the jazz musicians a plaque, he says. "They did that last year, also, when we were named the top combo and top lab band in the United States by the National Association of Jazz Educators."

The albums are sold through the school's national mail order house, Arts Records (2501 Flora St., Dallas, 75201), for \$10 each. "I don't think we've ever made a profit on the recording," Marantz says. The Music Boosters Fund gets album proceeds and money students make playing "everything from weddings to the

opening of the Infomart."

The high school musicians spent Monday and Tuesday evenings recording *Passion Dance* at Studio Southwest in Sunnyvale, Marantz says. Look for it this fall.