The biggest bebopper in the jazz world today is the miffed-cheeked trumpeter on the opposite page who is shown in the act of becoming highly "cool." In the lingo of bebop this means that John Birks ("Dizzy") Gillespie is blowing a very hot trumpet, A.A. "killer" (i.e., he knocks the fags dead), he is obviously far "genie" (lost in his music) as his neck swells from a normal size 16 to a hop size 20.

Bebop is a new school of discordant, offbeat jazz which has mushroomed into as big a music cult as swing. Its devotees ape the eccentric appearance of bebop's inventor, Gillespie; horn-rims, goatee and beret. Dizzy has also inspired his followers to imitate his conduct (below), speech and even his shuffling gait. Boppers go gaga over such bebop classics as "On the Sunny Side," "On the Sunny Side," "On the Sunny Side," and "Summertime." ("No Name" spelled backward). They were so carried away a week ago when Dizzy and his band began hopping in a New York club, the Royal Roost, that it was renamed the Metropolitan Opera House.

**BEBOP GREETING** begins as Gillespie (right) hails Benny Carter with "Bells, man! Where you been?"

**THE SIGN** of "the flattened fifth," a note common in bop, is flashed by both men.

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DIZZY STRESSES "OO," NOT "BAH"

Dizzy Gillespie gave bebop its name at a rehearsal of his band. "Be- bop! Be-bop! That's what I want," Dizzy shouted, and his cult, which regards him as the Abraham Lincoln of jazz, was born. Experts say bebop is a form of discordant jazz in which notes are played at breakneck speed with accents more on the upbeat than the downbeat. Skeptics insist there is one way to identify bebop: if the tune is unrecognizable, it's bebop. It is true that some songs, like the familiar Whispering, become highly unfamiliar when bebopped. After hopping #1 on top of #1, he had to be renamed "Chick" Dizzy, who earns $3,500 a week, never tires of explaining to "squares," "In regular jazz you might get a phrase like oo-BAH, oo-BAH, oo-BAH. With us, it's OO-bah, OO-bah, OO-bah..."

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