

Monty Alexander Trio

The Paris Community Concert Association begins its 1980-81 season this Saturday with The Monty Alexander Trio. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in the Paris High School auditorium.

Monty Alexander was born in Kingston, Jamaica and moved to the United States at the age of seventeen. His career as a pianist began at the age of four when he began picking out tunes on the piano.

He started taking piano lessons when he was six years old, studying classical pieces for eight years. He was diverted from a career as a classical pianist when he heard the music of such jazz musicians as Louis Armstrong and Nat King Cole.

Shortly after his move to the United States, Alexander

began playing in a local club in Miami. He was discovered in this club by Jilly Rizzo who hired him to perform in his New York night club. For the next few years Alexander worked steadily in New York City in several famous clubs including the Playboy Club. During this time he worked with such musical greats as Frank Sinatra, Milt Jackson, Ray Brown, Dizzy Gillespie, Quincy Jones, "Senator" Eugene Wright and many others.

He has appeared at festivals and clubs all over the world including an annual appearance at the Montreux International Jazz Festival in Switzerland.

Mr. Alexander will be performing selections from a variety of suites including several original compositions. He will be playing

American music, Spanish music as well as tunes of the Caribbean.

The Monty Alexander Trio are appearing in Paris through the Paris Community Concert Association.

This is the first of a series of concerts which will be

held throughout the year. The next performance will be by the Young Americans on Jan. 31. The Classic Arts Trio will perform in Paris on March 23 and the Ballet Folclorico Nacional De Mexico will perform on April 7.

Guide to citadels

Two of the historic forts of Texas are described in the new listing by Irvin Haas, "Citadels, Ramparts and Stockades."

The two are Fort Davis and Fort Bliss.

The former, of course, is near the town of Fort Davis, visited by thousands on their West Texas forays.

is in El Paso, where it is one of the city's most-visited attractions.

Haas' book is published by Everest House, 1133 Ave. of the Americas, New York 10036. It lists nearly 100 monuments to the pioneer spirit of the United States and is well illustrated. The bookstore price is \$11.95. It may be ordered from the