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DISCUSSIONS

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LAS VEGAS

TOM JONES may appear in Britain with the famed Duke Ellington orchestra.

Between shows at the London Palladium, Tom told MM: "When I was working at the Flamingo in Las Vagas, I met Duke and asked him if he'd like to appear with me on a British tour.

"He said he would and we are trying to work something out either for this autumn, or if I go into a film for early next year."

New date

Tom's charity appearance at Manchester's Piccadilly Hotel, reported in MM two weeks ago, has been re-scheduled. He will now appear on May 29.

His summer season at Bournemouth Winter Gardens has been extended from six to eight weeks and he flies to Paris on August 7 for two days to appear in a major TV. show.

Tom issued a statement this week asking for the original Jerry Lee Lewis 1956 hit "Great Balls Of Fire" to be re-issued. A spokesman said: "He heard that a newly recorded version of the song by Jerry Lee was being issued by Philips. Tom would like to ask Decca to re-release the original version which he thinks is far better."

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DYLAN—STILL A POSSIBILITY

A BOB DYLAN tour of Britain is still a "strong possibility," a spokesman for the Harold Davison Agency told the MM on Monday. This is despite denials that have been made on radio and in the press.

It was stated: "It is still hoped Dylan will do a tour in the autumn, but we haven't been able to get any dates yet from Al Grossman, Bob Dylan's manager."



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EVERETT, whose last Radio One show in the current series ends on June 9, starts his own series Nice Time TV shows for Granada on Friday, June 7, at 7 pm.

This is the first of seven shows tentatively set for transmission every Friday. Initially, they will be partially networked. "If the shows are a success," says writer and producer John Birt, "we hope they will be fully networked. And there may be a further series in the autumn."

Shows are the outcome of a pilot made by Kenny with producer Peter Eckersley a month or so ago. The pilot will be included in the series.

Kenny Everett told the MM on Monday: "I have been offered a nightly show-from 5.15 to 6-on Radio One when my Granada TV series has ended. It will be an all-record programme.

BBC-1 chief Robin Scott denied on Monday reports that Kenny Everett was leaving BBC-1 for good.

"We have other plans for him when his Granada TV series ends," said Mr Scott. He confirmed—as exclusively front paged in the MM as long ago as March 16that Jimmy Savile is starting

a Radio One weekly series. Titled Savile's Travels, it opens on Whit Sunday, June 2, and runs for 50 minutes from 2 pm. "It is a very original show," added Robin Scott. "Jimmy did not want to do the usual deejay type programme, and we have worked out a very original format."

To accommodate Savile's Travels, John Peel's Top Gear will run from 3 to 5 pm, followed by Alan Freeman from 5 to 7 pm. Scene and Heard, the repeat of Saturday's show, will be dropped on Sundays.

Robin Scott also denied that Keith Skues' Saturday Club was being dropped. "It may be re-vamped in September, when it reaches its 10th anniversary," he said, "but there was never any intention to rest it."

Mr Scott added that there were plans to feature a new pop show in Kenny Everett's spot while he is with Granada, but no details were available at presstime.

NEW BYRDS DISC

THE Byrds have a new Bob Dylan song rush released this week, titled "Artificial

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KENNY: seven Friday shows

Energy." It is one of the songs written by Dylan since he recovered from his motorcycle accident, and has a strong

country and western flavour. The Byrds will be visiting Europe this summer with appearances lined up at the Rome Pop Festival and Musica '68 in Palma, Majorca.

Negotiations are taking place for them to visit Britain.

TOUR EXTENDED

THE Who's new American tour has been extended from three weeks to nine weeks, starting on June 28.

The tour will include a number of State Fairs including the famous Calgary Stampede, Illinois State Fair and New York's Central Park music Festival.

The group this week scrapped their scheduled new single, "Call Me Living," because it was recorded some time ago and they don't feel it represents their current work. It will, however, still be their new release in America and Europe.

The group was recording new material all last week and most of this.

They are set for three University dates-at Hull, tomorrow (Friday), Liverpool (4) and Strathclyde (11).

NO STONES SINGLE

Rolling Stones single was imminent, a spokesman for the group said on Monday that no decision about titles or release

by both the group and the New York office. Until they are made, no announcement can be made."

The group are at present engaged in lengthy recording sessions and are not expected to make any personal appearan-

A arrives in Britain for

She arrives in Britain from the Continent on May 10. The following day (11), she appears at the Astoria, Finsbury Park and on May 12, she is at the Odeon, Hammersmith. These are the only UK dates so far

Aretha was due in Europe Cologne, Germany. She was

CREAM TITLE TUNE

The film stars Robert Walker Jnr and is a contem-

porary western. to continue their tour after a short holiday in Britain. They have already been signed for a return tour in the autumn.

LIFF Richard, Gene Pitney the Easybeats and Julie Driscoll with Brian Auger and the Trinity have been signed to appear at the Bratislava Pop Festival in mid-June.

American group the Association make a promotion trip to Britain from May 9-12 . . Festival Flamenco Gitano 1968 opens tomorrow (Friday) at Portsmouth Guildhall . . Errol Garner plays a concert in Vienna, Austria, for the first time on Saturday (4) ... bluesman Alexis Korner and actor Alexis Kanner join forces for the first of a series

ACE OF

of performances at Hampstead Theatre Club on May 26.

on Sunday (5) . . . the Hollies has been released recentlyare the latest group to be really. signed to appear at the Cranberry Fold Inn, Darwen, for Mayall's 15-year-old bassist Andy Frazer has left to form his own group called Free . . . Peter Burman's Jazz Tete A Tete presents the Stan Tracey Quartet in Under Milk Wood at Salford University on May

The Bonzo Dog Doodah Band guest in Top Gear on Sunday (5) . . . pianist Graham Patterson has left Barry Kld Martyn's band and will be replaced by Jon Marks from the Keith Smith band . . - agent Vic Lewis flies to Rome with Donovan for the Rome pop festival this weekend and to discuss release of Nems label artists in Italy . . . the Barrier are to record a theme for a new film starring Terry-Thomas. The theme has been written by Ken Howard and Alan Blakely, managers of Dave Dee and Co.

to the bill of Musica 68 in Palma, Majorca from July 22-227. She appears on July 23. Unit Four Plus Two will be

every day throughout June Dave Berry guests in Time for Blackburn on Saturday (4) . . the Seekers appear in BBC's Billy Cotton's Music Hall (11) and Pop Inn (14) . . . Amen Corner go to America for a promotional trip and a week's holiday from August 10.

Uxbridge, Middlesex on Monday after appearing in court charged with having cannabis at Heathrow Airport, London, and being concerned in an attempt to take cannabis and £90 in cash out of the coun-

DESPITE reports that a new date had yet been made, Mick Jagger's personal as-

sistant Jo Bergman told MM: "We are waiting for decisions

ces in the foreseeable future.

ARETHA DUE HERE

RETHA FRANKLIN, who three-day visit this month, has a new single released on May 10. It is titled "Think," with "You Send Me" as the B side.

arranged.

last Tuesday for a concert in also due to visit Montreux, Switzerland, Paris, Stockholm and Frankfurt.

JEW YORK, Monday. -Cream have been signed to perform the main title to Dick Clark's American International film The Savage Seven, and a single of the number will be released in the States.

They flew back to America

The Shadows, currently on

Elektra recording artist Judy Collins and Tom Rush arrive in Britain this weekend for appearances. Judy Collins opens at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Saturday (4). Tom Rush will be doing radio, TV, university and club dates . . . the Troggs' American tour has been extended by two weeks.

Rita Pavone has been added

on Radio One programmes

Folksinger Julie Felix was remanded on £1,500 bail at

FIFTH COLUMN PLUS TWO

What nice goodies have we

got this month then? Wellstart with there's STEPAN GROSSMAN WITH his first burn for FONTANA with to wild title "AUNT MOLLY"

MURRAY FARM" (STL 5463 stereo, TL 5463 monoj Don ask me about the title, but know the title track is tremedous! STEFAN came to FOW TANA on the recommendate of JOAN BAEZ's manager H is a tremendously versatile ga tarist who was taught in he early years by the REV. GARY DAVIS, so he knows his blue inside out. The entire alterfeatures STEFAN as a sole artist, any extra sounds are STEFAN'S-the voice reminds me of HOAGY CARMICHAEL but it's STEFAN'S. So when you get to listen to this LP you are in for a treat-by the way, MM'S Karl Dallas is one of his biggest fans, if you remember he raved about him in an article a while back, and once you have heard "AUNT MOLLY'S MURRAY FARM" you will be in the same boart Tony Wilson is already-he's made it record of the month As we're on a kind of blues kick, I think I should introduce you to "IT'S MY LIFE BABY" by JUNIOR WELLS (STFL 6084 stereo, TFL 6084 mono), part of which was recorded at PEPPERS LOUNGE in Chicago, the rest was recorded at Universal Studies (also in Chicago). The idea of recording some of the LP 'live' was to get the feeling of a blues band working with a blues audience-and it comes off beautifully. The album was produced by Samuel Charterswho produced the tremendous "CHICAGO THE BLUES TO-DAY" set. With JUNIOR singing and playing harmonicsthere is BUDDY GUY, guitar, FREDDY BELOW, drums, LE-ROY STEWART, bass-on the studio tracks WALTER BEAS-LEY is added on rhythm guitar and LITTLE AL replaces FREDDY BELOW.

Roaring back to this side of the Atlantic, again we come to the WOLFETONES and their new album "THE RIGHTS OF MAN" (STL 5462 stereo, TL 5462 mono) which has already been released in Eire because of the popularity of these four boys there. All they need is a few tours in this country to build a following comparable to their Irish fans; they really are a very entertaining crowd They all sing very well and between them play an assortment of guitars, mandolins and whistles, and put on a fastmoving show that keeps things going-dare I say it-in the

Clancey Brothers way. Did you go out and get "KISHMULS GALLEY" by the CORRIES (STL 5465 stereo, TL 5465 mono) like I told you? the Tom Jones bill at the If you did'nt you're very London Palladium, will be naughty because you are missseen on ATV's The Big Show ing one of the finest L.P.s that

It suddenly occurred to me that perhaps you might not a week from June 10 . . . John have heard the WEAVERS in full flight, well, if you haven't "THE WEAVERS SONGBAG" (FJL 411) is just the album for you. It features PETE SEEGER, RONNIE GILBERT, LEE HAYS and FRED HEL-LERMAN, and the WEAVERS is the first of many folk LP.s that will be available on FON-TANA'S MEDIUM PRICE SERIES. Most of the material will be from the VANGUARD catalogue at first, but in time we hope to bring you the full range of British material also On "THE WEAVERS SONG-BAG" are many of the songs one associates with this famous group, like THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND, AUNT RHODIE, and GOTTA TRAVEL ON. There are twelve tracks in all. and they are all a great introduction to this wonderful

> Although it's not a new release, "NYA-A-A-AH" (IL 5450, mono only) by NOEL MURPHY is something you must hear-it's been out a few months now and has already been re-pressed to keep up with the demand, so I should less out now and grab a copy of one of the most roaring albums ever. NOEL is something of an extrovert (to put it mildly) and this record shows him at his wildest-it's the nearest thing to a 'live' performance you are ever likely to hear-it took us a week to get over the recording session and another week to clear the studio up

> It seems a shame that the SPINNERS' own radio show finishes its thirteen-week run this Sunday, but if you feet you are going to miss them you can always nip out and get some of their albums the latest one would be a good idea. It's simply called "ANOTHER L.P. BY THE SPINNERS" (STL 5431 steres playable mono) which is a concert recording made at the LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONICon the SPINNERS' home ground, with audience participation that must be heard be believed-so you need not be without the SPINNERSor entertainment if you enlied

FONTANA records.

ILLNESS THREATENS FOUNDATIONS TOUR

ILLNESS threatened the Foundations two month world tour this week. The group are due to fly to America on May 9 to start the tour, but at presstime a spokesman said: "Clem Curtis's voice is still causing trouble and the trip is in danger of being called off."

Price withdraws single

happy with it."

reception it got."

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ALAN: not happy A new single is being recorded.

A LAN PRICE has withdrawn his

Cowboy," which was due for re-

lease this week and received a

favourable review from Chris

at the last moment because he "wasn't

"People whose opinions he trusted

didn't think it was very commercial

He also tried it out on a date at

Redcar and wasn't satisfied with the

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

BRISTOL

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FAIRFIELD HALL

Alan decided to withdraw the disc

A spokesman for Alan told the MM:

Welch in last week's MM.

new single, "When I Was A

Curtis, lead singer for the group, was taken ill with throat trouble and despite hospital treatment was still suffering when the group went to Rome this week to appear at the Piper Club.

"We are hoping the trouble can be cured before the world trip," said the spokesman.

The group, who appear on Top of the Pops tonight (Thursday), fly direct to Chicago to open their coast-to-coast tour which lasts until

June 16.

They spent three days on holiday in Tahiti before appearing in Australia (June 20); Tokyo (23); Hong Konk (30); Manila (July 2); Singapore (4); Columbo, Celyon (5); Beirut (7); Cyprus (13); and Israel (14). They arrive back in London on July 14.

ROSA HENDERSON DIES

NIEW YORK, Tuesday.-1 Blues singer Rosa Henderson died in a New York Hospital last week (reports Jeff Atterton). She was 71.

During the 1920s she recorded for more than 13 labels along with such jazzmen as Fletcher Henderson, Coleman Hawkins, Joe Smith, Cliff Jackson and Rex Stewart.

MILLION FOR STATUS?

CALES of the Status Quo's single, "Pictures Of Matchstick Men," are approaching the million mark.

They have topped 220,000 in Britain and 680,000 throughout the rest of the world, with the exception of America where it was only released last week.

The disc is currently number one in Germany and in the Top 10 in Switzerland, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, Norway, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand and Singapore.

PAPER DOLLS CABARET

THE Paper Dolls open a week of cabaret at the Fiesta Club, Stockton, on May 25, and then take off on an eight-day Continental tour doing TV in Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Spain and

The girls were in the studios this week, recording tracks for their American album which includes two songs written by Tiger, who cele-brated her 21st birthday on

EASYBEATS LP

THE Easybeats, currently at "Hello How Are You," will have their second British LP released on June 14.

All the tracks are original except for compositions Frankie Valli's "Can't Take My Eyes Off You," Ray Charles' "Hit The Road Jack" and the Chambers Brothers' "Can't Stand It." The group plays the Shribery Hotel, Ilminster, Somerset, tomorrow (Friday) and the White Buck Inn, Bunley, near Ringwood, (Saturday).

NEW DEE ALBUM

THE new Dave Dee, Dozy, Beakey, Mick and Tich album is to be released within the next two or three weeks. It is titled "If No One Sang." A new single is being planned. It will again be a Ken Howard-Alan Blaikley com-

WALKERS TOUR

CCOTT WALKER and his fellow ex-Walker Brother, Gary Leeds, are to tour Japan from July 26 for two weeks. Gary's group, Rain, will play the first half of each show, with Scott doing the second half,

Scott has signed for four new TV dates-BBC's Esther And Abi Ofarim Show, tonight (Thursday), ATV's Dusty Springfield Show (10), BBC's Billy Cotton Music Hall (11) and Dee Time (18).

PENTANGLE SINGLE

THE Pentangle's first single "Travellin' Song" will be released on May 10 and the following week an album, titled "The Pentagle" is also released.

The group have a solo concert at the Royal Festival Hall



Dusty splits with manager

DUSTY: ATV series

told the MM: "It is a disaster.

The club cannot be reopened

for about three months. In

the meantime it will be trans-

ferred to Blaises Club, which

will be known as Speakeasy

US singer Salena Jones, cur-

don's Ronnie Scott Club oppo-

site tenorist Hank Mobley, will

appear at the Birmingham Jazz

Festival on June 3. The Birm-

ingham bill will include, be-

sides Salena, Annie Ross and

the bands of Monty Sunshine,

Alex Welsh and Bob Wallis.

DETULA CLARK, who ar-

13 to start rehearsals for her

new film Goodbye Mr Chips

with Peter O'Toole, spent sev-

eral days this week discussing

recording sessions with produ-

cer Tony Hatch at her Paris

rives in Britain on May

NEW PET FILM

rently starring at Lon-

SALENA DATE

At Blaises."

DUSTY Springfield and manager, Billings, are to part company after more than four years.

Dusty's publicist, Keith Goodwin, told the MM: "The parting is purely amicable on both sides. Now that she is an established international star working so much outside Britain, Dusty needs a manager travelling with her full time. Vic is unable to do this because of his business interests in London."

Vic will continue to handle Dusty until the end of her Talk of the Town season from July 8 to August 3. Until Dusty appoints a new manager, her British interests will be looked after by her agent, Harold Davison, and she will appoint an American manager to handle her business affairs in the States.

Dusty's ATV series will start in London on May 10 and two days earlier in the Midlands. Her first guest stars will be Scott Walker (10) and the Jimi Hendrix Experience

SPEAKEASY FIRE

CIRE gutted London's famous West End club, the Speakeasy, at the weekend, causing £20,000 worth of damage.

The fire was discovered in the early hours of Sunday morning when cleaners reported for duty. It is believed a cigarette left smouldering on a chair near the club's restaurant section caused the blaze which totally destroyed the bar, stage and fittings. Roy Flynn, the club's host,

home. The TV spectacular made in

America which caused controversy recently when an American sponsor objected to Petula touching coloured singer
Harry Belafonte on the arm
during the show is reported to during the show is reported to be the subject of bids by both the BBC and the new London Weekend TV consortium.

A spokesman for Petula said: "The BBC were expected at first to get the programme, but Tito Burns of London Weekend TV has put in a strong bid."

NEW ROSE SINGLE

TIM ROSE'S new single is scheduled for release by United Artists on May 24.

Both tracks, "I Guess It's Over" and "Hello Sunshine" are Rose originals recorded during his recent London visit.

Tim is currently appearing in Montreal and returns to Britain after his date at Musica '68 in Majorca in July.

Nho's

CUESS WHO? Who's the goggled and helmeted figure speeding round the circuit at Brands Hatch, Kent? Yes, it's Engelbert Humperdinck, whose new single " A Man Without Love" raced to number 10 this week. Engelbert told MM: "I enjoyed my practice run. I touched 80-85 mph but I hope to take a racing driving course when I'll learn to go a lot faster."

Fame—Basie in TV colour spectacular

CEORGIE FAME with Count Basie, Cilla Black and Val Doonican are among top stars lined up for colour spectaculars on BBC-2 TV.

The new Show of the Week series kicks off with Val Doonican this Sunday (5), followed by Count Basie and Georgie Fame on May 12.

include Andy Williams and Cilla Black, but actual transmission dates were not fixed at presstime.

Also on BBC-2 TV in colour is a Friday night series of cabaret spectaculars starring Cliff Richard, Sammy Davis Jnr., and comedian Shelley Berman. The Sammy Davis show - a repeat of last years programme - is shown in Other artists in the series two parts, on May 17 and 24.

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BEE GES SHARE TV SHOW WITH HOWERD

THE Bee Gees have been signed to do a 60-minute TV spectacular with comedian Frankie Howerd.

The programme, for ABC-TV, starts filming on July 7 with script and additional material by writers Ray Galton and Alan Simpson. Titled Frankie Howerd Meets The Bee Gees it will be screened in midsummer and will be made in colour for showing on American and European television.



BEE GEES: due for Eamonn Andrews Show

THE TIME producer Terry Henebery escaped with a fractured collar-bone and dislocated hip in a car crash in which three people died on Sunday night. He was driving back from Geneva Airport to Montreux.

Terry will be hospitalised in Rolle, a small town near Geneva, for from "two to three weeks."

MM on Monday spoke to Tony James, production assistant on Dee Time, at the hospital. Said Tony: "Terry had driven Colin Charman (producer of Top of the Pops) and Ken Carter (producer of the David Nixon and Benny Hill shows) to Geneva Airport so they could catch the 8.45 plane back to London...

"The accident happened while Terry was driving back to Montreux with his production secretary June Smith. June suffered facial cuts."

BARNEY KESSELL

on Monday to collect a German award, the Golden Otto, as Top International Artists in Germany. But Robin Gibb had to stay behind, suffering from influenza. Rumours circulating in the pop world last week that one of the group - which mem-

exceptionally strong

A parade of talent has been

lined up for this year's New-

port Jazz Festival (reports

State side correspondent

The opening programme of

the festival, which runs from

July 4 to 7, will feature Nina

Simone, Gary Burton, the

Barney Kessel-Jim Hall Duo,

Mongo Santamaria, Cannon-

ball Adderley and the Count

Friday evening's show will

be a nostalgic memoire of the

big band era, presenting the

orchestras of Ellington, Basie,

Leonard Feather).

Basie Band.

Gary Burton in Newport opening

BILL MARTIN—half of the HENEBERY Martin-Coulter songwrit-

a rhythm section.

Monday.

Sunday (5).

ber is unknown - was about

to leave, were emphatically

denied by a spokesman for

manager Robert Stigwood on

The group appear on the

Eamonn Andrews Show on

BILL MARTIN DISC

Herman and a specially organ-

ised Dizzy Gillespie orchestra.

Benny Carter, making his first

Newport appearance, will be

heard in a couple of big band

charts with the Gillespie band.

He will also appear at a Satur-

day matinee playing a quintet

set with Johnny Hodges and

subsidised by the Schlitz

Brewing Company are Charlie

Barnet, who will again emerge

from retirement to play with

the Basie Band, and Gene

Krupa, Tex Beneke, Erskine

Hawkins and Sy Oliver.

Also set for this programme

The group flew to Munich ing team responsible for "Puppet On A String" and "Congratulations" - is to have a single released as a singer

The disc, "Private Scotty Grant," is released next week by Page One Records and is a protest song about Vietnam. The flip is "Talking Vietnam Blues.'

Bill is currently convalescing in a London nursing home after having his tonsils out.

NICE TO TOUR

TEN YEARS AFTER, Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac and the Nice start a Continental tour with America's Fuggs next week.

Ten Years After star in the

The Saturday evening show,

opening with the winning

group from the Montreaux

Jazz Festival, will feature

Dionne Warwick, the Elling-

ton band, Wes Montgomery,

Hugh Masekela, Miriam

Makeba and several jazzmen

from the Swing and Dixieland

areas. Alex Welsh and his

band are being brought over

Vi Redd, also making her

Newport debut, is on the final

evening concert which in-

cludes the Horace Silver

Quintet, Ramsey Lewis, Roland

for an appearance by the new

Freddie Hubbard group known

as the Jazz Communicators.

The Saturday matinee will in-

clude Ellington, Montego Joe,

Sonny Criss, Tal Farlow and

others. Sunday afternoon's

programme will be entirely

turned over to Ray Charles,

THE Rome Pop Festival is

place this weekend: It opens

on Saturday (4) and lasts until

May 9, the last three days

concerts and several smaller

ones at the Palazzo dello

Sport, Rome, and three major

concerts will be held in the

Auger Trinity and Julie Dris-

coll, the Byrds, Odetta, Buffy

Sainte Marie, the Association,

Captain Beefheart and his

Magic Band, Family, Fairport

Convention, the Nice, Ten

Years After, Soft Machine,

Pink Floyd, and the End are

among the acts expected at the

number of people going to the

festival from Britain was

"rather small." There were

few people taking advantage of

the economy tours, the maj-

ority of the festival audience

coming from Central, Southern

Fredericsson said that the

Donovan, Traffic, Brian

There will be four major

being held in Milan.

Theatre Lyrico, Milan.

Festival.

definitely on and will take

his orchestra and singers.

Friday matinee plans call

Kirk and Duke Ellington.

especially for this show.

Rome Pop Festival Italy, this Sunday (5) and then go to Denmark where the tour opens.

TRAFFIC SUCCESS

JEW YORK, Monday.-Traffic has had the biggest impact of any British group since the Cream a year ago, reports Ren Grevatt. Already dates are being lined up for a return visit in August and September.

The group recorded in New York this week and were due to wind up their tour this weekend at New York's Action House Club.

BEEFHEART DUE

CAPTAIN BEEFHEART and His Magic Band arrive in London tomorrow (Friday) and in the evening appear at Middle Earth. It is hoped that their second album, "Marked Personal To You," will be released on May 10.

Following Middle Earth the group play the Rome Pop Festival on Saturday then Blaises (5) Top Gear (6) Pavilion Hemel Hempstead (8) A-Go-Go Newcastle (9) Southampton University (10), London School of Economics (11), Nottingham Britannia Rowing Club (12), Toby Jug, Tolworth (15), Eden Bridge Hotel, Beckenham (16), Baton Rouge TV, Paris (17), Manchester University (18), Sunday Club, Kidderminster (19), Tithe Hotel, South Harrow (20), Middle Earth (24), Regent Polytechnic, London (25), Holland 26 to 30.

UNION GAP ENTER

I INION GAP, the group who made number one in America two weeks ago, entered the MM's Pop 30 this week at 20 with "Young Girl."

The group have had two number one hits in the States, both of which have been awarded Gold Discs. Negotiations are under way to bring them to Britain in the near future.

SYMBOLS IN RUSSIA?

TEGOTIATIONS are under I way for the Symbols to appear in Russia-during the first Russian Pop Festival in Moscow from October 25 to

On June 15, the group starts a four-day tour of Scandinavia followed by a tour of Irish Ballrooms from June 20 to 24. They tour America from September 15 to November 2.

SOUL FOR HATCHETTS

CARNETT MIMMS, Edwin Starr and James and Bobby Purify are among the big soul names appearing this month at Hatchetts, in London's Piccadilly.

The dates are: Billy Fury on Sunday (5); Garnett Mimms (6); Flower Pot Men (12); Status Quo (17); Bill Haley and the Comets (21); Lemon Tree (22, 23); James and Bobby Purify (27) and Edwin Starr

MONTEREY'S END

NIEW YORK, Monday.-The Monterey Pop Festivalstarted last year with tremendous success-will not be repeated.

Festival director Lou Adler said this week that the city's demands for bonds totalling over 100,000 dollars were exorbitant and completely out of proportion, reports Ren Gre-

Over 50,000 was demanded for a fund for extra security details during the festival.

MANFREDS TOUR

ANFRED MANN have signed for a tour of Scandinavia from May 18 to

They appear at the Brighton Arts Festival tomorrow (Friday) and Leicester University on Saturday.

The three-year-old dispute between Kenneth Pitt Ltd and Manfred, Mike Hugg, Tom McGuinness and former Manfreds Paul Jones and Mike Vickers, has been settled out

Pitt became the group's manager after hearing the •Mann-Hugg Blues Brothers playing in 1963

of court

DEJAN'S OLYMPIA BRASS BAND RETURNS IN JULY

LIAROLD DEJAN'S mat last weekend. They insix-piecer last October, trumpeter Donald Ayler. will return at full nineman strength in July.

JAZZ

NEWS

24, arriving in Britain the of his series at the Six Batiste (tpt) and Andrew day. Jefferson (snare drum). After three days in Britain they travel to the Ber- bassist Reggie Workman is lin Folk Festival and then presenting a series of jazz on to Paris.

A feature - length Harlem, featuring such documentary film on groups as Art Blakey Jazz Charles Mingus is sche- Messengers, and the quinduled for a mid-May tets of Jackie McLean, Lee premiere at New York's Morgan and McCoy Tyner. New Cinema Playhouse. The film concentrates on The Saints and the Mingus the evening before Merseysippi Jazz Band his eviction from his studio play a two-band session at in Greenwich Village, the Manchester Sports There are also cuts from Guild on Saturday (4) . . .

Olympia Brass Band, cluded singers, dancers which visited Britain as a and readings of poetry by

 Humphrey Lyttelton will lead John Picard (tmb), Bruce Turner (alto), They leave Washington, Ian Armitt (pno), Dave as part of the 61st Travel Green (bass) and Tony Mission to Europe, on July Taylor (drs) at the second next day. The band will Bells, Chelsea, tomorrow feature Dejan (alto), (Friday). Sandy Brown Emanuel Paul (tnr), Milton plays the club on Satur-

> Former John Coltrane concerts at the Olatunii African Culture Centre in

his last concert in Boston. The New City Jazzmen



MINGUS: feature-length documentary

feature Ken "Wind In The Willows Alex Welsh Band (12). Suite." He hopes to take it round the colleges in the Autumn with actor Richard Goulden as narrator and Moule conducting as many of the original LP line-up as possible. Meanwhile, Burman presents Stan Tracey's "Under Milk Wood" at Salford University on May 10.

Hilton Jefferson has under- to a seven-piece. The band gone surgery in New plays York's Sydenham Hospital Scrubs Prison for the and is reported as in a Prison Officers' Club on critical condition . . . trom- May 25. bonist Chuck Evans, who worked with Joe Venuti Motorsport Jazz Unit is and Gene Krupa, died in New York, aged 61.

Jazz stars booked for cabaret at Combe Haven Holiday Park, St Leonardson-Sea, include Alan Elsdon's Band (May 11), Betty Smith (25), Alex Welsh Band (June 1) and Kenny Ball's Jazzmen (19).

tet gave two performances ended on Tuesday in Birmat New York's Hotel Diplo- ingham.

Peter Burman's next play the Fox and Hounds, Jazz Tete A Tete tour will Haywards Heath, on Sun-Moule's day (5), followed by the

> British trumpeter Clive Wilson has recorded for RCA Victor in the States with Cap'n John Handy and Kid Sheik's band. Wilson hopes to return to Britain in June after three years in New Orleans.

Johnny Barton (bjo, gtr) has rejoined the Alan • Veteran alto saxist Elsdon Band which is back at Wormwood

> Formed in 1963, the offering special booking facilities for the Musica '68 jazz and pop festival being held in Majorca from July 22 to 27.

The Georgie Fame-Count Basie TV spectacular, recorded at the start of the British tour, will be screened in BBC-2's Show Of The Week slot on The Albert Ayler Sex- Saturday (12). The tour

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TRANKIE VAUGHAN'S new single will be "Mame," the title song from the hit musical due to open shortly in London, The record will be released on May 10.

On Saturday (5), he appears Wolverhampton Grand: BBC-TV's Moira Anderson Show (14); ABC-TV's Tommy Cooper Show and Coventry Theatre (18), and BBC's Good Old Days (31).

On May 27, he opens for two weeks at Darwen's Cranberry Fold Inn.

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RACIALISM

Will it hit the music business?

ENOCH POWELL'S ANTI-IMMIGRA-TION OUTBURST LAST WEEK NOT ONLY CAUSED A NATIONWIDE ERUP-TION AMONG THE PUBLIC, PRESS, TV AND RADIO-IT ALSO HAD RE-PERCUSSIONS IN THE MUSIC BUSI-NESS. WHERE RACIAL HARMONY HAS LONG BEEN A BYWORD. THE MUSICIANS' UNION HAS ALWAYS TAKEN A FIRM STAND AGAINST RACIALISM. IT FORBIDS ITS MEM-BERS, FOR INSTANCE, TO PLAY SOUTH AFRICA. BUT THE RECENT DEMONSTRATIONS INEVITABLY POSE THE QUESTIONS: IS THERE ANY RACIALISM IN BRITAIN'S WORLD OF MUSIC, WHICH INCLUDES A LARGE QUOTA OF COLOURED MUSICIANS, OFTEN APPEARING IN "MIXED" GROUPS? AND IS THERE ANY RACIALISM AGAINST COLOURED MUSICIANS **DUTSIDE THE BUSINESS?**

Geno Washington, only coloured member of the seven-piece Ram Jam Band. Geno, born in Evansville, Indiana, came to Britain in 1961 with the United States Air Force and has worked here ever since.

Says Geno: "Discrimination, man? What's that? It's never affected me in Britain. In spite of my permanent sun-tan, I've never had any trouble. Discrimination is just something I read about in the Press."

Over to Miss Salena Jones, formerly of Newport News, Virginia. Says Salena, currently swinging through a four - week season at Ronnie Scott's.

"I haven't come across any prejudice inside the music business. Only time I did was outside it — when I was looking for a flat in London.

GRATEFUL

- "The higher up the steps of success you go, the more you are likely to be accepted.
- "I've had no problems living in this country. I've had opportunities TV-wise I would never have had at home. I've had tremendous exposure on TV. And I'm very grateful for it.
- "To get the same sort of attention back home I'd have had to do a striptease in the middle of 42nd Street then I'd only have made the newspapers for indecency!"
- Joy Marshall, New York born, and now living and working very successfully, thank you in Britain:
- "Of course there's prejudice here. There's prejudice everywhere. But I've been lucky because I've experienced very little. I've heard the odd remark, like 'nigger,' but I usually just give the person a freezing stare. It's always the people with nothing going for them that make that sort of remark.



A special Melody Maker investigation by Laurie Henshaw

"The only actual case of discrimination that involved me was when I couldn't get a flat once. As soon as the landlords found out I was coloured, they said I couldn't have it. Strangely, the person who said this was Jewish!

"I believe immigration into Britain should be controlled, because it is a small island and in danger of being swamped. But control should be applied to everyone."

WHAT about a coloured person who was "born here"? Kenny Lynch, singer and songwriter extraordinary who was born in Stepney of coloured parents says:

"I never realised there was any prejudice until I left school and read about the state South Africa and America were in

"I can't remember meeting any prejudice in Britain. Only a very occasional minor thing that made me laugh. Certainly I never met any prejudice in the music business. But perhaps that's because I've been well known since I was 15.

"It's true to say people who are celebrities meet with less prejudice than a coloured person in an everyday working job. Probably because people like to be identified with artists who have appeared on TV."

Cliff Hall, only coloured member of the four-man Spinners folk group, was born in Cuba of Jamaican parents, volunteered for the RAF and came to Britain in 1944. He has been here since 1948 and a member of the Spinners for 10 years.

"Only prejudice I came across was when I was working for an electrical firm. I ran into some little incidents in one or two small places, but it was nothing to worry about.

"It's no use worrying about these things. That way, it only lights a fire. You just ignore these people. You can't do much about colour prejudice. Only time and understanding will overcome it.

"Music is a great help. Musicians work together and travel together. Music has done a lot to break down the barriers."

Jimmy James, singer with the Vagabonds,

To get the same sort of attention back home I'd have had to do a striptease in the middle of 42 nd Street

SALENA JONES

is Jamaican and has been here for four years. Says he:

"I've never met any prejudice in our outside the music business. But if we phone for accommodation, I say 'this is Jimmy James and the Vagabonds—four white and three coloured boys'. Just to avoid any possible embarrassment later. But we've never had any trouble."

Over to Madeline Bell, who came to Britain with the "Black Nativity" company in 1962:

"I've never come aeross any prejudice in the music business. But I've had a problem in looking for a flat. But on some occasions when I have seen one and the people have found I'm coloured, they just didn't want to know."

"There have been times — only about three in the six years I've been here — when people have called me an unprintable name in the street. But they're just weirdies. You just ignore them and walk away."

Jamaican Eddie Thornton, trumpeter formerly with Georgie Fame's Blue Flames, and now a busy session man, says:

"The British people have always received me well. And I've not run into any prejudice when I've visited such places as Japan, Sweden, Canada or Germany.

But it made me very depressed to read Mr. Powell's speech, because people will climb on the bandwagon. I've found the British people are the most tolerant in the world."

RESTAURANTS

Florida-born Herbie Goins, of Night Timers' fame, came to Britain while doing his US National Service, and has lived here since. He's married to a Scots girl.

Says Herbie: "There is some prejudice inside the business. It happens, but it's not big with me. Outside the business it's hell. Like looking for a flat or in restaurants, when you can tell the other customers and the waiters don't really appreciate you being there. You can tell by the way they act."

Finally, last words from white and coloured musicians who work harmoniously side by side in the Foundations, a pocket-sized UN group comprising three white, four West Indian, and one Ceylonese musician.

Says 20-year-old drummer Tim Harris (White): "Things are getting better in Britain. We get so few incidents they're hardly worth mentioning."

Says Foundations' trombonist Eric Allandale, from Dominica, West Indies:

"Since I came to Britain I've only worked with mixed groups, and I've had only pleasant memories of each one.

"And I must say I've never run into any trouble at hotels and restaurants.

"I don't want to give the impression

"I don't want to give the impression there's no prejudice around. There is, of course. But I've never come across it personally, and I must speak as I find."

Clem Curtis, lead singer with the Foundations, says:

"I ran into a spot of trouble because a coloured fellow had misbehaved himself, and a group of men cornered me saying 'we were all the same.' But when I pointed out we were all individuals, whether we were British, Irish or French, they saw reason, and later we all had a drink together."

SO, MR. ENOCH POWELL, IT SEEMS THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER -



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goes for 99 per cent of the fans from 13 to 60 could believe one word of all that racialist rubbish.

In this business people may take note that you are a goodie, a baddie, a looner, a nutter, a nice guy or a crook. But they wouldn't even notice if you were a Negro, a Jew, a Catholic, a Chinese or even an atheistic Peruvian.

And much of the credit must go to the jazzmen of the 1930s. Men like Benny Goodman who defied convention - and bullets by hiring musicians like Teddy Wilson, Lionel Hampton, Charlie Christian and Cootie Williams; Artie Shaw who hired Billie Holiday and Roy Eldridge, or Charlie Barnet who featured Lena Horne.

Come to that Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington and Count Basie have returned the compliment many times over.

Two members of the Family have been recording with the Rolling Stones. Roger Chapman has been doing a high vocal bit on their new single, and Rick Grech plays electric violin on a couple of the tracks for their new album.

Ed Sullivan Show cen-

THOSE "We Back Enoch" dockers can't be jazz or pop fans. Nobody connected with Who's backing Enoch? Well, it ain't showbiz

sors cut the line "At break of day when that man drove away" from Tom Jones' "Delilah" last week because " it suggested the man spent the night with the girl." Anyway, Tom forgot and sang it on the show.

Dave Clark, Mike Smith, Paper Dolls, Dusty Springfield, Norma Tanega, Long John Baldry, Amen Corner Joy Marshall, Ed Stewart and Stuart Henry all digging Ike and Tina Turner at Hatchetts.

Dave Dee seen chatting to Brigitte Bardot in Piccadilly Circus . . . 18 Top Rank ballrooms will show the Love Affair's film originally intended for TV

MM football team play Borough Road College on Sunday (5) at Hounslow



The RAVER'S weekly tonic

Football Club in aid of Mentally Handicapped Children. Kick-off is three p.m. and MM side includes Ray and Dave Davies and folk singer Jon Betmead.

Who'd marry a musician? Sussex saxist Pete Walker married on Sunday and took his bride straight to Ronnie Scott's to hear Hank Mobley. Next day he dragged her home to Horsham because he had a flute lesson. And a day later he flew to Jersey to start a summer season.

Jones, Frankie Tom Vaughan, Tony Blackburn and David Symonds are among the stars who will arrive by helicopter at the charity race meeting organised by the Grand Order of Water Rats at Brands Hatch on May 19.

Glass Cartoon a group to watch . . . a northern promoter phoned to ask agent Terry King if he was bringing Eddie Cochran to Britain . . . Fortunes sounding nice at Hatchetts.

Stephen Sparkes brought MM an acetate of the Deviants album - and the record player blew up ... Judy Dyble quitting Fairport Convention to go solo.

Cruel journalist suggested Bill Haley was late for an appointment this week because he was sorting out his kiss curls from their cardboard box . . . Spencer and Pauline Davis taking a brief holiday in

Florida and the Bahamas. Brian Epstein's house at Chapel Street bought by a merchant banker. Asking price was £45,000 . . . Archie Shepp now doing a calypso from minute 43 to minute 57 of his act.

Max Jones swears he saw the Green and White Minstrel Show on his mother's colour TV set ... Easybeats TV promotion film turned down because it showed too many of the adverts in Piccadilly Circus.

That was no publicity stunt when manager Terry Hollingsworth dived off London Bridge last week to rescue his group, the Medium, whose dinghy overturned. Terry and the boys all had the stomach pump and anti-typhoid injections at Guys Hospital.

Simon Dupree and the Big Sound shaken up when their Jaguar was in--volved in a triple crash in Cheltenham on Sunday . . . Two cycle races run at Boreham Wood last weekend were the Charlie Parker Memorial and the

Lester Young Memorial. Annie Ross, Humphrey Lyttelton and John Mayer among those who have written to Enoch Powell objecting to that speech

Marty Melcher, husband of Doris Day and father of record producer Terry Melcher, died in Los Angeles . . . the Attack have broken up . . . only the coffin was saved from Speakeasy fire.

Boz, Duffy Power and sitar player Vytas Serelis having a ball with the Ray Morris Set at Islington's Pied Bull on Sunday . . . Pete Townshend working on half-hour comedy film with friends from the

Keith Moon plays Goon tapes in his Bentley . . . will Ron Flynn book Fire at Blaises? Frank Fenter appointed European representative for Atlantic Records but continues as Polydor A&R chief.

Royal College of Art.

Letter from pop writer Roger Cairns: "You leave Scotland alane, ya great hairy pillock, or I'll be doon tae Fleet Street wi' ma claymore an' pit it throo yer haggis-shaped heid."

The old ones are the best department: What do you give a sick elephant? Lots of room.

FLAWLESS TOM AT PALLADIUM

TOM JONES is developing like a cordial Quatermass monster-he's growing all the time and will soon take over the world-of entertainment. Currently topping a weakish bill at the London Palladium he starts off cool calm and collected and ends up, collar open and tie gone, a whirling dervish, leap in g, cavorting and roaring in front of the orchestra to the accompaniment of clumps of screams from pockets of fans in different parts of the house.

Tom's tailor deserves a credit in the programme for he has constructed the tightest trousers this side of proprietry, a masterpiece of stressed stitching which emerge victorious from the unreasonable strains inflicted upon them during one of the most exhausting acts to be seen on the world variety stage.

Oh yes, Tom's voice. Well, despite the colossal demands made upon it there's no sign of a flaw. It performs every vocal calisthenic Tom demands and retains its enormous power, tone and

vitality till the last taut note. Tom has rounded off his performance so consummately that he can now take on anyone in the big singing league. Part of his success must be attributed to his musical director, Johnny Harris who, at the Palladium, challenged his employer in the spectacular leaps contest in his efforts to exhort the rather elephantine Palladium orchestra to greater efforts. He was largely successful. - JACK HUTTON.

FAME/BASIE

A NYONE who failed to enjoy Georgie Fame singing with Count Basie at the Finsbury Park Astoria last Sunday must have his ears separated by six inches of cotton wool.

Both Fame and the band were blasting out joyousness, though the bland faces of the Basic men contradicted openly with the happy sounds they issued forth. However, their celebrated cool disposition forms an excellent visual background for the skeletal singing of Georgie.

He certainly satisfied Sunday's well-attended house with peak performances manifesting themselves in "Exactly Like You," "Sunny," "It Could Happen To You" and "Bluesology," a tour-de-force. A joy it was to hear Georgie backed by musicians like Eddie Davis and Eric Dixon and Georgie, in turn, provided the most exciting solo vocal sounds in front of a Basie band since Jimmy Rushing-and I am remembering Joe Williams used to sing with the band .- JACK HUTTON.

YES, MEMORIES are made of this: Tony Curtis haircuts, pink drape suits, and jiving in the aisles at the local Odeon. It all came flooding back on a tide of nostalgia as Bill Haley and his Comets played the first date of their British visit at the Sherwood Rooms in Nottingham on Monday night.

A massive audience of middleaged devotees and ex-Teddy boys jived away as today's teenagers surveyed the scene with looks of tolerance and embarrassment. All the old numbers were there-" Shake Rattle and Roll," "Rip It Up," "See You Later, Alligator," "Razzie Dazzie" and ' Rock Around The Clock"-with Albert Rapper performing those familiar gym-



CAUGHT IN THE ACT

nastics on bass and Rudi Pompilli looking like the sax playing frog in the Pinky and Perky Show. All very amusing, very nostalgic and very enjoyable. . What a contrast to the coolness and cynicism of today's scene. That's progress.-NEIL HAL-

IKE AND TINA

WITH NO hesitation at all, I report that the Ike and Tina Turner revue with the Ikettes is the most exciting R&B act to visit Britain for nearly two years-since they last toured here with the Rolling Stones in

At London's Hatchett's in Piccadilly last week, they steamrollered their way through a fast, flaming act that concluded with flickering strobe lights whipping Tina and the Ikettes (and the star-sprinkled audience) into a frenzy. Musically there could be slight imperfections, but they aren't noticed in the fire and fury and sheer physical exuberance of the performance. - ALAN WALSH.

DISAPPOINTING is the word that springs to mind on reflecting on Francoise Hardy's cabaret act at the Savoy Hotel restaurant, where she was appearing last week for a short

About the brightest thing in Miss Hardy's act was the figure hugging silver trouser suit that she was wearing.

The five piece backing group, piano, two guitars, bass and drums, were no help and the trio of girls who "oohed" and "aahed" in the background were a thin icing on a very stodgy cake.-TONY WILSON.

RONNIE SCOTT

WHAT A PITY the Ronnie Scott Quintet doesn't come to Manchester more often, for its performance last Friday at Club 43 produced some of the finest small group jazz that has been heard in our city this

Tenor saxist Scott and Kenny Wheeler, on Rugelhorn, dovetailed perfectly and played some tremendous free-blowing jazz, ably supported by a driving rhythm team of Tony Crombie, Kenny Baldock and Larry Vukovitch, a Yugoslavian planist, who was in brilliant form - ALAN STEVENS.

'Lazy Sunday' the hit Stevie didn't want

WHAM! — It's the Small Faces screaming back up the chart with one of their best-ever singles, the fun-packed, all-action "Lazy Sunday," now at number five in the MM Pop 30.

It's the record Stevie Marriott hoped wouldn't make number one "because of all the hang ups you get."

Kenny Jones doesn't agree.

The cheerful little Small Face drummer hopes it will be the

drummer hopes it will be their first number one since "All Or Nothing."

"Everybody says it will be, so I'll be disappointed if it doesn't get there," said Kenny munching a cheese roll and drinking a carton of soup at his office.

COPY

"I don't give the group any ideas for numbers-I just play them. I still enjoy playing, although I don't practise at all. I'd like to-but my drums are always packed away after a gig and I don't have time to set them up."

Kenny remembered his early days as a drum enthusiast "I was only 13 when I started -tapping about on a biscuit tin with bits of firewood.

"I used to practise for half procession bands and run home and copy the side drummers. Then my mate bought a guitar, and I bought a drum kit for £60.

"I used to practice for half an hour before going to school, and even at dinner time. I never used to eat anything. Then I did two hours a night! This went on for months. Oh, yes, I was very popular at home!

BORED

"I think it's the best way for anybody to learn, and get a full kit right from the start. or you get bored just banging a side drum.

"Kenny Clare is my idol. and Brian Bennett and Buddy Rich. I've never had any lessons at all, but I am going to start soon because I want to learn to read. I'm going to start all over again because want to start doing sessions. I do a few for other people already, but I need more confidence in myself. At the moment I improvise around what sort of sound people ask for. I'd like to have lessons



KENNY: " we're chuffed

from Kenny Clare, but he's too busy. I've met him though -he's very nice.

"My first music scene was the Shadows, and in a way it still is. I still dig them very much.

"The group has just finished one side of our next LP. which I dig like mad I won't say anything about it yet because I want it to be a surprise. I think it's released on

"No, I don't give any ideas for records. I always agree with the others. I'm very easy. Easy to get along with Ken I dig recording like mad. usually fall asleep!

CHUFFED

"I'd like to do some writing-but I don't know bow I'll suss it out one day. Inabout twenty years time Right, is that it? Interview

over? Ta ta then." And the happy drummer bounced away to meet his mates Stevie, Plonk and Mac As an after-thought, he posed his head back through the door and said: "Yes-we are chuffed about the record!

Faces Footnote: The last Faces number one was "All Or Nothing" in the MM Pop 50 of September 10, 1966



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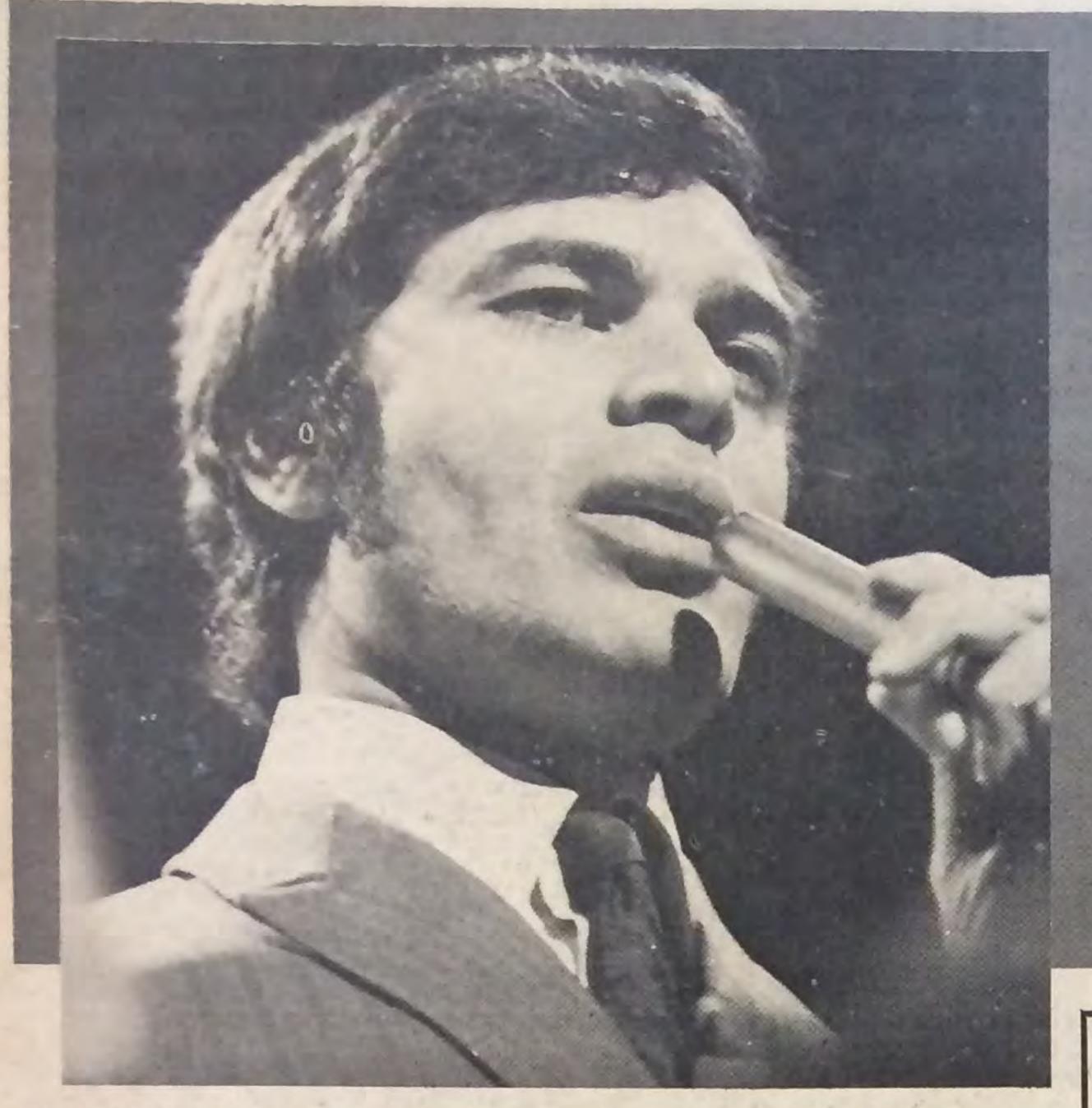
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Cabaret—'Frankly, the thought terrifies me' says Engelbert

IF you're off to Majorca for a early holiday this week, keep a sharp eye open and you'll probably spot Engelbert Humperdinck.

For Engel, after a rigorous six-month season in panto at the London Palladium, was due to fly to Palma this week for a couple of weeks rest.

HECTIC

Engel, road manager Tony Cartwright and I sat in the sun outside ATV's Elstree studios last Friday where Engelbert was rehearsing an appearance in the Des O'Connor Show. "I finished the panto last Saturday—and I've worked harder than ever since them," said the star whose new single "A Man Without Love" is heading the way of his other hits—to the top.

Engel's been taping TV shows, like the Des O'Connor Show and several Top Of The Pops inserts, so he can have his cake and eat it—soak up the Mediterranean sun and still plug the record at home.

"I have to get away for

"I have to get away for a couple of weeks or there's a danger I'll crack up, beBY ALAN WALSH

cause frantkly the past year has been pretty hectic. And this time, there's no chance of having the holiday interrupted." The last time he slipped away for a few days in the sun, he was recalled to do a record promotion.

the time completely free, although I am meeting Bert Kaempfert in Palma to talk about songs. That's as near to work as I'll get. I don't know if I'll even stay in Majorca. I may move on. But I want to get really fit and tanned for my season at Blackpool. I don't suppose there'll be much chance of any sunbathing there.

"To me, sun is an injection of life. I'm going away to get some sun, that's about all. Anything else will be incidental to that."

Engel's new single is, he believes, another forward step in his career which has progressed from singalong to good, melodic ballads. "Like most Continental songs, the melody is very strong. I don't know why but they seem to have the market in really strong melodies. And Barry Mason has done a good job with the lyrics. I'm happy with the song. It's a step forward and yet still right in my style. And, thankfully, it's doing well. I'm never confident. I always get butterflies over

"But this had an advance of 250,000 and the daily sales are very high."

FILM

Engel's year is almost completely mapped out—after the holidays he stars at Batley Variety Club for a couple of weeks, then goes into summer season at Blackpool. Then there's the exciting prospect of his first feature film, followed by major cabaret dates in America—definitely in Las Vegas and probably also in New York, although venues had not been set when I talked to Engel.

He's obviously excited about the film, "It's what I really want to do—I feel I must have the chance to act. I've seen the synopsis of the script and it's a romantic part in which I play a dual role. It's a modern part and we are looking for a suitable female lead at the moment."

The film's storyline was devised by manager Gordon Mills and comedian/singer Jackie Rae and Engel will also sing a lot of songs in the film which is basically a musical story.

Then there's the cabaret —
"frankly, the thought terrifies
me. But that's good for a
person. Usually the things
that frighten me most are the
ones that turn out best in the
end. For me, it's good to be
worried about my performances."

Engelbert spent most of what is laughingly called his "spare time"—it seems to be about three minutes every day—trying to write songs. He has many completed songs and recently one was recorded as a single by dancer/singer Peter Gordeno.

'Honey' makes Bobby Goldsboro a happy man

BOBBY GOLDSguired a reputation with British pop afficionados over the past few years as a fine songwriter and an original vocal performer.

But a hit record always eluded him, even though he has made a dozen trips to England. Until now, that is. "Honey," his latest single, is in the MM Pop 30 after becoming a wild, runaway smash in the States. And Bobby arrived last w

Bobby arrived last week for a concentrated radio and TV bash to promote it.
"It's been phenomenal in the

"It's been phenomenal in the States," said Bobby during rehearsals for STV's Time For Blackburn. "It sold a million in three weeks and two days and it's been at number one for four weeks and two days now."

Bobby first came to Britain in 1963 as guitarist with a group backing Roy Orbison and indeed it was Orby who first encouraged Bobby to strike out on a solo career as a singer, songwriter and guitarist (Bobby is a proficient guitar player,

Now of course Bobby is a happy man, because all his efforts have been vindicated, with this hit.

appointed before that things never happened in Britain for me, even though I've appeared here a number of times. Records seem to miss or be covered by other artists.

portant to me. I love Britain
I like it better each time
come, so I'm doubly pleased
that the record is moving."
One immediate result of the

record is that Bobby has al-



BOBBY: ' I love Britain

ready held discussions to return to England later in the summer for a concert tour. "Things aren't finalised but I want to tour here and I hope things will work out."

Ironically, although Bobby is a talented songwriter whose work has been recorded by a number of other artists, "Honey" is not one of his own

"It was written by a friend of mine named Bobby Russell and I cut it about seven weeks ago in Nashville. Naturally, I would have preferred to have made a hit with my own number. But I'm just happy to have a hit at all, so I don't mind too much. But I am virtually certain that the next single I put out will be one of my own numbers."

most of his time doing concerts. He avoids long tours because he finds it leaves him little time for his writing and producing activities.

Although he's from the Deep South, Bobby has never been a country singer.

from the country bag, but I never did," he said. "I come from the South — so I expect it's the accent that fools them."

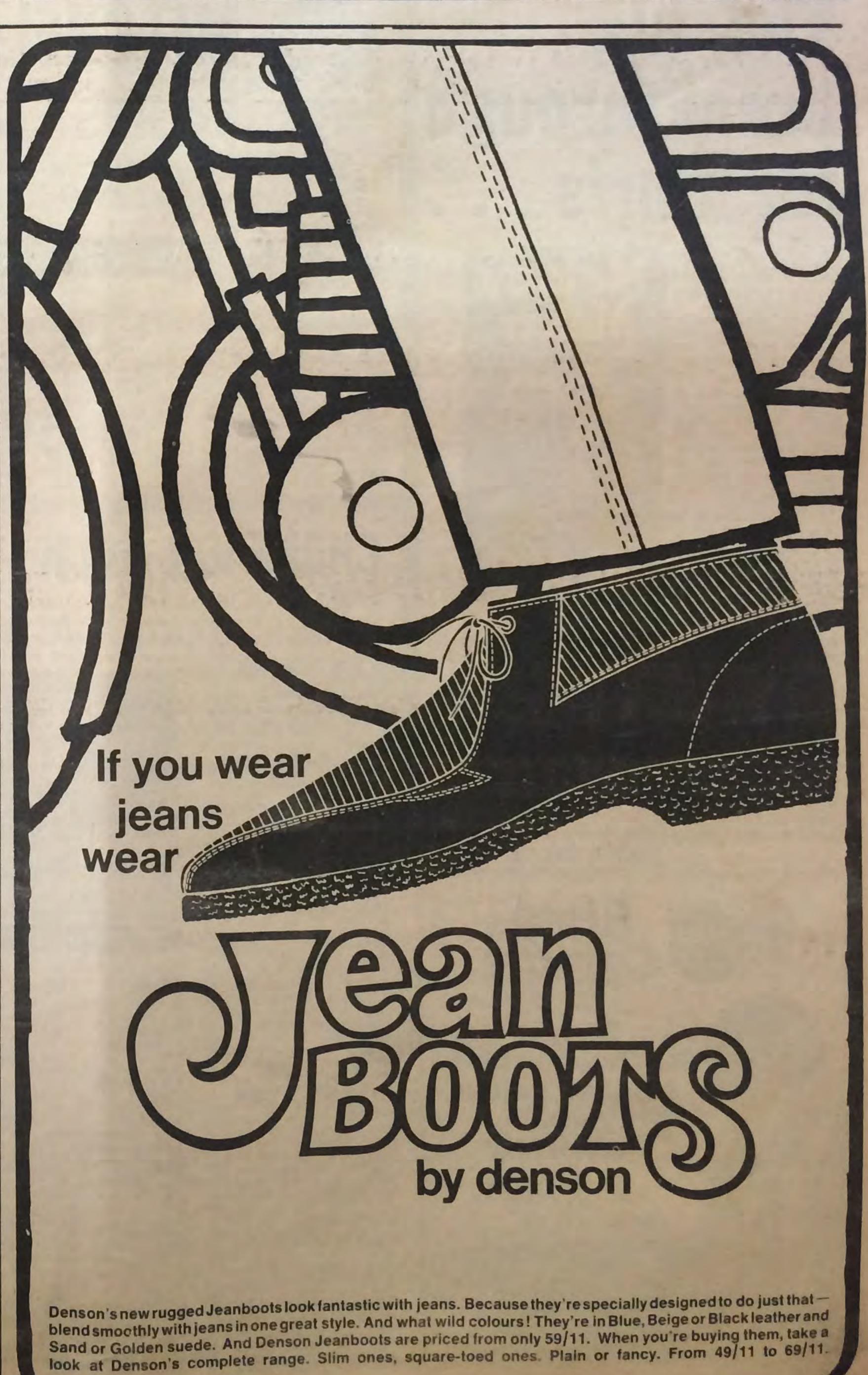
STRONG

"I've written a lot, including one very strong song which I'm hanging on to at the moment." Several artists, including possibly Frankie Vaughan, are reported to be interested in his compositions. Could he envisage writing his own singles in the near future?

"Well, if I came up with a very good song, which was typical of me, I think Gordon Mills might let me record it. But he has the last word. I rely on his judgment on these things."

But already almost due for release is a new Engelbert album of slightly more sophisticated material and the time will come in the future when he will put out an album of his own songs.

"But," said Engel, climbing into his Jaguar to drive across London to tape even more TV spots, "Not yet. I'm not ready for it. And I don't think the public are."



Jazzscene



MACGREGOR: controversial

The big breakthrough for Chris

" I THINK we can build something here in London. I think we are getting the people's ear and that's what counts. I think we are going to break through and we are even getting the ear of the jazz establishment."

THESE ARE the words of Chris MacGregor, the South African pianist whose sextet and big band have been responsible for some of the most exciting, and controversial, jazz ever heard in Britain. MacGREGOR has built up

a regular following through weekly appearances at Ronnie Scott's Old Place in Gerrard Street - the club where Chris often practised and rehearsed right through the night only to be disturbed by the cleaners arriving in the morning.



THE MacGREGOR Sextet - Chris (pno), Dudu Pukwana (alto), Ronnie Beer (tnr), Mongezi Feza (tpt), Johnny Dyani (bass) and Louis Moholo (drs) - get an opportunity for the big breakthrough on THE JAZZ SCENE '68 at London's Royal Festival Hall on Saturday, May 18 — the concert promoted by the Melody Maker in association with the Harold Davison Agency. SINCE the MacGregor group left South Africa in 1964 for an appearance at the Antibes Jazz Festival, it has played in Switzerland and Britain, and it first LP, "Very Urgent" will be issued by Polydor Records on the week of The Jazz Scene '68 concert. See page 18.



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"BASIE ONCE told me: 'I don't like your jazz playing but you're a damn fine lead trombonist and ballad player.' I've been playing lead in the band for five and a half years now.

The speaker, Grover C. Mitchell, is indeed an excellent lead man. And seems well content with that accomplishment. He doesn't mind an odd solo such as the one he gets on Benny Carter's "Sunset Glow" when Basie includes it in the programme.

I tend to think of Mitchell still as the section's new leader, simply because of the band's 30-years-and-more history and the long reign of most of his predecessors. Henry in '52 and was there when Mitchell came in.

"That was in too many days, just a few when my parents died. I followed Quentin Jackson, though I didn't play his chair. Coker was lead when I joined but two weeks afterwards I was playing lead and Coker was playing the other book.

"It was quicker than that really, because I'd been in the band only three days when we made that album, 'On My Way And Shouting Again.' I played all the lead on that one, every note.

"Since then we've made 21 or 22 albums and I've been on all except the Beatles LP. That was when my mother died and I took off a week and went to Pittsburgh, which is where I was brought up."

Before Basie, Mitchell worked with Earl Hines in San Francisco, when Hines was trying a big band and then a modern sextet.



Coker joined Basie early GROVER: a lot of respect for the Count

'62 and I haven't been off the band since then," says Grover. "In fact I haven't missed

BASIE'S 'NEW' SECTION LEADER

BY MAX JONES

"I'm about to say that Earl is the greatest piano player I ever heard in my life. Turn your back on him and you can hear just about every piano player in the history of jazz. They must

all have listened to Earl." Talking about his early days in Pittsburgh, Grover says he started on trombone with the Junior High School band when he was 13, that is, in 1943. Later he worked with bands around Indiana and was for a short time

with Lionel Hampton, Aside from that, he's done short spells with Ellington, George Shearing and Buddy Greco. "I used to work with Duke quite a lot, when he

was always short of trombone players. Yes, I've had offers to join the band. We couldn't get together on money. Other offers? Yes, I had several to go to Ray Charles and four from Harry James. But I'm still here. "Well, I got raised but, you know, we've got to like

this band. I've got a lot of respect for Basie, He's a good human being and he keeps the music pretty high. And of course you have friends in the band. Bill Hughes, Al Aarons, Eric Dixon and I run together a lot. They call us the Rat Patrol."

Another thing that keeps Grover happy is that the amount of trombone section work has lately been increased.

"They write more ensembles for us now. I'd say it's been increased 200 per cent. I like that, because there's a lot of satisfaction to be gained when it goes off right. When the section sounds good, and they've had to follow you to achieve that, well, it's a good feeling.

BALLADS

"Of course it's a lot of work playing lead, too much for one man. That's why you don't see me on many solos. I have all the ballad solos in the book, but I've only played one number a couple of times on this tour.

" Playing lead is high, hard blowing and you've got to come up to it all the time. You can't slacken off with this band. You've got to keep up with it - that's the reason it sounds like it

Mitchell is a man who believes in musical knowledge and ability. He says he still studies, with Gordon Pulis of the Metropolitan Opera. But he doesn't believe in displays of virtuosity.

"The older you get the more you learn that technique is the tool you use to play music, and it must be employed discreetly. A man I had the greatest admiration for, Tommy Dorsey. realised this. And I admit I still try to play like him,

PERFECT

"I'll say that Tommy was the greatest trombone player I ever heard. I'm not talking about jazz now. I'm talking about playing. He was the most perfect player.

"But to get back to section playing - and I must say Bill Hughes is a wonderful man to have in a section; we can hear things together - and ensemble playing; when something comes off perfectly you feel a satisfaction because you were part of it; in this case one seventeenth of a perfect ensemble.

"Being a soloist is something else; it's great if you're good. But there's a lot of people running around calling themselves soloists who are not really soloists. And some of them aren't ensemble players either. They depend on us to get an ensemble together.

"There is a great deal to being a pro. For instance, we have a certain amount of material the public insists on hearing, and let's face it, you're playing for the public. "They demand to hear certain tunes I'm sick of and probably you're sick of. But I still try to play them well, as well as I can, because that's the test of a pro. And to be called a pro is the greatest compliment any musician can be given."

RILEY: opening up new ideas

BY ALAN WALSH

THREE-WAY conversation with music by pianist, drummer and bassist is the basic principle behind the Howard Riley Trio, currently working regularly round London's modern venues

Twenty-five year old Howard, from Blackheath, formed the trio last September and usually has Barry Guy on bass and Jon Hiseman on drums. "We are trying to get away from the soloist plus accompanist idea as much as possible." said Howard, who already holds BA and MA degrees from Bangor University and a Master Music degree from Indiana University, in America. Howard spent a year in the States on a Fulbright award studying under trombonist / cellist Dave Baker.

He is currently studying for his PhD at York University but is allowed to do his writing and study in London.

The trio is mainly experimental and when Barry and Jon are not available,



HOWARD RILEY

Howard uses bassists Ron Rubin and Dave Holland and drummer Tony Oxley and occasionally augments with guitarist Johnny McLoughlin and vibist Frank Riccotti.

The trio was heard recently by BBC Jazz Club producer Roger Eames who gave them their first broadcast in January. "We are booked for the programme again on May 15," said Howard. The group is also Howard.

"We are trying to open

up musical ideas between the musicians when we play. Barry is also experimenting a lot with bowed bass, which isn't being developed much in Britain Two years ago, the Rendell-Carr quintet accepted a composition of his titled "Blues Row" and he recently completed a piece called "Sunflower" for the New Jazz Orchestra. have also written another piece for the NJO which is so far untitled and I recently had a string quartel accepted by the Society for the Promotion Of New

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CHAMPION JACK: rolling blues from New Orleans

IT WAS THREE years ago that Champion Jack Dupree decided to settle in Britain after living for several years in Switzerland. Since coming here Jack has worked steadily and has a permanent home in Halifax, Yorkshire, with his English wife, Shirley, and their two little girls.

"In 1958 I decided to leave America and in 1959 I left. As I got off the plane in Manchester, I said "This is it-no more." The people are too silly over there. I want to live just like I'm living now," says Jack. "When I go back to America it'll be when they build a bridge from London to New York. But they'd better build it soon or won't make it. I don't ever want to fly in that direction.

"Halifax is very comfortable. It's convenient for me and my wife and the rent's not high. I like to live among the ordinary people. Everybody in Halifax knows me-who the hell in London or Manchester knows me?

"At the moment I'm playing everywhere - colleges, jazz clubs. Some places seem impossible but I play them. I'm not interested in working the big clubs because the people there are not interested in the blues. prefer playing to the younger people. If it wasn't for the colleges and jazz clubs I'd have nowhere to play. I'll go anywhere they have a place for me to play. don't make much money but I live OK."

Born in 1910, Jack was orphaned when very young and was brought up in the same children's home as Louis Armstrong and it was here that he started playing piano. Later he gravitated



DUPREE: playing everywhere

BY TONY WILSON

to the Red Light district of

New Orleans where he began to learn his rolling blues style, and soon began to earn his living playing for speakeasy patrons in the tough, lawless prohibition era. "I wouldn't make much," says Jack. "Maybe ten dollars a night. Later I went to Chicago, to the Loop dis- tried to do. I got it all fixed trict they called it, and I worked Al Capone's brother's place for three years. After the place closed in the evening they would bring in a whole gang of women and they would give me fifty or a hundred dollars to play for them. I met all them gangsters, Baby Face Nelson, Machine Gun Bush. They were good old days.

" Al Capone wasn't as bad as people say he was. He fed the poor and kept the breadline going. They knew he was behind them murders but they couldn't prove it."

The Depression days were hard for everybody and Jack turned to prize-fighting to earn money. "I was lightweight champion" says

Jack, which explains the "Champion" tag. I had 107 fights and lost only four of them but I was never knocked out. I lost the four through carelessness. But I stopped boxing in 1941 when I went into the navy."

Jack already has a string of albums behind him and he is now recording another, this time for the blues specialist label, Blue Horizon. "What's going to be on it? Well, that's something I never know until I get into the studio. I don't carry no music or no piece of paper. I just play piano and the songs come out one after another.

"I know I'm doing 'You Can Make It If You Try.' That came from a girl who had TB, she had six months to live. Nobody's done it. right yet, but if it is done right, it'll make everyone listen. I'm also doing 'March On,' which is a new thing on the Reverend Martin Luther King, about his life and the things he together."

With the blues scene in Britain becoming well established, what did Jack think of the white blues groups he had heard? "Some of them I like. The Chicken Shack are real good, and the Black Cat Bones. I've heard mostly the groups who I play with, of course. But some of them are a little too loud. If they played quieter, the ones who are good would get more work. They should turn down the amplifiers because even the young people are getting tired of loud music. If they want to keep going, they've got to cut down on the loud music so people can hear what they

are playing."

DEMAND



Bill's back in Britain — to a warm welcome.

BILL HALEY looks

I'VE had two really frightening moments in my life. The first was when the Army decided to teach me to throw hand grenades. The second was in 1957 when I saw Bill Haley for the first time at the Dominion, Tottenham Court Road.

I was convinced that either the Circle would descend into the stalls, carrying me with it, or I would be trampled underfoot during the general hysteria.

I mentioned it to Haley
— who doesn't look a
day older — when I called
at his Kensington Hotel
this week.

"YOU were afraid," he echoed. "We were the subject of it all. How do you think we felt? I was almost always afraid at concerts in those days.

"We had quite a few scaring moments when security broke down. But I think the worst was in the Buenos Aires when one of the fans caught hold of my necktie and tried to pull it off. At the same time two policemen were dragging me the other way and I was nearly choked to death."

Pattern

Bill was surprised to find talk of Rock Revival in in Britain — and "Rock Around The Clock" in the chart for the third time. I asked if he could give a reason why it should all happen at this particular time.

"The only thing I can come up with is that now is the time for a change in the rhythmic pattern of the music," he answered.

I think people want a little faster dance beat now. For the past two years we have had a predominantly slower type of

"We do a lot of different

back: 'I

was scared

to death'



TOM JONES'S vocal fireworks may be heard in a new and exciting setting later this year—soaring above the musical magic of the Duke Ellington orchestra.

That was the exciting news Tom gave me when I spoke to him in the star dressing room of the London Palladium last week.

"When I was at the Flamingo in Vegas, Duke Ellington was playing the lounge and we had several conversations. I asked Duke if he would like to tour England with me and he said he would love to. We got as far as discussing it for either later this year or early next year."

Tom said that negotiations would be going on to bring the Ellington band to Britain for the tour together with a leading American girl singer—" someone like Vikki Carr." The tour still has to to be scheduled because Tom is still hoping to go into his first feature film before the end of this year. If he did, the British tour would be postponed until early next year when, said Tom, Ellington would be available.

HIGHSPOT

"That's the big thing. We've had some more scripts in and they seem to be better than those we've had before. There's one in particular I'm interested in."

Tom also said that in addition to his 1969 appearance in Las Vegas, already contracted as part of his three-year million-dollar deal with the Flamingo, he will be returning to the venue this autumn.

"They want me back later

CONVERSATIONS IN LAS VEGAS REPORTED BY ALAN WALSH

this year for a month, although it's not finalised," said Tom reclining in a shortie robe on the star divan with a neat Coke in his hand.

Tom was, in fact, one of the hottest acts ever to hit the blase gamble-fever town. His month in the Money City established him as a major international artist rather than "a pop singer from Britain."

"That's all most people knew me as before, although I'd done half a dozen Ed Sullivan shows and a lot of other appearances. The Flamingo was certainly one of the highspots of my career. The reaction and reception were fantastic every night, which knocked me out because Vegas audiences have seen the lot. They're notoriously blase."

But the appearances have pushed him right into the fore-front of the American show business scene. He feels that for the first time his name is becoming known on a national level—and a big TV spectacular could clinch things.

"I've been offered either a TV series or a big TV spectacular which we are considering now. I think something like that, networked so it's seen by almost the whole population, could put me right at the top in the States.

"But really, I am content now. I'm doing what I want to do — singing. However big I become, that won't change. As long as I get the chance to sing and make records and appear for people, I'm happy."

However good America is to Tom, Las Vegas turned him into a night person completely. "A few days after I arrived, after I'd done a couple of shows, I started to have trouble with my voice. I was making the notes but it was a struggle.

CHICAGO

"I saw a doctor and he said the trouble was the lack of moisture in the air in Nevada. He told me the best thing to do was stay in my room during the day — which I did. I slept all day and stayed up all night, doing my show and doing the rounds of the shows in the town. That's rather my natural routine so I didn't mind too much."

Next target on the Jones gunsight is Chicago, the Windy City in Illinois. "I want to work there fairly soon," said Tom, signing autographs for two fans from Chester, who made the trip south specially to see Tom at the Palladium.

But Tom has a lot of work here in the UK before returning to America or starting a film. He is currently at the Palladium and then appears for a summer season in Bournemouth (now extended from six to eight weeks). Then, a holiday.

BY BOB DAWBARN

types of music in our normal act now and I find that when we play soul music some dance, but not very many. When we play a fast tempo, everybody dances. And the original rock was almost all up-tempo.

"I think the reason rock has lasted so long was the tremendous force it had at the beginning. It was the first music for young people. And so many tremendous artists came up through rock — after us there was Elvis Presley and you can name your own list of the other greats. Every time rock got a little low someone else would come along and lift it back up there.

"Then the Beatles saved the music. There's a bit of a lull right now but someone else will come along and all the excitement will be back.

"Right now I think it's

time for a change back to up-tempo music for people to dance to."

The renewed success of "Rock Around The Clock" spotlights the lack of new Haley recordings. I asked if this was a deliberate policy.

Rock

"Over the last four or five years I've felt I'd rather wait for a record until times were more favourable," he said.

Actually I've got something on tape which I'm going to present to the record company. But once again I've been taken by surprise. It isn't exactly the old type of rock thing."

I asked Bill which of the many, and various, figures for the total sales of "Rock Around The Clock" was correct.

"About 16 million so far," said Bill. "At least that is correct according to my royalty statements. I've seen 20 million quoted but I certainly haven't had those royalties. On all our records, we sold about 60 million.

"'Rock Around The Clock' was our biggest seller and the funny thing was that when it was specially written for us in 1952 I couldn't get a record company to record it. I took it to four different studios.

"Then, when I signed with Decca I insisted, as part of my contract, that

we would record it."

Despite the end of the raving days of his early rock career, Haley and the Comets — with tenorist Rudy Pompelli the one surviving original — still work about 40 weeks of the year.

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MAPOP RECORD PACK

Tremeloes go calypso, and it

TREMELOES: "Helule Helule" (CBS). Here's something to give the MU a shock! An automatic drum kit, or "rhythm box" is used on the backing in this traditional African song, giving the Trems distinctive treatment.

Alan Blakley and Len Hawkes wrote words and a strong calypso feel is added with Dave Munden on his own drums, plus the device they call " George." The group got the idea for the song from their recent trip to South

a winner. "Friends" (Capital). Waltz time for the Boys on any

America, and it sounds

ethereal sound featuring their occasionally whining Not a giant hit, but a harmonies.

good song which reflects the group's current happy mood, aided by their meditation with the Maharishi. Vibes tinkling faintly in

the background and there are plenty of other interesting effects, but the basic concept is not strong enough.

SEEKERS: "Days Of My (Columbia). The group are now billed on the label as "featuring Judith Durham" but we've always know that, and there is no need for them to start worrying - we all love Judy anyway!

Another song in waltz time, and has a certain folk melancholy that will see Judy, Athol, Bruce and Keith back among the chart

EDDIE BOYD: "The Big Beat" (Blue Horion). A living example of the lasting quality of the blues, that's American singer and pianist Eddie, who cut this with Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac during his visit here in March.

A medium-paced rocker, it has some nice Green

CHRIS WELCH/SINGLES

guitar, backed by Eddie's piano, then some clean sounding vocals. Not exactly a new riff, or one to excite chart action, but good for fans.

DUANE EDDY: "Peter Gunn." (London). You can take your choice of this re-issue of Duane's version of the Henry Mancini classic or "Rebel Rouser," which comprise a solid double A side.

Fantastic for old fans and a revelation to new ears of what is missing in pop guts.

Gunn track is my favourite with its menacing riff and evil saxo-

CONWAY TWITTY: "Mona Lisa" (MGM). The rock revival has now spread to a pop revival with MGM reissuing this old million - seller coupled with "It's Only Make Believe."

Also available are Jimmy "Good Timin'" and "Handy Man," and Tommy Edwards' "It's All In the Game" and "Please Mr Sun." Have fun!

GENE & THE GENTS:

"C'mon Everybody" (Pye). A showband with many fans in Ireland reviving the old Eddie Cochran favourite, but not very well.

It's okay, but rather lacklustre for those of us who were bopping in baseball boots in 1958.

Arr — you youngsters don't know the half of it, with yer flower power and Tyrannosaurus Rex.

TIM ANDREWS: "Some-About Suburbia" (Parlophone). It's a bird singing a bit like Stevie Marriott.

Hang about, my mate the unemployed portrait painter has just informed me: "It's a bloke." Oh well, of course it could be a ferret. Who knows in these troubled times.

Heavy four to the bar, brass. Catchy tune, fairly interesting lyrics. Hurry up, there's a Gene Vincent coming!

GENE VINCENT: "Be-Bob - A - Lula" (Capitol). Wow, here it is again, the big one of the rock era, written by the immortal team of Gene Vincent and Sherrif Tex Davis, complete with that fabulous rhythm section of brushes and double bass.

CLEAR

A beautiful production that has never been improved on in years of pop progression.

Clear as a bell, and shaking all over with controlled excitement. He never made better record. Flip double A side is "Say Mama," from a later period. Rock with the Blue Caps!

VENTURES: "Flights Of Fantasy" (Liberty). Written by the Ventures and produced by veteran instrumental producer Joe Saraceno, responsible for such hits as "Let's Go."

Actually it sounds like a track off their "Super Psychedelic" album called "Psyched-Out" with a new

title and some doppler effect noises dubbed on the top, as used on "Itchy Coo tempo with a strong coun-Park" and practically every record since. Sneaky.

KATCH World's Getting Smaller" (Fontana). Leaden footed and highly predictable vocal chorus and studio orchestra on an uninspired tune.

One doesn't wish to be hypocritical, but "tedious" is the word I feel forced to

PINKERTON'S: "There's Nobody I'd Sooner Love" (Pye). Once known as Pinkerton's Assorted Coloured Plastic Ears and Tram Tickets, and gradually abbreviated over the years to a mere Pinkerton's (next week "Pink") they make a come back with a song that might inspire unemployed portrait painters to dance on my head, but will fail to raise the public to any pitch of excitement, likely to register on the most sensitive of seismographs.

CARL PERKINS: "Blue Suede Shoes" (London). The original Sun Memphis recording written by Carl and the one that inspired one E. Presley, well known maker of colour travalogue movies.

In case you have forgot-

ten this mid-Fifties track was taken at medium try feel, one of the many elements that went into white rock and roll.

PLEA

Carl's voice sounds a bit like Bill Haley on occasions but much funkier. Flip side is "Matchbox" which Ringo did on a Beatles album, also written by Per-

SINGING DUSTMAN: "Why Don't They Buy Rubber Dustbins" (Pye). A Prince Charles discovery in the royal dustbins, one wonders? A cockney plea for silent refuse containers, with full rubbish accompaniment, to a tune that sounds oddly like "The Man Who Broke The Bank At Monte Carlo." It's a load of old garbage. No wonder Eric Clapton can't understand what's happening on the English pop scene.

SELOFANE: "Girl Called Fantasy" (CBS). The bellow of fighting bulls and the thunder of horses hooves will be replaced by the voices of pop when Musica 68 is held at Palma Majorca in July, and here is the theme of the festival written and recorded by the group. A fun, happy tune.

FIFTH **DIMENSION:** "Ticket To Ride" (Liberty). Great sound by a fantastic American group who feature the double sound of coloured and white singers working in perfect harmony, in all senses of the phrase.

Remains to be seen if we can allow a non-Beatle version of this oldie back in the chart, but it will serve as an introduction to a fine group who have a

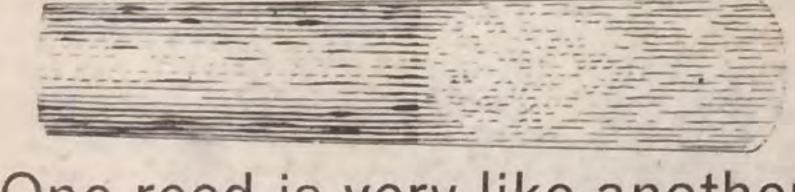
good album out here. Buy that not this.

JERRY LEE LEWIS: "Great Balls Of Fire" (Mercury). These are not the original Sun recordings, but some he re-did about four years ago for Smash and lack the original fire and honesty. B side is "Whole Lotta Shakin' Go-

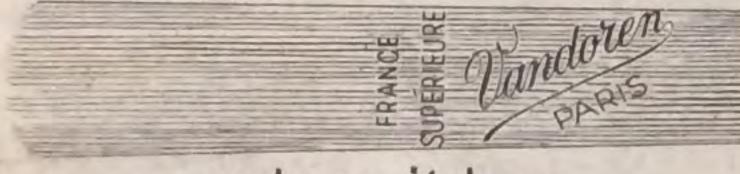
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FLEUR DE LYS: "Gong With The Luminous Nose (Polydor). Wasn't the gong with the luminous nose a poem by Hilaire Belloc? Can't remember, anyway it's a funky British guitar and drum sound, that won't do much, except shake up a few discotheques.

This group are remembered for a good version of Pete Townsend's "Circles" which the composer liked, but didn't hap-

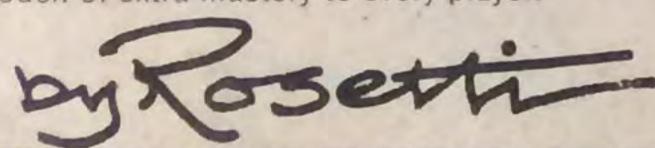


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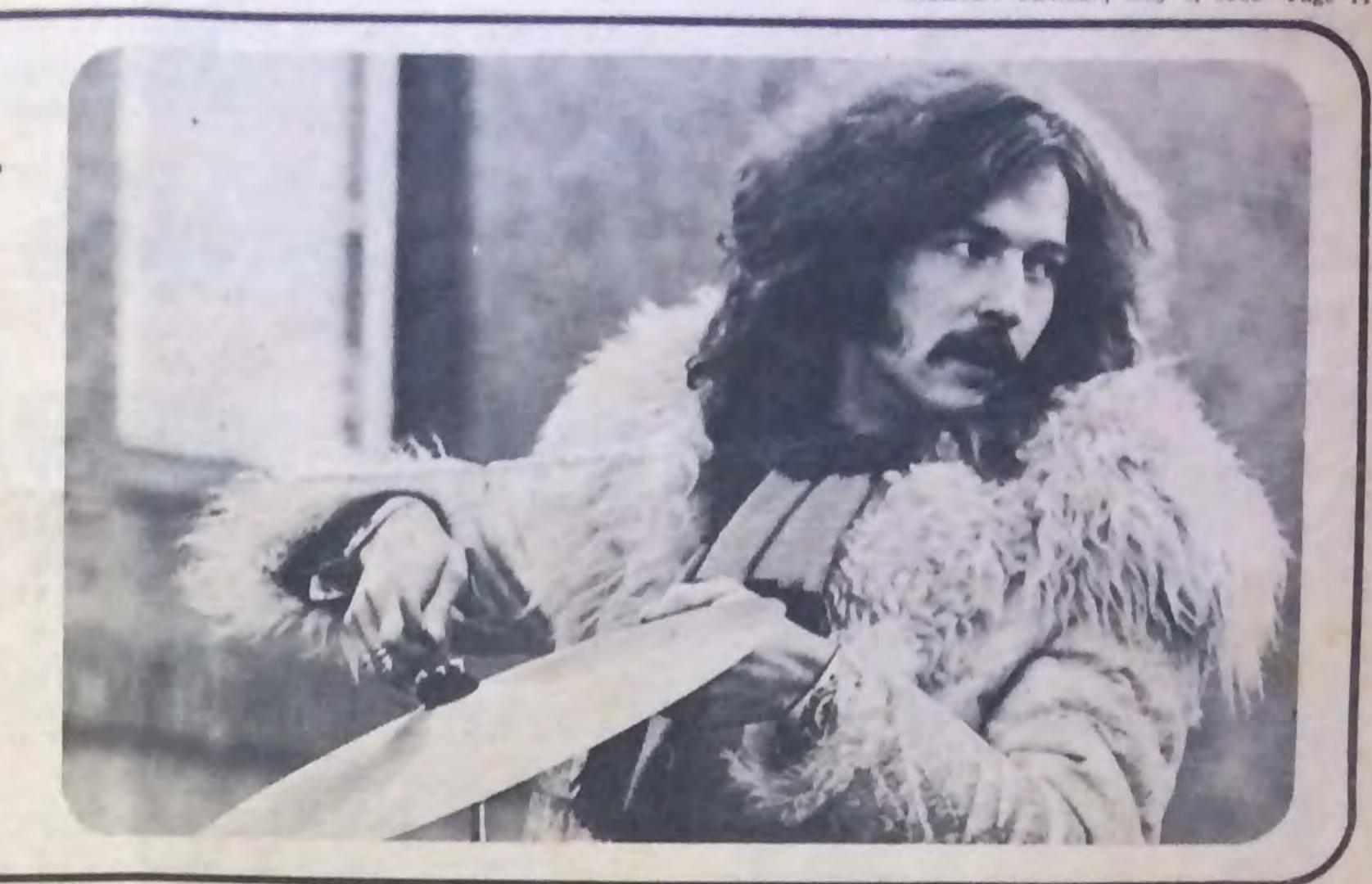
CONWAY TWITTY





TREMELOES: Alan Blakley and Len Hawkes wrote the words

CLAPTON—back to the blues



A TIRED and frustrated Eric Clapton is going back to the blues. The guitar star of the Cream was back in London for a few days holiday last week, snatched in the middle of the group's marathon tour of America. And a jam session with blues giant B. B. King, was his most influential experience during his months abroad.

"I went off to a lot of different things since the Cream formed. I went off in a lot of different directions all at once it seems, but I find I have floated back to straight blues playing. I've returned to what I like doing as an individual, and that is playing exploratory blues.

"I met B.B. and when B.B. played I realised it isn't a question of fashion, or blues dying or being reborn. It is there all the time whether you play blues or not, and I just realised I want to play blues again.

Go in New York. I had to play the hardest I have ever played in my life and that taught me a lot.

"In a pop group the first things you suffer from are jealousy and terrible insecurity. So many groups are making it on the pop chart scene, you keep wondering if what you are playing is out of date."

DARK STAIRCASES

"YOU GET REALLY HUNG UP AND TRY TO WRITE POP SONGS OR CREATE A POP IMAGE. I WENT THROUGH THAT STAGE AND IT WAS A SHAME BECAUSE I WAS NOT BEING TRUE TO MYSELF. I AM AND ALWAYS WILL BE A BLUES GUITARIST."

When Eric makes his rare visits home

CHRIS WELCH picks his way through the chicken feathers in darkest Chelsea to chat up the guitar star of the Cream

he lives in a rambling collection of art studios in Kings Road, Chelsea, reached by twisting, dark staircases covered in chickens.

A ghostly voice whispered through the intercom in answer to my ring: "He is asleep."

But the door was opened by remote control, and I picked my way up the stairs through clouds of chicken feathers. Not a soul was to be seen. Silence prevailed.

VAST STUDIO

I stood uneasily in a corridor trying not to look at fearsome modern paintings glowering and gibbering from the walls. Suddenly the ghost materialised from a room, a pale faced, slim young woman, looking as if she had just been in spiritual contact with Edgar Allan Poe.

"He is in there." A drooping arm indicated another room. "Will you go in."

"Well, actually, I wonder if you would mind going?" I tried to force a smile, and inwardly cursed myself for not having brought garlic and a small wooden stake.

But the girl seemed to understand my request and without raising objections or indeed making any sound at all, drifted towards Eric's chamber and opened the

"Eric — are you awake? There is a gentleman to see you," she called softly. I caught a glimpse of a white face, covered in long black hair, lying on a pillow. A deathlike croak emitted from the lips of the prostrate figure, followed by a groan of recognition.

As he was probably on an astral

flight and was hauling his spirit back into his body by the old silver cord trick, I adjourned to yet another room to wait for the completion of such tasks as the donning of trousers and the cleaning of teeth. Meanwhile, the girl had vanished.

The room was a vast studio in a state of indescribable clutter, most of it the property of an artist for the hip satirical magazine Oz, who shares the premises with Eric. Vast eye-assaulting paintings, old copies of Beano, a rubber statue of Mickey Mouse and postcards of Victorian nudes were just some of the objets d'junk that hit me.

Eric appeared some minutes later, moustached and cheerful, the bright sunshine fighting through the studio windows obviously having a refreshing effect.

"Have you been sacrificing fowls?" I inquired, referring to the feathers.

"What sort of a house do you think we are running, Mr. Welch?" Eric picked up a psychedelic telephone and called up a hi-fi firm.

"Do you know anything about hi-fi? I just can't get it to work. Pete Townsend would know all about it. What a mess this place is in . . ." Eric waited patiently for the hi-fi experts to answer.

Coffee at the antique supermarket was the plan, and tying back his shoulder-length hair with a tatty ribbon, and dressed in a red shirt and blue jeans he guided the way along sunny King's Road, through the myriads of hippies and irate old ladies.

A lorry thundered past, the driver shouting mouthfuls of abuse. Seconds later another workman whistled and gesticulated. "Oh, lorry drivers don't like me," grinned Eric, as we strolled into the supermarket filled with discreetly expensive clothes and paintings, and climbed to the rooftop cafe.

Eric wanted to catch up with all the group news: "I'm so out of touch. How are Traffic doing? I really dug

their LP. Stevie's too much. I remember two years ago talking to him about forming a band together. But he said he didn't want to be a leader and neither did I. So — no band!

"Have you heard the new Mothers of Invention LP? I'm on it somewhere, talking, not playing. We're doing a concert with them in Chicago when we get back. We were going to supermimpose our acts on each others, but I don't think that would have been humanly possible.

"I know Frank Zappa very well and he's a great guy. Zappa's into a lot of social reform things. He's mainly addressing the older generation through things like "America Drinks" and the college kids. He's changing all the time and as players the group are really respected. Talk to anybody like Mike Bloomfield and they all dig the Mothers.

"He's against dropping out? Yeah, I guess so. I'm less struck about that kind of thing. I'm not interested in passing on messages. There are a lot of things I want to do, but timing is important — very important."

Are the Cream breaking up?

"All the rumours are denied. I'm happy with the group, although needless to say there has been strain.

POTENTIAL EVIL

"We've been doing two-and-a-half months of one-nighters and that is the hardest I have ever worked in my life. Financially and popularity-wise we're doing unbelievably well in America. It's strange. I've only been back three days in London and I just can't make out what is going on.

"The scene here has changed so much and nobody seems to be able to stay on the scene for long. Steve Miller didn't like it in London.

"He said he saw a middle-aged man taking off his trousers in a club to get laughs, and you know and I know who that was, and he said he went to another club where everybody was wearing seedy

club where everybody
flower power
clothes. It's very
strange for Amer.cans from San Fran-

cisco in London.

"America is doubtless a sick country, but it has the most potential good of any place I know — and the most potential evil. I've changed a lot through living in America. I've tended to withdraw from making contact with people. I'm harder to get to know than I was a few years ago. I don't trust people so readily.

"Not here, of course! It's madness here. Nobody seems to give a damn about anything! It's really quite relieving to be back. Over there every conversation gets involved in the race problem and ends on a doomy note."

Okay, but are Cream breaking up?

"All rumours are denied! I mean—
the group isn't going to last for ever, but
it's not going to break up in the foreseeable future: If we hadn't had this holiday
we might have broken up anyway.

"We all know where it's at in the group. Each one of us has got to be free to move. We've just got over a period of recording inactivity and we have two LPs out soon, one recorded 'live' at the Fillmore and one in a studio, which will boost our ego and give us more confidence. I've been feeling tired and frustrated."

What did Eric think of the British blues scene today?

"It looks very healthy. I've spent some time with John (Mayall), and heard his new LP. He's expanded his mind so much. I love Peter Green's stuff as well. His album is phenomenally good. Mick Taylor is great as well.

"But there is a great deal of belligerance wrapped up in the British blues scene, among both musicians and fans. They are both very dogmatic. But speak to B. B. King about anything man, and he's not dogmatic. So why should we be like that?"

Eric finished his coffee: "Well, I've got to pack my bags and go." And the young guitar picker, who started his career with the Yardbirds in Richmond, England, has become one of the world's great contemporary blues figures, and remains one of the most unaffected people around — sauntered off, back to America.

BOB DAWBARN PROBES A PREVALENT PROBLEM

HOW THE HERD COPE THE pop world over the years who failed to come to terms with public acclaim and new-found riches. Despite their pro-

who failed to come to terms with public acclaim and newfound riches. Despite their protestations, few stars manage to
remain the same unspoiled
boilermaker's apprentices they
were before they became public
property.

The Herd have tasted suc-

The Herd have tasted success over the last year — and obviously thoroughly enjoy the experience. But I asked drummer Andrew Steele to name some of its drawbacks and whether success had changed him.

"You find pressures on you that you never dreamed of before," admitted Andrew. "You find that the things that annoyed you in the early days now seem very trivial in comparison — things like travelling in the van which I used to consider a major hazard.

"Travelling by car isn't much more comfortable but at least it's very good for the fan-group relationship. The fans don't look up to groups who arrive at the same time as their gear. It may sound snobbish but they like to see you roll up later by car after the "roadies" have unloaded the equipment.

"In a successful group it's important to keep arguments down to a minimum.

down to a minimum.

"You have to learn to put up with your fellow men. You obviously can't remain the best of friends every day of the year and there are going to be plenty of disagreements, but

you have to learn when it is really necessary to argue and forget it when it isn't necessary.

"Mind you, when 'From The Underworld' happened we weren't experienced enough to look on the black side of anything. At the time we were clutching at straws knowing we had to get a record that would click

"'Paradise Lost' didn't make it and that brought us up with a bang. Now we are hoping for big things from 'I Don't Want Our Loving To Die."

"I know it's been said before, but we don't really want
a number one yet. A number
one can spell doom for the
average group. If we can get
a record in the top five now
there is always the chance of
a number one or two later in

Andy believes the Herd must build up the international mar-

"In these days you can't just be a success at home," he says. "Otherwise you become one-year wonders. We hope to do a lot abroad. We are going back to Germany where we are big because of TV. We do Belgium and Molland and, if the proposed American and Japanese

tour comes off, then the world's our oyster. Not that there is any guarantee of success in any country.

"The current tour is having its ups and downs. We have three or four houses of almost capacity and a lot that were only half full. Part of the trouble is having three big tours out at the same time—I don't think you can do that now, especially when the tops of the bill are mainly English groups."

Privately, the Herd are all very jazz-influenced. I won-dered if there was any conflict between their tastes and what they played for a living.

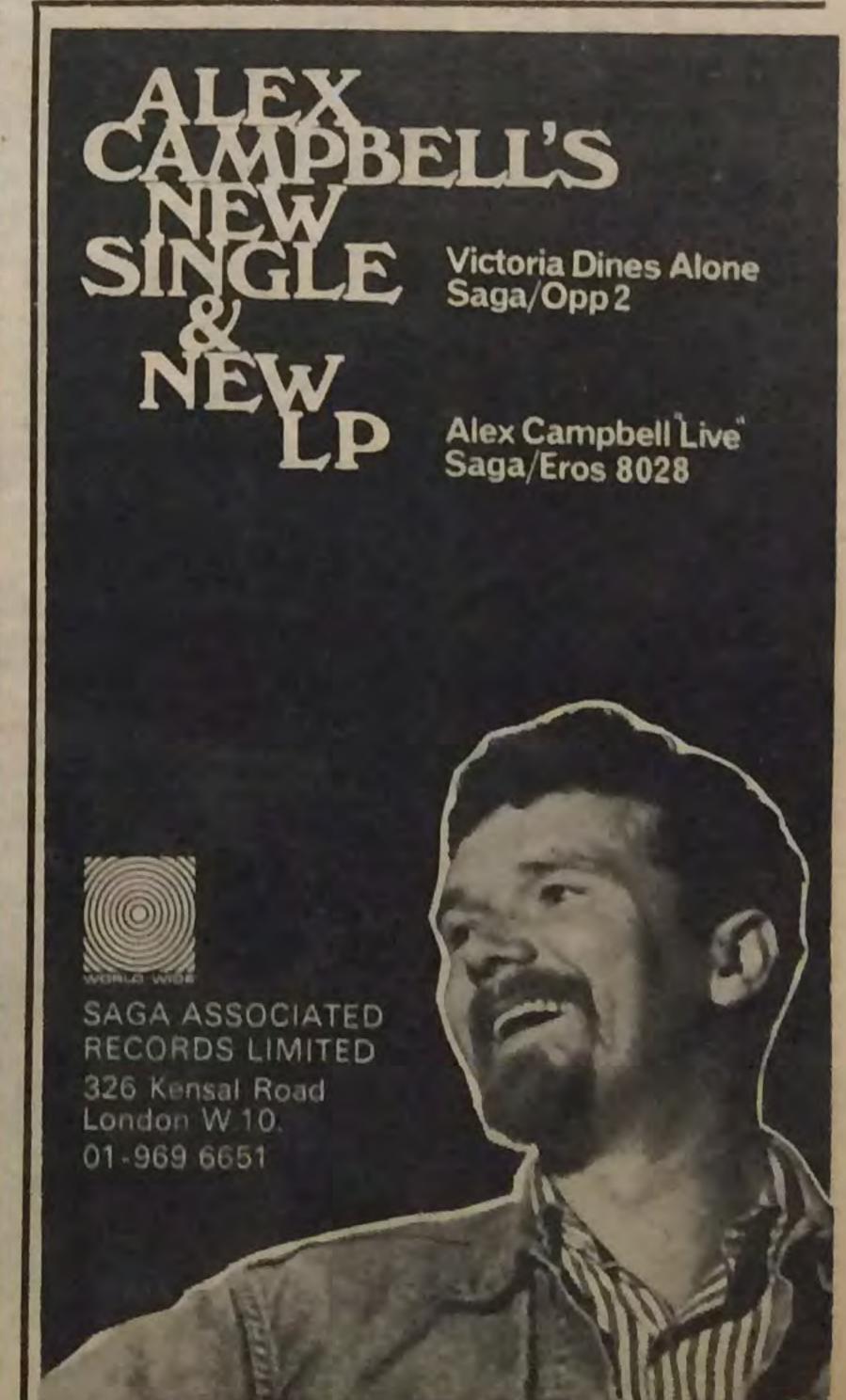
"Nobody walks around saying 'We aren't playing the
things we want to,' "declared
Andy. "We make records to
sell. And we rely on the stage
act, musical ability—and looks,
if you like—to sell the group.

worse than being the sort of person who makes hit records then gets up on a stage for a rock set and moans because he'd rather be playing jazz.

"The kids can't assimilate two heads. There is one Herd head—a commercial head. But one day—who knows."



STEELE: 'I hate to suffer in silence



Sue 'Tiger' Mathis

of the Paper Dolls

THE SEEKERS: "Days Of My Life" (Columbia). The Seekers! I like the harmony. Not me, though. don't think it will do a thing. It's a bit boring.

CONWAY TWITTY: "It's Only Make Believe" / "Mona Lisa" (MGM) "It's Only Make Believe "-the old

Conway Twitty? They're reviving everything. It means as much to me now as it did then-nothing. I don't think it will do a thing. I don't like it. It's got a dated backing, Take it off.

MANCY SINATRA: "100 Years" (Reprise)

Frank's daughter! Aren't I getting some dreary records. Sorry, I don't like any songs that are sad and dreary. Not a chance. She should stick to the "Boots" kind of songs. I like the songs she does with Lee Hazlewood. Take it off. It's not going to change.

CTRAWBERRY ALARM CLOCK: "Sit With The Guru" (Pye International)

Sit with the what? Not my day, is it? Nice, pleasant to listen to, it doesn't annoy you. The backing's dated. No, I'm sorry, I don't think it's going to be a hit.

CONNIE FRANCIS: "Say Goodbye" (MGM)

Connie Francis! I like that "Where The Boys Are" she did. No, you must be joking. It's a drag completely. Oh, take it off, I hate it. Sit that beside the guru.

TIM ANDREWS: "(Something About) Suburbia" (Parlophone) Ah, that a bit better. I don't know who it is. Where the hell's suburbia? I like the

a big hit-with mums and grans. With me-definitely not a hit.

beat. I love that vaudeville

drum bit. It's nice to dance

to-catchy. I don't think it

is going to crash into the

charts but it's going to be

played. It's sweet. I love a

record with a strong beat.

THE WORLD OF OZ:

The Muffin Man"

Great! Super! This record

is going to be a smash hit.

These boys have great talent.

Knockout. I'd be very sur-

prised if it didn't make it.

I think Mike Vickers had

something to do with the

production. They deserve a

hit, these boys. I'm going out

to buy a 100 copies. I love

the horses bit. Honestly,

DAVE BERRY. "(Do I

I like it. Dave Berry.

like all his records although

I don't think this will be a

hit. This is written by the

Honeybus. It's not unlike

SOLOMON KING:

Written by Barry Mason!

Lovely words, but I can't

stand Solomon King. He can

sing, but his voice doesn't

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"Maggy." Very pretty.

Young" (Columbia)

Figure) In Your Life"

what a dancer!

(Decca)

Lousy record player.

THE SANDPIPERS: "Quando M'Innamoro" (A & M)

appeal to me. It's going to be

It's the sort of sound you hear walking through a furniture shop. Oh-it's the Engelbert number, is it? It is, yes, it is. Oh well, no chance. Engelbert's going to crash with this. I love the tune-it's super. This version's pleasant.

"HARA'S PLAYBOYS: "In The Shelter Of Your Heart" (Fontana)

Ooh! Got a nice voice, hasn't he? I don't know who it is. I like it. These boys do great radio-they deserve a hit. They're so good. Lovely voices. This is the nearest they've got to a hit, but I don't think they'll make it. Nice, sentimental, I like that bit with the choir in the

CCOTT MACKENZIE: "Holy Man" (CBS)

Mr Flower Power, Doesn't do a thing for me. Lovely backing. I love all the violins and that bit. Sorry, just another record. No, it won't get in. I liked his "San Francisco" but he'll never follow it. It's definitely called "Holy Man," isn't it. I've had enough-take it off.

THE CEDARS: "I Like The Way" (Decca)

I like the rhythm, and I love the bass bit. It's nice. Ooh-I know this song. Someone's done this song. Someone's done this definitely. If Tony Blackburn plays it it might be a hit. I think he had a lot to with ours being a hit. You couldn't hate it-it could grow on you. It won't get in, but who am I-not a Mickie Most.

MORRIS AND MITCH:
"The Magical Musherishi Tourists" (Saga)

Strange. Sounds a bit like Bill Harry. Might be used in the Jack Jackson Show. I think it's a load of rubbish. I don't think anybody would bother to listen more than halfway through it. I won't.

Arethathe true professional

IN ONE of the attractive middle-class homes which line the long streets of north west Detroit, passers-by often notice an attractive young woman dusting and re-arranging objets d'art in the living room. If any of the pedestrians ever stopped to tie up a shoelace, they would catch the familiar sound of daytime TV soap operas. The situation is typical. The woman is not.

Her name is Aretha Franklin. She's the biggest phenomenon to stun the music industry since the Beatles. In the past twelve months, she has sold more records and made more money than any member of the recording fraternity. She arrives in England next week. A year ago, Aretha lived in another house - close to the city's ghetto area-and another world. In those days, she

dusted, watched soap operas, and dreamed of the day when things would change. It came. But it has not greatly altered her life. A new home for managerhusband Ted White and herself, and some especially exquisite gowns for concerts. She

has received seven gold records -each of which is worth at least 40,000 dollars in royalties - but she has yet to indulge in an uninhibited shopping spree. She finds the fame and fortune difficult to comprehend,

and to justify. "It's just a great feeling," she says, shyly and with humility. Aretha is reserved, occasionally peeping out from behind her self-imposed curtain to laugh at some long forgotten event. She is down to earth.

There is no pretence. She finds her singing style difficult to categorise. One gets the impression that she has no desire to pass judgment on her proverbial pot of gold. It is there. It is intangible.

She pauses for several seconds before offering, "Well . . . lit's a crazy mixture, I guess I'm just a singer with gospel influences."

She has no children. Nor does she plan any "for some considerable time." When the time comes, she'd like a small family. Despite the lack of young ones to complicate matters, she rarely goes out. Hardly ever sees movies. Only occasionally goes to concerts.



ARETHA: " just a singer "

Her first big trip outside of the States started this week when she flew to Europe for concerts in Paris, Berlin, Stockholm, Amsterdam and later " Boy, am I ever looking for-

ward to that," she says in a rare burst of lengthy gaiety. " Everyone tells me that London is the fashion capital of the world, and I might even have a mini-shopping spree."

Those long years of waiting and hoping have prevented Aretha from taking her overdue fame for granted. She is basically insecure, never anticipating success until it actually happens. She forecast a dismal flop for her first hit, "I Never Loved la Man." It sold well over a million. Reliable sources predict her latest single, "Ain't No Way," will be the biggest blues ballad since "Drown in My Own Tears." "I don't think so," she comments, with no phony modesty.

She believes that "Respect," her best selling disc so far, most eloquently represents what she is saying; her message to the world.

Insecurity and shyness are temporarily forgotten when Aretha sits in front of her piano and the recording micro-

"We spend a great deal of time deciding which songs we'll use," Aretha says. She admits to having the final say on what is, and what is not, released to that ever-waiting public. Her

latest album, currently number two on the charts and entitled - most appropriately -"Lady Soul" which contains four single hits required several weeks of constant studio work.

Not that Aretha is difficult to work with. Producer Jerry Wexler, who's cut some of the biggest names of the past decade, claims he has never produced a session with a more talented or co-operative artist.

She arrives at the studio with as many as one hundred songs, from which three or four will actually be electronically etched across the eight-track

She's happy in her present bag, with plenty of reason. " I want to keep on making the sort of records which people can identify with. I'd also like to do some of the softer old numbers with strings and big orchestras. But we have to be very careful in the material we select . . . people associate strange things with songs."

She makes few concert appearances, and no club dates. Her last concert, a homecoming affair in Detroit pulled in 60,000 dollars at the door. She confesses to preferring home to the concert stage. She was deeply shaken by

the assassination of Martin Luther King, "I just can't find words to express how I feel. It is a great tragedy . . , underlined." Her father, the Rev. C. L. Franklin, had worked with the late Dr. King, In her own quiet, softly-

spoken way, Aretha Franklin has a way of getting things done to her complete satisfaction. Be it making great music, dusting a coffee table, or charming an interviewer.

She is a true professional, without the glossy veneer and the phony glamour. In short, Aretha really knows where it's at. As do the people who dig her inimitable sound.



TOWNSHEND: "We make our money on re

Auge and Jule

DRIAN AUGER and Julie Driscoll — the toast of the Continent! Britain's most power of elderly Swiss ladies and gents, all bre packed duo stole the show and wearing top hats and faraway exshook the Swiss Alps when they starred at a pop gala at the Golden Rose of Montreux TV Festival, Switzerland on Satur-

Montreux, was produced by Giorgio extremely interesting and dramatic. sta Gomelski and Horst Schmolzi, under the auspices of Philips and Polydor groups played very well and achieved Records. It also featured the Crazy a good sound balance. Arthur Brown World Of Arthur Brown, Kaleido- came as quite a shock, even if only scope, Fairport Convention, Sharon half his famous fire helmet actually Tandy and the Fleur De Lys, Lion caught fire. Organist Vincent Crane

At the commencement of festivi- jazzy warm-up to their act. ties, extraordinary scenes, developed Kaleidoscope played their interestin the foyer of the Casino, a happy ing and original sounds, and while swinging centre of alcohol, pop, jazz much of their stuff was probably over

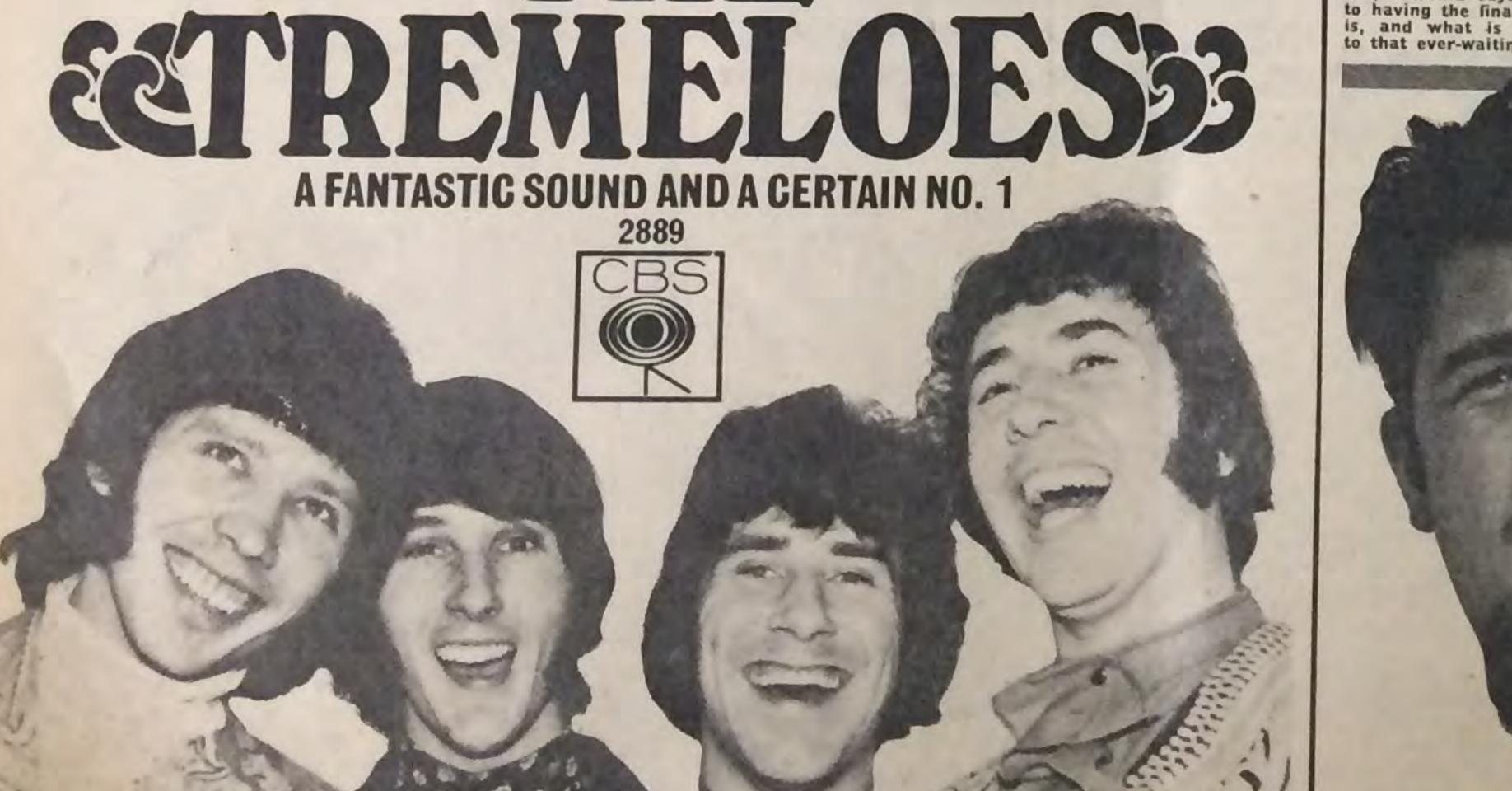
tish and foreign TV men in Mon- an elderly, slightly inebriated gentletreux for the TV Festival, practically man in evening dress, attempting to defied description. A string quartet frug during a far-out number full of JU

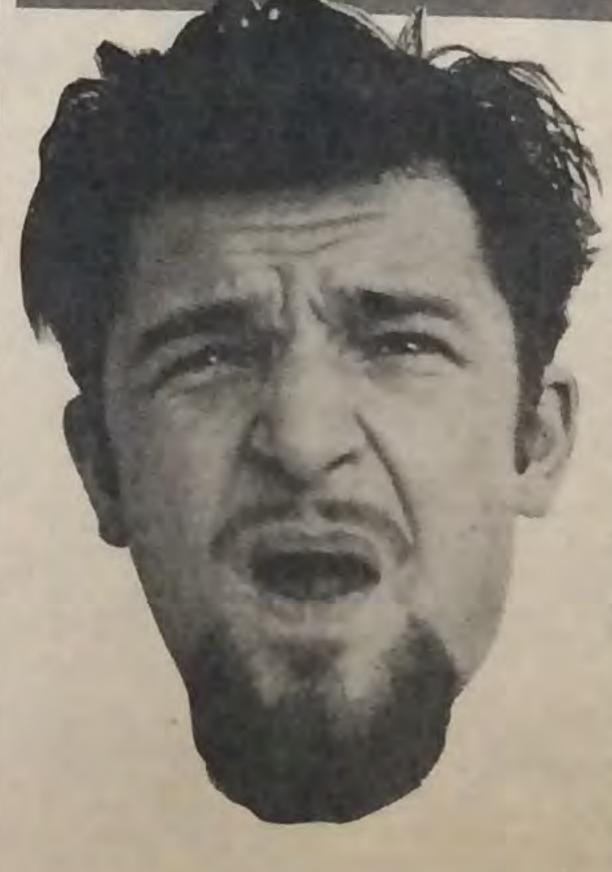
CHRIS WELCH at the MC pressions, played what sounded like bar Hungarian cafe music. In the Casino cinema, a 30 minute ent colour movie on the Jimi Hendrix and

—until it broke down. With a cons fee The gala, held at the Casino de mentary by Alexis Komer, it proved ent In the main room, the British

and the Fish, and Blossom Toes. drew big applause during his fast,

the heads of the crowd, appreciation The spectacle that greeted the Bri- was forthcoming. Amusing sight was





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THE REASON I left here in the first place was to start a discotheque in Norway, in Lillehammer to be exact. The ski-ing is terrific but the place is diabolical in the evening; there's nothing to do. It was incredibly successful, but it was something to do thing there is a state mono
I got the bloody "A" train

I got the bloody "A" train poly-just one drinking shop in each town. It is very restricted and very severe, so all

they see a drink. We opened at eight the first night, and by 9.30 we'd run out of liquor. The second night we lasted until 10.30, and the third night we just about made it to the end. On the fourth night, the wine store supplying us ran out. Anyway, It had to end. So t sold the equipment to the bloke for £200 and went off to Oslo for a holiday. If nothing else I'd learned to

ski. I had this money left

so I bought a ticket to Canada

the Norwegians go mad when

via New York to see the country I was born in-New York turned out to be such a drag of a place I had to go from the airport bus terminal to Grand Station by subway. When I asked how, I was told 'Take the 'A train. I almost said: "What

and it was terrible a soisy. filthy, rattling old thing, worse than the Blackwall Tunnell when they were dig-

I didn't linger. I split, see, and caught the train to Buffalo, 300 miles on the train, at about 30 miles an

So I finished up on this train. No bar car or anything. but I had the duty-free booze from Iceland in my bag so 1 was all right. At Buffalo Bus Station I had to wait three hours for a bus across the Peace Bridge into Toronto.

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GUITARIST DIZ DISLEY REPORTS

CHRIS WELCH talks to PETE TOWNSHEND

TYPICAL Who sound blasted in stereo from a battery of speakersscreaming guitar, vocals, bass and drums. But Roger Daltrey, John Entwhistle and Keith Moon were not involved. The "group" was all Pete Townshend.

Pete's songwriting for the Who is a complicated business of getting words down on tape with the aid of a guitar, then building up four and eight track recordings in studio at his home in Victoria, London.

PLANT

Pete once had a fabulous flat in Wardour Street, Soho, complete with recording equipment, drums, organ, guitars, mammoth hi-fi set up, massive record collection and a giant rubber plant.

Most of it has been transferred to his new home, and it was there Pete played me a tape of a song called "Now I'm A Farmer," which even the rest of the Who hadn't heard.

It is a song from Pete's project, the long awaited Townshend Opera, which he has been working on in different forms, on and off, for a couple of years.

Heavy commitments in America have held him up,

Would you let your daughter marry a Venusian?

pointed at the image of pop opera created by Keith West's "Teenage Opera."

Pete, tall, angular and energetic, dressed in blue jeans, a dinner jacket and Fair Isle pullover, ready for an open air drink at his local.

"Ooh - Pete Townsend has got Paul McCartney's pullover," sniffed Pete, loading himself up with tissue paper to hold a Spring cold in check.

"I tried like mad to get this. It was the only one in the shop, but they wouldn't let me take it. When I got home, there it was! My girl friend had bought it for me."

In the pub he fought the usual battle for service, then launched into an amazing conversational marathon, full of startling ideas, and wild enthusiasm.

How did he enjoy the Who's first performance in England for many months at London's Marquee Club last week?

"I enjoyed the Marquee very much. For the first few minutes I was very scared the whole thing was going to go wrong.

a small place after the

"But the audience was lovely. Although we have played there hundreds of times, it seemed strange to play such

and also Pete was disap- "At the end, I thought 'What hate them as much as they the hell,' and smashed them insist they do. both. Sure-I lost money, and the amps, which were borrowed, will cost about

> Gibson Stereo cost £200. "No I can't put it down on tax because when I say I use 70 guitars a year, they don't believe me. They put it down as part exchange.

£20 each to repair. The

'We make a profit, but it is a disaster for us to go touring America, because we never make any bread. Other groups do, I suppose. We make our money on recording.

enjoy going to America very much. It's changingfor the better. The war has taken the sting out of their aggressiveness.

"They're scared of war and they are beginning to respect the views of the young because of their persistence.

"Just think-the billion dollars a day spent by America on the war in Vietnam would keep every Vietnamese in two cars and a TV

"As for the race scene here . . . Jamaicans are such nice friendly people, I'm sure the English don't really

"The world is a melting pot and the sooner it has melted the better. The sooner we are all a bronzed brown colour the better.

" Half-castes are much better looking than pure breds, who are the most disgusting, despicable characters of

Eventually race will be nonexistent, but by then the interplanetary races will be coming over here and we'll get the whole thing over again.

PLANS

"Would you let your daughter marry a Venusian? 'But mother, we're in love!' 'I don't care, I'm not letting you marry one of those spons.""

How are the Who changing and what are Pete's plans for the future?

"I like writing for the Who, but I can't do that when we're away on long tours.

"The group sound is changing-probably getting more

sophisticated. We're consci-

ous now of sound balance, and we do play quiet numbers. You can hear the vocals now, which you couldn't a couple of years

"I'm working on an opera, which I did once before, and I am thinking of calling it 'The Amazing Journey.'

I've completed some of it, and I'd like to put it on an LP. The theme is about a deaf, dumb and blind boy who has dreams and sees himself as ruler of the cosmos.

"I'd like to call it 'Journey Into Space,' but there might be problems because of the old radio show,

"I love pop, and so much can be done through a pop medium. Pop is today.

"I don't think about yesterday's pop-although to make a terrible admission I like Cliff Richard and always have done for years and years.

Basically, I'm interested in the progression of pop, and I don't think it's as exciting at the moment as it should be.

"And I'm not saying that because we haven't got a record in the chart."

Jules wow 'em!

WELCH at the MONTREUX FESTIVAL

make our money on recording."

usic.

cinema, a 30 minute the Jimi Hendrix shown continuously down. With a cons Korner, it proved ting and dramatic.

room, the British y well and achieved ance. Arthur Brown shock, even if only fire helmet actually mist Vincent Crane se during his fast,

their act. layed their interestsounds, and while ff was probably over crowd, appreciation Amusing sight was v inebriated gentledress, attempting to

ladies and gents, all breaks, feedback and uproar.

s and faraway ex- Fairport Convention, a happy little and bass by Dave Ambrose. what sounded like band of funny folk with the talented Judy Dyble on vocals and recorder, entertained with songs like "Follow and "Takes A Lot To Love."

Sharon Tandy sang with soul and feeling, and was not deterred by her entrance when she slipped on shiny stage and nearly fell base over apex. Swiss, but, by thunder, we can im-

well, and drew huge applause for his exciting playing on the highly percussive "Jungle Telegraph," with superb drumming by Clive Thacker

Brian's technique now seems unsurpassable, and his style is wholly his own. And Julie, looking beautiful in a long blue dress, broke every-

We may look a weird lot to the Brian Auger played phenomenally press them with our music!



-out number full of JULIE DRISCOLL: looking beautiful in a long blue dress

DRAG

States.

"In some places 50,000 turn out for us at huge stadiums. And they really turn out in those numbers for pop in Canada and America.

"Those flop tours over here recently were a drag. don't think the 'names' were very well balanced.

"Last year's English tours were great, and I really thought we were getting the young kids back into pop. "At the Marquee, we weren't

particularly together because we hadn't actually played since we got back from the States. "We didn't do any special act

because we tried all those things at the Saville last year and they always make me feel uncomfortable.

"I smashed up two guitars at the end of the show, because one I was using had recently been repaired and broke as I came on stage, so I played another one I use for recording.

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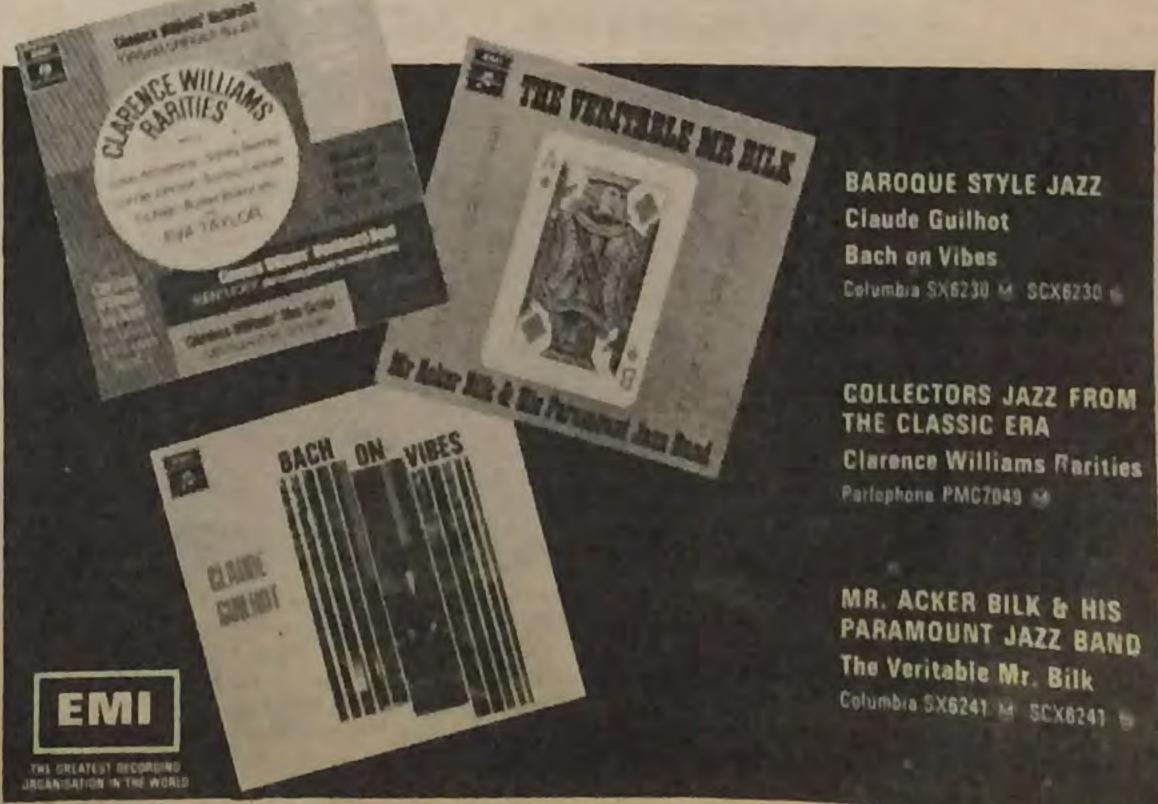
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Odyssey

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At Buffalo Bus

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no shining vision of the future but something that's coming to bits. I hadn't realised this yet, mind you. It's my first time in the States and I'm still topping up my hangover. I caught the bus over the bridge and went into the passport office before entering my homeland (I left when I was four). I handed in my Canadian passport and was asked why I wished to enter. I said that it was my country and I wanted to see what they'd been doing with

We arrived in Toronto at one in the morning with the city covered in snow-it was early January-and icy cold But I found Carolyn Hester in Toronto, and I saw her,

which was great. And right opposite it said "Tonite Lonnie Johnson." So next night I went in there with my guitar and played with Lonnie for half an hour. He was on amplified guitar

and we played "Stardust and "Tomorrow Night" and a couple of twelve-bars. He told me he'd very much like to come back to Britain.

I also ran into Jim McHarg, the bassist who started the Clyde Valley Stompers umpteen years ago. He has a trad band at a club there called the Ports of Call, and I sat in with them and had a drink. Really I got on quite well in Toronto. I was offered some work and Jim fixed me up as a cartoonist for a local paper. But after five days I got a

call from Florida inviting me to a club in Tampa. So off I went to Tampa with no bread. two-and-a-half spent months in Florida and it wasn't a very happy experience. But I met Jack Elliott, who was booked into the coffee bar, and I did a job with him and we had a little re-

union as we hadn't worked

Festival the year before last.

together since the Beaulieu

We both got drunk of course. Then he left for Texas in his Land Rover.

There were good and bad things. It was nice in the sunshine, picking oranges and listening to gospel singers. I made two LPs there, for Fuller Productions, and must say they had a wonderful studio in Tampa. They had some very good musicians there,

Later we went to North Carolina-where I met Josh White, whose fingers are now okay-and we had to drive via Georgia and South Carolina. The bloke who's driving says we'll fill up at the border because we have to get through Georgia without even stopping. And it's true.

This isn't the racial thing at all - you wouldn't believe that, it's so hairy - but if you pull up for anything the coppers are liable to do you. They're looking for strangers because if they nick anybody they get a percentage of the fines.

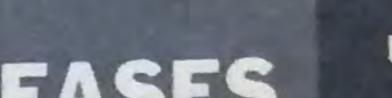
And If you've a beard you're either a weirdo or a subversive or both, and they'll have you in the nick. If you haven't got the fine you end up in the chain gang . . . no joke. The place is held up to be an example to all mankind but it's the biggest load since Nazi Germany. Now I met a lot of charming people, muscians and folk singers including Josh and Lonnie, Rambling Jack and Carolyn Hester, and these are the people I'm interested in. But I also met a couple of complete monsters, and the charmers were in the min-

Apart from TV, though, and radio perhaps, there isn't any jazz, I heard practically none at all while I was there. It was living in the South, remember, and this opened my eyes to that music scene -rubbing shoulders with the rednecks. No Negroes of course.

So far as I could see there was no jazz thing going on. There were brilliant musicians but no jazz work. It's all folk rock and psychedelic crap. Country and western, yes. But god musicians, they don't work-period.

As a mater of fact, most of the people I met were skint. That's a funny thing about the Land Of Plenty, Before I went I tended to think of the USA as the home of jazz and all sorts of good things that don't exist, It's all advertising,

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here is present day popular

music, in this case such hit

"Don't Let The Sun" (for

which Basic switches to organ)

"Bright Lights, Big

. . Basie's Way " (Com-

"Let The Good Times Roll

City" Chico O'Farrill scored,

Louis Bellson and Iry Cottler

share drums, everything

COUNT BASIE: "Holly-

mand SCOM115). Basic in

the world of screen tunes like

"Laura," "Fine Romance"

and "Trolley Song" tailored

by Chico, of course. A better

bet than many his popular

outings, with Harry Edison

COUNT BASIE: "The Hap-

plest Millionaire" (London

HAU8347). More of the fine

Basic band in the land of

show music, this time inter-

preting the score of "Million-

aire" with typical warmth

and finesse via O'Farrill's

alick scoring. One for Basie-

CUFF BILLETT - BILL

GREENOW QUINTET (Swift

2). Free-wheeling jazz with

Greenow's alto combining

well together, though the alto

sound a little flat throughout.

Some solid jazz with no pre-

TET: "Jackpot" (CBS 63187).

The last Bruheck - Desmond

LP, and this typical set illus-

trates how jaded and predict-

able the whole set-up had be-

come. But Dave fans will dig

(Pye NPL18212). The Newport

is Mon, not Rhode Island. Fast,

technically brilliant piano

playing, too often lack-

MILES DAVIS AND JOHN

DAVE BRUBECK QUAR-

philes rather than jazz fans.

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SWINES.

DAVE BRUBECK



JOE HARRIOTT



HANK MOBLEY

INDIKUMENIAL JALL

Rodgers" (Transatlantic PR 7322). Third-time reissue of a mixture of Fifties tracks, Excellent in the main, but should have been on a cheap label by now.

FREEDOM SOUNDS: "People Get Ready" (Atlantie SD1492). Avant garde, pop, Latin, even pop influences all mixed together in an odd album starring Wayne Henderson's trombone.

JOE HARRIOTT / JOHN MAYER: "Indo-Jazz Fusions II" (Columbia SCX6215). The third Indo-Jazz collaboration, and while the novelty may have worn off the music is still attractive, charming and highly enjoyable for Harriott's alto, Kenny Wheeler's trumpet and the unique rhythm sec-

DON HECKMAN/ED SUM-MERLIN: "Jax Or Better" (Jazz Workshop JLP7009). Rather rigid avant garde by two saxes leading septet including Ron Carter, Steve Kuhn and Joe Hunt, Strangely intellectual for a form so emotional.

"JAZZ PANORAMA OF THE SIXTIES" (VJM LC6). If you yearn for the heyday of the trad boom try this set, with tracks dating between 1960 and 1966, from such as Mike Daniels, Kid Martyn, Colin Kingwell, Steve Lane, Brian Green and the Original Downtown Sycopators.

BROTHER JACK McDUFF: ROY BUDD: "At Newport" "Live At The Jazz Workshop" (Transatlantic PR7286). A reissue of one of McDuff's most exciting LPs (previously on Stateside), this has the organist working with reedmen Red Holloway and Harold Vick and lightning guitarist George

company in Great Britain-

a pair of JAZZ-PLUS album specials

Benson as well as rhythm. Most of the music is bluesy and hard-swinging but but a calypso-like "Passing Through" makes welcome contrast.

JACKIE McLEAN: "Action" (Blue Note BST84218), Altoist McLean, trumpeter Charles Tolliver, and vibist Bobby Hutcherson in an excellent set which, typical of McLean, welds elements of tradition and the avant garde into exciting, fiery music.

HERBIE MANN: "The String Album" (Atlantic 1490). Indifferent cute, nondescript string arrangements add up to a dull, lifeless set of little interest even to devout Herbie Mann fans. HUGH MASEKELA: "Is

Alive And Well At The Whisky" (UNI UNLI01). South African trumpeter Masekela is a strange concoction of kwela, pop, and jazz and an excellent improviser. His soul-based quintet swing strongly and he sings well,

HANK MOBLEY: "A Caddy For Daddy" (Blue Note BST 84230). Strong modern-mainstream blowing from tenorist Mobley, in company with Lee Morgan, Curtis Fuller and a first rate rhythm section. Highly recommended as a souvenir of Hank's current visit.

GRASSELLA OLIPHANT: "The Grass Is Greener" (Atlantic SD1497). Drummer Oliphant leads a jazz - flavoured R&B group with electric guitar and organ and most of the jazz moments come when Clark Terry bursts through on

flugel and trumpet. JIMMY OWENS - KENNY

BARRON QUINTET: "You Had Better Listen" (Atlantic SD1491). Trumpeter Owens is one of the most promising voices in recent years and although this is a fine debut album, it's slightly disappointing.

Nueve" (MCA MUP307). Features very relaxed and swing-

WAYNE SHORTER: "Adam's Apple" (Blue Note BST84232). Tenorist Shorter, perhaps the most improved jazzman of the last couple of years, in a varied set with Miles Davis Quintet colleague Herbie Hancock on piano.

HORACE SILVER: "The Jody Grind" (Blue Note BLP 4250). Pleasant Silver themes with the boss's piano outstanding.

Life" (Xtra 5047). Terry and tenorist Budd Johnson star in this rather mediocre six-yearold selection. Oliver Nelson's arrangements haven't lasted

STANLEY TURRENTINE: "Rough 'n' Tumble" (Blue BST84240). "The Spoiler" (Blue Note BLP4256). Nicely arranged mixture of funk and ballads featuring Turrentine's big-toned tenor.

COOTIE WILLIAMS: "The Solid Trumpet Of Cootie Williams" (Xtra 5045). Not the most solid Cootie, this '62 with piano-bass-drums support, but one his admirers may want this all the

JACK WILSON: " Something Personal" (Blue Note BLP4251). Wilson's piano is rightly causing a lot of excitement. Teamed with Roy Ayers (vibes) and Ray Brown doubling cello and bass he produces a lot of interesting

LEM FOWLER: "Lem Fowler - Solos, Washboard Wonders, Favourites" (VJM VLP 18). Another of VJM's Timespan recordings, produced by arrangement with CBS International, this presents solos and band sides by the little-known pianist.

BILL POTTS: "Brasilia

ing Zoot Sims tenor in a Latin setting-excellent late night listening for weary jazz fans.

CLARK TERRY: "Night

all that well. Note

WALTON: CEDAR "Cedar!" (Transatlantic PR 8519.) Ex-Jazz Messengers pianist Walton in trio, quartet and quintet settings. Good modern piano with traces of instant funk, but trumpeter Kenny Dorham shines.

JAZZ LP OF THE MONTH



WAYNE SHORTER: most improved jazzman

BLUES & VOCAL JAZZ

DOBBY BLAND: "A Touch D Of The Blues" (Island ILP 974). Bland is an excellent singer with an intense and exciting voice, but the band and vocal backings spoil this album as far as hard core blues enthusiasts are concerned.

EDDIE BOYD: "7936 South Rhodes" Horizon (Blue 7-63202). Boyd is authentic and entertaining both as sinand pianist while Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac perfectly satisfying in their contributions to an excellent album.

JESSE FULLER: "Jesse Fuller's Favourites" (Transatlantic PR7368). The old blues player and entertainer sings, picks, blows his kazoo and harmonica and variously manipulates washboard or fotdella on this reissued collection of favourite songs and instrumental tunes, including his "Cincinnati Blues," "Tickling The Strings" and "Hump



JESSE FULLER

In You Back." Previously on Stateside SL10154.

LIGHTNIN' HOPKINS: " Got To Move Your Baby" (Xtra 5044). Hopkins' expressive blues guitar are heard in company with Sonny Terry (and probably J. C. Burris), harmonica, Leonard Gaskin (bass) and Belton Evans (drs) on

this averagely good example of his music. A low-price reissue.

O C. SMITH: "The Dynamic O. C. Smith Recorded Live" (CBS63147). Singer O.C., who used to be known as Ocie Smith, makes quite a powerful impression on his first album with buoyant performances of "Work Song," "Here's That Rainy Day" and other classy songs. Rhythm support plus vibes on several tracks.

MEMPHIS MINNIE "Volume Two" (Blues Classics 13). Memphis Minnie (born Minnie Douglas) and Kansas Joe McCoy are heard in rare recordings together made in Chicago during 1930 and '31. Minnie shows a fine blues voice and guitar style and is closely partnered by McCoy's guitar and (sometimes) voice. The latter does the vocal on "Preacher's Blues." Two excellent guitar duets are included in this historic set.

SHORTER, JAZZMAN OF REAL STATURE

timbl. James Spaulding Herbie Hancock (pnb) Ren Corter (boss) Joe Chambers

THE emergence of Wayne Shorter as a jazzman of real stature has been a gradual event, stemming mainly from his association with the Miles Davis Quintet.

It is beyond question that since Shorter took over the tenor chair with Miles, his improvement as a composer and instrumentalist has been quite incredible. From being a competent Coltrane-inspired tenorist, he has matured into a distinctive soloist, operating in one of the most demanding groups ever in jazz.

These qualities, and also his ability as an arranger, are all evident on this album which is another fine instance of current Blue Note thinking in breaking away from the horn-plus-rhythm image which dominated the label, albeit successfully both in commercial and often in artistic terms,

Shorter's handling of the

eight-piece shows an astute skill, never too glib in the arranged passages, always creating an impression of power in reserve and using the various solo voices himself, Hubbard and Hancock mainly-very effectively in contrast.

The inspiration for the music, as in Coltrane's "A Love Supreme," is religious. Whatever, Shorter's five compositions (" Mephistopheles" is by his brother Alan) are sturdy compositions interspersed with some excellent solos with the main honours going to the composer himself.

Hubbard plays beautifully in the ensembles, blowing with incredible facility and not letting his fingers race ahead of his imagination as often as he has done on past occasions. Spaulding leaps into "Chaos" like a reincaraation of Eric Dolphy, and Grachan Moneur's two solo moments are beautifully measured statements, especially that on "Mephistopheles."

Paradoxically, Shorter's young brother Alan almost walks away with the composing honours with this last track, a foreboding melody with odd intervals and a menacing rhythmic pulse. The tenor solo here is one of the best things on the album.

This brilliantly conceived. brilliantly executed exercise in small band music shows that there is still ample scope within the format without relying on musical excess for effects.

We're only beginning to sense the potential of Wayne Shorter. Here is a man who will make his mark on jast if he continues to develop like this-a musician who must make many more great albums.-BOB HOUSTON



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BOBBY BARE AND THE HILLSIDERS: "The English Country Side" (RCA VICTOR RD 7918). Liverpool country and western group, the Hillsiders join up with Nashville singer, Bobby Bare, on some pleasant country style music recorded in Nashville itself. A good one for country fans.

PADDY BELL, FINBAH AND EDDIE FURY: "I Know Where I'm Going" (Waverley/ EMI ZLP 2104). Paddy Bell shares this album with two young Irishmen, Finbah and Eddie Fury but it is Finbar Fury's piping that steals the show. Precise and fluid, Finbar comes over well on things like "The Sligo Maid," "The Lark In The Morning" and "The Star Of Munster." Paddy Bell's high, clear voice is heard on songs such as "Come By The Hills" and "My Lagan Love."

PETER BELLAMY: "Mainly Norfolk" (Xtra 1060). Peter Bellamy, one third of the popular traditional group, the Young Tradition, sings ballads and songs which for the most part are from Norfolk where he spent most of his life before coming to London. Peter has a distinctive style, his voice clear and high pitched. A number of the songs are associated with Harry Cox and Sam Larner and titles include "The German Musicianer," -" Butter And Cheese And All" and "Yarmouth Town."

IAN AND LORNA CAMP-BELL: "The Cock Doth Craw" (Xtra 1061. With the Campbell Group exploring new fields, at least on record, this album is a timely reminder that Ian and Lorna can still hold their own when it comes to singing traditional material, in this case Scottish ballads. Titles include "Bogie's Bonny Bell," "The Keach In The Kreel" and "I



TOMMY MAKEM

THE CLANCY BROTHERS
AND TOMMY MAKEM:
"Home, Boys, Home" (CBS
63249). The Clancys and Tommy Makem apply their own robust style to such songs as "B For Barney," "Mountain Tay" and the title track "Home Boys Home." The singing is, as always, good and distinctive. Clancy and Makem fans will not be disappointed.

THE CORRIES: "Kishmel's Galley" (Fontana TL5465). The Corries, Roy Williamson and Ronnie Browne, combine a smooth harmony style with a formidable multi-instrumental backing which includes Northumbrian pipes, 28-string guitar, concertina and flute. A very good album with accent heavily on Scottish songs.

JACK ELLIOTT: "Sings
The Songs Of Woody
Guthrie" (Xtra 5043). Having
lived and travelled with the
late Woody Guthrie, Jack
knows Woody's songs as well
as anybody. Backing himself
with his own excellent flatpicking guitar, Jack is in good
voice on such Guthrie classics
as "1913 Massacre," "Grand



IAN CAMPBELL

Coulee Dam," "Talking Dust Bowl" and "So Long."

TIM HARDIN: "This Is Tim Hardin" (Atlantic 587082). Tim Hardin, composer of "If I Were A Carpenter," is heard with some traditional and contemporary folksongs recorded in 1963-1964. The backings are simple, mainly electric guitar, for songs like "Cocaine Bill," Tim's own "Fast Freight" and Fred Neil's "Blues On The Ceiling." Good folk-fringe record.

THE LIVINGSTONES: "In Concert" (Waverley / EMI ZLP 2105). This group of four young men were recorded live at Hamilton Town Hall. They sing well, although the balance might have been slightly better. Titles include "The Wild Rover," which is given a humerous treatment, "Bonnie Dundee," "San Miguel" and "Tramps And Hawkers." Not a remarkable album but will appeal to middle-of-the-road folk fans.

WATT NICOL: "Ballad Of The Bog" (Xtra 1062). Watt Nicol is a songsmith in the tradition of Matt McGinn — Scots, witty and well able to deliver his songs as this

album proves. The songs range in style and mood from balladry to bawdry but all tastefully done. A good debut album from Watt Nicol.

EARL SCRUGGS AND LESTER FLATT: "Changin' Times" (CBS 63251). Earl Scruggs and Lester Flatt sing Bob Dylan on this new album. Their bluegrass-styled treatment is given to "Mr Tambourine Man," "Don't Think Twice, It's All Right,"
"Blowin' In The Wind," "It Ain't Me, Babe," and to Bobby Gentry's hit "Ode To Billie Joe" and "Where Have All The Flowers Gone," however they are back in the old groove with "Foggy Mountain Breakdown," which was used as the theme music for the film Bonnie And Clyde. Not the usual Flatt and Scruggs perhaps, but these are changin' times - pleasant changes.

J. R. TOLKIEN, DONALD SWANN, WILLIAM ELVIN: "Poems And Songs Of Middle Earth" (Caedmon Literary Series TC 1231). A must for the Tolkien cultists. Professor J. R. Tolkien reads from The Adventures Of Tom Bombadil and William Elvin, accompanied by Donald Swann, sings Swann's settings of poems from Lord Of The Ring. VARIOUS ARTISTS:

"Poetry And Song-Albums 7, 8, 9, 10" (Argo DA-56/57/ 58/59). These albums are a recorded anthology of songs and poetry aimed specifically at the 11 to 16 age group although they are equally suitable for older age groups as well. Those taking part in the reading and singing are the Critics Group, Ewan MacColl, Peggy Seeger, A. L. Lloyd. Patrick Wymark, Prunella Scales, Michael Hordern, Laurie Lee and the St John's College, Cambridge choir. Strong educational value combined with aesthetic appeal.

FOLK LP OF THE MONTH

STEFAN: slightly vibrant voice

GROSSMAN—NOT
JUST A COPYIST

STEFAN GROSS- AUNT MOLLYS MURRAY FARM STEFAN GROSSMAN
MAN: "Aunt Molly's

Murray Form." Dollas Rag; All My Friends Are Gone; Waltz; See See Rider; Special Lover; Lelia; Roberta; Big Road Blues; Sideways Nowhere Bound; Money's All Gone; Religious Trainfare Blues; Wall Hollow Blues; Number One; Aunt Molly's Murray Farm; Forgone Con-(Fontana clusion. TL5463.)

Stefan Grossman (gtr and vocal).

AUNT MULLY'S MURRAY FARM STEPAN BRUSS OF THE S

TECHNIQUE, pure and simple, becomes boring unless it is applied with imagination. Stefan Grossman, though he has learned from the Reverend Gary Davis, Skip James and Mississippi John Hurt, is more than just a straight copyist.

Stefan has travelled for

Stefan has travelled far in his musical experience and has played with groups such as the Fugs, Mitch Ryder's Rock and Roll Show, and the Even Dozen Jug Band, all of which have contributed to his rounding out.

On his first album for Fontana, Stefan is heard in a variety of styles, from the bouncy ragtime picking on "Dallas Rag" to the rolling sound of "Big

Road Blues," He has a very effective bottle-neck style which he employs well.

Stefan's assimilation of styles is illustrated with John Hurt's "See-See Rider," Gary Davis' "All My Friends Are Dead And Gone," Libby Cotton's "Delia," and the Skip James instrumental "Special Lover," which has a surprisingly modern feel to it.

Stefan sings in a light, slightly vibrant voice with an easy, often relaxed, manner that is a pleasant complement to the guitar work. All in all, an album that will stand, and no doubt receive, a great deal of playing and one that is not as esoteric as it may appear. — TONY WILSON.



BEE GEES: "Rare, Precious And Beautiful" (Polydor). Four-year-old Australian recordings which reveal the Bee Gees' love of melody and meaningful lyrics. An interest-

CILLA BLACK: "Sher-oo!" (Parlophone). Cilla really is an all-round singer now, but her talent prevents triteness. A highly successful album.

BYRDS: "The Notorious Byrd Brothers" (CBS). A beautiful selection, represent-ing U.S. pop at its finest. CAKE (MCA). Interesting

American girl trio with a Ronettes style, Production involves massed string, brass and percussion but the girls try just a bit too hard.
"C HARTBUSTERS"

(Marble Arch). More re-created pop hits on the cheap Marble label - creditable copies, if you're not too fussy. RAY CONNIFF: "It Must Be Him" (CBS). The Conniff singers on a typical integrated if occasionally mechanical

set of ballads. BILL COSBY: "Hooray For The Salvation Army Band" (Warner Bros.). Cosby does a fair job of singing with a raggle taggle band backing and shouting girlie chorus.

ELAINE DELMAR: "La Belle Elaine" (Columbia), A sensitive singer who knows a good song and tries to put some feeling into the words. Her rather predictable style makes it hard to sustain interest for a whole album with just Colin Beaton's piano to keep her company.

THE DRIFTERS: "Golden Hits (Atlantic). This sounds strangely dated due to the pedestrian orchestral arrangements.

THE DUKE AND THE PEA-COCK (Island). Nice collection of soul tracks drawn from the Duke and Peacock catalogues, Includes Bobby Bland, Roy Head and Junior Parker.

RAINBOW FFOLY: "Sallies Fforth" (Parlophone). Very



HENDRIX



CILLA



MATT

mixed set varying from simple and effective to pretensious

CLINTON FORD: "Clinton The Clown (Pye), Clinton with his clown's hat on - backed by George Chisholm and the Inmates, he sings some very funny songs with even funnier titles. Just another facet of the super-versatile Mr Ford.

CONNIE FRANCIS: "The Incomparable Connie Francis" (Music for Pleasure). Reissue tracks of Connie singing in Italian and English with her usual full ration of emotion.

GOOD TIME MUSIC: (Elektra). Re-issue of an interesting set of tracks once headed "What's Shaking", including Eric Clapton's "Stepping Out", and the mysterious Steve Anglo joining Eric on sme other tunes and sounding remarkably like Stevie Winwood. It's also nice to hear the Lovin' Spoonful's "Good Time Music" again.

JACK GREENE: "What Locks The Door" (MCA). A new star in the ranks of country music, Jack Greene was the originator of the Engelbert Humperdinck hit "There Goes My Everything". A talent to watch.

JIMI HENDRIX: "Smash Hits (Track). These old tracks retain their force and power. They add feeling of menace to what might be termed progressive blues.

"HILLBILLY JAMBOREE, Volume One" (Polydor Special). Country fans, prick up your ears to some of the great names-Cowboy Copas, Webb Pierce, Hank Locklin, T.Texas Tyler. All reporting for sterling duty on one fine set. And many more besides.

HOBBITS: "Down To Middle Earth" (MCA). Pretty, inventive music if occasionally over-coy.

FRANK IFIELD: "The Singer And The Song" (Col-

umbia). Frank is in pop country style here on some songs recorded in London and Nashville, USA.

BRENDA LEE: "Reflections In Blue (MCA). The great little bundle of excitement that they call Brenda Lee in blue mood - and electrically effective. Little Miss Lee is great, whatever the mood.

LIBERACE: "Liberace Now!" (Dot). Predictable if pleasant melodies competently handled - though a bit gooey

LEMON PIPERS: "Green Tambourine" (Pye). A tight, musically interesting group, who know how to blend their voices and keep the interest

high through the entire album, LOVIN' SPOONFUL: "Everything Playing" (Kama Sutra). Oddly uneven set ranging from excellent to messy. The overall sound is a little dated

MANFRED MANN: "What A Mann (Fontana), Odd selection of old tracks. Bit of a hodge podge, but entertaining and no wavailable in stereo.

MATT MONRO: "The Late, Late Show" (Capitol). Matt on peak form singing top quality songs like "Autumn Leaves". "The Party's Over" and "Shadow Of Your Smile".

RICK NELSON: "Another Side Of Rick" (MCA). Rick turns up as a countrified singer with a pleasant, engaging voice but little to identify him from dozens of

WAYNE NEWTON: "Walking On New Grass" (MGM). The tall boy with the sky voice works over some songs, new and slightly old. For Wayne-lovers only.

THE NOCTURNES: (Columbia). A most promising album from two girls and four boys with a nice fat vocal sound. PEACHES AND HERB: "Golden Duets" (Direction). Their singing sweethearts image is made palatable by the fact they can sing and

WILSON PICKETT: "I'm In Love" (Atlantic). Great soul stirring from the artist likely to pick up the mantle of the great, late Otis Redding. Wilson Pickett is a groovy example of the best in modern soul music.

THE PLATTERS: "Only (Polydor). The longserving vocal group manage to make old faithfuls sound pretty fresh.

THE RASCALS: "Once Upon A Dream" (Atlantic). Inept attempt to tie up a complete album a la Sgt. Pepper. One or two nice songs, but they've bitten off more than they can chew. MITCH RYDER: "What

Now My Love" (Stateside). One side of dodgy ballads. but a second side that will delight indiscriminate rockers. Sounds like an American Johnny Hallyday. SELECT ELEKTRA (Elek-

tra). Good compilation including the Doors, Incredible String Band, Love, Tom Pax-ton, Judy Collins, etc. Real value-for-money. SANDIE SHAW: "The Golden Hits Of Sandie Shaw"

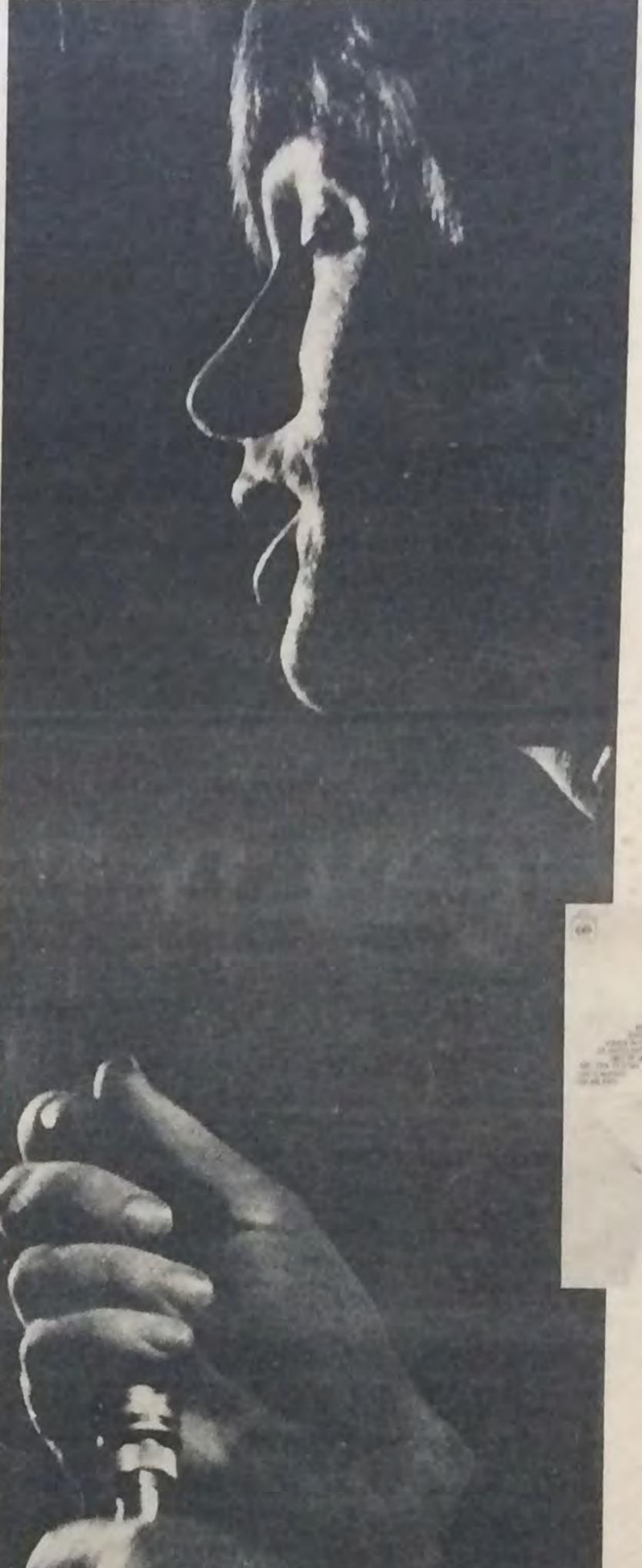
(Marble Arch). A bargain album of some of Sandie's best hits including "Long Live Love" and "Message Under-"SOUL PARTY" (Polydor). Just what it claims to be,

with tracks by such as Donnie Elbert, Jamo Thomas, Amboy Dukes, Ikettes, Edwin Starr and, rather surprisingly, the Jimi Hendrix Experience. HANK THOMPSON: "Just An Old Flame" (Capitol).

Mournful but at times magical

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POP LP OF THE MONTH



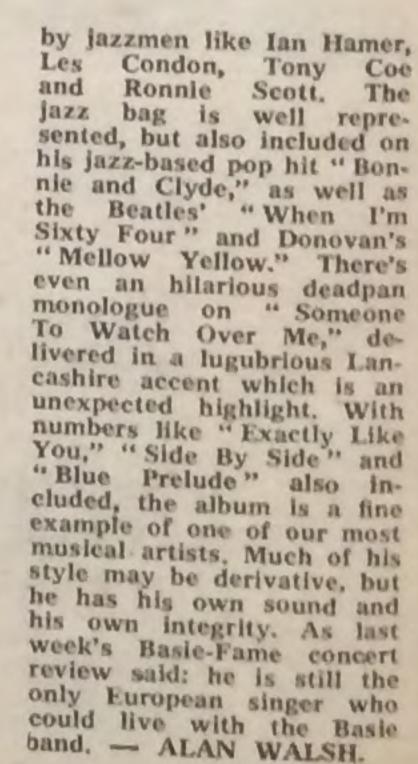
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TT is apt that this new Fame album should be chosen as LP of the Month because Georgie is currently experiencing what must be the highlight of his career: a tour with the Count Basie Band. And a successful tour at that, both musically and financially. Georgie's winning all along the line, because "The Third Face of Fame" is probably his best: he reacts marvellously to the biting jazz accompaniment on the set, provided

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"BONNIE AND CLYDE" (Warner Brothers). A good - but a little late. Music inspired by the hit movie "Bonnie and Clyde" composed by Charles Strouse. The album also includes some of the dialogue. Pity it's released just as the fashion is fading.

"THE CHARGE OF THE LIGHT BRIGADE" (United Artists). John Addison's epic music for an epic film, based on choral arrangements of marching songs and Victorian ballads.

"THE DANCING YEARS" (Columbia Studio 2). Anne Rogers and company in the latest version of the Ivor Novello musical One for the over 50s.

NEW HOLLYWOOD OR-CHESTRA: "Great Film



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Themes, No. 2" (Music for Pleasure). A good way to remember time spent watching such movies as "Never

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THE SCALPHUNTERS: "Original Motion Picture Score" (United Artists). Elmer Bernstein's music matches the excitement and scope of the Western at its best.

MICHAEL TODD'S AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS (MCA). Victor Young composed beautiful music for this screen epic and his orchestra does it full justice.



JOHNNY MATHIS

"VIVRE POUR VIVRE" (United Artists), Francis Lal's Soundtrack music makes dramatic impact but is more effective if you've seen the



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album; slow and sentimental at times, but permeated with

MERLE TRAVIS: "The Best Of Merle Travis" (Capitol). A country album that's fresh and informal from one of the best singers and guitar pickers in the genre.

SCOTT WALKER: "Scott
2" (Philips). The overall effect
is of despair and sadness.
Scott in superb vocal form.
DIONNE WARWICK: "Val-

SCOTT WALKER

ley Of The Dolls" (Pye). Dionne in superb voice and with her Svengali, Burt Bacharach masterminding most of the ten tracks. Knockout version of Beatles' "You're My World" crowns the best Warwick album in some time.

HANK WILLIAMS: "Hank Williams" (Music For Pleasure). The incomparable King of country music. Some fine country performances from the artist that set the way for many of his followers.

HANK WILLIAMS Jr.: "My Songs" (MGM). Hank, Jr. has been walking in his father's shadow for a long time. Now he steps firmly into the sunlight with a selection of his own songs. He's got his own bag now.

JOE WILLIAMS: "Something Old, New And Blue" (United Artists). From jazz singing with Count Basie, Joe has become a balladeer — and a fine one at that, witness this album. But the jazz tutorage has made its mark and helps to make this new album swinging as well as seductive.

JACKIE WILSON: "Higher And Higher" (MCA). High-class soul singing on a nice selection of ballads and bouncers.

"WORLD OF BRITISH
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artists proving they're as good
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O. V. WRIGHT: "8 Men, 4
Women" (Island). Good, if not

outstanding, example of contemporary soul,

THE YOUNG IDEA: "With A Little Help From My Friends" (Music For Pleasure). Remember these lads? Pleasant performances on some good songs make up a nice re-issue set.

ZOMBIES: "Odessey
Oracle" (CBS), A nice farewell album from the Zombies.
Melodic originals nicely performed



JOHN CAMERON OR-CHESTRA: "Warm And Gentle" (Studio 2 Stereo). Donovan's MD with a dozen tracks that live up to the album title.

REGINALD DIXON: "Mr Blackpool" (Music For Pleasure). If you spend your holidays looning around the Tower, Blackpool, this will fill you with nostalgia. If not don't bother.

PERCY FAITH ORCHES-TRA (CBS). Faith's tried and well tested recipe of sweeping strings and mellifluous brass.

"THE FANTABULOUS BRASS AND STRINGS" (Music For Pleasure). The now familiar Mexican Mariachi sound plus strings on some stirring numbers from the showbiz bag. Nice, but a gimmick that's wearing a bit thin.

FERRANTE & TEICHER:
"Reach Out For Love"
(United Artists). Lush, romantic sounds spoiled slightly by the occasional vocal chorus.

GOLDEN TRUMPET (Regal). GOLDEN GUITAR (Regal). GOLDEN CONTINENTAL TANGO (Regal). GOL-

DEN SAX (Regal). Four highly commercialised albums presenting Channel 20 Sound, developed in Japan, and as "superbly lifelike stereo" as the blurb claims. The recording quality is magnificent, the music is like the piped commodity that would be ideal for backgrounds in

MAX GREGER ORCHES-TRA: "Greger In Rio" (Polydor). South American dance music by a fine orchestra. Brilliant recording enables you to hear every scrape of the reso-reso, in full stereo.

GROOVIN' WITH THE SOULFUL SRINGS (Chess). Patchy instrumentals, but knockout versions of George Harrison's "Within You Without You" and Miles Davis's "All Blues" almost make it worth while.

JOHN HAWKINS OR-CHESTRA: "Tender Touch" (Polydor). Superbly performed light and popular music with sweeping strings and exotic saxophones drifting through well loved favourites.

LOS NORTE AMERICA-NOS: "Romance Of Tijuana" (Marble Arch). The Mexican Tijuana sound yet again. It looks like becoming as oftcopied as the Beatles. But it's not offensive to the ear.

PAUL MAURIAT: "Blooming Hits" (Philips). The "Love Is Blue" man masterminds some melodic music, and includes his hit. Pleasant, but no musical revelations.

SERGIO MENDES BRASIL '66 (MGM). Sophisticated instrumental and vocal music, gracefully tinged with bossa nova and first-rate, undemanding background music.

MRS MILLS: "Summer Party" (Parlophone). Spreading summer sunshine with her cheery personality and riotous rumbling piano pyrotechnics, Mrs Mills can always be relied on for some roll back the carpet, cockney fun and games. And here she is in a solid selection of family favourites.

ca). The music hardly seems worth all Les Paul's intensive research into electronic devices.

DOC SEVERINSEN: "The New Sound Of Today's Big Band" (Command). Beautifully recorded precise big band interpretations of good

songs, with Doc's immaculate trumpet riding high.

JUDD SOLO: "The Continental Magic Of Judd Solo" (Columbia). Fine music indeed — a full orchestra, unculttered with electric guitars or sound effects, designed to take the listener on a whirlwind tour of Europe

STEREO '68 (Marble Arch). Everything from Arthur Bliss to John Barry in cheap stereo sampler.

ROBERT STIGWOOD OR-CHESTRA: "Bee Gees' Hits" (Polydor). Top musicians brought together to play Gibb Brothers' compositions. Bill Shepherd arranged and conducted,

THE WAIKIKIS: "Golden Hits" (MGM). Music in Hawaiian mood from the Waikikis — a selection of the sensuous music of the islands

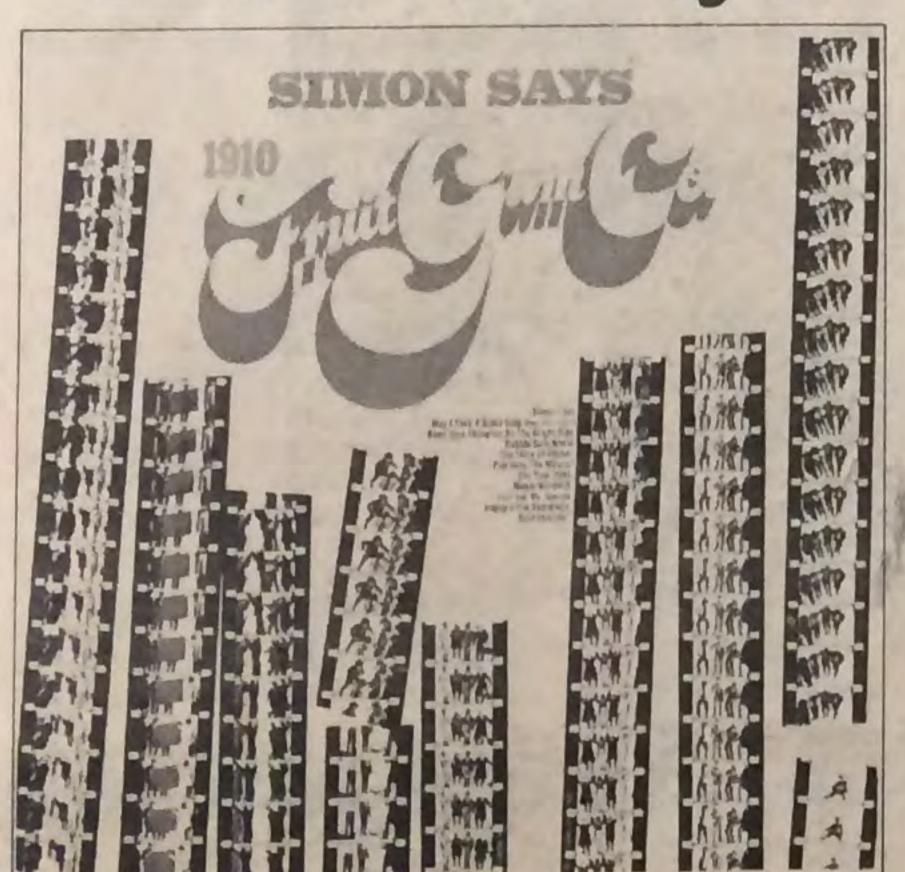
Of Today" (Verve). Swinging instrumentals ranging from "King Porter Stomp" to "Eleanor Rigby." Nice and pacy, with a lot of thought given to arrangements and some fine solos from the musicians.



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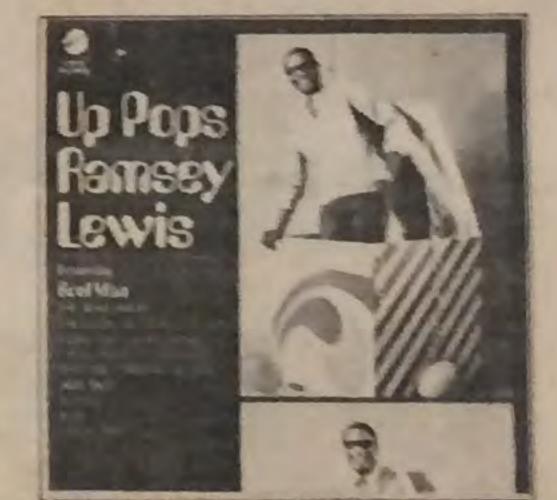
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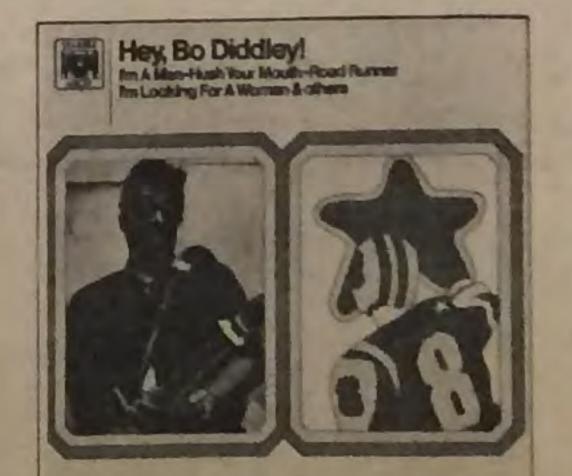
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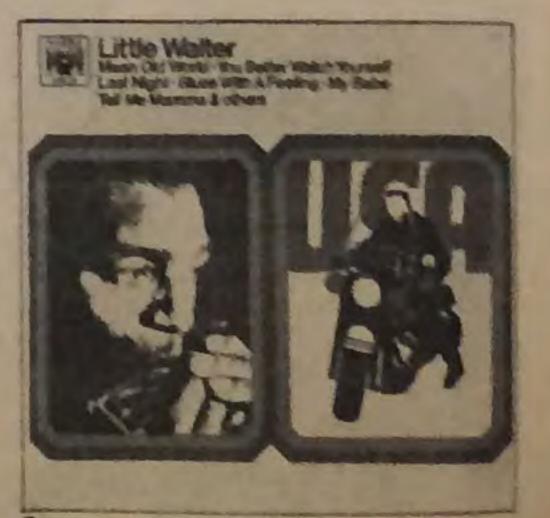
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Grossman — it began with Rev Gary Davis

CTEFAN GROSSMAN is a contemporary guy. He is a confirmed traditionalist. He has played with electric rock groups back home in America like the Fugs and Chicago Loop. Happy Traum writes in the introduction to Stefan's forthcoming book, The Country Blues Guitar, that Stefan "has been received with warmth

enthusiasm wherever he has played" on this side of the Atlantic.

Baby, that's an understatement. In less than a year Grossman has become the living representative in Europe of the traditional American blues, drawing attentive and enormous crowds wherever he appears.

This is hardly surprising, for Stefan made an expedition into down-town Harlem when he was only 16 to meet the legendary street singer and preacher, the Rev. Gary Davis. He became the blind guitarist's lead boy, helping him around, looking after him. In return, Davis taught him everything he knew about guitar.

"For two years I concentrated on the many styles Davis patiently taught me," he says in the book. "I spent hours up at his house breathing in thick cigar smoke, eating Mrs Davis' cooking and learning incredible songs."

Stefan has an interesting attitude to his traditional material. "I try to play it the way I heard it," he told me. "I tell people this is a song I got from Rev. Davis and I try to pass it on much as I got

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Two years after Stefan met Rev. Davis he met Dave Laibman, a revival bluesman who will be remembered for his visit to Britain a few years back, and met Mississippi John Hurt the first year he was rediscovered after being forgotten for more than 30 years.

The records Hurt had made in the late 1920s, when he was still a young man, were collectors' pieces. And in the few short years before he died, Hurt recorded many more

of his subtle, gentle blues. Stefan learnt from Mississippi John as he had learnt from the Rev. Davis and also studied the work of Son House, Skip James, Fred McDowell live - as well as countless other folk blues greats on record.

It's hard to get Stefan to talk about these men. He'd rather play their music. I saw him get very uptight at a party with a drunk who kept pestering him for the names of musicians he admired.

"Man, I admire anyone

who plays music," he said at length.

Music, for Stefan, doesn't only include the traditional blues, however. Alongside the songs handed to him by bluesmen he has known, he plays more contemporary music, some by his friends, like the jazz-influenced swinging triple time piece, "Waltz in 4:4," and some he has written himself.

One piece has several movements, an instrumental elegy to a friend who died, that is nothing but pure beauty. He will play the melody of a rock and roll tune he learned somewhere, and show that under the fat flesh is the skeleton of a good time.

This looks to me like progress. When some traditionalists discover that

the tradition didn't stop a hundred, fifty, thirty, twenty or however many years ago you like, they tend to flip and turn their backs on the whole scene.

I've never been able to understand why. Stefan

oque player, and it's as contemporary as 1971.

With his French beret and general left bank manner, Versatile artist, instruments 12 Stefan reminds me of string and banjo. Nothing more nothing so much as the new wave of American jazz musicians who began to hit Europe after the war. They were charting new areas of music that really had more to do with their roots than the worked-out cliches of the swing era. In his own way, Stefan Grossman is doing exactly that.

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ing her Tuesday evening club at the Scots Hoose. Next week the guests are Shirley Bland and Isla Cameron, on May 14 she has Hedy West, and on May 21 Stefan Gross-

CAMPBELL flew A over to Rotterdam last night for an appearance at a May Day concert.

A FTER their appearance in the big concert at the Royal Albert Hall next Wed-

nesday, Shirley and Dolly Collins will appear in John Peel's Night Ride show, Peel is presenting some very nice folkflavoured stuff on both his weekly programmes. The Pentangle on Top Gear last Sunday were superb.

CPIDER JOHN KOERNER flies in for a threeweek tour next Wednesday, making his first appearance at the Cousins on Friday, May 10. Other dates include Middle Earth, May 11, Castle Hotel, Swindon, May 12, Les Cousins all-nighter, May 18, Bristol, May 19, Les Cousins, May 25 Red Lion, Hemel Hempstead, May 27, and the

Dungeon, May 28. JEW Monday-night club at the Hardwick Arms, Sutton Coldfield The Showboat, has Ralph McTell next week. Phil Pickett, who has just got back to Britain after a two month course at the Joan Baez School for Non-Violence in Big Sur, is organiser with Mick Robbins. Phil and

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LIEDY WEST, Leon Rossel-II son, Stan Kelly and the Heart Of England Folk Group take part in a concert on May 18 organised by Warwick University Medical Aid to Vietnam committee.

CTAN KELLY'S "Liverpool Lullaby" has been recorded by the Spinners, Robin Hall and Jimmy McGregor, Judy Collins, Cilla Black, Danny Doyle, Jackie and Bridie, 3 City 4, Ian Campbell group and Val Doonican has sung it on his TV show. Stan's wondering when his version is going to be released.

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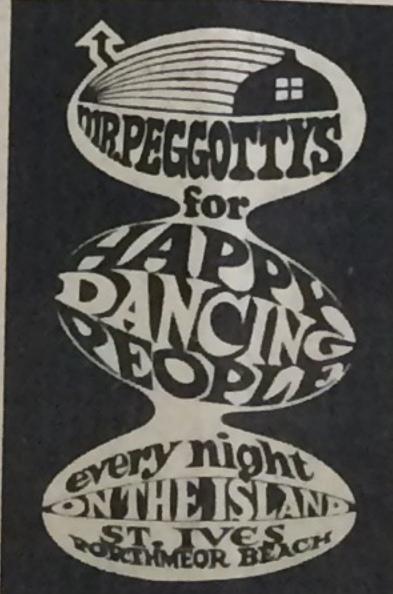
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CROUPS like the Love Affair, Herd and Tremeloes get on my wick!

They are just pretty faces. I suggest they disband and make way for the blues.

Why doesn't Stevie Winwood join John Mayall and leave Traffic on the roadside? And shoot Peter Frampton .-A. THOMAS, Petersfield, Hants. .

LIAVING seen Dave Dee's act I groan with despair at the depths British pop has plummeted since the heyday of the Beatles and Rolling Stones.

Their act-would be more at home with Bertram Mills Circus than a musical show. Give us electrifying acts by Geno Washington and John Mayall, not pretentious stupidity.-IAN SMITH, Minehead, Somerset.

VIELL, what happened to the rock revival? Ugly silence.

Sorry, all you promoters who want pop to be guided by your commercial whims, the public are not morons. If rock comes back it will be because we want it, and not because you are throwing it at us .- D. HASLAN, Bournville, Birmingham.

I/ILL somebody please start a musical paper that is not designed for teenyboppers?

The contents of MM are now solely designed to attract 14-year-old girls .- D. RAD-CLIFFE - BROWN, Barking, Essex.

FELT sorry for the Love Affair after the criticism of them by Miss Morton of Ireland (MM April 20). The incidents described were no fault of the Love Affair.

guitar, Gene & The Gents, Kingston, Surrey.

-PETE CRESSWELL, lead

ISTENING to "Wonderful Radio One," is intriguing.

wonder why so many old performers are being given so much opportunity to show the

hese groups







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nation how bad they are? And why are good groups deliberately mucked up-so as not to show up the resident off. "musicians?" - VERNON JAMES, Croydon, Surrey.

INSTEAD of a rock revival, we should bring back the Surf 'n' Drag sound!

This exciting music was big in the States about four years ago, but never really hit big

over here. It's ideal for warm summer days and could carry on where flower power left

There are still half a dozen Jan and Dean LPs unreleased in this country, not to mention the Ripchords and Fantastic Baggies.—GERRY KIT-CHINGHAM, Sutton, Surrey.

OUR country is in the throes of a popular music crisis. Since the exit of the Pirate stations, mass communication of musical trends has been stifled.

The chart has reverted to the state it was in during the 1950s — filled with simple ballads and talentless, unknown singers. Radio now follows trends and does not make them, and unless a new way of reaching the people with new sounds is found, much talent will be lost to the world .- JENNY VICKERS, Beckenham, Kent.

• LP WINNER

WAS pleased to read the Raver's report (April 20), that Bill Cotton Jnr. has declined to extend Top Of The Pops.

It has long overstayed its welcome and the thought of it being extended almost makes me flee the country. There is a serious gap in TV music, and this is the lack of exposure given to jazz, blues and folk. A programme

covering them would be extremely popular, but, of course, it would have to be completely live and have a sensible link-man, so I doubt if it would ever get on the air.-T. J. MOBBS, Kettering, Northants.

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over the wall.'

I'M a 21-year-old teenybopper, as inane as

TOWNSHEND: 'Packed houses were climbing

Finchley, London. PADIO One has reached an all time low with music by Mrs Mills, Joe Loss and Val Doonican. It's just like the old Light Pro-

Reading Ron Jones' re-

marks about Alvin Lee being

blues film (April 20), I would

have thought the obvious

choice would be Victor Sil-

vester. - VINCENT TSENG,

asked to write music for a

gramme. Good records are still being released, but we don't hear them so they fail to get in the MM Pop 30.-RUSSELL CAREY, Cirencester, Glos.

MUST admit I have never been a fan of Julie Felix, but my boyfriend is, so we went to the Royal Albert Hall to see her.

In a half empty hall she still failed to convince me of her talent. In fact my boyfriend is now having second thoughts. But we shall probably continue to see her on telly, skipping gaily about. I think we have seen enough of Julie for a while.—ANGELA PHILLIPS, London W14.

STRONGLY object to Chris Belch. He lives in a portholed goldfish bowl and is in love with Buddy Rich.

He slinks around in a battered Ford Consul, and is like a half sober Dylan Thomas. He involves eleven-year-old innocents - namely Wendy Potts-in his indecent activities, but is really Kenny Everett in disguise. - E LINES, Johnston Road, Cardiff.

GRATEFUL FOR THE WHO!

DEST thing about England's rock revival is that the mertime Blues "Shakin All Over" to their concert performances

saw this fine group recently in Detroit. Packed houses were climbing all over the walls five minutes after Pete Townshend and Co got under way, and their enthusiasm lasted for their concert performances.

I can't see why the Australians got so uptight over the way the Who acted in their country. Do the Aussies expect talented musicians like the Who to act like nine to five ribbon clerks?

Just be glad they gave you a chance to see them in person. - ROBERT E. RUSSELL, Akron, Ohio.

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WAS amazed to see John Baldry doubts his ability to set female limbs quivering (Mailbag April 20). I've admired John's talent right from the early days when he first appeared on the jazz scene and set many female limbs and hearts quivering, mine included! I'm pleased to say the Baldry visual and vocal magic has improved with age. - SALLY - ANN WORSFOLD. Romford, Essex.

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