

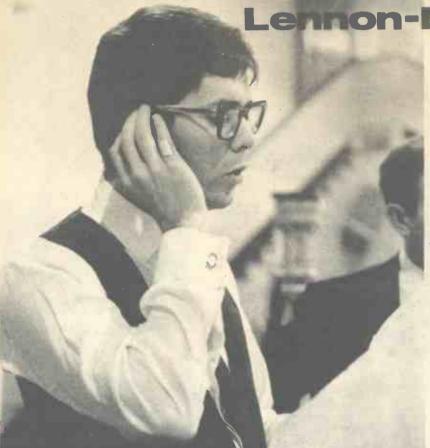
THE WHO — colourful to see and hear, and probably the only group whose records disintegrate half way through.



YOUR PAGE

...want to let off steam? Any questions about the scene? Then just drop a line to JAMES CRAIG, LETTERS EDITOR.

'What Cliff needs Lemon-McCartney



CLIFF seen during his latest recording session by EMI's John Dove. See Lead Letter.

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FOLLOWING the letter in last week's RM about singers not finding the right kind of material, I think that this of thought can be taken one step further. Many of our top singers only score hits, basically, on their name alone—their material would be notoriously unsuccessful if recorded by an unknown. So why don't they ask top songwriters to write something just for them. Cliff's run of mediocre songs rould be stemmed by a Lennon-McCart. could be stemmed by a Lennon-McCart-ney ballad of the calibre of "Yesterday" or "And I Love Her". Dusty, whose full potential has never been fully realised, should approach Hal David and Burt Bacharach, while Cliff Bennett would do well with a Jagger-Richards song. I could go on and on. And in the States, Elvis should be told that Jerry Leiber and Mike Stoller are still alive, kicking, and writing hit songs. Stella Strange, 57a, New Forest Close, Sunderland.

PETITION PLEA

COULD you please help us with our "Save The Richmond Jazz and Blues Festival Campaign." We've started a petition and would be glad of any help whatsoever.—Christine Holt and Cheryl Smith, 76b Birch Hall Avenue, Darwen, Lancs.

INSPIRED

WHO said hymns are out? Seeing the Seekers have recorded "Calon Lan" the Welsh hymn, in the form of "The Carnival Is Over" and had such success, why doesn't the Migil Five record. "The Lord Is My Shepherd" — they may even get back in the charts.—Four boys from the Hills, Aberdare, South Wales.

GEE, THANKS!

few weeks ago, I sent an application as a pen-pal in your Readers' Club section. Since then, many kids have written and I'm having a great time answering them all. It was a wonderful opportunity for me to make friends before moving to London next year, in June. I wanted to write and thank you for everything — and good luck to such a fabulous paper. — Pattle Wallace, 174 North Mountain Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey, 07042, U.S.A.

WOE IS HELEN

AFTER listening to the techniques on records like "Hang On Sloopy", by the McCoys and "Whatcha Gonna Do About It" by the Small Faces, and earlier ones by the Who, I find the same techniques were used on an LP made in Nashville by Helen Shapiro—in the summer of 1963. One track was released as a single, "Woe Is Me". If it had been released here now, instead of then, it would have been a great smash hit. So it appears that Helen is far ahead of tastes—is that the reason for her recent failure to make the charts? — Margaret Williams, 80 Beaufort Road, Aston . Under Lyne, Lancs.

STYLISH COPIES

WHATEVER is reader Graham WHATEVER is reader Graham Loomes talking about regarding the last three releases by Peter and Gordon? Yes, they've all been cover versions of previous records, but in P and G's own style and interpretation. Inferior copies—never! I'm a member of the Buddy Holly Appreciation Society and I have the "late great's" original version of "True Love Ways" but I also thought P and G's version was good. As for the Teddy Bear's record — an excellent new interpretation of a song long forgotten by most of today's teenagers. Barbaran, Lewis was given more coverage of "Baby I'm Yours" on the pirate stations than most other discs of that time — and if the buying public had wanted it, they could have bought it and made it a hit. — Robert J. Burrows, 9 Tair Erw Road, Birchgrove, Cardiff.

KINGS OF ROCK

THERE seems to be controversy as to what is rock 'n' roll.

To help those in need, I've compiled a list. For solid rock, tune into the following: 1 Eddie Cochran; 2 Gene Vincent; 3 Elvis Presley; 4 Jerry Lee Lewis; 5 Little Richard: 6 Fats Domino; 7 Carl Perkins; 8 Bill Haley. British artistes as rock 'n' rollers? Don't make me laugh. — Marilyn Gee, 10 Queen Anne Street, Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent.

VALUE

My membership of the MalaMotown Appreciation
has enabled me to meet all the
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JUST AS MAD GETS

IT'S three years since Madeleine Bell left home (New Jersey USA) and came to Europe with the gospel show Black Nativity. For two years she's been in Britain and now, just when she has at last made a record she likes and that has a chance of becoming

has a chance of becoming a hit (it's the Bacharach-David "What The World Needs Now"), it looks as though she's going to have to leave the country for six months.

Madeleine didn't care for the Bassey-type discs she made under her previous contract. Now she's signed with Fontana and it's all shappening for her — except that she can't get a work permit to enable her to appear on television and expolit the song, even though the TV producers are, it last, perfectly eager to book her! Still, Madeleine has become guite used to such trouble since she decided to leave Black Nativity and stay in England rather than go back to the States and be just one of many, coloured singers.

She's been broke for most of her two years in London. And lonely. And bored, "About nine"

MADELEZINE BELL

"I had practically no friends in London — until I met Dusty Strength at Ready Steady Go New Year's Eve party. I was just eithing ready to go home. We went round to see Eric Burdon and Dusty persuaded me to stick around, saying you never know what might happen. — Dusty got me work with backing sroups, along with Doris Troy Dusty's records — "In The Middle Of Nowhere", "Some Of Your Loving", and seven tracks on the LP, and then I sang on records along with Doris Troy Dusty's records — "In The Middle Of Nowhere", "Some Of Your Loving", and seven tracks on the LP, and then I sang on records left in the properties of the prop

be just one of many, many coloured singers.

She's been broke for most of her two years in London. And lonely. And bored. "About nine months ago all I was doing was going to the movies, dropping in occasionally at Ready Steady Go. doing anything to kill time. I read the Record Mirror, and comic books — Blondie and Dagwood, Yogi Bear, all the strips with talking animals, and the great Andy Capp. I like to see Andy always punching his wife in the mouth because I remind myself that no man is ever going to do that to me!



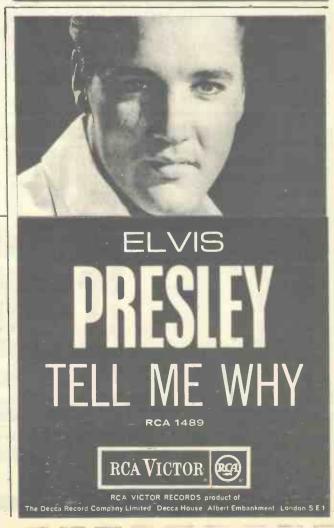
MADELEINE BELL

and Dusty sang in her backing group.

But now the inflexible rules of officialdom say she must clear out of Britain for six months. "I'm hoping to work in Italy and the South of France — then I''ll be back and after that I think I'll be able to settle permanently here."

And if "What The World Needs Now" is anything like the hit for Madeleine that it was in the States for Jackie De Shannon, then Miss Bell will have a few bob waiting for her!

D. G.



'It's comical the way Peter tries to get off with birds. They really knock him around.'

> 'Gordon throws chairs through windows and starts thinking Big Star when we get a hit . . . '

THOSE NAST

HINGS PETER DRDON

USED to see Peter around a bit at Westminster school but I never bothered to talk to him; he didn't look as though he could talk. I never saw him talking to anybody.

One day I heard a guitar being played and I thought it was fantastic. I'd just got a guitar of my own but couldn't yet play it.

So when I heard a few chords and fancy fingerstyle runs being played I reckoned it was very, very clever. I crept into

the room and sat there listening — to Peter. I didn't say a word until he'd finished then I said "That's good." He said "Thank you." He was a nice boy in those days.

We started playing guitar together and one night he invited me to dinner at his parents'. It was a great thrill to meet his sister Jane but their father is a rather overwhelming man and when he said to me "Your name is Peter is it?" I said "Yes". I'd been confused with another friend of Peter's, called Peter, and for some time I was mistakenly known around the Asher home as Peter. I think it was Jane who finally straightened this mistake out. Her brother certainly didn't make a move to put things right.

SOMETHING GOOD

In those early days, seven years ago, Peter was a useful fellow to know. He was a year older than I, an important factor at school. I was rather wild and undisciplined but since everybody thought I was a great friend of Peter Asher they came to the conclusion that there must be something good about me.
By now I have amply repaid Peter.

I've taught him to drive. Well, as a matter of fact I'm still somewhere more congenial. teaching him. And at the moment I am writing most of the songs that we are supposed to be jointly responsible for. His work on them largely consists of picking up half the royalties.

I must say we never actually come to blows. This is because he knows he wouldn't stand a chance. Even girls knock him around. There was one the other day, a skinny little thing. Peter said her dog was stupid so she beat hell out of him. Of course, it's comical the way he tries to get off with birds. Fortunately, we seldom fancy the same ones.

DEMENTED WITH RAGE

I suppose his worst fault is that he likes to think of himself as reserved and cool whereas he does lose his temper rather quickly. He gets positively demented with rage if anybody takes his glasses off him but he can't do much about it because he can't see without them.

My greatest grudges are caused by his occasional failure to back me up when I am complaining about something. It's hopeless, never gets any results, if I alone complain about bad mikes or dressing rooms like cowsheds. When he gets all cool and tolerant about such matters, I get mad. On the whole, though he comes in quite useful, we practically never have any serious differences of opinion and we will live happily ever after.

GORDON WALLER

As you can see, they still drink together, so they like each other beneath it all . . (RM Pic)

IS story of our meeting at school is true, except that I did talk to plenty of people. Naturally, I didn't talk to him. You see, until he started hanging round me, listening to my guitar playing, we didn't have anything in common. Gordon was the sporting type, always keeping fit and running about winning medals. I was editing the school

magazine and suchlike, so our paths didn't cross. Then, Gordon was basically a rocker—Gene Vincent, the

Everlys and Presley were his idols. I was going through a rather "pseud" stage, listening to Woody Guthrie and being narrow-minded about pop. I liked some pop but didn't like pop versions of folk songs. Playing together our style began to evolve-somewhere between folk and pop! I like to think that our voices today still have a folky sound.
The assertion that I lose my

The assertion that I lose my temper is false. I just get annoyed. Gordon, in unhappy contrast, frequently loses his and this can be expensive. Once when the lead to his guitar didn't work he smashed the whole guitar. It was worth over £100.

In a town in America, where the police had been unusually difficult and had brought the curtain down before the end of the show, Gordon expressed his displeasure by kicking down our dressing room door.

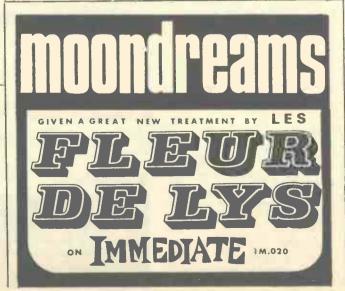
In an American hotel, that had an officious security man who wouldn't let anybody in to see us, Gordon threw a chair through the window and walked out and checked in

He suffers badly from moods and they can be triggered off by the most trivial and foolish incidents and people. If he's told that an act of ours was no good or that a record is not selling he becomes depressed and is liable to grab hold of somebody from our office and start ranting, saying our career is at a standstill.

CATCH A GLIMPSE . . .

On the other hand, I get much amusement from his behaviour when he is elated by a record hit. Then he thinks big—Big Star, that is. If he can he takes the roof off a car and drives graciously around allowing the public to catch a glimpse of him.

Yes, as well as being a good friend and quite a valuable member of the act, he is an interesting young man to study. I look forward to many more years of keeping him under observation. PETER ASHER



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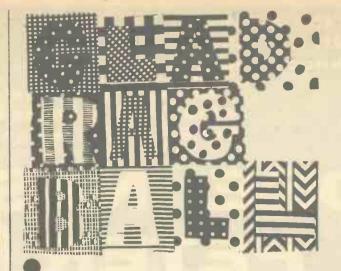
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BONUS WILLIA

One week after the release of Andy Williams' "I'll Remember You," CBS are issuing another single by the singer. Titled "Do You Hear What I Hear" It is a Christmas song and out on November 26.

The Walker Brothers' newie-on Philips is "My Ship Is Coming In" and on Decca, Tom Jones sings the title song from the next James Bond film "Thunderball."

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The Spencer Davis Group "Keep
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You" (Decca). On Columbia, Frank
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Guess" and "Then Came She." On
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return to their "Send up"." return to their "send up" formula with "Merry Gentle Pops" and Heinz has a "Heart

Pops" and Heinz has a "Heart Full Of Sorrow."
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My Head."
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Fever" and Levon and the Hawks'
"The Stones I Throw." Brunswick
—Burl Ives' "Holly Jolly Christmas"
and the Kingston Trlo's "Parchman
Farm," Fontana—Ray Sell's "I'l
Come To You' and "Tivvy and the
Clubmates' "Tivvy's Tune." Mercury
—Alan Kooper's "Parchman Farm"
and Three Good Reasons' "Build
Your Love." Pye—Gary and Jan's
"Do You Want Me To Tell Him."
Lonnle Donegan's "World Cup Willie," the Truth's "Who's Wrong,"
the Hobos' "The Letkiss Trot," the
Candy Dates' "Some Other Time"
and Leapy Lee's "It's All Happening."

Piccadilly — John Schroeder
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Orchestra's "Ave Maria No Morro"
and Sounds Orchestra's "Thunderball." Pye International—the Vejtables' "I Still, Love You." CBS—
Marty Robbins' "While Your Dancing."

THE KINKS' next single will not be released unless there is settlement of a writ. Ray Davies is being sued for breach of contract over the publication of "Until The End Of The Day" and "Where Have All The Good Times Gone".

The Edward Kassner Music Co. allege they have a five year contract to publish all Kinks songs. The company is seeking to restrain publication of the record by Belinda Music.

Belinda Music.

Writs have been served by Edward Kassner Music Co, Ltd. and Denmark Productions Ltd., against Ray, Boscobel Productions Ltd., Belinda Music Ltd., and Pye Records Ltd. There is also a claim for damages for breach of contract and for conspiracy.

Larry Page has issued a statement to the effect that he has issued a writ against Kinks' comanagers Robert Wace and Grenville Collins alleging breach of contract and enforcing his claim to part management of the group.

The new show at the Pigalle theatre - restaurant is a truly tremendous production, a triumph for Billy Petch who has concocted "Piccadilly Night Out" to appeal to young (the splendidly versatile Mac Four Impersonate The Beatles, Stones, Ivy League and Bachelors with humour and drive) and middleaged customers (Josephine Blake impersonates music hall star Vesta Tilley). The dancers and showgirls are colourful, lavish and energetic. Stars Mike and Bernie Winters, sticking to tried and true material, made me laugh so much I was almost able to see the funny side of the Pigalle's food, If you don't eat you can see the wonderful floorshow for 30s., reasonable value.

BEATLES NEW DISC

The new Beatles single is out on December 3. The top side is "We Can Work It Out" and the "B" side is "Day Tripper". Both are Lennon-McCartney compositions.
On "We Can Work It Out", Paul takes the vocals, being double tracked. He is joined on

occasions by John who also plays harmonium.

Ken Dodd stars in a summer season at Blackpool Opera House next year. At Christmas, he appears in "Humpty Dumpty" at the Birmingham Theatre from December 23.

Dodd's summer season in George and Alfred Black's "Blg Show Of 1966" opens on June 18. He last appeared there in 1964 and played to 750,000 people.

It is his third show there in five years and will open a week earlier than usual because of the huge demand for tickets in 1964.

His first comedy disc, an EP titled "Doddy And The Diddy Men," is released by Columbia on December 3. The tracks are "Ken Dodd and the Diddy Men Make A Record." "Wee Cooper Of Fife," "Old Macdonald Had A Farm," "Where's Me Shirt" and "Tatty Bye." 'Tatty Bye."

John sings "Day Tripper," also being double tracked. Paul and George give him vocal support.

The group's next LP is titled "Rubber Soul" and is due for release by Parlophone next month. All the tracks are Beatle compositions, two by George

The Roulettes have run into trouble with their first disc since leaving Adam Faith to concentrate on their own career. The television advertising ban on cigarettes means that they will be unable to perform "The Long Cigarette" on a number of shows.

Their publicist, Rod Buckle, told RM: "We were told by 'Lucky Stars' that though they wanted the Roulettes on the show, it would not be possible because you are not allowed to mention cigarettes before a certain time."

Cilla at the Savoy

Cilla Black has been signed for a three-week cabaret spot at Lon-don's Savoy Hotel next April. She will be the third solo pop girl singer to appear there — Francolse Hardy and Sandie Shaw being the others.

on November 22, Cilla is joined by the Fourmost and the Silkie at the Dockland Settlement Ball at the Savoy. She appears on the panel of BBC-1's "Juke Box Jury". on December 18,

RSG - NO NEWS

The successor to "Ready Steady Go" is still a mystery following a statement by Elkan Allen, head of Rediffusion's Light Entertainment on Monday.

"The fact is that we are recording pilot programmes of several possible successors during the next fortnight and will decide our final plans when we have considered all these," he said.

He denied one report that a monthly mimed programme will be the successor.

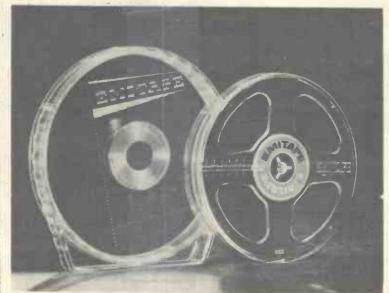
lnez and Charlie Foxx are off the Manfred Mann-Yard-birds tour which opens at Stockton tonight (Thursday). They are replaced by Jimmy James and the Vagabonds with special guest star Goldie. Marquee Press officer Audrey Barber said: "They tried to blackmail us into terms.?"
Goldie, who recently stated that she was looking for a coloured sound to back her, will sing with the Vagabonds who will also have their own spot.

The Shangaans guest on the last date at Slough Adelphi in place of Paul and Barry Ryan. spot.

Secombe's swellings

Harry Secombe has developed mumps and will be out of "Pickwick" in New York for at least three weeks, It is his second bout of mumps in eight weeks.

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RAY DAVIES was busily picking out a few notes on a piano when I arrived at the Pye recording studios. His brother, Dave, looked up from his guitar and waved and recording manager Shel Talmy ordered as its of ordered.

When Ray finished, I asked him if he had considered using a piano on a Kinks record. His answer made me feel a fool and I am sure will surprise a lot of people.

"We have done a lot of numbers," he replied casually. "You can't always hear it, but it's often been there. Sometimes, you can hear a jangling and that's

The problem of accurately doing a song "live" on something like "Ready Steady Go" crossed my mind, so I challenged Ray on the subject.

"We always sound terrible on 'Ready Steady Go' anyway," he admitted. "We're a bad group on that show. We don't use the piano because there are only four of us and we all play other instruments on stage. It doesn't make a lot of difference to the sound, but the piano does make some difference."

When the Kinks first tried for the big time, they used "Long Tall Sally" as ammunition. That record didn't make the charts. But "You Really Got Me" did. So have all their subsequent singles. The point of this is that all their hits have been penned by Dave Davies.

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ADMITTED RAY DAVIES TO RICHARD GREEN

"I agree that we record our own numbers for singles because we know best what material suits us," he told me, "On LP's we do other stuff, but for singles, we like to stick to stuff I've written. We usually record three or four songs and pick the best for the single. This afternoon we're cutting our next single as well as some LP tracks.

"At the moment, we haven't made our minds up which one to do for the single, but by the time we've taped them all and played them a few times, we'll make a decision."

Pete Quaife and Mick Avory came up to say "Hello" on their way to the canteen. Dave took the stairs two at a time, nudged me in the stomach and in his usual charming and gentlemanly way observed: "You're putting weight on."

He stopped long enough to ask if there were any

stories to tell or if any parties were going, then disappeared after the others.

Ray went on talking about the Kinks' recording ideas. He said that on a couple of occasions they have taken numbers from the "Authentic R and B" LP to

"We do them our own way. Can you imagine us try-ing to sound like the originals?" he laughed. "We do all sorts of numbers on stage, varying them to suit our style."

Shel Talmy picked his way through a pile of cans and snaking wires to tell Ray he'd like to hear the piano and lead guitar tracks again. They went down the steps into the studio to put the finishing touches to what turned out to be a very productive session. The new single (which is due today) and their next LP (due before Christmas) were both dealt with.



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The London-American decade of hits...

THE rock revolution was fast becoming an inescapable reality; Pat Boone took over from Slim Whitman as the London label's chart champion, and a rocking gent named Antoine "Fats" Domino joined the label's front line attack.

Pat Boone provided the London label's one and only charttopper in 1956 - his all-time family favourite, "I'll Be Home" which, in addition to spending six weeks at Number One, hung around the Top Ten for long enough afterwards to become the most successful record of the year. Pat's follow-up, "I Almost Lost My Mind" also reached the Top Ten, and later still the beatier side of Boone made it a hat-trick of hits as his version of "Long Tall Sally" entered the Twenty.



FATS DOMINO-his first hit here was in 1956, but his first American hit was in 1948!

The decline of Slim Whitman was, of course, inevitable, but it did not come about until after the personable young cowboy had toured here early in 1956 and further proved his popularity with three more hits, one of which, "Serenade", went on to reach the Top Ten.

Also in the Ten, somewhat later in the year, was a disc called "I'm In Love Again" which first introduced the mass of British record-buyers to Fats Domino. It was the shape of great and rocking things to come.

Messrs. Boone, Whitman and Domino were, of course, destined to bring further success to the London label in later years, but the majority of the artistes who took part in the label's 1956 chart assault were doomed to become known as onetook part in the label's 1956 chart assault were doomed to become known as one-shot hitmakers. They included Top Ten entrants Billy Vaughn who did, admittedly, scrape into the Twenty with the follow-up to his "Shifting Whispering Sands" smash; the Hilltoppers with "Only You" (a very popular disc which was in the charts for many months); Gogi Grant, who had a big Summertime hit with "The Wayward Wind", and a guy named Jim Lowe who did exceptionally well to make the Ten here with his original version of "The Green Door".

And in the Second Ten, a girl named Gale Storm who asserted her usual country and western style to belt out "I Hear You Knockin'"; an all-girl group known as the Chordettes with "Born To Be With You", and a young man called Carl Perkins with his own composition, "Blue Suede Shoes". Of course, we all know who won the battle of "Blue Suede Shoes", but Carl's own version put up a truly great fight and only missed the Top Ten by the narrowest of margins.

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Some notable 'firsts' issued by London-American during 1956 were the British debut discs of Little Richard ("Rip It Up"); Chuck Berry ("Down Bound Train"); the Drifters ("Soldier Of Fortune") and Johnny Cash ("I Walk The Line"). Also a disc called "Walk Hand In Hand" which marked the arrival on the British pop

scene of a young man named Andy Williams.

Whilst for those who liked novelty discs, the wildest of the year must surely have been a thing called "Ape Call" by a character with the unlikely name of

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A LOOK AT THE

FAST rising U.S. hits include—"Princess In Rags"— Gene Pitney; "Sunday & Me"—Jay & The Americans; "I Really Love You"—Dee Dee Sharp; "Hole In The Wall"—Packers; "Honky Tonk '65"—Lonnie Mack; "Let The Good Times Roll"—Roy Orbison.

New U.S. releases include—"Apple Of My Eyes"—Roy Head; "You Didn't Have To Be So Nice"—Lovin' Spoonful; "Private John Q"—Glenn Campbell; "Jealous Heart"—Connie Francis; "Little Bitty Corrine"—Freddy Cannon; "Have Courage Be Careful"—Spokesmen; "Crystal Chandelier"—Vic Dana; "Stand By Me"—Little Eva; "The Drinking Man's Diet"—Allan Sherman; "Everybody Do The Sloopy"—Johnny Thunder; "High Coin"—Bobby Vee; "The Statue"—Tommy Sands; "Hollow Words"—Jimmie Rodgers; "Everybody's Somebody's Fool"—Clyde McPhatter; "Tore Up Over You"—Roy Hamilton; "You're a Star"—Tony Clarke; "A Little Too Lonely"—Marie Knight; "You're Reading Me"—Lloyd Price; "Hot Potato"—Dee Clark; "All Or Nothing"—Patti La Belle & The Bluebells; "Everything Is Gonna Be Alright"—Willie Mitchell; "No Time For Pity"—Baby Washington. New U.S. releases include—"Apple Of My Eyes"—Roy

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HERMAN-possessor of an Stype Jag. (RM Pic).

HERMAN was sitting in his dressing room with his feet up wearing Billy Fury's leather hat and trying to avoid water that was dripping from the ceiling. "Wonder what he'll do if he catches me with this on," Herman muttered.

He didn't have to wait long for an answer. Billy finished his act and walked in to the room. He saw his

hat on the wrong head and laughed.
"I thought he'd hit me," Herman confided to me later. "He's one of the lads, Billy. We thought he'd be one of the big star types that you can't talk to, but he's not. He sits around chatting to the rest of us and having gags."

I was talking to Herman backstage at one of the theatres he is playing on his tour with Billy, Wayne Fontana and the Fortunes. It is proving to be a successful package.

ful package.

Billy removed his make up and Herman asked him if Anselmo has run lately.

"He won last time out, but before that he hasn't done anything for a long time," Billy replied. "He's going out over the sticks in a couple of weeks."

"Is he a jumper?" I asked.

"Hope so," Billy laughed. "I like to put these young cats on him. We tried Piggott hits a horse, but you can't touch Anselmo. You do that and he takes no notice."

When Hermit Karl Greene tried to leave the room, he found

him. We tried Piggott on him, but nothing happened. Piggott hits a horse, but you can't touch Anselmo. You do that and he takes no notice."

When Hermit Karl Greene tried to leave the room, he found the door had locked. There were a few moments of shouting and banging before the stage manager could be produced with a key. Herman and his faithful band of Hermits went on stage and in the corridor I met Wayne Fontana.

Just as I went towards him, a youth with more than his fair share of spots and long hair weaved his unsteady way between us waving a large wine bottle.

Wayne laughed and said to me: "Hey, come and meet some blokes over here, they're a knockout."

As it seemed that Wayne wanted me to go in the direction of the bottle clutcher and his friends, I made off the other way and found Fortune Rod Allen looking worrled—but then he nearly always seems that way.

"The tour's going well, thanks," he said in answer to my question. "We dropped the comedy routine on 'Splish Splash' after the first night because we didn't think it was going down well enough. We do a take off of Mick Jagger now, though."

Tour manager Fred Perry let me through to the wings to watch Herman's act. Unlike some people in his position, Fred does his best to help reporters do their job without imposing niggling little restrictions.

They finished their last number and returned to the dressing room where Glen Dale, the Fortunes' rhythm guitarist, had installed himself on a table drinking from a tin of Coke.

"Hello, Herman," he called. "How's things?"

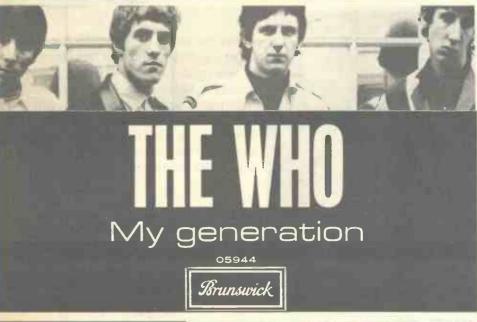
"What's your name? I don't know which one you are, Someone introduce us," Herman said. "I never know people's names." Introductions over, Herman asked his new found friend how they came by the name of the Fortunes. Glen revealed that their former recording manager Shel Talmy had thought of it.

"Come on, let's get out of here," demanded Herman's road manager, Jud. "I'll bring the Jag round the front and you can leap in when you see it. We don't want the kids charging all over it."

Herman gave me a lift back to London in his new S-type which doesn't seem a bad motor for a lad of only 18.

RICHARD GREEN

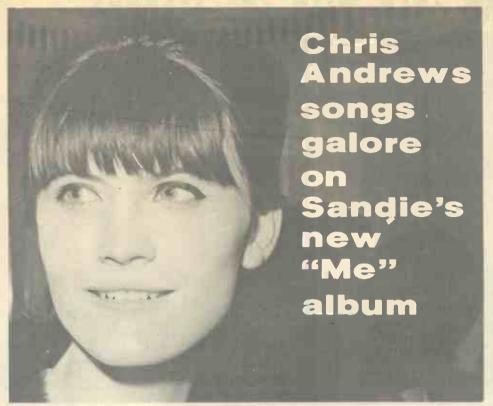
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SANDIE SHAW: "Me".—You Don't Love Me No More; I Don't Need That Kind Of Lovin'; Down Dismal Ways; Oh No He Don't; When I Was A Child; Do You Mind; How Glad I Am; I Know; Till The Night Begins To Die; Too Bad You Don't Want Me; One Day; When I Fall In Love (Pye NPL 18121).

SECOND ALBUM slice from Sandie-RM's Peter Jones raves about it on the eve note it's duly raved about here. sleeve note . Some would have it that Sandie is a product not a talent. Well, listen to this Ken Woodnot a talent. Well, listen to this ken wood-man-aranged set, varying from a happy old "Do You Mind", through a Sandie-original "Till The Night Begins To Die", to Victor Young's oldie "When I Fall In Love", plus six gorgeous newies from Chris Andrews. Even a calypso, "Oh No He Don't", where Sandie displays her "Millie" voice. Her for handling any kind of song Miles better than her first LP and that's credit enough. She sings, swings, sways, soothes, simplies, satirises, smooths. Get it.

PERCY FAITH: "Broadway Bouquet" (OBS BPG 62573).

Bouquet" (CBS BPG 62573).

THERE'S some subtle something that makes the Faith orchestral sounds completely recognizable. The arrangement skill, obviously, but something else—that shimmering, shivering ripple of massed strings. This is a tribute to Broadway musicals, material coming from "Oliver", "Golden Boy", "West Side Story" etc. Lush, this lot!

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OSCAR PETERSON: "Plays Cole Porter" (Music For Pleasure MFP 1025).

THIS is the trio THIS is the trio featuring Barney Kessel on gultar and Ray Brown on bass, but Kessel doesn't produce much in the way of solo work. Mostly it is the powerfully explosive planistics of Oscar, working fhrough songs like "Begin The Beguine", "Let's Do It", "Night And Day" and the other Porter greats. Far from dated.

GEORGE MELACHRINO: "Star-ust" (Music For Pleasure FP

REMINDERS of a man-of-genius in the light orchestral field. This set includes standards like "Stardust", "Tenderly", "Blue Room", all presented with a massive string section and superb musicianship. De Luxe late-night

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FERRANTE AND TEICHER: "Twin Piano Magic" (CBS Realm 52070).

PREDICTABLE pianistics, but saleable for all that. Very big orchestral backings and yet stark simplicity in treating melodies . . . melodies like "I Love Paris", "C'est Magnifique", "I Am In Love" etc. Four hands, two pianos, lots of melody.

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Everyone Needs Someone To Love; Long Ago (And Far Away); (All Of A Sudden) My Heart Sings; Have I Told You Lately That I Love You; Fly Me To The Moon; Theme From A Summer Place; I Found A Rose; My Foolish Heart; Through The Eye Of A Needle; My Colouring Book; I'll Walk Alone; Someday (You'll Want Me To Want You); Paradise Lost; Look Homeward Angel. (Columbia 33 SX 1769).

CLIFF RICHARD: "Love Is Forever".

A LOT of work has gone into producing an LP which it would be hard to fault in any way. Cliff is in excellent voice all the way through and tackles each song with a fresh approach, aided by the Norrie Paramor Strings, the Shadows, the Mike Sammes Singers and more besides. "My Heart Sings", "My Foolish Heart" and "Look Homeward Angel" are standout tracks, each of which could easily be a single. LOT of work has gone into producing

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"Spotlight"

EARL GRANT: (Brunswick LAT 8617). ADDERLEY'S "Work Song" gets a specially good treatment from the pianist organist — working through with jazz melodies and just a rhythm section filling in behind. Gentle swinging. occasional out breaks into the uptempo as on "Call Me Irresponsible". Muscianly, yes; a bit samey, too.

samey, too.

DUKES OF DIXIELAND: "Live At Bourbon Street" (Brunswick LAT 8618).

"LIVE" LP full of dixle stompting, with Frank Asunto's trumpet and lead vocals really dominating the scene. It's a full act, with all the required changes of tempo and approach, ending in an all-out swinger on "South Rampart Street Parade". Even Mancini's "Charade" doesn't seem out of place.

MARLENE DIETRICH: "Dietrich In Rio" (CBS Realm 52077).

pin-up picture of the glamorous grandmother on the front and a set of some of her best-known songs inside. "Look Me Over Closely", "My Blue Heaven". "One For My Baby" — all recorded during one of her typically barnstorming personal appearances in Rio De Janeiro.

PETER NERO: "Career Girls" (RCA Victor RD 7739).

PIANO star, with a big orchestra, recorded in Webster Hall. New York. A musical tribute to the career girls of the world—like the ladies, mentioned in songs such as "Personality", "Show Me". "Speak Low". Piano-wise, it is the usual clear-cut styling, the same mixture of sound jazz and semi-concert approaches.

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ADAM FAITH: "Adam Faith".—
Wonderful Time; Diamond Ring;
Summertlime; Greenfinger; Piper
of Love; A Girl Like You; Turn
Me Loose; So Many Ways; Singin'
In The Rain; Fare Thee Well; I'm
A Man; Hit The Road To Dreamland (Music For Pleasure MFP
1002).

THIS goes back about five years

when Adam was backed by a big orchestra headed by John Barry. Lots of changes in his style, of course, — he was almost always light touched and gentle in those days. Very much worthwhile for Faith-fantics, Hear a Vic Flick guitar break on "Diamond Ring".

DUANE EDDY "Duane A Go Go Go" Trash; Puddin'; Moovin' N Groovin'; Choo Choo A Go Go — Toot! Toot!; Just To Satisfy You; Around The Block In 80 Days (March In "A"); Cottonmouth; If You've Seen One You've Seen Yem All!; South Phoenix; Dream Lover; Busted 2:39; I'm Blue (PXL 490).

DUANE'S first album for Colpix, this was produced by Lee Hazelwood who worked with him at Jamie. It's a good move-along LP with all the Ingredients that one expects. However it's going to be hard for fast-talking dee-jays to plug songs like "Choo Choo A Go Go — Toot! Toot!"

HERBIE MANN: "Plays The Roar Of The Greasepaint" (Atlan-tic ATL 5035).

THE score by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley never sounded like this. The Mann's flute, with trumpets, trombones, and wildly swinging rhythm section that also features conga drums played by Carlos Valdes.. It's jazz, but delicately - moving jazz and the songs come up bright and new. Very good indeed.

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Cert Kinks, power-house Shads & worse Wilson Sing-along Sir Douglas, and not so good Andrews or Andy Williams. Medium McGuire & Proby.

THE SHADOWS: The War Lord; I Wish I Could Shimmy Like My Sister Arthur (Columbia DB 7769). Theme from the big new film: real power-house guitar with solid percussive moment. A persuasive sort of theme, hall-marked by Shadow professionalism. You'll soon be whistling along with this one. It's compact musicianly—but all with a beat. Definitely a hit. Flip is pacey, penned by John Rostill and fully instrumental again.

TOP FIFTY TIP

SIR DOUGLAS QUINTET: The
Story Of John Hardy; In Time
(London HLU 10001) Might get the
boys back into the charts,
specially with recent exposure. It's
a sing-along story-tune, complete
change of style for them—they're
like American Lonnie Donegans,
though it's not quite skiffle-sounding. Nice easy beat, with Sir Douglas handling lead vocal. Organ intros the filp, which is pacify beaty
and more typical.

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WILSON PICKETT: Don't Fight It; It's All Over (Atlantic AT 4025). Should be a good hit, this, though it's not really as immediately catchy as "Midnight Hour." More fine performance-value from Wilson to a hefty beat, with spasms from a girlle choir. May be a bit ponderous and jerky for some tastes, though. Flip is rather wilder, jerkier, well-boosted instrumentally.

TOP FIFTY TIP

BARRY McGUIRE: Upon A Painted Ocean; Child of Our Times (RCA Victor 1493). Official follow-up to "Destruction," with big-swelling harmonica — both sides written by P. F. Sloan. Typical McGuire performance in his newly-protesting style, though some of the lyrics are hard to pick out. Very strong beat, commercial slanted, with words of hope later on. Flip is piece of sadness about the future of a child born right now.

MANUELLA: The Nitty Gritty; Two Shadows (Decca F 22275). Girlie voices with big booming male voices behind. A fairly spirited version.
★ ★ ★

BROOK BENTON: Mother Nature, Father Time; You're Mine (And I Love You) (RCA Victor 1491). Part-written by Brook, this is superlative singing of a sad, poignant ballad, lushly arranged. Great.

★★★

JOAN SUTHERLAND: The Twelve Days Of Christmas: The Holly And The Ivy (Decca F 12284). Opera star on two Christmas songs—and we bet they sell very well indeed. ★★

JAN AND DEAN: I Found A Girl; It's A Shame To Say Goodbye (Liberty 53833). Top side co-written by P. F. Sloan. An up-tempo beater, with the usual Jan and Dean sounds. Sort of surfing sounds but without surfing lyrics. Might move. ★★

DETER NELSON: Donna: I Want To Be Wanted

PETER NELSON: Donna; I Want To Be Wanted (Pye Piccadilly 35278). The Ritchie Valens' song for a 21-year-old Londomer, Persistent beat on a lovely, commercial ballad. Well performed.

NEWBY: I Can't Grow Peaches On A Cherry Tree; The Children Sleep (Pye 15986), Two 22-year-olds going under the singular name. Funny title, but it's about the difficulties of getting a girl to fall in love.

CHARLES KINGSLEY CREATION: Summer Without Sun; Still In Love With You (Columbia DB 7758). Rather pleasant. Tinkling sort of beat ballad, with unusual instrumental sounds. Nice song.

unusual instrumental sounds. Nice song. * * *

THE BROTHERS GRIMM: A Man Needs Love;
Looky Looky (Ember S 222). Nice fat sound on this big ballad . . "man needs love to make him grow" and all that, Backing is good * *

JOHNNY TILLOTSON: Our World; My Gidget (MGM 1290). Pacey ballad with a lot of power to the vocal treatment, a big-builder of a performance with choir and big orchestra. Probably miss, though. * * *

THE TEMPTATIONS: My Baby; Don't Look Back (Tamla Motown TMG 541). A Smokey Robinson production and crisper-than-usual backing sounds, but not terribly distinctive. * *

JERRY GANDY: You Better Take Me Home;

JERRY GANDY: You Better Take Me Home; Mister Moon (Stateside SS 473). Teen-ballad with hand-clapping beat and the little girl voice filling in here and there. Nice tempo

JIMMY GILMER AND THE FIREBALLS: She Belongs To Me; Rambler's Blues (Stateside SS 472). Bob Dylan song, taken at a fastish pace, with Jimmy almost ranting to a neatly-produced backing. Group vocal, too.

TOP FIFTY TIP SUE AND SUNNY: Every Ounce Of Strength; So Remember (Columbia DB 7748). Attractive girlie duo sound on a fast-paced beater. Big band backing. Nice mover, this. * * * *

LES FLEUR DE LYS: (Moondreams: Wait For Me (Immediate IM 020). Old Buddy Holly song. Tony Caleer production. Group gets a finely blended vocal sound going, with persistent beat. Thoroughly commercial offering which could click. * * * *

KATHY KIRBY: Where In The World; That Wonderful Feeling Of Love (Decca F 12280). Massedstrings and piano on a slow ballad, with Kathy in dramatic mood—one of her best in a while. More an artistic job than a highly commercial one though. * * * * *

MANUELLA: The Nitty Gritty; Two Shadows

THE KINKS: Till The End Of The Day; Where Have All The Good Times Gone (Pye 15981). Assuming "publishing troubles" are sorted out, this'il be a cert hit. Ray Davies' composition and unmistakenly Kink-y in that backing sound. It's pushed along relentlessly with a good vocal arrangement. Perhaps not distinctive enough to be a really big biggie. Flip has the same sort of pace and gritty determination.

TOP FIFTY TIP

ANDY WILLIAMS: I'll Remember You; Quiet Nights (CBS 202016), Nowhere near as strong a song as "Almost There," but Andy's so-big popularity will carry it into the charts surely. It's a classy performance, but don't confuse the title with the old Frank Ifield song. A sad, love-lorn ballad with gentle arrangement. Flip: similarly relaxed and quality-laden.

TOP FIFTY TIP

CHRIS ANDREWS: To Whom It Concerns; It's All Up To You Now (Decca F 22285). A thoroughly good follow-up to "Yesterday Man" with Chris involved in an unusual opening, then doing some of his stratospheric high-note hitting. Song is commercially constructed. though a trifle lighter on actual melody. Flip is extremely well performed.

TOP FIFTY TIP

P. J. PROBY: Maria; She Cried (Liberty 10218). Proby back to his "West Side Story"-musical type performance. He sings to strings, this touching ballad with a sure-fire commercial touch. Trouble is that it is rather hackneyed song now so it may not reach the heights. Johnnie Spence's arrangement and backings are first-rate. Flip is a soulful sort of semi-croaking, full of emotion. (Yugalong rhythm.







CRISPIAN ST. PETERS: You Were On My Mind; What I'm Gonna Be (Decca F 12287). Interesting double-tracked song of unusual charm. Nice tempo, with easy beat. Could be very commercial.

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THE DEEJAYS: Coming On Strong; Dimples (Polydor BM 56034). English boys who do well in Scandinavia. An urgent sort of beater, with pounding beat, fast-paced. Group vocal.

DES SMYTH AND THE COLLEGEMEN: Wedding Bells; All For The Love Of A Girl (Pye 15996). Irish showband on a dreamy sort of sentimental balladhe hears dem bells whenever the girl is around. Simple treatment.

THE VILLAGE IDIOTS: The Laughing Policeman; I Know An Old Lady (Pye Piccadilly 35282). Beat-group treatment, very gimmicky novelty, of the old variety song. Northern-accented. Amusing enough.

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VALERIE MITCHELL: Go My Way; Green Eyes (HMV Pop 1490), Up-tempo, harmonica-backed vocal with a powerful beat. Good performance.

JOE BROWN: Charlie Girl; My Favourite Occupation (Pye 15983). Title song from Joe's new stage musical—a typical show-tune, trad-style backing from Johnny Harris. Show's premier in December must help sales. It certainly swings in an old-fashloned sort of style.

PAUL WILLIAMS: The Many Faces of Love; Jump Back (Columbia DB 7768). Member of the Zoot Money band, with a full orchestral treatment one of the best of the week. Paul has a smokey voice, with plenty of dramatics, great phrasing ideas. Plenty of beat; plenty originality. Could click.

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CHRIS SANDFORD: I Wish They Wouldn't Always Say I Sound Like The Guy From the U.S.A. Blues; Little Man—Nobody Cares (Fontana TF 633). A story, amusing, of start-building from the talented actor-singer, with the usual folk overtones. Lyrically it's strong—novelty value could click.

THE SETTLERS: Woman Called Freedom; I Know I'm Right (Pye 15965). Contest-winning song by a 16-year-old girl—an anti-war sort of lyric well-performed at amiable pace by the two-boys-one-girl.

TRACY ROGERS: How Love Used To Be; When I Realise (Polydor BM 56029), Actress-singer gets a lovely, well-rounded, slightly staccato sound going on this, with a swelling great backing. Good song, too—might even register, chart-wise.

CHIP FISHER: An Ordinary Guy; How Many Times (CBS 202010). New boy on an anti-protest song which could easily click. Interesting words.

THE SHINDIGS: A Little While Back; Why Say Goodbye (Parlophone R 5377). Not a bad song, good vocal harmonies, but a trifle messy as an overall arrangement. Commercial though.

RUBY MURRAY: The Little Pine Tree; Silent Night (Decca F 12291). Two lovely, wistful Christmas songs which could garner big sales as the festive season looms.

SYLVIE VARTAN: Another Heart; Thinking About You (RCA Victor 1495). Disappointing ballad from the French star—rather a mixed-up set of emotions.

DEKE ARLON: I've Been Away; Little Piece Of Paper (Columbia DB 7753), Change of 'A' side— still it's a fair old song and Deke's performance is good enough to merit a lower place in the charts with

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Tony Hall talks about record promotion, Patti LaBelle, Wilson Pickett, and an autographed L.P.

S a professional record promotion man, I'll promote anything. Whatever my personal opinion of it. As hard as I can. Because it's my job. But if a record comes along that's my own kind of music—and, at the same time, commercial—I'll go like gangbusters. It's a question of faith and belief in one's product . . . and one's judgement. And integrity.

Every so often such a record comes along. At the time I started writing regularly for RM, there was The Righteous Brothers' "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling". Just because it got to number one, don't let anyone kid you into thinking it was easy going. Frankly, it was a bloody battle. In the beginning, it was Cilla all the way. Hardly any deejay would even play the first eight bars of The Righteous' record ...

their turntables at homemuch less on the

air!
More recently, there was Wilson Pickett's "Midnight Hour". It came out while I was on holiday. So I started on it a month after release. And as some 200 singles had been issued subsequently, that was no easy task. But we got it there. After three months hard work."



TONY HALL with WILSON PICKETT

that was no easy task. But we got it there. After three months hard work. To my mind, it was a major breakthrough in the British charts for that kind of record.

This week, I've found a new one. Only just out in America this week. But I think it's the most exciting record of its kind since "Lovin Feeling". I'm sure it'll be a smash in the States. I'm convinced there's enough magic there to make it a huge seller in Britain, too. If It's heard enough. It's what Phil Spector would call "an emotional experience." It's got to be heard and heard again. Yes. It's "one of those!"

The record? "All Or Nothins", by Patty LaBelle And The Bluebells. It's on Atlantic. Bert Berns produced it. Those two fantastic girl songwriters I told you I met in New York—Pam Sawyer and Lorrie Burton—wrote it. Artie Butler arranged it. Ace engineer Tom Dowd was at the controls. I was at the session. Told you about it at the time. But I'd no idea the finished record was going to be such a knockout!

And I've had a ball this week. Lining up plays and general promotion. It's such a great feeling to have a record you really believe in. You go around shouting about it. Trying to get other people in the business to hear what you hear. And enthusiasm's infectious. It's been a thrill to find how everyone rallies round. Even the girls in the office can feel that something exciting's happening. And stay an hour late to ensure the record gets shipped out in time. The publisher's excited so are the producers and deejays. All the big guns are firing and plans are being made to bring the girls over to appear on TV. They're on tour with The Stones in the States at the moment. Mick, Keith and Co. are raving about them. Bert Burns says they're "the most exciting girl act in America."

I've had a very busy week. On the Sunday, I saw Esther Phillips off at London Airport back to Bermuda. At ten o'clock on the Monday night, I was there again.

This time to welcome Wilson Pickett. Along with loads of people from the business. I went to his opening at the Scotc

DYLAN TALK WITH THE SEEKERS



No, Georgie isn't announcing his engagement to Zoot Money. It's just a laugh between them and the Seekers, amidst the more serious discussion of folk (?) music (RM Pic).

THE Seekers sing "The Carnival Is Over", but their success story just THE Seekers sing "The Carnival Is Over", but their success story just grows stronger. Georgie Fame, doing nicely, decided to meet them, talk over the folk scene—from a musician's standpoint. We recorded the meeting—now let Georgie tell you all about it in his own words:

I was laying around my pad, just listening to records. Zoot Money rang to say he was visiting the Seekers at the Palladium. I grabbed my shoes and joined him.

Their dressing-room was in chaos. A sort of folk convention in one corner—Judith Durham was arguing with American singer Paul Simon about Bob Dylan. Everybody argues about him . . musicians more than anyone else. You get attacks and defences of the whole folk scene.

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bytan only broke into the inhelight after Subterfallean Blues' came out", said Paul. Noise from everyone. Athol Guy spoke up loudest. "In this country, Dylan had his small band of devotees for a long time, but most people heard about him when Donovan started to make it big. If ever the folk scene came near to civil war that was it."

DYLAN DILEMMA

Paul said: "True, But 'Homesick Blues' wasn't the sort of folk Dylan had been playing." I challenged him, quickly. What did he mean? Dylan doesn't play a 'kind' of folk he's a folk singer, which means he sings a sort of parable to

he's a folk singer, which means he sings a sort of parable to his own guitar accompaniment.

And Judith said she'd heard Dylan didn't want to make "Homesick" anyway. Paul agreed: "His manager then was Tom Wilson He wanted to push Dylan more towards the beat type of folk. Dylan didn't want to know but did it anyway and it was his first hit single. You could say that beat was responsible for the folk boom if you believe Dylan has made a contribution to folk nonularity. Wilson is brilliant made a contribution to folk popularity. Wilson is brilliantevery note that the session men play on a Dylan record is

This surprised me—seemed to me that everything on Dylan's records happens by accident. If you can see something in the lyrics you'll like him—if you're not in sympathy, you won't like him.

AMERICA'S IN CROWD

Bruce Woodley, lead guitarist and banjoist with the Seekers, jumped in with a potted rundown on the U.S. folk scene 'America is like ten different countries. In most places folk is dead. On the East Coast and in the Mid-west there are very few clubs interested in folk, and most of them are too expensive for the kids. There are discotheques of course, but in New York the one run by Sybil Burton, 'Arthurs', is the only place—and that's become so snobby and 'in' that people just go there to look at each other."

Zoot Money remembered that Dylan had once been booed off stage by an American audience who shouted for him to sing "Hard Day's Night". He thought it happened in a concert hall. But the University scene there is very hip to folk and R and B. Diane of the Supremes had told him the campus audience was the best-they listen to an artiste, evaluate his performance and not care much what happens to be fashionable at the moment.

Judith nipped off to the make-up department. When she got back, the chat had switched to English groups in America and vice-versa. Keith Potger, rhythm guitarist, was talking about the Byrds. "Their problem was going on tour on the basis of one hit record. They're good musiciansall first-class session men. But they had no idea of stage presentation. so they had a hard time with our audiences. Same thing happened, though, to some of the British groups in America. After the Beatles, the Americans were prepared to accept anything—which is what they got. ANYthing! The more intelligent kids realised what was bad and shouted about it."

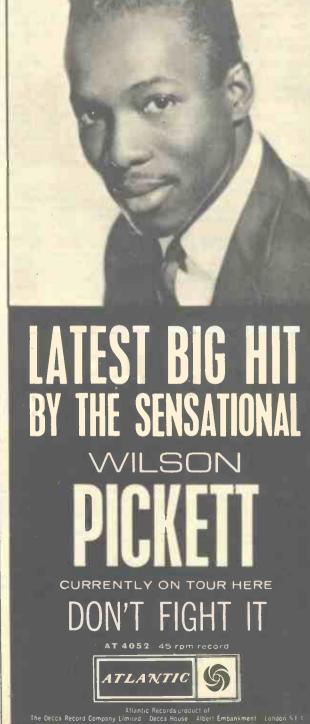
FOLK AROUND THE WORLD

Judith was saying how the Seekers once met the Dagenham Girl Pipers in Spain. One of them asked Athol Guy something—and he gave her a full, Australian-accented answer. She just looked confused, then said: "Does Anyone here speak English?" I liked that story... Anyway Bruce Woodley started us off on the Australian folk scene. "It's really very strong over there," he said. "People in this country talk about the 'folk boom' as if this worldwide interest in folk music was a recent thing. You could say it has come and gone in America and folk has been strong in Australia for years. The pubs close at 6 o'clock in the evening over there, so everyone goes to the coffee lounges and most of these places has a resident folk singer. It's a way of life over there. In England, people don't participate so much they rely on the folk stars to show them the way."

Funny how when you get to talk about folk, it all seems to hinge round that man Dylan. He must be the most controversial figure of 'em all.

GEORGIE FAME







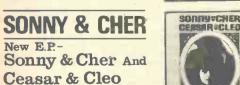
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- 2 1-2-3* 4 (8) Len Barry (Decca)
- GET OFF OF MY CLOUD* 1 (6) The Rolling Stones (London)
- A LOVER'S CONCERTO®
 3 (8) The Toys (Dynavolce)
- RESCUE ME* 7 (7) Fontella Bass (Checker)
- 6 LET'S HANG ON*
 10 (6) Four Seasons (Philips)
- 7 TURN! TURN! TURN!*
- YESTERDAY* Beatles (Capitol)
- A TASTE OF HONEY*
- AIN'T IT PECULIAR*
 12 (5) Maryin Gaye (Tamia)
- YOU'RE THE ONE*
- **EVERYONE'S GONE** TO THE MOON* 16 (6) Jonathan King (Parret)
- KEEP ON
- EVERYBODY LOVES A CLOWN*
 9 (8) Garry Lewis (Liberty)
- I GOT YOU (2) James Brown (King)
- I WILL* (2) Dean Martin (Reprise)
- RUN BABY RUN*
 19 (5) Newbeats (Hickory)
- MY BABY*
- OVER AND OVER.
- (1) Dave Clark Five (Epic) YOU'VE GOT TO HIDE YOUR LOVE AWAY*
 29 (4) Silkie (Fontana)
- POSITIVELY 4th
- STREET*
 14 (8) Bob Dylan (Columbia) TREAT HER
- RIGHT*
 17 (10) Roy Head (Back Beat)
- ROUND EVERY CORNER* 26 (4) Petula Clark (Warner Bros.)
- MY GIRL HAS GONE *
- SOMETHING ABOUT
- (2) Four Tops (Motown)

- I KNEW YOU WHEN*
 15 (7) Billy Joe Royal
 (Columbia)
- 28 RING DANG DOO*
- MAY THE BIRD OF
- PARADISE FLY UP YOUR NOSE 41 (3) Little Jimmy Dickens (Columbia)
- 30 RUSTY BELLS*
 33 (5) Brenda Lee (Decca)
- SAY SOMETHING 32 (4) Patty Duke (United Artists)
- 32 WHERE DO YOU GO*
- MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF *
 43 (2) Walker Brothers
 (Smash)
- MAKE THE WORLD GO AWAY 44 (2) Eddy Arnold (RCA)
- 35 ENGLAND SWINGS
- 36 LET ME BE 47 (2) Turtles (White Whale)
- 37 CLEO'S BACK* (3) Junior Walker (Sout)
- I CAN NEVER O HOME
 (I) Shangri-Las (Red Bird)
- I FOUND A GIRL* 42 (3) Jan and Dean (Liberty)
- CHAPEL IN THE MOONLIGHT
- 40 (4) Bachelors (London) ROAD RUNNER 45 (2) Gants (Liberty)
 - (ALL OF A SUDDEN) MY HEART SINGS
 - (1) Mel Carter (Imperial)
- KISS AWAY
 (1) Ronnie Dove (Diamond)
- I'M A MAN 50 (2) Yardbirds (Epic)
- IT'S MY LIFE *
 (1) Animals (MGM)
- FEVER (1) McCoys (Bang) MYSTIC EYES .
- PUPPET ON A STRING*
 - (1) Elvis Presley (RCA) HANG ON SLOOPY

 - (1) Ramsey Lewis Trio
 (Cadet)
- CRAWLING BACK

*An asterisk denotes record released in Britain.



TOP E.P.'s

- 1 KWYET KINKS
- THE UNIVERSAL SOLDIER 2 Donovan (Pye)
- THE ONE IN THE MIDDLE 3 Manfred Mann (HMV)
- ANDY WILLIAMS' FAVOURITES No. 1 GOT LIVE IF YOU
- WANT IT.
 6 The Rolling Stones (Decca)
- 6 FIVE YARDBIRDS 7 DYLAN
- Bob Dylan (CBS) THE ANIMALS ARE
- Animals (Columbia)
- 1'M ALIVE 5 The Hollies (Parlophone) THE SEEKERS
- 11 WILD WEEKEND
- 13 Dave Clark Five (Columbia)
 TAKE FOUR—BY CLIFF RICHARD
- SILVER DAGGER
- TICKLE ME Vol. II
- 15 BEATLES FOR SALE No.
 18 Beatles (Partophone)
 16 SEARCHERS '65
- 17 Scarchers (Pye)
 YOU PUT THE HURT
- ON ME
 Spencer Davis Group (Fontana)
 HERMAN'S HERMITS
- 16 Herman's Hermits RAINING IN MY HEART
 20 Pretty Things (Fontana)
- 20 SOMEWHERE 19 P. J. Proby (Liberty)

1-2-3 1 Len Barry (Brunswick 5942)

RESCUE ME

MY GIRL

LOVER'S CONCERTO

TREAT HER RIGHT

(Atlantic 4050)
TAKE ME IN YOUR

12 Kim Weston (Tamla-Mutuwn 538)

FIRST I LOOK

PECULIAR

(Atlantic 4052)

AT THE PURSE AIN'T THAT

DON'T FIGHT IT

IN THE MIDNIGHT

TOP L.P.'s

- 1 SOUND OF MUSIC
- 2 HELP Beatles (Parlophone)
- 3 MARY POPPINS
- 4 OUT OF OUR
 HEADS
 2 Rolling Stones (Decca)
- ALMOST THERE
 5 Andy Williams (CBS)
- HIGHWAY 61
- MANN MADE (HMV)
- LOOK AT US and Cher (Atlantic EV'RYTHING'S
- COMING UP DUSTY ALL I REALLY WANT
- TO DO 12 Cher (Liberty)
- 11 HOLLIES The Hoilies (Parlophone) MY FAIR LADY
- THERE IS ONLY ONE **ROY ORBISON**
- 13 Roy Orbison (London)
- JOAN BAEZ IN 15 CONCERT VOL. 5
- WEST SIDE STORY 18 Soundtrack (CBS)
 LOOKING THRU' THE EYES OF LOVE
- MORE GREAT SONG HITS 15 Bachelors (Decca) BRINGING IT ALL
- BACK HOME
 19 Bob Dylan (CBS)
 20 SURFIN' USA
 20 Beach Boys (Capitol)

11 IT WASN'T ME

THESE HANDS

(SMALL BUT MIGHTY)

HIGH HEEL SNEAKERS

MY GIRL HAS GONE

— Miracles (Tamla Motown 540)

RIDE YOUR PONY

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW IS LOVE — Madeleine Bell (Philips 1448)

LET ME KNOW WHEN

Lee Dorsey ateside 441)

MOHAIR SAM

FATHER TIME

- Brook Benton (RCA-Victor 1491)

MOTHER NATURE.

CARA-LYN

BRITAINS TOP

R & B SINGLES

YEARS AGO

- 1 IT'S NOW OR NEVER
- 2 MAN OF MYSTERY
 - 3 ROCKING GOOSE
 - SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME
 - MY HEART HAS A MIND OF ITS OWN
 - AS LONG AS HE NEEDS ME 5 Shirley Bassey
 - GOODNESS GRACIOUS ME
 9 Peter Sellers and
 Sophia Loren
 - 8 DREAMING
 - 9 ONLY THE LONELY
 - LIVELY STRAWBERRY FAIR
 - 12 KOMMOTION LITTLE DONKEY OLE McDONALD
 - BLUE ANGEL/ TODAY'S TEARDROPS
 - LET'S THINK 16 ABOUT LIVING
- 17 MR. CUSTER WILD SIDE OF LIFE
- Josh MacRae 19 .MILORD 17 Edith Piat

BRITAIN'S

TOP R&B

ALBUMS

1 Junior Walker and the All Stars (Tamla-Motown 11017) SOUL BALLADS

2 Otis Redding (Atlantic 5029) TEMPTATIONS

SING SMOKEY

JSA James Brown (London, 8241)

(London, 8241) SHAKE 5 Same Cooke (RCA 7730)

(Tamla-Motown 11016)
MASHED POTATOES

ROCK AND SOUL

SHOTGUN

POETRY IN MOTION

- | GET OFF OF MY CLOUD 1 (4) Rolling Stones (Decca)
- THE CARNIVAL IS OVER 10 (4) Seekers (Columbia)
- 3 YESTERDAY MAN
- TEARS (15) Ken Dodd (Columbia)
- MY GENERATION : 14 (3) The Who (Bruńswick)
- 6 1-2-3 15 (3) Len Barry (Brunswick)
- 7 IT'S MY LIFE 7 (4) Animals (Columbia) 8 HERE IT COMES
- AGAIN
 4 (7) Fortunes (Decca) EVIL HEARTED YOU/
- STILL I'M SAD
 5 (6) Vardbirds (Columbia) POSITIVELY 4th STREET
 12 (4) Bob Dylan (CBS)
- YESTERDAY 8 (5) Matt Monro (Parlophone)
- IT'S GOOD NEWS WEEK
 6 (8) Hedgehoppers
 Anonymous (Decca)
- ALMOST THERE
 9 (10) Andy Williams (CBS) LOVE IS STRANGE
- A LOVER'S CONCERTO
- WIND ME UP 16
- DESTRUCTION 13 (11) Barry McGuire (RCA) 43
- PRINCESS IN RAGS 31 (3) Gene Pitney (Stateside) UNTIL IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO 20 (7) Four Pennies (Philips)
- BUT YOU'RE MINE
- BABY I'M YOURS
- TELL ME WHY
 40 (2) Elvis Presley (RCA) SOMETHING
- 26 (3) Georgie Fame (Columbia) 24 HANG ON SLOOPY 16 (12) McCoys (Immedia
- 7 Solomon Burke (Atlantic 5009) THE BEST OF LEE DORSEY

 Lee Dorsey
 (Sue ILP 924)
 IN MEMORIAM
- MEMORIAL ALBUM
- 10 CALL ON ME 9 Bobby Bland (Vocation 8034)

26 DON'T BRING ME YOUR HEARTACHES

- IN THE CHAPEL IN THE MOONLIGHT 28 (4) Bachelors (Decca) IS IT REALLY OVER 41 (2) Jim Reeves (RCA)
 - GO NOW 17 (10) Manfred Mann (HMV)

IF YOU GOTTA GO,

- TREAT HER RIGHT SOME OF YOUR LOVIN'
 18 (10) Dusty Springfield (Philips)
- 32 CRAWLIN' BACK
- I LOVE YOU YES I DO 22 (6) Merseybeats (Fontana)
- TURQUOISE 43 (2) Donovan (Pye) IN THE MIDNIGHT
- 25 (9) Wilson Pickett (Atlantic) MESSAGE UNDERSTOOD
- THE RIVER

 (1) Ken Dodd (Columbia)
- 38 LET'S HANG ON

 (1) Four Seasons (Philips)

 39 TURN, TURN, TURN
 49 (2) Byrds (CBS)
- IL SILENZIO 27 (12) Nini Rossi (Durium) 40
- (1) Gerry and the Pac WHATCHA GONNA DO ABOUT IT
 32 (10) The Small Faces.
 (Decca)

WALK HAND IN HAND

- YESTERDAY
- THOU SHALT NOT STEAL
 46 (3) Freddie and the
 Dreamers (Columbia)
- SINS OF A FAMILY 45 (3) P. F. Sloane (RCA) HOW CAN YOU TELL

 — (1) Sandle Shaw (Pye)
- A WALK IN THE BLACK FOREST 39 (17) Horst Jankowski (Mercury) EVERYDAY
- (1) Moody Blues (Decca)
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- MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF 37 (13) Walker Brothers (Philips)

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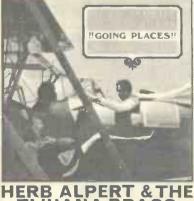
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OU may have your troubles, but the Fortunes have theirs, despite the enormous success of "Here It Comes Again." It is simply to boost their record triumphs by becoming five individualists, five separate characters easily recognised by the general public. True, we walked them through the West End of London and many fans DID recognise them and hailed them by their individual names . . . but there's still a fair way to go before they get into the Beatle-Stone category.

Here with our bid to help them with their ambition—a brand-new colour shot of the quintet. Left

to right—Rod Allen guitar, Andy Brown on drums, Dave Carr on organ, Glen Dale and Barry Pritchard on guitars. And recently the boys admitted that they used session men to play guitar on their discs.



ROLLING STONES new American album is titled "December's Children (And Everybody's") John Stephen Boutleques issuing a writ against rival Carnaby Street shop 'Lord John' gold disc for "Getz Gilberto" album Little Eva revives Ben E. King's "Stand By Me" . Toys hit adapted from a Mozart tune if Elvis neither smokes nor drinks, then who were those pictures of in RM's "Elvis Then" feature?

Dana Gillespie says Michael Aldred likely to win her colours Twinkle's necklines surfacing . Charles Boyer could have a surprise hit . Mervyn Conn and Roy Tempest both claim to be bringing Solomon Burke here in February . Rod Buckle sending out cigarettes to plug Roulettes' disc here come all those Christmas records again . Radio London's Paul Kaye revealed that Paul McCartney did the original version of "Yesterday" . two of the Pentad were once Nashville Teens . Al Martino has revived Shirley Bassey's "What Now My Love" . P. F. Sloan wrote Jan and Dean's newie . who's starting all those nasty Sonny and Cher rumours? . Scott Walker and Lesley Duncan co-wrote the Walker's next "B" side" . Donovan, the Who, Tom Jones and the Fourmost guest on "Saturday Club" on November 27.

Mary Wells has "I Should Have Known Better" issued as a single in America . Jimmy Gilmer's version of "She Belongs To Me" must be the worst-ever versions "Amen", issued this week, was a hit in America last year at Christmas . Kinks Pete Qualfe navigated for Honey Lantree in ABC-TV's car rallying last Monday . ten new Tamla Moiown albums issued in the States this week . Jackle de Shannon almost identical to Gene Pitney on "A Lifetime Of Loneliness"



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