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## THE COVER

When Nat "King" Cole returned from his recent 6-week South American tour, he found that his disks were selling like hotcakes seldom do and Nat "Kina" Cole records usually do. His most recent album, "To Whom It May Concern" is already well established as a best-selling package. It is a collection of fine new tunes which seem destined to become "standards." Nelson Riddle provides his usual superb backgrounds. The title song, Incidentally, is from the MGM picture "Night of the Quarter Moon" in which Nat plays a starring role.





Discovery of a voice to match her beautiful exterior prompted a recording contract for Venetia Stevenson, currently seen in Warner Bros. picture "Island Of Lost Women."

## NEW JAZZ ERA LOOMS

It may be that jazz, not rock 'n' roll, will be the music for which the late '50's are remembered in history. Of late the cool beat has been invading every entertainment medium with singular success. Recordings, TV. radio, movies and even commercials are all reflecting a huge growth in the jazz movement. Jazz even moved into the White House, recently, via a "Jazz Jubilee" which was sponsored by Mamie Eisenhower and other governmental wives as a charity event.

Jazz single records have recently been represented on the hit charts by Ray Anthony's "Peter Gunn Theme," "Petite Fleur" by Chris Barber's Jazz Band, and Cozy Cole's "Topsy." Albums have become a jazz stronghold with best selling pop albums racked up by Hank Mancini, Jonah Jones, Ahmad Jamal, Dakota Staton, Hi-Lo's, Ernestine Anderson, The Four Freshmen. Duke Ellington, Dukes of Dixieland, Dave Brubeck, Miles Davis, Ella Fitzgerald, Erroll Garner, Stan Kenton, June Christy and Count Basie.

At least 10 weekly dramatic TV shows boast jazz background scores, including "Peter Gunn," "D. A.'s Man," "77 Sunset Strip," "M Squad," "The Thin Man,"

"Richard Diamond," "Ellery Queen," "Naked City" and "Pete Kelly's Blues."

The fabulous success of Hank Mancini's "Music from 'Peter Gunn'" album has prompted the waxing of music from many of the other TV stanzas with jazz backgrounds. Music from "M-Squad," "77 Sunset Strip," "Richard Diamond," "The Thin Man" and "Naked City" have all been released in albums by various artists.

Live TV and one-shot shows have also been represented in the jazz trend. In addition to jazz backgrounds, jazz artists have found good acceptance as guest stars on variety shows. Many commercials are now also filmed with jazz backgrounds, recent one being Thom McAn shoes.

Movies are venturing into jazz with increasing frequency as the result of the successful background score to "I Want To Live" by Johnny Mandel and Gerry Mulligan. Both men waxed successful albums from the score. Duke Ellington penned the original score for Otto Preminger's upcoming flick "Anatomy of a Murder" and Paramount's "The Five Pennies" is the biography of jazz musician Red Nichols. Other films are also being prepped with jazz scores.

Either a cause or effect of the new jazz movement is the growth of jazz disk jockey shows throughout the country. Nearly every major city has at least one jazz show, with l'M-radio station providing the broadcast outlet.

The magazines have also jumped on the jazz bandwagon, with broad coverage being given jazz musicians and event. Notable among them is the hith-circulation men's magazine "Playboy" which has conducted jazz polls and relevated jazz IP's on it own label.

All-in-ill, the 50 s how definite igns of replacing the '0's when future history refers to the "iaz age.'



NBC-TV's "Pete Kelly's Blues" recently returned to the air with William Reynolds in the title role





Young Jack Jones dances with Jo Morrow, his co-star in new Columbia pic "Juke Box Rhythm." Show also features Johnny Otis. Musical numbers include "Make Room For The Joy," "The Freeze" and "Juke Box Jamboree."

## HELP!

Nobody can accuse the Kingston Trio of being friendless—especially in Bakersfield, Calif.

Almost as soon as they started singing — via their latest Capitol disk — of their plight incarcerated in "Tijuana Jail," radio station KAFY (as a public service?) pleaded with its listeners to come to the aid of the youthful trio in this time of monetary need.

According to deejay Al Anthony, in less than a week the station received from its listeners more than \$125,000,000 in children's play money, dime store "Confederate money," bogus checks, and other forms of non-legal tender with which to bail the boys out of their confinement across the border. It looks like the boys will get "sprung."



The fabulous Kingston Trio has another great hit contender in their recent single release, "Tijuana Jail." The flipside is "Oh Cindy," from the Warner picture "Rio Bravo" which stars Dean Martin and Ricky Nelson.

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## DINAH ON CAP

Dinah Shore, for many years a top recording artist, recently signed a long-term contract with Capitol. Her first album for the label is scheduled for release next fall.

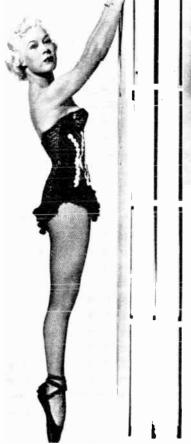
Current season is Miss Shore's eighth year as star of her own television show, for which she has won several "Emmy" awards. Gallup poll recently named her one of the world's ten most admired women.

Previously she had recorded for RCA Victor and, for a brief period Columbia.

## SWING CLASS

Who says rock 'n' roll has no place in the school curriculum? An instructor in sociology at Orange County Community College in Middletown, N. Y., recently used a recording of "Charlie Brown" in an examination. He played the recording and then asked such questions based on the lyric as: "Can you differentiate between Charlie Brown's life-space and his environment? Is C. B. a conformist, a non-conformist or both?"

Whadhesay?



On lend-lease from England comes pretty Billie Anthony. Her stateside wax debut is a 'Capitol' of the World release, "Yes, We Have No Bananas," famous novelty standard.

## JET AGE HI-FI

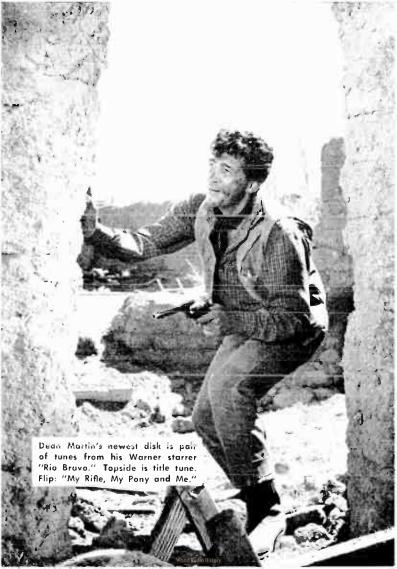
The global popularity of hifi was recently pointed up by an order for various hi-fi components placed in this country by His Imperial Highness, Prince Sahle Selassie, son of Emperor Haile Selassie. The order was shipped by the manufacturer to the Royal Palace in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Hi-fi also took on an interplanetary aspect via a classified ad which was placed in the Wall Street Journal by a phonograph needle manufacturer:

"Electronic Representatives: Territory: The Moon. Can offer crater to crater distribution. Representatives must have rocket and be willing to travel. In reply, please state preference for near or far side of the moon."



The Andrews Sisters clawn with camedy team af Rawan and Martin during rehearsal far their shaw at Harrah's Club, Lake Tahae, Califarnia. Act cantained dramatizatians af tunes in Andrews' "Dancing Twenties" album.





Ginger Rogers was recent guest on Dinah Shore's NBC-TV "Chevy Show." Dinah now records for Cap.

## DEBUT

He finally made his big debut As violin virtuoso,

His mother and his father, too,

Were there, of course, and oh so Proud of all that fine applause,

But actually the fact is
That THEY deserved it more,

because They suffered through his

practice.

— bolof



Jazz artist Teddi King is currently invading the pop market with new Coral waxing of "Blue Tango."



Ray Anthony calls again on TV's Peter Gunn for a hit and comes up with "Walkin' To Mother's." Flip is rock 'n' roll type "Bunny Hop."

## • FASCINATO INKED

Arranger-conductor-composer Jack Fascinato was recently signed to a long-term contract by Cap itol. Fascinato's first album for Capitol is "Palm Springs Suite."

The musician has been musical director for several TV and radio shows including the "Tennessee Ernie Ford Show." It was Fascinato who arranged and conducted Tennessee Ernie's fabulous Capitol hit, "Sixteen Tons."



Rock 'n' roller Clyde McPhatter recently switched to MGM wax and recorded "I Told Myself A Lie."



## HIRSUTE SUCCESS

The annual French entertainment publication, "Annuaire du Spectacle," received the following letter from a booking agent in Cuba:

"While looking through your publication I noted there existed in France a quartet of eccentrics named the "Four Bearded Ones" (Quatre Barbus). As since Fidel Castro has come into control any one with a beard has great success here, I would like to have them come over here."

# Sonny James looks for quother his

Sonny James looks for another hit with sock new Capitol side which is the talk of the school. Title of course is "Talk Of The School."

## JAZZ DIGNIFIED

"Jazz On A Summer's Day," a 90-minute film dealing with the Newport Jazz Festival, is an effort to dispel the idea that jazz is only associated with juvenile delinquency, according to the producer, Bert Stern, Stern, a magazine and advertising photographer, is attempting to further the idea that jazz is a musical form that can be enjoyed by respectable people.

The picture was filmed with a six-track stereophonic soundtrack and much of the film was shot at the Festival.



Anna Maria Alberghetti meets with producer Johnny Green during recording session for upcoming Desilu Playhouse production "A Diamond For Carla." It's on CBS Television.

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## JA?

Not content with having had a big hit with their original version of "Yakety Yak," Atlantic Records is trying the song again, this time sung in German! The new title is "Jackety Jack."

If the effort should be successful the possible ramifications are frightening. Can you imagine hearing the song in French, Italian, Japanese, Egyptian, etc.?



Young Sammy Jackson has new disk in orbit on Orbit label, "Live Fast" backed by "Are You My Baby?"



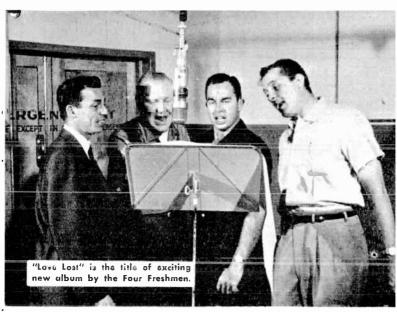
Ray Anthony autographs copy of his new "Walkin' to Mother's" single for Capt. Jack McCarty during an Air Force Recruiting radio program. Ray is frequent visitor to the show and his "Big Band Boogie" is its theme.

## TRIO GROWS HAIR

The Kingston Trio will be featured artists for two evenings of the upcoming Ravinia Music Festival. The festival, which until very recent years has been strictly a longhair event, takes place in the latter part of July at Highland Park, a Chicago suburb.

First break in the Festival's "serious" music policy came three years ago when Louis Armstrong broke an attendance record previously held by a trio consisting of Rubenstein, Heifetz and Piatigorsky. Since that time Dave Brubeck, Duke Ellington, Lionel Hampton and Erroll Garner have appeared, the latter in a joint concert with the Cleveland Symphony.





## AID ROBOT MUSIC

A bill was recently introduced into the Senate which would afford copyright protection to the composers of the new electronic "music," Sen. Hubert Humphrey introduced the legislation which would permit the copyright of sounds as fixed on tape, disk or film. Previously, music had to be notated in a conventional manner. This excluded the electronic variety which is not notated in the usual way.

## NO MILLTOWN?

A Dallas, Texas, record dealer may have come up with a recorded cure-all for everyones' emotional disorders. The enterprising dealer has issued a talking LP titled "Suddenly Your Mind Soars" which he says combines the philosophies of Norman Vincent Peale, Dale Carnegie and Alcoholics Anonymous!





Rapidly breaking toward smashville is Ed Townsend's most recent wax effort, "Don't Ever Leave Me."

## • C & W FETE HIT

The wide appeal of Country music was once again demonstrated by a recent Country music "spectacular" promoted by the Country Music Association in Louisville, Kentucky. The show, which played to sellout audiences, included such performers as Jean Shepard, Johnny Cash, Ernest Tubh, The Jordanaires, Minnie Pearl and others.

### SUFFICIENT

I've been aware for several

That stereo goes in both ears But frankly, there's a lot of stuff

For which one ear is quite enough,

-bolof



Br'dw'y star Gretchen Wyler makes wax debut for Jubilee banner in album tagged "Wild-Wyler-Wildest,"



Gordon MacRae turns in another of his great renditions on new Capitol disk, "The Stranger" and Palace Of Love." Van Alexander orchestra.

## • RADIO FOR MIDGETS

The Army recently announced the development of a new sugarcube sized radio with self-contained batteries. According to the Army, the principle developed can also be used for a tiny record player, small enough to fit in pocket or purse.

If the device finds its way into commercial use, music lovers could conceivably carry their record collections around in their pockets and listen to them at will.



Nelson Riddle dips into the score of the flick "Rio Bravo" for new Cap single, "De Guello." Flip is also making hit bid, "Blue Safari."



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## AWARD TO GRANT

Earl Grant, Decca artist, recently received a triple award from his alma mater. Juillard School of Muric. The singer received the school's award for achievement in religion, entertainment and education.

## 'WILLIE' CHOSEN

"Willie and the Hand Jive," recorded and written by Johnny Otis on Capitol wax, was recently chosen "Song of the Year" by Broadcast Music, Inc. Otis is a singer-composer-ork leader who allo play frum, vibes and piano.







Rosemary Clooney & husband Jose Ferrer recently teamed up again to sing and emote on NBC television show, "Bell Telephone Hour."



Mickey Katz enlisted the vocal talents of Mel Blanc for his latest novelty click, "There's A Hole In The Iron Curtain." Side marks a departure from Katz' usual style.

### ART

It is interesting to note that the largest number of contenders for awards by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences was not in a music category at all, but in the field of art! 257 contenders were placed in nomination for the "Best Album Cover," while the next largest category was "Best Album of the Year" with 198 nominations.

## JACK BACK

Jack Smith has recently recorded an album titled after the ABC-TV show which he emcees, "You Asked For It." Smith was a singer and radio performer for many years before taking over the well known TV show. Album is on Bel Canto label.

## BROKEN RECORD?

It would seem that Lionel Thurpe, new Roulette Records artist, has some sort of impediment in his speech. His first two sides, back to back, are "Lover, Lover, Lover" and "More, More, More." The singer wrote both sides.

## **ACCOMPLISHMENT**

W'ord has leaked through the Iron Curtain that "The River Kwai March" is the number one tune on Hungarian juke boxes. This, however is not exactly a monumental accomplishment in view of the fact that there are only about fifteen juke boxes in the entire country.



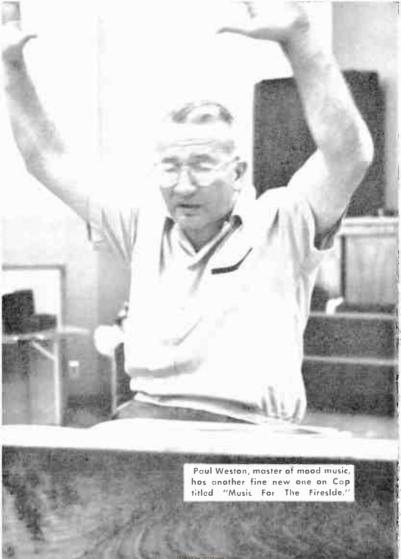
Pert and pretty Janice Harper is hit-bound once again with her fine swinging version of the great old standard, "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Flipside is "Just Whistle."

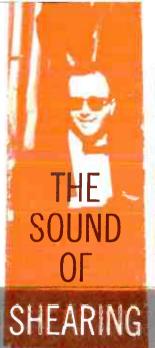


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Les Baxter comes up with some of his most exciting sounds for his newest Cap album, "Jungle Jazz."





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Glen Larson (foreground) remains adamant in face of taunts that he is only one of the Four Preps who is not engaged to be married. Preps recently flew in from Lackland Air Force Base in Texas for appearance on Tennessee Ernie Ford TV show. They entered service together last Oct.