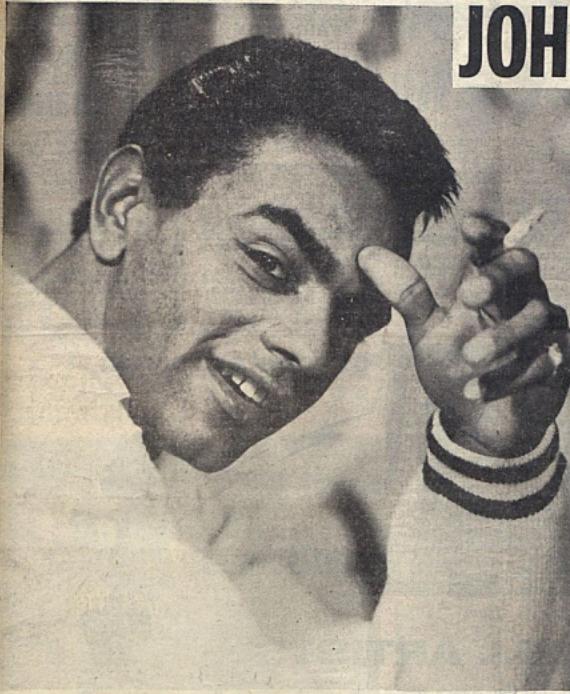


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JOHNNY MATHIS DEFINITELY COMING

JOHNNY MATHIS will definitely be coming to this country. A spokesman for the Grade Organisation, who are arranging the visit, said that negotiations were now in progress and it was hoped that Mathis would be arriving sometime in the spring.

When he does arrive he will be making personal appearances and is sure to star in at least one of ATV's shows: "Monday Spectacular," "Perry's Parlour" or "Sunday Night At The London Palladium."

The on-off arrangements for Mathis's British visit have been going on since it was first decided to bring him over last year, but the negotiations were never finalised.

The last time that he was expected to arrive here was in the autumn but he was unable to fit the trip in.

Anniversary

Mathis is known to want to play British audiences and this time his visit would well coincide with the fourth anniversary of his career as a professional singer.

It was in March, 1956, that Johnny Mathis arrived in New York and made his name in the night clubs and on discs. But not until 1958 did he really become known over here when he made "A Certain Smile." He has never made a personal appearance here, spending most of the time in the States.

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(See story on
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Big Beat? It's nothing but commercial rubbish

MAY I respectfully point out to Dickie Valentine (DISC 6260) and his fellow balladeers that rock 'n' roll in its true form is far from dead.

"Big Beat" is nothing but a name for the commercial rubbish which the record company public served up to us teenagers. The days of real rock will continue to find success to the Pop 29 as long as the record starts record it.

The heavier type of rock 'n' roll as performed by Gene Vincent, Chuck Berry,

Sam Cooke, etc., is still there, and has encouraged us teenagers for dancing and listening to.

You can keep your "Starry Eyes" and "Why?" The rock 'n' roll fans will stand features the three artists of an overexposed field—MIKE TOBIN, The Magpies R'n'R Group, 124, Howard Road, Bristol, 6.

PRIZE LETTER

TEN YEARS

I WAS delighted to see Jo Stafford mentioned in your issue of DISC, and I would like to draw attention to the fact that on January 1, 1960, the 20th Anniversary Club celebrated its 10th anniversary.

I think that for a club to keep going so well for ten years is proof that Jo Stafford and her music will remain the greatest for a long time to come. She is a great artist, and also the most modest person I have ever met. I could find no anywhere ELMA ALEXANDER, Patriotic Nursery, Amersham, Bucks. (Be good to see her on TV, too.)

GOOD AGAIN

WAS Mr. Jack Good justified in writing that he had been "blackballed" in "Boy Meets Girl" (1959, No. 10, January 30)? If this is an example of the sorting up "Mr. Good," I fear he threatened personal safety to his life. I suggest he review his plan of action.

Hawking, obviously not of the temperament to be blackballed, stepped and clapped his hands to the beat he

attempted to produce. Perhaps he was intending to pique fun at one young generation.—MIKE J. HUNTER, 10, Warrender Park Crescent, Edinburgh, Scotland.

(And probably laughing at himself, too.)

NOTHING NASAL

CONGRATULATIONS to Craig Douglas on his latest hit parade success and also for his fine rendering of "I'm Sorry." I am sure you have heard a talented version of this song without nasal mimesis and phoniness from ROBERT HANCOCK, 10, York Cottage, 16, Osborne Road, East Cowes, Isle of W.

(How Craig can turn out some more like it.)

MOVING ON

HAVING recently received some record tokens I decided to try exchange for pictures and cuttings of my disc-jockey jazz. So I bought one by Dave Brubeck. After a few playings I found that modern jazz appealed to me.

The next day, I bought a further EP by Brubeck, and the next week yet another. I have recently bought an LP by the L.J.Q.

From now on, it's all modern jazz for me, and may I suggest to any



DAVE BRUBECK

other teenager who is narrow-minded in his record choices to give modern jazz a try? —MICHAEL BATES, 62, Norman Avenue, Wood Green, London, N.18.

(And how about the modern fan trying rock—good rock, that is?)

SWOP OF POPS

I HAVE hundreds of photos of pop stars which I would like to exchange for pictures and cuttings of Eddy Arnold, Perry Como, Eddie Fisher and David Jacobs.—CAROL MOORHOUSE, 19, Devonshire Lane, Leeds, 8, Yorks. (Any offers?)

Post Bag

MORE SENSE

I ENTIRELY agree with Jack Good in his remarks about the record "Teen Angel." It is a particularly awful, morbid record and should never have been put on the market. I see that you have given it a special prize to buy this record. I sincerely hope the British have more sense.

JOSEPHINE COOPER, 12, 10, Boyd Court, W., Hampstead, N.W.3. (For your answer keep on eye on the charts for the next few weeks.)

FAIR PLAY

I RECENTLY bought a recording of "The Party" by Pauline Robins. This record lasts for no less than four and a half minutes, whereas other records last for two or three and a half or two minutes. Why can't we always have value for money?—DAVID DEIGHEN, 12, Borrowdale Avenue, Garside, Cheshire.

(And write the songs to fit the playing time?)

WONDER WHY

I'M a great admirer of the late Buddy Holly, and I can't understand why Coral haven't issued some of the songs from his LPs "The Chirping, Chirping, Chirping" and "Graham Christmas." 6, Fullbrook Avenue, New Haw, Weybridge, Surrey.

(Over to Coral.)

The Editor does not necessarily agree with the views expressed on this page.

ELVIS LP

WHY haven't RCA put out an Elvis LP? They have done well with all the other. His films, Love Me Tender, "Jailhouse Rock" and "King Creole." If RCA included four songs from each of his films—"Hound Dog," "Painful," "Viva Las Vegas" and "Mean Woman Blues" on an EP, it would sell like wild fire.—A. K. BROWNE, Upper House, Kingswood School, Bath, Somerset.

(NEVER too late for a Presley disc.)

The boys to thank

FOR too long American technicians had been alone in producing discs which have professional sound. However, at last the British "men-behind-the scenes" have started to have equal quality which makes hit records such as Cliff Richard, Craig Douglas, Emile Ford and others, can now produce discs which are not to be compared with American hits. It's the British technicians, boys for making such hits as "Voice In The Wind," "I'm Gonna Be" and DAVID MCKENDRICK, 88, Peterborough Drive, Netherthorpe, Boulton, 16, Lancs.

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MUSIC SHOP

New show is to follow 'Music Shop'

THERE have been buzzings about "Music Shop" closure on ATV as from February 21.

The show is finishing the long run that it has had on "Night Music". It is scheduled from 10 p.m. until 11.30 p.m., approximately a thirty minute programme.

We are booked for an initial six weeks.

Naturally PEARL will be featured in the series and also pianist YORKE DE SOUSA and our "Music Shop" chum, JACK PARNELL.

Entertainer

TIME to wish good luck to young Valerie Martin who leaves today Ellington City was reported in last week's Disc — Val is branching out on her own as a solo singer.

She is accompanied by agent-pianist Dick Katz whose list of clients is continually expanding. Marion Ryan, Al Saxon, Ray Ellington, Peter Knight,

Max Goldfarb are but some. Latest is songwriting king PADDY ROBERTS.

Ex-Decca Paddy does not need Decca to sell his songs. Paddy is going out as an entertainer. He opened for the first time at the Blue Angel Inn, New York, last Saturday evening.

I gather other club engagements have been offered and Dick is negotiating for a top entertainment there.

Paddy has had remarkable success with his LP and EP under the title "Really Fee Grown-ups". Now he has signed a new deal with Decca Records.

First record under the new contract is being made, and I have heard a

brace of tracks. If these are anything like the rest of the record, then I predict his parade status.

Big day

THIS Friday is a big day for that very promising young brother of mine, Bryan Johnson.

It is because his disc of "Lookin' High, High, High" is being issued by Decca.

It was quite a rush, recorded last week and out in eight days meant a frantic hurried job by the organization — what is more Bryan tells me that Decca have had to pay a considerable sum.

This is, I presume, the combined result of my presentation to his disc with Mamoune — and his winning the third place in the Eurovision Song Contest.

Naturally, Pearl and myself — having done our best — were last year most happy that Bryan has kept the "Oscar" in the family.

The winning song in the British Final of the Eurovision Song Contest, "Lookin' High, High, High" has been recorded by Decca and will be issued tomorrow Friday. Go on over the arrangements are — and R manager, Frank Lee (left), Bryan Johnson, Eric Rogers and Rita Williams.

(Disc Pic)

"Oo La La" and "Mitzi" could easily emulate the success of "Tradie" which stayed in the British best selling sheet music chart for 76 weeks.

Indeed, I don't feel lonely in the States. His number one fan is the number one citizen of America — the President. He has asked for his 12 favourite tunes to be played to him on his record player when receiving guests. The last tune to play three on his list was Mr. Piano's composition "Flirtation Waltz".

Pearl has suggested we send a badge to be bearing the legend IKE LIKE ME.

Full strings

THOSE three folksy troubadours from America's west coast, The Kingston Trio, have at last given in to commercialism.

In the first time they have cut a disc with a full string orchestra in the studio, it is from the MGM film "Home From Hills". And the bucking. A number, according to the studio notes, is the "most exciting piece ever recorded since the excitement of La Cucaracha". Title is El Matador.

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Disc meal

A MUSING to glance down the list of top 100 discs in the current issue of "Cash Box"—America's juke box coin machine and DJ paper, I am struck by the number of copies of the recording titled "Little Coco Palm" (by Jerry Wallace) being traded by "private individuals" (by Nat King Cole and the Swiss). And just to wash the whole meal down you are offered "Too Much Tequila" (by The Champ).

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JAZZ GOES 'POP'

ON page 12 of this week's DISC colleague Dan Nicholl writes about a pop single by the Ray Bryant Trio.

A few weeks ago, this disc was a "Pick of the Week" in the pop world's "bibles", America's Cash Box and Record World, the places to find a jazz pianist's record reviewed.

But with a sign of the times, jazz is becoming "commercial".

Hollywood has helped here considerably. The latest example comes for "I Want To Live" Duke Ellington's "Anatomy Of A Murder" an outstanding example of intelligent jazz which has been heightened by intelligent use of jazz.

An outstanding role, too, has been played by TV. Almost every American "private eye" film carries a background of modern jazz.

Johnny Staccato has been the undisputed success in the country. If anyone has ever seen "Gum", it will be the same story — only even more successful.

Many jazz players are making jazz themes behind the credits and also highlights dramatic effects. Tom Crump's theme from the forthcoming "Man From U.N.C.L.E." series can more than hold its own with, say, "M Squad".

Now Dick Haymes has hit the big current TV success theme from America, Malcolm Lockyer's "The Windmills Of Your Mind". He used an existing jazz group; The Kingman Trio had at last given in to commercialism.

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TOO LATE

THEIR great disappointment in local jazz circles this weekend. Only a few hours after returning from a stint in Germany, I hear that Joe himself will return there again. And with him Kenny Clarke and Don Byas.

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FOR some reason, my letter didn't reach Italy till February 1. And by that time, it was all too late.

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Calvert couldn't fail over here

EDdie CALVERT's album, issued here on ABC Paramount, is getting many plays. It also received terrific reviews. Maybe it won't be too long before Eddie makes that long-awaited personal appearance; a thousand like him can't fail.

Tony Curtis' album, "Pete Lee's new one on Capitol is a wow! Called "Latin à la Lee," it includes a great cha-cha version of "I Could Have Danced All Night." This also appeared as a single, could be a hit.

Fred Astaire is so busy after all the hard work he has been doing in the past two years, he has cancelled the film "Sanctuary," and after his present film, "Oceans II," will go to the Orient for a two month rest.

OFF BEAT PHANTOM

FIRST it was off-beat names like Elvis Presley, then the one name, Fabian . . . and now . . . no name—the new singing find of Pat Boone will be called "The Phantom." And when he eventually appears on television, he looks like it; at all personal appearances he will wear a mask.

The Kingston Trio have cut their first disc with a full orchestra. It's "Home From The Hill," title tune from the new MGM film.

Bobby Darin and Connie Francis were crowned last week, King and Queen of Hearts, at the American Heart Association luncheon.

Paul Anka has written twelve songs for Annette Funicello's new album—to be called "Annette Sings Paul Anka," of course.

Lovely new disc by Vic Damone with the unusual title of "Love Is A Ding-Dong." Composed by Vic Damone, it was written for him by his drummer, Sidney Bulkin. Damone will later be cutting an album with Andre Previn.

Peggy Lee will be writing all the pop songs for the forthcoming film, "The Golden Gondola," starring Peter Petyar. Remember her lovely songs in "Lady And The Tramp"?

A PIP OF A POPPET

WARNER RECORDS have found a real pip. She is Joanie Sommers, I first heard her on the TV serial "Sunset Strip," and she knocked me out. She is also under option for pictures and further TV, to the "V.I.P.s," "The Love Boat," "The Green Hornet," and Geng Krapo, "Gene Howard." It's called "Love Is A Ding-Dong." All the numbers are done pseudo-torch singer style. I never knew I had a country girl in me.

People in the show world here are wondering who will play the Elizabeth Seal part in "Irma La Douce" when it comes to Broadway later this year. Some say Liz will

do it herself. Other rumours have it Shani Walls will. Whether it is stands a great chance of becoming a big movie money star in the future.

Bobby Darin is currently being sculpted by Keith Ward for a line in lifelike plastic replicas of the Darin head, for sale to his fans—in colour, too.

FISHER'S BIG HURT

JOHNNY MATHEWS has broken all records in his recent engagement at the famed Cocoanut Grove. Until now they have been a smash.

Tom Fisher has cut her first album, called "The Big Hurt." It includes six standards and six original tunes written for her by Wayne Shaikin.

Terrible score by James Mathews and Pete Rugolo for the movie "The Big Hurt," will be issued on an album, with conducting and arrangements by Pete. On RCA Perry Como was so impressed with Lawrence Harde's song and dance in "Expresso Bongo" that he has booked him on his show in March, as a guest and dancer man!

BEST SELLER FOR PAT

PAT BOONE's book "Twist 12 and 20" has now sold over 300,000 hard cover copies. It topped last year's best selling non-fiction sellers, and all the proceeds went to charity.

Louise Printz and Keely Smith have signed 14-year-old Klaus Charnay to an exclusive contract. Louis himself will supervise her first recording session for Dot Records. I haven't heard her yet, but she must be good.

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Conway Twitty copies Marty— a year late!

DURING the last few weeks I have been watching the rise in the American chart of Conway Twitty's latest song, "Lonely Blue Boy". I was not looking forward to hearing it.

I got it today—and I was staggered. This is no new record to me. Nor will it be to you. You will immediately recognise it as an almost exact copy of "Dancing Queen" recorded by Marty Wilde and the Wildcats on the flipside of "Teenager in Love".

Almost nothing is identical—

the guitar phrases, Marty worked at all these, the intro and the vocal line stay the same, and the melody ending that Marty was so proud of—all are present and correct on the Twitty record.

The only noticeable difference is that where Marty sang "Danny, oh yeah, Danny", Twitty sings "Lonely, oh yeah, Lonely".

How come Conway should come out with this record about a year after Marty's? Well, Marty's record was first, his cover version of "Teenager in Love" which, by the way, Dion and the Belmonts were already a hit when Marty's came out. Consequently, as "Teenager in Love" was the song they were plugging on Marty's record, it never reached the charts. So America has never heard "Danny".

Strangely enough, Marty always favoured "Danny" as opposed to "Teenager", and thought it ought to

performance was just great. How sincere he really was one can never be sure, but I must say I rushed over to Marty's advance pressing of "Lonely Blue Boy" (banged at the top of the record) and at 9 a.m.—early for Marty), and asked him to listen.

Marty groaned his way, yawning, to the radio, put the record on and collapsed sleepily into an armchair.

Within ten seconds the record began to play and the words spoke as if someone had poured a bucket of iced water over him. He listened intently to every word, then paused and at the end he said: "This is the

**JACK
by
GOOD**

biggest compliment that has ever been paid to my life."

I could understand him. Twitty has always been a singer who, if it may have been a wonderful feeling for him to hear Conway follow his own path.

Now the question arises—will "Lonely Blue Boy" sell over here? It is number one in America, and Conway Twitty has always sold well over here. But on the other hand all those thousands

HAPPY, BUT NOT HEALTHY

LAST week's "Boy Meets Girl" featured Marty Wilde, Jess Conrad and Peter Wyman. All suffering from flat feet. Next week we feature Eddie Ishot and the Shadows. Come on, come on! (I have one shattered leg). Vincent Adam (I have stomach ulcers) and Bill Ward (I am fat). Far from introduced by Marty ("I am soon to enter hospital to have my business affairs in order"), Bill Ward is a happy-go-lucky half-hour of healthy, youthful, invigorating entertainment.

Want to know how really fit you are? Watch "Boy Meets Girls" next week. The show starts to be transmitted from Ward 18.

be the top side. His record company and management rejected this off-the-hand. Fangs! Marty trying to make a bit of original material!

The subsequent success in America of "Lonely Blue Boy" has shown that Marty was not as wrong as they thought.

And it is not so very surprising that Conway would decide to make that record. After all, he was over here when Marty made it. Not only that—he was at Marty's rehearsals of the song he imitated before the session took place. I wrote and told you all about this in "Emergency Ward 18".

who already have copies. Marty's "Teenager" is "Dancing Queen" and there's precious little difference.

To be fair to the Twitty record, there's a bit of difference. Marty's record sounds a bit thin and lacks some bass. There is not the richness in the quality of the bass, the voice and the guitar that there is in "Lonely Blue Boy".

This is a common fault not only of Marty's records but of almost all British records in this idiom—including the ones I make. Cliff Richard, Petula Clark, Mr. Norrie Paramor, seems to have the answer—for Cliff's discs seem to have much better sound quality than most.

Conway stayed on to hear the boys. Afterwards he confided that he liked the way of the record and the music more and that he thought Marty's per-

PET CLARK WANTS TO SING JAZZ

PETULA CLARK wants to join the ranks of jazz vocalists. Just back from filming her own TV show in Denmark, the singer says: "I had a 20-minute session with a small jazz group. Conditions over there are very different from ours, but I found in some ways they're more rewarding."

"There's a good deal more freedom. I could do as I liked, and that's what I did. I think I could certainly go to lean that way in the future."

The pretty, young British star, whose LP "In Hollywood" won a two-star plus rating in Ken Graham's reviews last week, also made an LP with the Clarkes. What was it? She says her blonde head: "I can't say much about it because it employs a secret new recording technique."

Her continental tour took in Brussels and Luxembourg as well as television and radio appearances. "I recorded another show for French TV."

Presley number

Pet has waxed an EP for the French market which includes a version of the Presley number A Presley Number." The title is "Prendi Mon Coeur." "It is quite a success," she declared.

"I often say to my show business friends, 'What do you do for continental data?' I'm sure that not nearly enough British artists do so."

The exception is Pet. She can certainly speak from experience. She has now visited most European countries. "I haven't been to Mexico yet, but I want to go there," she added.

After a holiday in the French Alps, Pet is due back for next week on the ABC-TV Ernest Maxin show which replaces "Boy Meets Girl," and in Jenny Logan's show on BBC television.

And, in May, she's off on her travels again—this time to South Africa.

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Top Rank's birthday

ALSO celebrating this month is Top Rank, who entered the recording field with their first release in February, 1959. Among their artists who have had hits include such names as Harry, Sonerie Chorale, Freddie Cannon, Craig Douglas and Reg Owen. Recently, they signed Jack Scott to their label, and his first record for them has just been released.

Warner to sign Everlys

WARNER BROTHERS records have confirmed that a recording contract with The Everly Brothers is to begin later this month.

They have also announced the signings of four new artists—John Raitt, Carl Wayne, Holm, Ernie Kovacs and Mel Blanc.

As yet, Warner Brothers still have no distribution outlet in Britain.

Mike, Dickie on 208

MICHAEL HOLLIDAY and Dickie Valentine have given their own programmes on Radio Luxembourg.

Holliday's 26 programmes began to make a success of themselves, and he will now be on air for thirteen weeks. Dickie Valentine's shows run once a week for 39 weeks, commencing on March 4.



into London last week came American singer MARK MURPHY (left). His first spot was on Sunday's "Music Shop" and this is to be followed by two weeks at the Astor Club in London, and two weeks at the Cabaret Club in Manchester. With him here are Arthur Marlow (centre) of EMI and Tom O'Hare.

TOMMY STEELE GETS A QUIET WELCOME

FROM eight to eighty, that's the audience Tommy Steele is out to capture in Australia, and for the Aussies, used to American rock 'n' roll idols, that makes quite a change. There was a change, too, in the welcome Tommy received when he landed in Melbourne just over a week ago. 500 marked contrast to the frenzied arrival of some extremely revolutionised American rock star, Fabian.

Then the singer had to be rescued from his plane by a mobile fork lift truck in order to escape the screaming and flag-waving of his first reaction to Australia and the Aussies.

Nevertheless, Tommy and his entourage were welcomed by Kennedy and Barnes, more than delighted with the welcome and the good behaviour of his fans.

Paid impulsive anditable, Tommy was kept hectic-handy for his first 24 hours in Australia, soil with international press, country networks, three TV chanceries and scores of newspapers and magazines.

In between rehearsals at the Melbourne Tivoli, in the heart of the busy city, Tommy has been able to get his first reactions to Australia and the Aussies.

"I like my old place in Bermondsey," he said. "I like 'em a lot. They're very straight, very honest. I like the way they are. So far they've made a big hit with me. I like the way, too, that they are so proud of their country. That's a good attitude to have."

Melbourne's sunny weather has also gone down big with Tommy. "He left England in the middle of winter and shivered and stopped at the jet at the Melbourne international airport in a temperature of 43 degrees. "It's like this all the time, I'm really going to enjoy myself," he said.

Unfortunately, he went on, there will not be enough time to see much of the Australian countryside. "I'll be here in Australia 10 with the rest spent in his show, while the rest is fully booked

with rehearsals and travelling—he'll cover more than 5,000 miles.

And what time there is left, I'll be resting, I hope. I hope I can get to see as much of your beaches as possible. They tell me the surf is smashing."

How far away are they, anyway. Any chance of me learning to throw something?"

There was no need for Tommy to ask that. Within three days of his arrival, he had signed a deal with the Melbourne International Management, and was offered £10 for the first person to spot him. "I think it's a good idea if a roll king was mobbed by eager fans.

First chance

"They don't lose much time here getting you on the gimbicks."

Tommy said that it was two years since he had his first invitation to do a show in Australia, and that he hadn't had the time. "I've been really flat out, as you know, back home in England, and this is the first chance I've had."

Quick to win friends, Tommy was voted one of the friendliest and most easy-going stage personalities to visit here for some time. And that takes in a lot of people, many of whom big names in show business have been in the city within the past two years.

John Burrows

• STRA
The second in this series where the stars say what they like, how they like

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RIGHT now singing means there is something I've developed a style that is complete, found it yet. I would like to be a tamer. And I don't say this because I know I must strive business and never relax.

Let me explain more fully. Right now, within the next two years, different things in - beat music, with these changes, and the changes stay on top.

It's really the arrangements that have changed. Anything we believe it's the arrangements, make a record a hit. I've already changed my style, it's been a year now, and it's becoming noticeable. It's all part of my aim becoming an all-round entertainer.

I wanted to find a style that is completely my own. But here's the problem - I don't know quite how I will do this.

INTENSE

Tommy Steele has become a good all-round entertainer, but I don't see myself doing what has done for me. I am a dancer. Tommy is a happy-go-lucky, hearted type and he has been dressed in a way that suits his own personality.

As for me - well, I'm much more intense, and I think I need to develop more. I don't know if that's the reason I'd like to have another album. I've had several offers, but I didn't feel I was right for me.

What I'd like is a character. Possibly a kind of a type, tough, brash nasty. I'd like to complete change for me. It would be nice to have me seen in a new light and that would be a good thing.

I often asked whether I will like to go to America to work.

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nearly everything to me. But what I've got to do—I've got to find and make my own. I don't think I've become a "better-class" entertainer of snobishness, but simply to earn more and more about the

rock 'n' roll is changing its style all the time there will be a completely different point is. I have to keep up and taste of audiences, if I am to

make confess that that is one of the most dreams and if I had the chance I'd certainly take it.

Quite seriously, though, I don't know Cliff Richard has proved very popular over there, but he's the type of person who goes to see him. They go to looks over there—and I don't think there are anything to write home about there.

Many good singers there already.

Please don't think, however, by this I mean I have no hopes of performing over there. On the contrary, I have great hopes. But I do realize the difficulties. One thing that might help is my disc, "Bad Boy," which I'm sure will be released in America, and it is now in their "Cash Box" Hit Parade. If it can get me on the map over there and then who knows what might happen?

After a year ago I gave myself another two years as a rock 'n' roll singer. Now I'm not in twelve months from now I will still be looking forward to another two years in the business. But it is so precarious.

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CLIFF SCORES A HAT- TRICK

CLIFF RICHARD this week becomes the first disc star to win a hat-trick in the Smith Trophy, the great test this week when "Voice in the Wilderness" notched a quarter of a million sales in Britain. Cliff also scored a victory in "Living Doll" and "Traveler Light." This latest number was only released last month and is now number two in the Top Ten. This week-end Cliff Richard makes a flying visit from America to appear on "The Saturday Night at the Palladium." He returns to America the following morning.

Dates set for Fuller tour

THE full itinerary has now been set for 64-year-old American singer Jessi Fuller to arrive in Britain for a month's stay at the end of February.

1. Birmingham (March 1); Southend (2); "Jazzhows Club"; London (4); Manchester (5); Liverpool (6); Belfast (7); "Jazzhows Club"; Cardiff (8); "Jazzhows Club"; (9); Wadham (15); "Jazzhows Club"; (16); Woodstock (17); "Jazzhows Club"; (18); Woking (19); "Jazzhows Club"; (20); Rochester (25); Brighton (26); Southampton (27); "Jazzhows Club" (28); Barnet (29); Nottingham (30) and "Jazzhows Club" (31).

The singer will make concert appearances with the Charlie Drury Band and a broadcast in Jazz Club on March 24.

Ernest Maxin picks his TV guests

WITH the exception of the final programme, all the guests have now been lined up for "The Ernest Maxin Show." Anna Mae and Ted Dell will guest on the show next week. Maxin is followed by Dave King and the Kare Sisters. On March 26, the guests will be Charlie Drake and Jill Day. April 2 will see Pet Clark and Craig Douglas, and on April 9 Adam Faith and Yana.

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Stompers' trip is extended

MORE dates have now been added to the second English tour by Ian Menzies and the Clyde Valley Singers.

The full programme is now: Croydon (Feb. 19); Wood Green (20); 100 Oxford Street (21); Birmingham (22); Gloucester (23); Northampton (24); Twickenham (27); Southampton (28); Ipswich (29); Ashton-under-Lyne (March 1); Bradford (2); Liverpool (3); Kingston (5); 100 Oxford Street (9); Finsbury Park (11); New Cross (12); Birmingham (13); Gloucester (14); Cardiff (16); 100 Oxford Street (17); Birmingham (18); BBC Saturday Club (19); Liverpool (20); Oxford (21); Gloucester (22); Guildford (24); Middlesbrough (27); Newcastle (28) and Bradford (29).

Billy Fury for new show?

ARTISTS being discussed for a new resident spot on Jack Good's new series, due to commence on April 23, include Joe Brown, Billy Fury and The Ventures Girls.

Quick visit by Alldis

BARRY ALLDIS, Radio Luxemburg's chief announcer, flew into Britain on a very short trip this week. He was due to return to Luxembourg on February 18.

PRICE, COMO, CONWAY, EDDY HAVE WINNERS

PERRY COMO
Delaware! I Know What God Is
(RCA 1170)

"DELAWARE" is based on an old nursery rhyme. There are names of American places as puns... What did Delta Delta Delta? She was a New Jersey!"

Taken to a march tempo it emerges finally as one of the most tuneful songs which Perry can handle so efficiently. I know a bunch that this one will become a hit in a few weeks. It works its way inside your head, and the puns are irresistible.

Perry is accompanied by the Ray Charles orchestra, which includes an orchestra with snare drums outdoing anything Mitch Miller cares to produce.

"I Know What God Is" is half of the slow, thoughtful religious ballad Perry likes to sing. Tastefully produced.



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DUANE EDDY
Bonnie Camp Back;
Movin' 'N Groovin'
(London HLW5050)

DUANE EDDY should find "Bonnie Camp Back" in the British charts before he arrives in person for his tour next month. This enthusiastic rocking treatment of "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" uses that strange guitar sordidly and variety by featuring growly saxophone and clavinet clatter.

Diehards may hate it—but it will reach the Twenty.

"Movin' 'N Groovin'" (I am getting sick of all these apostrophes) is a dark little buster with Eddy riding a fairly familiar track.

BOY MEETS GIRL regular,
JOE BROWN, plays and sings together with a group called The Bravers.

RUSS CONWAY
Royal Event; Rule Britannia!
(Columbia DLB4418)

RUSS CONWAY certainly didn't mind a trick or two in the title for his latest disc melody — "Royal Event." The name may have had some charm for his predecessors and it clips along at a smart pace.

But Conway still cannot get enough of Mr. C's keyboard riffs; this one is a must. And I reckon that there will be more of them to come to justify the DNT.

The arrangement of "Rule Britannia" on the other side has been brilliantized to give it a definite signature tune to Dan Farson's television series. Very catchy.

LOYD PRICE
Lady Luck; Never Let Me Go
(HMV POP712)

LOYD PRICE bobs up again with a similar styling to those sides that have seen him into the parade before. With this exception, it's a rock number that has an almost relaxing tempo!

Much more suitable than his previous discs.

And I reckon it should hold enough ears to make it another winner for the boy's record collection and chorus noise around him.

Both sides, in fact, stand a powerful chance of being winners. "Never Let Me Go" is a sentimental rock-a-ballad taken slowly and firmly. Orchestra and chorus pound along commercially with Mr. Price.

JOE BROWN
Darkling Strutters' Ball;
Sweetness
(Decca F11207) ***★

JOE BROWN (from "Boy Meets Girl") accompanied by a group of local St. Louisans, Revived at The Dog House, has a fast, straightforward romp with Joe singing and playing guitar. Could branch out from the blues if he wanted to, but just how many fans Mr. Brown has acquired is late.

Shows off the sound effect of walking feet to underline the title. No vocal from Joe this time, but a line of conversation is heard in the laugh. Side A is a useful instrumental with Brown's guitar leading the section.

PAT SUZUKI
I Forget Being A Girl; Sunday
(RCA 1171) ****★

If anyone should know how to sing the "Flower Drum Song" members Pat Suzuki should. And how she should sing it.

I have been a fan of this girl for quite a time now and have frequently deplored the lack of disc material we get from her. A very exciting performer who always threatens to set the record player on fire. Listen to her Sunday, come back Monday.

"Flower Drum Song" is a light, swingy ballad which Pat drives happily to a mad big band directed by Gene Krupa.

Much depends, of course, on the reaction of the show when it gets here—just to how much springing numbers receive. But Pat is welcome any day of the week.

This side is the one in my book.

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RATINGS

*****	—Excellent.
****	—Very good.
***	—Good.
**	—Ordinary.
★	—Poor.

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vehicle for this recording with the concert orchestra.

Piano leads the lush bank of strings for a nice, smooth, melodic line. Includes its title very lucidly indeed.

The Meeting is taken from the late Ivy Novello's "Perchance To Dream" score. There will be more of an old Novello here, but how about a melody again. And Colling gives it the full bushness that Novello always gave it.

A good side because it recuperates the stage setting so clearly,

CRYR'L ORNADEL
"Flower Drum Song" Selection; June
Is Never Out Of Our
(MGM 1441) ***★

TWO big numbers from the musical "Flower Drum Song" musical played by a large concert orchestra and Cyril OrnaDEL direction. "June Is Beautiful" and Love Look Away" are the features of this selection.

High flying strings carry the vocal over a lush, lush, lush, lush indeed. Current, a sound which may be in demand later on.

The well-known I'm Bossin' Out The Window from the same musical is played with rich enjoyment by the orchestra and it leaps to life again with the vocal.

My one query about the coupling goes with the label credits . . . where is OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN's name?

MICKY AND KITTY
"Balalaika" (London HLE9054) ★★

MICKY AND KITTY remind me somewhat of our own MILK AND COFFEE. Both are very good indeed, though it builds.

My Reversible is a more jolly, ballad-like material to suit the title, with a six-part harmonizing team's vocal.

JOE TURNER
Honky Tonk Tomorrow Night
(London HLF9054) ★★★★

JOE TURNER's uninhibited style has been a long time coming. And he could push him into the charts on this side of the ocean. He is already figuring in the American lists with his Honky Tonk.

Backing is growling, squawking stuff with saxes having plenty to say.

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Reviewed by
Ken Graham

series comes this four-tracker conducted by the composer. The title song is already a huge-selling hit, but I do not think this will put people off buying the rest of the package.

There is a good picture of John Cassavetes, who is so perfect in the role of the producer that he will also help attract a lot of additional customers.

This must be a big seller.

SHANI WALLIS

*Personality: Please Don't Say No;
Don't Take Your Love From Me;
I'm A Little Bit Shy; Heaven Help Me.*
(Philips RE-U1241) ****

HELMER BERNSTEIN
Sister Elvis
Stieglitz Elvis;
Any Place Is Paradise;
Paralyzed; *It's So Sad;*
(RCA KC7015) ****

He has been getting older. Elvis recordings aimed at keeping his fans happy until he can get to a recording studio when he finally quits the EPs.

Old Shag has been in demand by the star's fan club for some months now and they will be thrilled on March 20 to discover the title contained in this EP.

This should prove to be a very strong seller.

Soon after by the countless thousands of Elvis fans throughout Europe.

A good buy.

ELMER BERNSTEIN

Sister
Stieglitz's Theme; Thinking Of Baby;
Medieval Street Symphonies
(Capitol HEP1001) ****

FROM the exciting and wonderfully produced "Johnny Stacato" in

"Johnny Stacato"

I thoroughly enjoyed the album, but I admit it will not be to everybody's liking, however, I suggest that you all lend an ear.

EDDIE COCHRAN

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Somethin' Else; *Rockin' Around The Clock.*
(London RE-U1238) ****

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ONE of our finest visual artists is Miss Shani Wallis. She loves a little on wax, but her emotions tell all about her talent. As you can see from the sleeve Miss Wallis also has beauty and shapeliness her own right.

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RICKY NELSON

I Got A Feeling
I Gave A Kiss; *Lonely Towns, It's*
All To You; The Greatest Restless Kid.
(London RE-P1238) ****

THEIR excellent nicely showcased in this set, which will go down well with all rock audiences. There is a well-balanced song selection which I liked a lot.

I think I can safely predict success for this album. I would recommend it to all Ricky Nelson fans and those few who have not yet discovered his likeable talent.

KAY STARR

The Heavenly Kay Starr
Should I; He's Funny That Way;
Heaven Help Me; *Cry,*
(Top Rank JKP2042) ***

HERE is the delightful Miss Kay Starr again. She is in top form this time and I can never make myself sit through a programme without her.

I guess the reason is that I just like her whatever she is singing. I hope many of you will share my views with this EP to help them make up their minds.

One More Scenario (Leslie Uggams);
Houseboat; *It's Only A Game;* *It's Never*

Never Fall In Love Again (Johnnie Ray);
(Philips RE-U1236) ***

WELL, there was one. Four big hits all nicely packaged up for the fans who will certainly be queuing up to grab them.

Frankie Laine supplies my favourite track with his round warble of *Rawhide;* *It's Only A Game;* *It's Never*

Never Fall In Love Again (Johnnie Ray);
(Philips RE-U1236) ***

Three big favourites and one very popular newcomer just cannot go wrong in my book. However, there is a feeling that Miss Leslie Uggams will soon be hitting the top.

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BBC have no plans for new beat show

NO new beat show on BBC-TV. The Corporation has repeated its decision not to make a percentage of the end of "Boy Meets Girl" to introduce a new teenage beat show, and has plans to do the same underlined in the statement Mr. Eric Maschwitz, head of BBC-TV Light Entertainment, makes to DISC. "I was asked if there was no demand for such a programme..."

However, "Juke Box Jury," it is had its second series, and "It Was at first thought that it might end in April.

Hughes' third series?

THE final David Hughes "Make Mine Music" programme on BBC-TV is to be presented on March 15. It features English and Scottish comedians Rikki Fulton. It is likely that David Hughes will begin a third series sometime in the autumn.



THIS WEEK'S TOP RANK TEN

1. FREDDY CANNON
Way Down Yonder
in New Orleans
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2. CRAIG DOUGLAS
Pretty Blue Eyes
45-JAR 265

3. VINCE EAGER
El Paso/Why
45-JAR 275

4. TONI FISHER
The Big Hurt
45-JAR 261

5. THE FLEETWOODS
Outside my Window
/Magic Star
45-JAR 294

6. JIMMY CLANTON
Go Jimmy Go
45-JAR 269

7. JACK SCOTT
What in the World's
Come over You
45-JAR 280

8. SANDY NELSON
Teen Beat
45-JAR 197

9. GARRY MILLS
Running Bear
45-JAR 301

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ANOTHER TV SHOW IN THE STATES FOR CLIFF?

HERE in New York, they are still talking of the American Broadcasting Company's TV studios about the wonderful tour Cliff made of his TV show with teenage singing idol Pat Boone. AND THE ODDS ARE THAT CLIFF AGAIN BE INVITED INTO THE PARLOURS OF MILLIONS OF AMERICANS VIA TV.

For Cliff, he is eager to appear again before the cameras here. He says he is grateful to Bob Dorf for allowing him to appear on the show, "It was a truly fine experience," he adds, "to be able to sing with Pat."

In spite of the mixed reaction over the combined effect of American audiences and the American stars with whom he is travelling, Cliff has not been forced to change his style in the slightest. "In fact," says Cliff, "I am singing

the same numbers here as I did back home and they're going over just as well."

Before Cliff started the tour, he feared

that the American singers appearing

with him would make his own

style stand out to a disadvantage.

Same style

But after more than a month in the States, Cliff now says, "I think myself we have basically the same style. A rock singer here is pretty much a rock singer in England. And the audiences couldn't be kinder."

Cliff's act on the tour has him opening with "Forty Days," and going on to "Don't Cry Baby," "The Wild One," "My Babe," "Living Doll," and "A Whole Lot Of Shakin' Going On." The young star seems to have dug deeper into his diverse song repertoire.

The fast pace of the tour continues

Cliff Richard was a 'complete surprise' says PAT BOONE

BEFORE leaving London Airport on his return flight to New York, on Monday, Pat Boone, currently one of the world's most popular entertainers, gave his impressions of Britain's own pop star, Cliff Richard.

Pat, who was here to appear on "Sunday Night at the Palladium," said he had come as a complete surprise to me."

"There was quite a bit of advance publicity about Cliff," he continued. "And I gathered he was your equivalent to Elvis Presley. I expected him to be one of those great young rockers who can nail half a dozen songs without anyone understanding a word he has ever said."

"Well, Cliff has paid first instead?"

"The first thing he did when he got on my show was to sing a number called 'Living Doll.' That was great. It was a quiet melody—the kind of song I like—and he delivered it perfectly. It came as quite a shock."

Pat was very complimentary about Cliff's style.

"He can tackle all kinds of songs," he said. "Ballads and rock 'n' roll numbers seem to come just as easily to him. We did a number together, 'Pretty Blue Eyes.' It was a great hit."

"Can you tell if Cliff will be a

come guest on my show any time?"

"I'd love to go to England," he said, "too short for his liking."

"I only had time to do the Palladium show," he admitted. "I hope to

"do a live television show every Thursday in America and I hope to get back to Britain to do a couple of series of one-night stands."

This pleasant, boyish 23-year-old from Tennessee is making a name for himself in Britain as a result of his film, "Journey to the Centre of the Earth," was doing well.

In America, he has been one of the most successful pictures ever.



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