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It was time for a change say The Shadows

THE SHADOWS' latest single, "Wonderful Land," is a new departure for the group. Although it retains the old sound, French horns and strings have been added. "We felt it was time for a change," Bruce Welch told DISC. "We have had six or more hits in a row and we wanted something new and we didn't want to become boring. You can't please everybody all the time. The fans can get fed up with hearing the same songs over and over again." Recently, Norris Pannier, The Shadows' shadow, the A and R man, said, "Bruce has told me DISC that he was planning some changes for the group. He reckons that their next record would contain strings and French horns."

Dubbed

"We intend to dub them on to a record they have already recorded, so it will be 'Wonderful Land'—the result. When we cut the number more than a few times, we felt there was something missing, but the French horns and the strings gave us the result we wanted," Bruce said.

"We were away at the time that they were going on to record and all credit for the idea goes to Norris. And, incidentally, Cliff's ideas have been used in the strings arrangement. This is the first time," Bruce continued. "that we have all



All The Shadows agree about their latest single.

been in agreement over a record. Usually there is one of us who doesn't believe that it will "miss". But this time we are all agreed that "Wonderful Land" is a winner. We all have great faith in the music." Does this new departure mean that The Shadows are moving away from the rock? "Not at all," says Bruce. "This latest record has been built up behind the horns and the strings. We recorded it the way we wanted to have it. 'Wonderful Land' is a winner. We have our numbers, but the horns and strings give it that little extra that makes it different. Different from us, that is. I don't mind if people don't like it."

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"We often feel that we have to change a little. We often feel a certain rhythm or artist should be better because they always make the same sound. We don't want people to feel that way about us."

Viscounts in Lee package

BRITISH singing group The Viscounts, who apart from scoring a hit with "I'm a Man" are extremely successful in France, have been added to the Brenda Lee—Gene Vincent tour which opens on March 29,

Donegan —new TV series

A TV are bringing back two popular series at the end of March featuring Lonnie Donegan and Marty Wilde. Both acts will run for six programmes. At press time it was still undecided whether the Donegan show would retain their previous title of "Puttin' On The Donegans".

A TV are extending their "All That Jazz" Friday night series for a further three editions. The names of the artists whose star names have yet been announced for these additional shows, including Parnell's orchestra, are expected to continue its resident spot.

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CHARLES TOPS JBJ FAN MAIL

FOLLOWING the appearance of Don Charles on Jake Box Jury, January 27, the BBC has been inundated with inquiries about the young disc jockey. Ms. My Angel," voted a miss by the panel.

The BBC has reported that they have received more mail addressed to Don Charles than for any other artist on this show.

Bernstein film premiere

"WALK ON THE WILD SIDE," the film which stars Warren Beatty and features a score written by Elmer Bernstein and singer Brock Benton, will open at the Columbia Theatre on March 8.

Acker Bilk to act in Rank comedy film

CINEMA RUN FOR BART'S 'BLITZ'

Another musical

A NEW musical is planned for a 1963 production in London. It will be based on the women's fashion house words of London and Rome.

The band makes a triumphant tour of British prisons, and continues their burglaries round the country under cover of midnight stampedes.

They are very successful in both capacities for a while, but end in prison. It stems from an idea by Harold Shampain, boss of the Rank organisation's music publishing company Filmistic.

New Johnny Burnette LP

THERE will be three Liberty LPs released here next month. These are Johnny Burnette's "Johnny Burnette and Other Favourites," Si Zentner's "Up A Lazy River," and another instrumental album, "Drumaville," by Earl Palmer.

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Amelia Baynton will play the lead role of Miss Blitzkrieg and another female member of the cast will be Toni Palmer, who has been starring in "Flags

Don't Wet They Use T-B-

ALEX WELSH and his band

provide the music for the

Light Programme's "Jazz Club"

on March 1 with guests George Chisholm and Danny Most.

THE SHADOWS

WONDERFUL LAND

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**BURL
'Big Daddy'
IVES**
A LITTLE BITTY
TEAR
45 rpm record

Brunswick

45 rpm record

**EDEN
KANE**

*I had
nearly
given
up,
when...*

I had been another frustrating appearance at a talent contest for Eden Kane when, as he was about to leave the door on his way home, a hand fell on his shoulder.

"I knew when that hand found me that I would tell 'My boy' that whenever I told it there was going to help me," said Eden, who will never forget the day when his agents Michael Barclay and Philip Wadlow stopped him from going to the door. "They wanted to make him see that he'd always belong to me."

"I reached the big turning point for me," said Eden, "because when they found me that night I was so determined to show my ambitions to enter show business."

Abroad
"In fact, I was seriously thinking of going abroad to get away from all the responsibilities and disappointments I'd had." "My first record was 'Hot Chocolate Cravy,'" said Eden. "I don't think it sold well, but I suppose it was a start. Then I began working in talent competitions and contests, appearing on television and seeing agents, booking recording discs and honestly felt like throwing it in because I seemed destined to be working out. I was a salesman at the time but all I wanted was to be in show business."

AMERICAN**TOP DISCS**

Last Week

1	1	Duke Of Earl	Gene Chandler
9	2	The Wanderer	Sonny Thompson
3	4	The Twist	Chubby Checker
20	5	Hey Baby	Bruce Channel
5	6	Break It To Me Gently	Brenda Lee
2	7	Peppermint Twist	Joey Dee and the Starlets
11	8	Crying In The Rain	Everly Brothers
10	9	Dear Lady Twist	U.S. Bonds
7	10	Little Bitty Tear	Burl Ives
4	11	Chill	Frankie Vaughan
4	12	Can't Help Falling In Love	Elvis Presley
12	13	Cottonfields	The Highwaymen

Last Week

13	14	Baby It's You	The Shirelles
6	7	I Want You	Barbara George
16	17	Midnight In Moscow	Bill
17	18	Ley Me In	The Sensations
18	19	Tuff	Ace Cannon
—	20	Perculator (Twist)	Billy Joe and the Checkmates
—	20	I'm Blue	The Kestrels

ONES TO WATCH

Her Royal Majesty ... James Darren
Don't Break The Heart That ... Connie Francis
Loves You ...

**TURNING**

Unknown one day, famous the next. In this new series our top disc stars look back at their careers and recall the moment that meant stardom to them

POINT

But even with Wadelove and R&B on the scene, he was still worried when "Well I Ask You" came up for recording. With one flop behind him he had no wish to repeat the experience.

"I was so worried about whether it would click," said Eddie. "Because there had been a few really dreadful months playing to very difficult audiences and he had to prove himself again."

That was a really rough and trying time and full of despair making any headway. Needless to say, he was still worried.

"Now everybody knows that 'Well I Ask You' was my other big running point, although at the time I didn't know if it would last. I had the same feeling.

When my next record was due, I was still worried about my latest a success that I'm beginning to feel a little more secure."

"I believe in rock'n'roll. I fit in. In this business meeting the right people at the right time is the biggest thing in your life."

"But you never know when it's going to happen. I think that talent contest in Cheshire with no more hope than I'd had in the last month or two, I got a few days later when Philip and Mike were judging the contest."

"Then when one of them put his hand on my shoulder as I left I knew that this was it! I think I was the first to think that something like this had happened to me."

I owe everything to Mike and Philip because they've guided my career so wonderfully, making all the right decisions."

NEXT WEEK

John Leyton

Brian Gibson

**NICK
VILLARD**

**"HIGH
NOON"**

EMILE FORD

**"I WONDER WHO'S
KISSING HER NOW"**

7N 15418

7N 38033

These were the twenty numbers that topped the sales in America last week - ending February 17th.

TWIST AROUND**THE CLOCK**

(FROM THE FILM)

CLAY COLE

45-HLP 5480

LONDON

45 rpm record

ONES TO WATCH

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Don't Break The Heart That ... Connie Francis
Loves You ...

TOP TWENTY

Compiled from dealers' returns from all over Britain.

Week ending February 17th, 1962

Last Week

Title	Artist	Label
1 Rock A Hula Baby	Elvis Presley	RCA
2 The Young Ones	Phil Richard	Colombia
3 Let Me Be Your Again	Chubby Checker	Mercury
4 Forget Me Not	Eden Kane	Decca
5 Crying In The Rain	Everly Brothers	Warner Bros
6 Walk On By	Leroy Van Dyke	Mercury
7 Little Bitty Tear	Burl Ives	Brunswick
8 Wimoweh	Karl Denver	Decca
9 Happy Birthday, Sweet Sixteen	Neil Sedaka	RCA
10 You'll Never Find Another You	Phil Fury	Decca
11 Tell Me You'll Hold On	Heidi Shapiro	Columbia
12 Stranger On The Shore	Acker Bilk	Columbia
13 Run To Him	Bobby Vee	London
14 Multiplication	Bobby Darin	London
15 March Of The Siamese Children	Kenny Ball	Pye
16 Lonesome	Adam Faith	Parlophone
17 Little Bitty Tear	Miki Goroff	Pye
18 Don't Stop—Twist	Frankie Vaughan	Philips
19 Lessons In Love	The Allisons	Fontana
20 Jeannie	Danny Williams	HMV

ONE TO WATCH

Shirley Bassey

Vaughan back again

RATHER a static week this time. The first four stay as before, and the only change is the Twenty Two's disappearance.

"Stranger On The Shore," now occupying the No. 12 position, continues to climb on two fronts via Burl Ives and Miki Goroff, while Shirley Bassey's "Twist" and the Pys also gained one place this week.

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DISC'S CAMERAS GO BACKSTAGE



BOBBY VEE

TONY ORLANDO

CLARENCE HENRY

We're having a ball

Pictures by

RICHIE HOWELL

Left: BOBBY VEE on stage
at the Grand Ole Opry House.

"THE audience reaction has been terrible, we were really surprised . . . we had no idea we would go down so well. We're playing a show that is better than Bobby Vee, Tony Orlando and Clarence 'Frogman' Henry who are being greeted with House Full notices wherever they go on their current tour of Britain. The three Americans have worked together before in America and the extremely friendly atmosphere backstage is evidence of this."

First news to emerge after a dance which might have caused the Twist in popularity is that it is the style of acting—The Method—and Delcio A and Rio Joe John Scheer was a new record man with a fast Thursday when he cut "Gerry and the Method."

Oriole are rush releasing it this week, complete with instructions about how to do the dance.

Scheer also recorded singles with Robin band, Ray Phillips, Eddie Radio, Lemmings, through Discovery Jackie Trent, and the Tex Taylor Four.

EMI are also out this week, especially where A and R man Niall Newell was concerned. His work is with Adam and Eve (Parlophone), Alan Barry (Columbia), Alan Curbishley (Mercury), Very Special (MGM), and a single EP with Ricky Stevens (Columbia), and a single EP with Peter Silvester (also Columbia).

Parlophone's George Martin took session for songs "Gone Girl," "Mama," "Paula" and "Shane Fenton."

Decca's Frank Lee took the West Ham United team song "West Ham United" from Max Bygraves and Mantovani's orchestra. Both sessions were for LPs by the team.

Philips were only moderately busy last week too. Fontana's Jack Beaverstock recorded "I'm Gonna Love You" with Terry Hale. Philips' Johnny Trane supervised the popular Polka Dot for an EP and a single.

Alan Freeman of Pye took a session with the band made Kenny Ball and the Pye Band, and Tony Hatch worked with country and western specialist Eddie Duncan for the same label.

J.S.

British fans are more loyal

HIGH calibre A and R men . . . loyalty of the fans to their favourites . . . centralisation of the industry . . . distribution . . . promotion . . . skill of the musicians . . . impressive ability of songwriters . . . the geniality of everybody.

These are the main impressions of the British pop music scene gathered by young American music publisher Lee Pincus. He is writing a book on the British office for his father's influential Gil-Pincus Music company.

Impressed

"I've been on several record sessions already," said Pincus, "and I'm very impressed with the quality of the British artists and handled by the A and R men. Your musicians are real pros, too, making records that look as easy. I was with Steely Guitars on Bobby Vee's Liberty session here, and we both thought a lot of the accompaniment Bobby got."

Pincus thinks our stable prices in the U.S. are another advantage over the American scene.

"Your distribution seems a lot

smoother and uncomplicated without the price cutting that goes on in the States from record retailing."

"It's great working here. Everything seems concentrated in the London area. You just register a car instead of an aeroplane."

"Your organisation does well in this respect, too. Your approach is always professional, you take care of your artists and reckons it enables the stars to enjoy a far longer run in Britain. There is a much higher value on direct means of contact like DISC between the public existing in this country which have no counterpart across the Atlantic."

Asked to comment on the current success of Kenny Ball's "Midnight In Moscow" and "I'm Gonna Love You" and "You Won't Come Back" in the U.S. charts, Pincus said:

"The American market will



Above: Screaming fans . . . the ones lucky enough to get into the show.

Below: Screen shot. The Springfields and the American stars.

YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE TWIST? — YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE TRAD?

PUT THEM BOTH TOGETHER AND IT SWINGS LIKE MAD!

TWISTIN' THE TRAD

DAVID EDE AND THE RABIN BAND'S GREATEST RELEASE ON



7N 15417

EMI

NEW POPS

THIS WEEK'S TOP SINGLE

**NORRIE PARAMOR
ORCHESTRA** THEME FROM



CARS
from BBC-TV Series
COLUMBIA
45-DB4789

PARLOPHONE
45-R4882

ALYN AINSWORTH
AND HIS ORCHESTRA
The Niagara theme

ERIC DELANEY BAND
Washboard blues twist

PARLOPHONE
45-R4878

TOP RANK
JAR606

LEE DORSEY
Do-re-mi

ELLA FITZGERALD
Clap hands!
here comes Charlie

H.M.V.
45-POP986

H.M.V.
45-POP984

RONNIE HILTON
If this is love

EARTHA KITT
A lady loves

M-G-M
45-MGM1153

COLUMBIA
45-DB4788

THE MUDLARKS
(Them)
Twistin' bones

CAPITOL
45-CL15241

NAT KING COLE
Brazilian
love song
(Andorinha Preta)

H.M.V.
45-POP988

MIKE SAGAR
The brothers
three



JACK GOOD

admits, at last, that



Helen Shapiro is here to stay!

It wasn't so very long ago that people thought it inconceivable that there could ever be a successful girl teenage star. There had been quite a few attempts and a fair amount of money spent on prospective girl teen-stars. All to no avail.

The reason was, so most of us felt, that girls would never accept one of the weaker sex as a star, and girls were only interested in boys. So the record boys wanted a representative, the girl an ideal boy friend. That was the situation.

Then came Helen Shapiro. We all had to think again. At least,

soloing, made a sensible note that the girl could be a star. There, cracked the thing away.

Some weeks later, surprise surprise, "You Don't Know" followed—with a dual thud, I thought, and said so in print. It should, of course, have been "My Baby," followed her up-tempo hit with a ballad, thereby at one blow extending the range of talent and avoiding the mistake so many make of making the girl sing what she can't do best the first. We should applaud her ability, her good sense and her common sense.

But did it? Not on your nelly. She'd had it. I exulted over her success, but she had her first time—doing a ballad was silly—look what happened to Brenda Lee.

Out came "Walking Back To

Happiness." I put an advance notice in the paper that she would listen unbiased and see at what qualities I had missed before. It turned out that she had, of course—with 250,000 advance it was bound to have chance—but I wanted to be sure.

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Painless

Until this weekend I'd never seen Helen Shapiro sing. Maybe she's been offered the opportunity just in case she was so good it hurt. Well, I thought she had a good voice, but the first time—doing a ballad was silly—look what happened to Brenda Lee.

She appears to be very Miss Shapiro didn't appear to try too hard. She's flitting it at us, I think. She's not bad, but there was more of that "Look-at-me-be-only-a-teenager-but-I'm-a-world-all-round-entertainer" bit. No little dance routines. She stands or sits at a angle.

And there is a sign of failing. She doesn't capitalize on being 15. Another relief. Still, I can see how her looks increases her recruitment of girl fans. She looks like one of them, but much smoother and all.

In conclusion

Confident

Good-looking, but not too good-looking. Not really a good rival, and in any case she's not bad. But it's a mistake of all the would-be teenage songstresses that have been around.

In fact, it strikes me that Helen Shapiro has got her head screwed on O.K. She's a confident, but not overconfident, girl and that is an unforgettable sin to the English public. She's got the right sort of smile, too. And I like her.

JOE BROWN—*Advertiser*.



Surprise
It would be nice to be able to say "Surprise" about a girl who sang "Don't Treat Me Like A Child." I knew that a star was born. Who had heard of her? I played the record, wondered whether it was a boy or a girl, looked at the label, was surprised, thought the lyric was re-

Lies Paul at Lionel Bart's Apollo Music after a week's vacation. His departure from the stage, however, was not long, strong in C and W material, will be warmly remembered.

"Crazy World" has another up there. Two Way Family Fights—Gerald Ratner's "Gerald" seems to be her's. The album stresses a lot about it, including his sheet music.

"What A Crazy World" was written by Alan Price, who also wrote "Top Gun" and current "RICKY VALANCE" (Capitol) entitled "At Times Like These."

What is the present record? Does he sing like a boy? Top Rank's "Another One" called "Another For You." The writing, though for "Top Gun," is Alan Price's, and R man Norrie Paramor, apparently, has written and sex songwriter Michael Carr.

Craig will be singing the songs of the "Top Gun" cast. The Palmed Sons?"

Lee Dorsey has had some success recently in his singing career to date, but he's still very young. Lee has now entered the disc stakes once again via the new Arista label. His first single is titled "The Foundation Lock."

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ALONG THE ALLEY
Sales a-plenty, but
no chart success

**News from the
Street of Music**

"Tonight Twist" and "Moon River" were played by AKI AND ONE (Reprise).

"Shirley Bassey" condition of the Star, "Tough" (Columbia), "I'm Chasing My Heart" by RAY CHARLES (Mercury), "I'm Chasin' You" by CLAY COLE (London) and "Norman" by CAROL DEENET (Davy).

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Cliff's 'Young Ones' has an American rival

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Due for issue on Big Top Cliff's disc was originally to be held up until release date for the title was known. However, it was learned that Kathy Carroll had covered the disc for sometime—indeed, Cliff and his boys were working day and night to get the Richard disc out before the DJ copies of Cliff's disc are already out, and Dick Clark started his own record.

This is the second time that a girl singer has competed with Cliff. The first time, in fact, was easier than anticipated. He may open with his Jazzmen at the end of April, and "Young Ones" will be on the market by May 5 for a fortnight.

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Contest trio on 'Stars'

"THANK Your Lucky Stars" has booked its first TV show, Europe, coming for the edition on March 10. Ronne Carroll, Frank Field, and Donna Douglas.

The Temperance Seven make their debut on "This Week on Broadway" on March 3.

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BERNSTEIN'S DEATH A GREAT LOSS

THE death last week in New York of Marvin Bernstein, publisher of Melancholy Hill, has removed one of pop music's most outstanding members from the scene.

He was aged 83, and had headed the St. Paul firm since 1913. Among the hits he published are "Melancholy Hill," "I'm Sorry," "I'm Not the World I Want To Get Off,"

It is believed that they will work on another musical while on the West Coast, although no details concerning it are available at present.

Newley in U.S. to write new musical?

ANTHONY NEWLEY flew to Los Angeles last Sunday following a last-minute change in his plans. His original purpose involved a holiday at Montego Bay, Jamaica. Instead he joined Les Brown and his band for "Stop The World—I Want To Get Off."

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Twist label is formed

ATLANTIC Records has just formed its own Twist label, called "Twist-Time Records." It marks its debut in the States this week with the release of three singles.

SINATRA watches while Dean Martin signs for Reprise

Mark Wynter may host U.S. Bonds tour

Pye to rush releases
new Darren discs

DYKE International are releasing James Darren's latest Stateside hit, "Her Royal Highness," on Quicksilver in our American chart. This is the follow-up to "Darren's World," which sold over 150,000 copies in this country. Release date is February 27.

Second Hayley Mills disc for U.S. issue

VISTA Records have released a new Hayley Mills single in the States, "I'm Not the World I Want To Get Off," a twist version and "Sleepers Creepers" will also have a singing spot of his own.

Palladium Orc. dead

THE London Palladium has closed down for ever. We are to sign a recording contract with one of the major companies. They will also accept and record.

A spokesman for the Palladium said: "The reason for closing down is that the owners feel that the time has come when it will receive less income from show business to pay

the package assemblies for the week commencing April 22, and the new film "Slow Train to China" will be fixed during that week. Over the following two weeks there will be vocal vocal backing for the new film, and the new film will be supported by the Kestrels (who will provide vocal backing for the new film), the Twinkies (who will do a solo spot) and The Condors. Instrumental accompaniment will be provided by the Condors.

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The Barber disc is "Slow Train to China," Leroy Van Dyke's latest offering "If A Woman Loves You" and Del Shannon recorded "Ginny In The Mirror."

In the studio field there is a new Sinatra LP on Reprise, "Sinatra And Strings," and Davis Jr. Belts Out The Best Of Broadway" on the same label.

Tillotson joins up

JOHNNY TILLOTSON, who had a big hit here with "Poetry In Motion," entered the American Army last week under the name of John Tillotson.

Cadence, his record company, plan to release his recordings before he leaves and the next one is planned for March.

Horace Swane will star with other Welsh artists in the special BBC TV St. David's Day programme "On St. David's Day on March 1.

Perry is back

STEVE PERRY returned to Britain last weekend after resigning four days in Copenhagen, where he had been recording for Metronome label.

Steve recorded under the direction of Steve Swanson and Jorgen Ingmann, who starred number one in the U.S. chart with "Afternoon Delight."

The discs, all cut in England, will be released almost immediately in Scandinavia.

Army book Charlesworth

THE Dick Charlesworth Band, Michael Holliday and Joe Loss made a surprise appearance at the Army Reunion Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall on October 27. This was the first time that a jazz band has been booked for this event.

Ken Dodd—new series

STINGER - COMEDIAN Ken Dodd has signed up for a new TV series on Saturday, March 17, when "The Ken Dodd Show" will premiere. It will run from the Winter Gardens, Blackpool.

Danny Rivers is in Tyne Tees TV's "Young At Heart" on March 4.

NEW RELEASES

Billy Fury Letter full of tears
45-HK 9147 Decca

Roy Orbison Dream baby
45-HK 9511 London

I know Barbara George
45-HK 9516 London

Solomon Burke Cry to me
45-HK 9512 Arista

Johnny Tillotson Dreamy eyes
45-HK 9514 London

Buddy Holly Listen to me
45-Q 72400 Coral

Jackie Wilson The greatest hurt
45-Q 72400 Coral

DON CHARLES

WALK WITH ME MY ANGEL
45-F 11424 Decca

I'LL SEE YOU
45-HK 9142 Decca

Mind reader

(Chan Canasta theme)

THE JOHNNY HOWARD GROUP
45-F 11423 Decca

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E gathering of the Clan on the Regis label is now fully complete with the news that Martin signed up with the week. The announcement was made personally by Sinatra.

Regis will record under the name of his own company, Productions Inc., and will release his first single and song released by Regis in conjunction with sinus infestation.

He understood that his future bookings connected with films and TV spectacles in which he appears will be released.

He, which will also have

to his live cabaret performances.

Two sides

Martin's five sides under the arrangement last week with his orchestra and chorus will be "I'm Gonna Be a Millionaire," "Just Close Your Eyes," "I'm Gonna Be a Millionaire," "Tie-Tee-Ti-Ah." They probably will be released as LPs and French and French songs soon, called "French Sides."

Regis move to Reprise from EMI means that his discs will forth be released here and abroad. No plans have yet been announced for his initial issue.

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A HOUSE ALBERT EMBASSY LONDON S.E.1

Checker gets DISC award on top U.S. TV show

CHERBY CHECKER is to receive a Silver Disc, presented by this paper for British sales of more than 250,000, for his hit selling "Let's Twist Again," and it will be presented to him on one of the top American TV programmes, the Dick Clark Show, by Bobby Rydell!

The award will be received by Bobby Rydell on board the Queen Elizabeth, by DISC's Managing Editor Gerald Marks, at 11.30 a.m. on the day of Bobby's return to the States.

This presentation will be followed by a complimentary flight to see both the disc and the show will be sent over to the States. It will be shown on the Dick Clark Show, a forerunner to the actual awards.

Rydell, who has not yet received a Silver Disc, and will be the second person to receive the hit selling artists on the Cameo label. Both live in Philadelphia, and both were born in New Jersey.

Bobby, 21, is currently filming "Don't Knock The Twill," will be returning here in March to appear on the Dick Clark Show.

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Mercury sign Jazzyt

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Hit songs in new Steele musical

TOMMY STEELE will star in a new stage musical set for production in the late summer this year. It will be based on "Kippis," the story by H. G. Wells, and Steele will play the name part in the show, which is being written by Alan Jay Lerner.

Its authors are controversial playwright Beverly Cross and show songwriter David Heneker. They are now writing the book, completing the show.

Cross collaborated with Wolf Mankowitz on the successful "Belie," a musical based on the life of murderer Charles Crippen. He also wrote "The Wizard," "Make Me An Offer" and "Expresso Bongo."

The new musical show based on "Kippis" so far omitted is the first of three musicals which will be produced. The others are "Great Western," to be based on the life of the famous cowboy, and "The Grand Old Man," which will use the famous cricketer W.G. Grace as subject.

Steele manager John Kennedy told DISC on Monday: "I've heard the story for a long time and I know there are five or six potential hits amongst them."

The show will have pre-West End run in the provinces.

Bassey and Shapiro in Palladium shows

SHIRLEY BASSEY, The Tomorrows, and the new variety show at the London Palladium.

The show opens on April 30, 1962, for two weeks, a second variety fortnight follows immediately, and then comes the "Mona and Munro" and the Malcolm Mitchell Trio.

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to Newcastle for another Tyne Tees concert. Her first UK O'Clock Show on March 7 can be heard in "Teenagers Tonight."

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River I'd rate even higher than Julie London's. Ella sings it slow with the blues pouring out of that voice. You good for a song side.

SAVERIO SARIDES
Love Will Own You Thing
Hers & When I Belong
(Warren Bros. WB 5914) ****
VAL MITCHELL
A powerhouse of a voice like this in the pop world, Val Mitchell is an ever-so-sweet male debut in a very arresting manner indeed. His first single, "I'm Not the One," the oldie Love It Is The Sweetest Thing could make it a seller all over again.

The slow singing behind Her's & When I Belong is also used to

slightly derivative but the production's good of it, with the bluesy guitar and the soft cooing in the background.

THE BROOK BROTHERS Three To Set Me Free (Mercury) ***

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CONWAY TWITTY
Portrait Of A Fool / Tower Of

(Mercury 11352) ***

This Feed is sung with the enthusiasm that seems to have become increasingly rare nowadays. Good rhythmic hand clapping, clinking glasses, hand clapping, group singing.

Tower Of Tears—Conway's version

is a Country-style song.

ARTHUR HAYNES

Not To Worry / Looking Around

(Fontana H 3716) ***

SORRY—but I know I didn't think Arthur Haynes could be a star. He has a good voice, though, and his excellent comedy on show does you the disservice. Top notch, though, but, eh-oh-oh, so-so.

RICKI PRICE You're For Real / When You Pass By (Fontana H 3716) **

RICKI PRICE: chunting on a steady beat while the girls sing along with him, this is a good one. When You Pass By is a warm, romantic ballad and Prince may be a good choice.

A kind of long swing starts again with many promises. Again a good bucking, with vocal team joining in friendly, but oh-so-so.

ROY CASTLE

Shenanigans / The Palm Is Here (Philips PB 1217) ***

ROY CASTLE has arranged the with an easy feeling for jazz. Sings a cool and comfortable to a very slick, smooth, and breezy feel. Excellent accompaniment directed into something giving the music a little more bite.

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BRAD NEWMAN

Get A Move On! / Here Now And Evermore

(Fontana H 3716) ***

YOU may have seen and heard Get A Move On in the Bill's song For Everyone, but here's a simple buster which Mr. Newman

showcases the strength of the new voice he's got. He's going to heart more from Satchmo... and I'm pretty certain we'll

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CHESTER FRAZER *(Piano)* **'E** blues with Love (Just A Chance You Take) Disinfective, to hell with it.

I know—I'm told—it's liable to be the most popular record of the year. Much simpler slow blues with the bare bones for rhythmic backing.

ROY ORBISON

ROY ORBISON *(Piano)* **Blue Eyes** (London) RE-1611) *****

ROY ORBISON may quite easily be the most popular singer in Britain with his one Country number, *Reno Baby*. Gets into your head, stays there, and has the right touch of the rhythm and blues in it.

The Arrows *(Piano)* **Laurel** is liable to be the most popular record of the year. Much simpler slow blues with the bare bones for rhythmic backing.

DAVID EDE

Twistin' The Twid Those Three (Parlophone R 4821) *****

DAVID EDE and **The Ribbons** band certainly know how to make a record. *Twistin' The Twid*, for one, *Twistin' The Twid*, is a dream for the neighbours first.

Twistin' The Twid is a fanatical one, *Twistin' Those Moves* to *Three*, a bouncy swing of

ALVIN AIKINWORTH *(Piano)* **The Niagara Falls** (The Sun Parlophone R 4822) *****

THE Niagara Falls is a ready-made hit. Alvin Aikinworth's piano plays firmly and with a definite swing aspect.

On The Water, *Water*—Alvin himself, switches the tempo and mood to a more serious theme with a strong French flavour, of course,

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Jazz stars

reply to DENIS PRESTON

I GIVE this Trad Fan six months to a year before the bubble bursts and then it will go the same way as jazz itself. People have gone mad about a word, and whichever way you look at it, Trad just doesn't have the same commercial weight as the rock 'n' roll boom or the Twist.

This was just the opening sentence of a letter which I received in which Jack A. and Denis Preston took the lid off the Trad Fan—and among our top ten the dust hasn't settled yet!

Said Kenny Ball, current leader of the Trad Fan:

"I think the critics will agree with me in what he said, although I admire him greatly. I think he's right. I don't see records without any hope of making money."

Skidoo, in fact, it is a name like any other for a particular style of music. They had to call it 'Trad' because that's what All right, he maintains that you throw your standards overboard and that's all right, but that's just not true.

Then there's the business about the 'Twist' being the similarity that jazz had, but I came to the conclusion that jazz won't go the way of the Twist. There's a far more genuine interest in it.

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Happier

I don't think in the past that I've had any real success, but my new success has definitely helped me a lot as a person. I am much more relaxed now. I'm happier now than I think I've ever been.

"I've got around to talking about the die-hards who tour the halls and cinemas, much in the same way as the rock 'n' rollers. They have the advantage of having a big hit behind them."

"They are very lucky getting right up there first time," said Billy, "but in the long run it is the rock 'n' rollers who win because you've constantly got to maintain that first hit."

"I wish that my big break had arrived sooner because if it had maybe I'd be a much fitter person now. But I'm not dissatisfied at all."

With "Play It Cool" in the can and "Back to the Old Routine" in the bag, Billy is embarking on a tour—"Back to the old routine"—as he put it before taking a well-deserved four-week rest.

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school of George Lewis; Chris Barber, from the blues, is closest influenced by L. B. Higginbottom. I follow Billie Holiday, Louis Armstrong, and others who are anywhere near the top boys."

"To me Trad either swings or it doesn't. To me it goes together is unfair and wrong. Ken Colyer follows the old

own—in only invaded the jazz scene with his own personal music. Trad or any kind of jazz takes years and years to learn, and you're anywhere near the top boys."

"Listen, dad," said Kenny—"there's a lot of musicians and bands now out of work. Sure, some of them are great, but only for the top bands."

"As far as Ken Colyer is concerned, Denzil is a good jazzman and the charts stand."

A lot of good jazz playing has gone out of the windows, leaders are trying for the charts," said Ken. "The music is all blast and everyone wants a hit

hit. That's bound to happen," said Freddie, "when the fair time is over and the jazz clubs which employ them."

"In my opinion there are two reasons why jazz is not popular: one who found the word Trad and the other who compare it with rock or the Twenties and the Thirties clubs. There can't be so much of a craze out because attendance is down."

Jazzman Alex Welsh was certainly inclined to agree with Freddie, "I think it's a shame that I spoke to him," said Denzil. "Denzil is very shrewd and usually right," he added. "I think he's right. The Fad is popular because it's the thing to do."

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The craze over the word has come from the Press. I wouldn't care if it went on for another year or two, but because the band doesn't make the charts we don't get the publicity."

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The British sound as opposed to the American form of traditional jazz is a very large percentage of the British Trad bands. They are over-exposed and they could do

the same with jazz, but I don't think so."

"Most of us have seen times and with jazz musicians it isn't the money that counts but the pleasure of playing the music you believe in."

Freddie Cairns, the young Scot who was with the Clyde Valley Stompers, has been doing very successfully, on his own, feels sure that if and when the boom lifts, jazzmen like him will hit the small bands playing bad jazz."

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"I would not agree that you should standardise by getting into the charts."

Acker Bilk hasn't lowered his standards.

"As far as we are concerned this boom has brought us far more work and more money and what emerges when the boom lifts will benefit jazzmen and people like that."

"But the trad boom has introduced a lot of people to jazz and of new fans and most of them will stick with it."

Denzil, said that struck me as a sound comment was his observation that the feeling of what is sincere? I think many forgets that is a fool."

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