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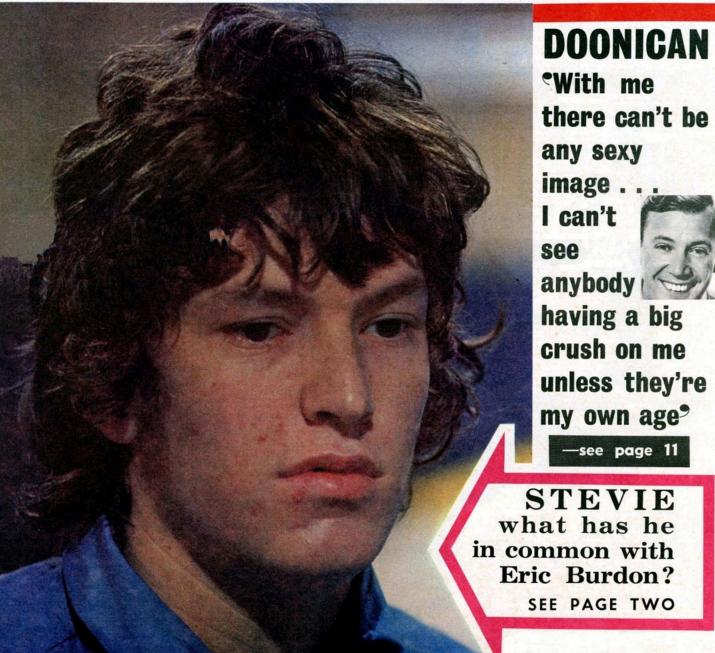
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SMALL FACES

The joys of being tiny!

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GIEN

of the gab like all Irishmen.

Don Arden's newest signing: Attack, who debut
December 31 with "Try It".
Does Samantha know the
difference between the Ryan

Aussies turned out in force for fellow exile Normie Rowe's reception: Seeker Keith Potger, Frank Ifield, Patsy Ann Noble, DJ's Alan Freeman and Johnnie Moran. Also there: Graham Nash and Normie Rowe. Oh, and Viv

MOST incredible story of the week (from publicist Nancy Lewis): the Who learned to ski during a four-day holiday in Grindelwald, Switzerland, last week.

Songwriter Geoff Stephens mightily chuffed at his num-

per one in America with Cathedral".

or one in America with "Cathedral".

Small Faces' crowded schedule last Thursday/Friday included a gig at Salisbury, the Joe Loss Pop Show and a light to Sweden.

Chas Chandler and Jim Hendricks raved when Viv Prince sat in with the Sheveller at London's Cromwellian.

Deep Feeling's London Scotch Of St. James debut attracted Chris Curtis, Georgio Gomelski, Robert Stigwood, Speedy Acquaye and Beryl Marsdem.

41/AS Samantha Juste cm-

WAS Samantha Juste embarrassed at just sitting on a stool while Paul and Barry sang "Missy, Missy" on "Countdown"?

Panellists foxed by most pestions on Saturday's

LATEST star to have a haircut: David Crosby of the Byrds.

the Byrds.
Yardbirds looked rather
bored on "Top Of The Pops"
—and where DID Jimmy
Savile get that incredible
"prison" outfit?
London's Bag o' Nails Club.
reopening tonight (Thursday),
claims it is "the sensible
raver's answer to the increasingly frenetic whirl of screeching discotheques." discotheques."

ing discotheques."
House-hunting Cillar "I don't want a pseudo-old place. I don't care if it's falling to pieces, as long as it looks

QUOTE from Four Tops: part of Tamla because you kinda know you're going on

for ever."
At Royal Variety Show,
Gene Pitney and Prince
Richard of Gloucester renewed acquaintance. "We last met on the tug going out to Radio London—he was in disguise as it wasn't considered dignified to be there at all," recalls Gene

Frank Allen of Searchers moved into new house near London Airport last week, woke up, found his car had been stolen.

They should re-name "Countdown" as "The Eve Taylor Show."

JOE BROWN, stuck in his JOE BROWN, stuck in his "Charlie Girl" show, says: "I feel so out of the pop scene. I don't know any of these new groups, I'd love to have a hit again."

Val Doonican has the gift

"Countdown"—including the easiest of all: first big hit, involving a girl's name, by Paul Anka, Yes, "Diana."
David Jacobs claims panellists 67 per cent right on "Juke Box Jury." Is that

Liverpool's Signs seem to be pointing the right way,

chartwise.

Isn't Dave Berry's new single a gas?

MANFRED Mann's new EP, "Instrumental Assas-sination" carries pic of Ger-man Walther automatic pistol

one of 007's favourites.

Roger Miller covered Elvis's
st hit, "Heartbreak Hotel."

first hit, "Heartbreak Hotel."
American chart includes
"The Eggplant That Ate
Chicago" by Dr. West's Medicine Show and Junk Band,
There's also a new "sick song"
called "Christmas In Vietnam." Oh well

AT London's Cromwellian Club on Saturday: Scott with Jonathan, Eric Burdon, Chas Chandler and Bill

Wyman.

John Gunnell, co-manager
of Georgie Fame, Chris Farlowe, Alain Price and Zoot
Money open London's latest
discotheque The Bag O'Nails
in Kingly Street, Soho,
COTT has new haircut that
makes him look like

makes him look like
Warren Beatty.
Four Tops almost as good
on "RSG" as at London's
Saville Theatre. And doesn't
lead singer Levi enjoy him-

Strange to see two Kinks on "Juke Box Jury."

In New York, Dusty disappointed with lack of snow. After seeing "Dr Zhivago" she got so carried away she took all her boots, fur hats and coats with her!

TOM IONES said it: 'I do wish Winwood wouldn't always have to copy Ray Charles.' Now others join in . . .

Is STEVIE just a great big copyist?

Jones, that snarling tiger of the pop jungle, suddenly turns on a British singer whom he

a British singer whom he accuses of copying it.

In last week's "Hit Talk" Jones The Voice stated: "I do wish Stevie Winwood wouldn't always have to copy Ray Charles, This Spencer Davis dise is like an old rock 'n' roll song."

Tom's Italian food poisoning might have made him unusually touchy, but all the same this vehement comment was a bit thick.

Was it justified?

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Was it justified?
Stevie, never much of a chinwagger at the best of times, refused
to be drawn: "I don't question
Tom's choice of material so I
don't expect him to knock mine.
What is Tom trying to be—a
Welsh Jonathan King?"

Beatles

For an independent but relevant comment we asked Eric Burdon, whose admiration of coloured singers is a byword. "It's part of everyone's musical development to everyone's musical development to try the coloured sound," he opined. "If it doesn't work—for-

opined. "If it doesn't work—corget it.
"The Beatles are an example.
They have used the American
sound but now they're back on
the British scene.
"I'm one of those people who
automatically sings like that,
though I'm influenced by the
nature of the song I'm singing."
Now we turn the floor over to
Disc and Music Echo readers for
their sav.

heir say:
Penny Bromage (20), secretary, 80 St. James Avenue, Beckenham Kent; I don't agree that Stevie sings like Ray Charles. I don't



think white singers ought to copy coloured ones. It's a completely different sound and I'm not very

fond of it.

Maxine Other (22), clerk, 34
Kingston Lane, Shoreham-by-Sea,
Sussex: Some British singers do
copy them, especially Eric Burdon. Dusty Springfield does to an
extent but not so much. They
shouldn't copy someone clse's

style.

John Barlow (18), sales representative, 24 Minster Road, Hampstead, N.W.2; Tom Jones has a coloured sound himself at times, though I agree Stevie does possibly sound like a coloured singer. A singer should sing in the style he

Dusty

Alan Loton (21), clerk, 7 Long Edge Lane, Scawthorpe Doncas-ter: I don't think Stevie copies anybody. Burdon sings in the Negro style, but 1 think Dusty just admires it. Richard Holmes (18), insurance clerk, 6 Byefield Close, Woodman-cote, Cheltenham: Singers have you to copy something because the British pop is getting a bit dead.

Though Stevie has always had that coloured sound about him in "Keep On Running" and "Some-body Help Me." It's all right but if you want the proper coloured sound you have to buy American artists.

artsists.

Diana Murchison (22), photographer, The Studio, John Street, Dunon; Stevie and Eric do sound a bit coloured but not all that much. This is their own sound. People who have not heard much of their singine may conclude that they are copying.

Pat Hunt (23), housewife, 947 Alum Rock Road, Ward End, Birmingham 8; It's ridiculous to say that Winwood tries to sound coloured. It's just his own voice and there's nothing he can do about it.

Colin Clark (18) salesman, 30 Metrose Gardens, New Malden, Surrey: I'm a Ray Charles fan and I don't think Stevie copies him, though I see nothing wrong in copying coloured singers to some extent.



RAY CHARLES-copied?

The mini-happy world of by RICHARD LENNOX the SMALL FACES

(who interviewed them from his height of six feet!)

ALL THE FAMOUS men of history, we are told, were small. Nelson wasn't so imsmall. Nelson wash t so imposing without his column, Napoleon was knee-high to his Josephine and Hitler needed the added inches of his jack-

Now it seems the trend has spread to the modern men of fame, the pop group. Anyway, the Small Faces, at 5 ft. 5 ins., are three inches off ever becoming

Small Faces, three inches off epolicemen.

They are the Peter Pans of Pop—the boys who never grew up. Looking like the seven-stone weakseven-stone weak-ling in a Charles Atlas ad, it is Atlas ad, it is even suggested that these Lilli-putians should

putians should Plonk
have starred as the micro-travellers in the science fiction comedy
"Fantastic Voyage." In those
famous poppits "circles" they and
their manager are known as Don
O'Arden and the Little People.

O'Arden and the Little People. In a mini-world where every-thing from skirts to motor cars has been scaled down to mole-cule proportions it was inevitable that there would eventually be mini-people. And the Faces were just lucky enough to get the copy-

just lucky enough to get the copyright.

It all started when they were racking their brains for a name that would stand out in a world of medicority. A friend called Ananabelle working for Radio London was observant enough to notice their most obvious attribute and hesistatingly suggested the Small Faces.

"We all fell about at the time," recalled Plonk Lane, "But next

morning we had second thoughts and decided it suited us." It certainly suited the biggest and most influential age-group of pop music maniac—the under-16

and most influential age-group of pop music maniac—the under-16 girl. At last here was a group they could . . like, identify with. A group they could idolise without feeling members of another, vounger generation.

The Faces are in no doubt about the secret of their success. "Our size has a hell of a lot to do with it," says Plonk. "And I'm glad because it was the general idea of the group to be like the fans and play them the sort of music we'd want to hear ourselves. Though it wasn't a preconceived idea, the

want to hear ourselves. Though it wasn't a preconceived idea, the image just happened. We became aware of it within lots of people mistook us for brothers."

So it was fortunate that when Jimmy Winston, who was slightly bigger than the others anyway, left the group he was replaced by a custom-made Small Face called Ian McLagan, "We took on Mac because he was a good organist but also because he fitted in so well," said Plonk.

Shorts

Shorts

Since then the four-faced formula has put them in the short list for Britain's second most popular group. But when the Faces are not provoking mobbings with their marionett-file stage act there are side effects in their private life (such as it is) of being diminutive.

As little as six months ago, claims Ploak, he was able to get into Saturday moraling pictures half price. Like his first pair of long trousers, it's something he's never grown out of. "So I only had to put on a pair of shorts and pile down to the Granada," he policed.

Naturally, being little has its disadvantages. "Kenny had a job reaching the pedals of his MG sports' car so he had a special seat

fitted," said Plonk. "Steve takes size four so has to have his shoes specially made. And when I got in a shower the other day it was so strong it knocked me straight through the curtains and out

so strong it knocked me straight through the curtains and out again."

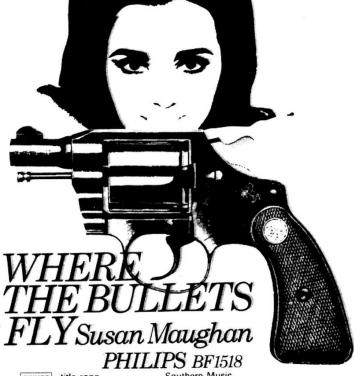
But their lack of inches holds few other qualms for them. The last time Plonk could remember being worried about his height was when the school bully kicked him round the playground. A practice he claims his 27-year-old brother, surprisingly tall, still maintains. Obviously it would be untimely to say the least if any of the Faces suddenly turned out to be latte developers. "Twe been growing a bit lately," confided Plonk, "and put on half an inch. They tried to starve us, but it didn't work the starve us, but it didn't work to starve us, but it didn't work the starve us, but it didn't work to difference if I did shoot up to six foot," he says with enviable nopefulnes.

Not even the prospect of old age as undersized pensioners deters them, "I can't see myself getting worried. Anyway, little old men are a gas. One walked by our house the other day and we all said heljo." All you big gezers are missing out, It's warmer down here.

"If people are bugged about

are missing out, it's warner down here.
"If people are bugged about their size I have some advice for them: put a load of manure un-derneath the bed and after a couple of days you'll find a re-markable difference!"





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3	(3)	SEMI-DETACHED SUBURBAN MR. JAMES
		Manfred Mann, Fontana
4	(13)	GREEN GREEN GRASS OF HOME

Tom Jones, Decca (4) ● REACH OUT I'LL BE THERE

Four Tops, Tamla Motown HOLY COW.....Lee Dorsey, Stateside ▲ WHAT WOULD I BE.....Val Doonican, Decca 7 (15) HIGH TIME......Paul Jones, HMV (5) 9 (16)▲ JUST ONE SMILE......Gene Pitney, Stateside STOP STOP STOP..... Hollies, Parlophone 10 (6)

Next Twenty

IF I WERE A CARPENTER H (II) Bobby Darin, Atlantic Jim Reeves, RCA Victor

13 (22) A MY MIND'S EYE Small Faces, Decca

Small Faces, Decca
14 (10) A FOOL AM I
Cilla Black, Parlophone
15 (17) HELP ME GIRL Eric Burdon
and the Animals, Decca
16 (25) WHAT BECOMES OF THE
BROKEN HEADTED BROKEN HEARTED
Jimmy Ruffin, Tamla Motown
A LOVE LIKE YOURS

17 (18) Ike and Tina Turner, London
I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF 18 (7) NO MILK TODAY 19 (14)

Herman's Hermits, Columbia
FRIDAY ON MY MIND
Easybeats, United Artists
GUANTANAMERA 20 (26) 21 (20) Sandpipers, Pye Int. WHITE CLIFFS OF DOVER

22 (27) Righteous Brothers, London TIME DRAGS BY 23 (19)

Cliff Richard, Columbia
SOMEWHERE MY LOVE
Mike Sammes Singers, HMV
WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 24 (28) 25 (12) New Yaudeville Band, Fontana
BEND IT Dave Dee, Dozy,
Beaky, Mick and Tich, Fontana
I'VE GOT YOU UNDER
MY SKIN Four Seasons, Philips
BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN 26 (24) 27 (21)

Temptations, Tamla Motown MORNINGTOWN RIDE

Seekers, Columb 50 (-) BENDS Peter Fenton, Fontana

Last Twenty RIDE ON BABY 31 (29) Chris Farlowe, Immediate 32 (30) ALL THAT I AM Elvis Presley, RCA Victor DEAD END STREET 33 (-) Kinks, Pye CRAZY FEELING 34 (-)

Karl Douglas, Go 96 TEARS ? and the Mysterians, Cameo Parkway 35 (40) 36 (41) Sonny and Cher, Atlantic

THINK SOMETIMES ABOUT
ME Sandie Shaw, Pye 37 (49) 38 (45) THE DREAMS I DREAM Shadows, Columbia

39 (39) MERRY PLOUGHBOY Dermot O'Brien, Envoy 40 (43) WILLOW WEEP FOR ME Alan Price Set. Decca 41 (42) WRAPPING PAPER

Cream, Reaction TOO SOON TO KNOW Roy Orbison, London I LOVE MY DOG

Cat Stevens, Deram 44 (-) READY STEADY WHO E.P. Who, Reaction 45 (47) IT'S LOVE Ken Dodd, Columbia

I COULD FEEL THE WHOLE WORLD TURN ROUND Shotgun Express, Columbia ALL I SEE IS YOU

Dusty Springfield, Philips HEART Rita Pavone, RCA YOU CAN'T HURRY LOVE Supremes, Tamla Motown SAD SONG

Otis Redding, Atlantic

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42 (33)

46 (-)

47 (36)

48 (-)

49 (38)



TOM: 4

VAL: 7 •

● GENE: 9

SMALL FACES: 13

Obviously the SMALL FACES' is going to be a big hit but I don't like it as much as "All Or Noth-ing." When they go into this "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" I'm expecting them to say a little

I thought we might edge up underneath MANFRED but I underneath MANTHED but inever expected to overtake them. "Semi-Detached" is fantastic—that opening line seems to me to be the selling line.

LEE DORSEY's is knockout.

I like that guy's voice very much. BOBBY DARIN's is fantastic too. I never thought I'd see the day when he would sing some-thing like this. I've always imagined him in front of a big Basie-type orchestra

TOM JONES' is absolutely great. It's about time he started choosing his own records. But I'm sorry, I don't like GENE
PITNEY all that much. He makes good records but I don't like the tone of his voice.

Strange, there must have been many reasons for ERIC BURDON leaving the Animals, but that one is more or less like the Animals' sound. But it's a good record and I wish him the best of luck.

EASYBEATS' is a great song. It's very sort of Beatle-ish and I wonder if that's half the thing that's selling it. But it's going to be a big record.



I like CHER's voice very much and I like SONNY's production. But their latest isn't as good as their previous ones.

I'm really biased about ALAN

PRICE because he suits my taste, but he really is the guv'nor. But I don't think this one will be as big as "Hi-Lili." SANDIE SHAW's is a lovely

record. I'd like to see this one put her high in the chart again.
I haven't heard VAL DOONI-

CAN's but I imagine it only appealing to my older relatives. He's a very nice kind of guy but that's about it for me.

Ilike to see the BEACH BOYS

can reproduce the harmonies of their record on stage but I still miss that backing. But I like the record very much.

Hext Week: **VAL DOONICAN**

Top Ten LPs

(I) SOUND OF MUSIC 2 (2) BEST OF THE BEACH

BOYS

Beach Boys, Capitol

3 (3) BIG HITS (HIGHTIDE
AND GREEN GRASS)

Rolling Stones, Decca
4 (4) DISTANT DRUMS Jim Reeves, RCA Victor

(5) GOLDEN HITS Dusty Springfield, Philips

(6) REVOLVER
Beatles, Parlophone CALIFORNIA HOLIDAY

Elvis Presley, RCA 8 (8) PET SOUNDS Beach Boys, Capitol

9 (9) GOIN' PLACES Herb Alpert, Pye Int.

10 (10) DR. ZHIVAGO Soundtrack, MGM

American Top Twenty

(1) YOU KEEP ME HANGIN' ON......Supremes, Motown (2) GOOD VIBRATIONS......Beach Boys, Capitol (3) WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL

(3) WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL
New Vaudeville Band, fontana
New Vaudeville Band,

Simon and Garfunkel, Columbia

20 (18) WHAT BECOMES OF THE BROKEN HEARTED

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STARS IN THE NEWS-1 TROUBLE IN PARIS AND GERMANY

Herman offered film role

HERMAN has been offered a starring role in the provisionally-titled film "Mrs. Brown. You've Got A Lovely Daughter".

Got A Lovely Daughter" he would be made in and around London.

Script is still being written but Herman is likely to sing the title song in the picture. Shooting begins next April Herman's Hermits begin a nationwide U.S. tour with the Hollies on December 23. They leave on December 18 and are in the States for three weeks during which Herman may do a major Christmas TV show — either his own or as a guest. Herman's new single, Graham Gouldman's "East West," is out this Friday (November 29). TV dates so far fixed for the group include "Ready, Steady, Gol" and "Joe Loss Pop Show" (December 2) and "Saturday Club" (10).

WAYNE: DATES

Wayne Fontana, whose new disc "Pamela Pamela" was released last Friday, appears on Granada's "Seene' tomorrow (Friday) and "Saturday Club" (December 10). Fontana tours Scotland from December 2-4.

SPOONFUL RUSH

Lovin' Spoonful rush release a new single next Friday, December 2. Titled "Nashville Cats" it was written by John Sebastian and is backed with "Full Measure." The group tours Britain for two weeks from May 15.

TROGGS IN SHOOTING SCARE: DAVE DEE IN LONG HAIR ROW

TROGGS in a Paris shooting incident . . . Dave Dee and Co, in a fracas over their long-hair in Germany . . . these incidents blew up around two of Britain's top groups on the Continent last

Troggs were in Paris for TV and to open a boutique. The shooting happened at a club at 3.30 a.m. after their appearance at La Locomotive.

CREAM SINGLE NEXT MONTH

CREAM's new single is "I Feel Free." written by the group and released next month. It is backed with a track from their new LP "Fresh Cream." The group goes to Paris and Germany for TV dates in December. They appear at Hornsey College (December 2), Greenford Starlight (4), Ipswich Baths (5) and Hull University (7).

Cat recording

CAT STEVENS, coords three songs next Thursday (1) from which his next single will be taken, to be released in the first two weeks of January.

Trongs were in Paris for TV and to open a boutique. The shoot a.m. after their appearance at La Locomotive. Said lead guitarist Chris Britton: "We were looning around drinking and dancing when a shot rang out. There was a lot of arm-waving and shouting and everyone rushed outside." They good to the floor. We were a bit worried, but no one was hurt." In Germany, Dave Dee and Beaky ran into trouble over their long hair. The group had gone to Bremen on Saturday for a big TV show. Afterwards, Dave drove to Hamburg to look up a club—the Top Tem—where the boys had played four years ago. "I was pouring out some beer, and looking at the band on the stand at the same time," says Dave. "I poured out about a glass, and-a-half too much—and it all went in the lap of this guy sitting next to me. "He was pretty annoyed. He looked a typical German—short hair and very good looking, Hekept pointing at my long hast and jabbering away in German. Hemust have thought I was some beatnik, "But when I explained who I was, he was most apologetic—and even asked for my autograph. I is pool of beer." At Bremen Airport, a passport controller stopped Beaky as the boys were dashing to catch their plane. Says Beaky: "He said my passport picture wasn't a bit like me, I don't blame him—it was taken three years ago. Who refuse new disc TV plugs

WHO are refusing to do TV plug appearances for their new single "Happy Jack," out next Friday (2). Reason given is they don't want to suffer from TV ower-exposure. Also released next Friday is the new Who LP "A Quick One." Except for "Heatwave" all the tracks were written by the Who. Next year the Who concentrate on Continental tours, keeping British ballroom appearances to a minimum. Latest Who dates: Worthing Pavillon (Nov. 24), Bridlington Spa (26), Malvern Winter Gardens (29), Maidenhead Town Hall (Dec. 1) and Sunderland Odeon (10).

Countdow

thursday

ALAN PRICE SET -Palais, Ashton-under-

CHRIS FARLOWE — Burn. ley Locarno.

CREATION — Kiddermins-

mindbenders — Clifton Hall, Rotherham, JOHN MAYALL — Bowes

Lyon House Stevenage.

POP NORTH (Light) —

Georgie Fame.

friday

ERIC BURDON AND THE ANIMALS — Birmingham University.
CREATION—Harvest Moon,

ALAN PRICE SET — St. Michaels Hall, Sutton-in-

Ashford.
GEORGIE FAME — Hill-

side Ballroom, Hereford,
CHRIS FARLOWE—Regal,
Ammanford,
ZOOT MONEY — Tiles,

London.

EASYBEATS — Marine,

Morecambe.
READY STEADY GO -Donovan, Creation, Little Richard, Ben E, King, Paul and Barry Ryan.

saturday

EASYBEATS - Queens Hall, Widnes.

DAVID GARRICK — Alexandra Ballroom, Halifax.

CHRIS FARLOWE — Manchester University,

GEORGIE FAME — Pavilian Buyton.

lion, Buxton.

ALAN PRICE SET—Golden
Torch, Tunstall/King's Hall.

Stoke.

CREATION — Smethwick
Baths, Birmingham.

DAVE BERRY — Swadlin-cote Rink Ballroom, JUKE BOX JURY — Eric Burdon, Earl Richmond, Cleo Laine, Virginia Iron-

Side.

COUNTDOWN — Dave
Berry, Chris Andrews,
Barry Chambers, Beryl
Marsden, Beverley, Sheila

Carter.

SATURDAY CLUB — Dave
Berry, David and Jonathan, Joe Brown.

sunday

CREATION - Elizabethan Baliron Elizabethan
Ballroom, Manchester.
DAVID GARRICK — Las
Vegas, Dewsbury.
ALAN PRICE SET—Brazil
Street, Manchester.
JOHN MAYALL—Eel Pie

Island, EASY BEAT — Peter and Gordon, Three People,

monday

ZOOT MONEY - Baths Hall, Ipswich.

CREATION—Stafford.

JOHN MAYALL — Cooks

Ferry Inn, MONDAY, MONDAY (Light)—Cliff Bennett, Epi-sode 6,

tuesday

MANFRED MANN —
Marquee, London.
WALKER BROTHERS,
CLIFF RICHARD, SANDIE SHAW — Royal Gala
Show, London Palladium.

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EASYBEATS — Stevenage Locarno,
CREATION - Flamingo,
London

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STARS IN THE NEWS-2 Song by Scott

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HOLLIES . . . Scandinavia tour

HOLLIES LP NEXT MONTH

HOLLIES tour Scandinavia for two weeks from December 14 with a top Scandinavian group-probably the Tages. The group visits Copenhagen and Stockholm during the tour. They start work on a new single this month, to be released in January. Their, I.P. "Because." is released on December 2.

Paul Jones bids

PAUL JONES, who has just completed a tour with the Pollies and Small Faces, will definitely tour Britain again in the spring. He has already been offered three different major tours. Paul, who returns from holiday

in Spain next week, records a new single for January release.

Georgie plays for royalty

GEORGIE FAME appeared before Royalty this week when he played and sang for Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon at the Docklands Settlement Ball at London's Savoy Hotel on Monday. A Fame EP—his last before his contract with EMI expires and he switches to the CBS label—is released on December 9 Titled "Getaway" it also includes "See-Saw," "Ride Your Pony," and "Sitting In The Park."

WALKER BROTHERS will have no new single out in Britain until January 1967—BUT a big surprise record by the group will be released on December 9.

It is "December 9. a song written by Scott for the

until January 1967—BUT a big surprise record by the group will be released on December?

It is "Deadlier Than The Male," a song written by Scott for the film of the same name which the Walkers sing over the credits.

Beside is "Archangel," also written by Scott, which features a spectacular organ opening recorded at London's Leicester Square Odeon.

"We have had to release this to the in with the film release," said Walkers' manager, Barry Chymnan, "We are holding back on a new single because we have the EP and this new record out at roughly the same time and you can have too much of a good thing. The Walkers want to make the single something special, so they're hangling on."

The group make no more personal appearances in Britain for sk months after their "Royal Gala" Ty spectacular on Tuesday (29), They tour Australia and America in the New Year.

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HEAD TOUR HERE

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Britain in February for four weeks.
So far no supporting bill has been fixed. The group comes back from America on November 28 to finish work on their first LP.

Brown Christmas

Album of Christmas songs is being released by James Brown on December 9 on Pye.

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Says Normie Rowe



of Scott's, No wonder. Also please listen out for the EP track "Mrs. Murphy." Scott's songwridin has improved and broadened beyond words. This is a lovely track which manages to split its time between two floors in a house and the personal lives of the people who live there. Little Richard rocks on 'RSG', 'TOTP'

LITTLE RICHARD, who arrived in Britain on Sunday for personal appearances and TV, is on the 150th "Top Of The Pops" tonight (Thursday) and "Ready Steady Go" tomorrow. He stars in a Brian Epstein concert with Alan Price Set and Bluesology at the Saville Theatre, London, on December 11.

Frank, Nancy duet for British TV

The same day the group left for a three-week tour of Scandin-avia, Germany and Holland, The film offer for the Faces to star with Jayne Mansfield is still being considered.

being considered.
Faces are star guests on "Count-down" on December 10, when others booked to appear include Cliff Bennett, Oliver Reed and Joan Turner.
Next Saturday's (3) panel is: Marianne Faithfull, Mark Wynter, Mia Lewis, Susan Hanson and Tommy Vance. One place is still to be filled. Tommy Va

FRANK SINATRA and daughter Nancy will sing together on British TV—probably the BBC—in an entitrely new version of Sinatra's "A Man And His Music."

The first show under this title starring Sinatra was screened by BBC—TV last April, and the latest—called "A Man And His Music.—Part 2"—stars both Frank and Nancy,
Tapes of the programme have just been brought back from America by impresaric Harold Davison.
Davison told Disc and Music Echo on Tuesday: "The show hasn't even been shown in America yet. It won't be screened there until December 7, 1 am now negotiating with TV companies, including the BBC, for it to be shown here. Among the songs featured, Frank and Nancy do a duet on her Both of Triday when Steve Marriott lost his voice through laryngitis. They arrived at the Playhouse Theatre in London, but decided that steve could not sing. He went onstage to broadcast an apology.

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Alan signs guitarist

Alan PRICE has signed a new guitarist, He's Peter Kirtley, from Alan's hometown of Jarrow. Next month Alan makes two appearances on "Ready, Steady, Go!"—the first with his group on December 9 and the other with Eric Burdon on the final show (December 23).

Doddy's Music Box
KEN DODD hosts his first
weekly commercial pop show—
for ABC-TV—starting on Saturday, January 7.
Titled "Doddy's Music Box,"
the show runs for six weeks, will
probably go out at 7.20 pm, and
feature guest pop stars.
Bachelors have been booked as
Doddy's only guests in his Christmas Night show on BBC-1.

Samantha Juste, "TOTP" disc girl, makes her debut as a singer on the show tonight with her first single, "No One Needs My Love Today" (see also page 9). A new film of the Beach Boys will also be shown on "TOTP." Beach Boys were filmed in Lon-don's Portobello Road during their recent visit.

Other stars on the show: Easy-beats, Lee Dorsey, Spencer Davis, Ryan twins and Eric Burdon.

Christmas Elvis

ELVIS Presley's new single, out tomorrow (Friday), is "If Every Day Was Like Christmas," which he recorded only recently, But the B side, "How Would You Like To Be," is from his old film, "It Happened At The World's Fair."

Geno to top Saville bill

GENO WASHINGTON and the Ram Jam Band make their first-ever bill-topping appearance when they follow Little Richard into Brian Epstein's Saville Theatre on December 18.

Supporting acts are still being lined-up for the concert, Little Richard stars at the West End theatre the preceding Sunday (December 11).

Geno and the band have a live LP rush-released this weckend called "Hand-clappin", Foot-Stoppin', Funky-BUTI—Live!" It includes "Ride Your Pony," "Que Sera, Sera" and "Reach Out, Till be There."

Geno is featured in a 15-minute colour film for cinema distribution early next year.

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STARS IN THE NEWS-3

Tom Jones refuses | Christmas dates

TOM JONES has turned down a four-figure engagement in Geneva over Christmas and has also said "no" to several other bookings over

also said "no" to several other bookings over the season? "I want to be with my family at Christ-max." Tom told Disc and Music Echo on Tuesday. And, despite his phenomenal success with "Green, Green Grass Of Home"—which this week leaps to four from 18, making it his first big hit in over a year—Tom is not following through with any strenuous round of radio, TV or personal appear-

New Dave Dee disc

plus cow bells!

ances. He is taking on no more than those already booked before the single crashed through.

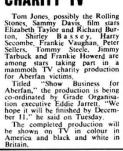
Adds Tom: "When I had my first big hit, 'It's Not Unusual,' I got very excited. Ever since, I have been working steadily. Of course, it's great to have a new hit—but I'm not going mad because of it.

"In any case, I have been advised to it. "In any case, I have been advised to look after y voice since my throat operation."

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Meanwhile, Tom has plans to sign for a film role in the New Year—as an actor. "We're just waiting for the right story-line," he added.

STARS' ABERFAN CHARITY TV





SWINGING BLUE JEANS. whose latest single "Rumours, Gossip, Words Untrue" was out last week, feature on BBC's "Saturday Club" (December 10) and "Pop North" (13).

and "Pop North" (12).

EPISODE SIX record two spots for BBC's "Swingalong" this week for December 6 and 9 broadcast and do "Monday, Monday" live next Monday before their cabaret trip to Beirut. Episode's Sheila Carter appears on "Countdown" this Saturday.

Chicago's PA UL BUTTER-FIELD BLUES BAND and JOHN MAYALL's BLUES-BREAKERS have combined to record for Decca. A single will be released the first week in January.

During his Scandinavian visit

During his Scandinavian visit ALAN PRICE played three shows in one night at Gothenburg.

LULU may star in a summer season next year. She does "Countdown" and "Saturday Club" (December 17).

Club" (December 17).

SPENCER DAVIS GROUP
have signed a contract for release
of their records by United Artists
and this week penned six tracks
for backing to an American promotional film they made in
Chelsea's King's Road.

DACHELORS opened in cabaret
at London's Savoy Hotel on
Monday night until December 3.

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KINKS, TWICE AS MUCH and LONG JOHN BALDRY ap-pear at Radio Caroline's Night Out at Wimbledon Palais on Saturday, (7.30 pm.).

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ocean wave

MANFRED Mann told Disc and Music Echo by cable call from mid-Atlantic on Tuesday: "We'll be back on Sunday and hope to cut our part hope to cut our next single

hope to cut our next single sometime next week. So far, though, we have no idea what material well be using."

Manfred was speaking from the s.s. "Chusan," on the return half of their three-week West Indies cruise. "We're having a great time. We're all suntanned, healthy and swinging and-Michael d'Abo has not got secretly married on the voyage.

not got secretive managed wovage.
"I don't know how that rumour started but it was a load of rubbish," he added.
Manfreds first return date is at London's Marquee Club on Tues-

NEW SINGLE from Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich is "Save Me," out next Friday (December 2). Dee of Dee

Kinks man hits back at King

SHEL TALMY, American-born record producer, this week lashed out out af Disc and Music Echo columnist Jonathan King.
Reason: Shel objects to comments made in King's column on November 12 about Manfred and Kinks records he handled.
In an "open letter" to the Manfreds, King wrote: "You really have made a very, very good job of that silly song 'Semi-detached Mr. James'... but the credit will be yours, not Gooff Stevens' or Shel Talmys."
On the Kinks, King wrote: "We are absolutely flooded by Davies compositions. Vast amounts of quantity; very little quality."
Hits back Shel Talmy: "Do I detect a note of jealousy emanating from your poison pen?"

"Why take your disappointments out on poor little me? I can't help it if my records sell more than the Jonathan King singles. "I am sure, Jonathan, that if you continue to sing and produce records then possibly in five or ten years' you might develop a talent for it and come up with a winner."



BRIAN—thoughts











The day Brian Wilson got his VIBRATIONS

by DEREK TAYLOR, Hollywood, Tuesday:

BRIAN WILSON'S "Good Vibra-tions" began last April.
He was in a recording studio in Holly-wood, preparing for a Beach Boys instrumental session when the basic plan for "Good Vibrations" began to run through bits mind.

plan for Good Vibrations began to run through his mind. Work on the song continued for a few days. An instrumental track was completed at Western Recorders after two long sessions. But the vocals weren't coming out right.

The song was shelved and Wilson

The song was shelved and Wilson turned his attention to a more immediate matter—the "Pet Sounds" album, which took him all of last spring to complete. Then the Beach Boys' American record company, Capitol, started asking for a new single.

So Brian pulled his "vibrations" together, sorted out his thoughts and began work.

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Six recording sessions and as many tracks later, the news was not encouraging. Once again, the song wasn't taking the proper shape.
Capitol was desperate, so they took "God Only Knows" from "Pet Sounds."
That seemed to satisfy everyone—everyone who HADN'T heard about "Good Vibrations."
With the pressure lightened. Brian's

With the pressure lightened, Brian's interest was renewed. In order to get the proper sound for each phase of the

recording, he used not only Western Recorders, but also Gold Star (home of the Spector and Alpert sounds), Columbia and Sunset Sound Recorders. He reintroduced the "therimin," an electronic instrument first used in the movie "Spellbound." He overlaid track after track of Beach Boy singing, Al Jardine and Bruce Johnston on one, then Carl, Dennis and himself on another, with Mike on a third, double-tracked the whole lot and came up with a chorus. Or began with he and Carl, then Bruce, Al and Carl, then Mike and Bruce again. But the content of the record changed

But the content of the record changed

But the content of the record changed week by week.

One Monday, the track was ready to go. The following Monday, Brian threat-ened to throw it all out and play all the instruments himself. The next Monday.

instruments nimself. Ine next rionay, the track was lost . . . in Brian's house! Finally, it was ready for the lead vocal. Drummer 'Dennis Wilson had been selected—he'd been waiting four months now to sing it. That night, however, Dennis could hardly speak—he had becomiting the properties of the properties of the night of the

laryngitis.

When the panic subsided, lead guitar and brother Carl took over. In the morning, after 90 hours in four different recording studios, over a period of six months, "Good Vibrations" was ready. Soon everyone was having "Good

Vibrations."
EXCEPT BRIAN, WHO WAS ALREADY TEARING HIS LONG HAIR OVER THE NEXT BEACH BOY ALBUM, "SMILE."

Now-BEACH BOYS' by ANNE NIGHTINGALE verdict on

WELL, we've all said what we think about them, so I decided to do a last moment survey on what the Beach Boys think of us. Birds, I mean.

Birds, I mean.
Since they seem to be fond of songs about loving the colourful clothes she wears, and that East Coast girls are hip, and the Beach Boys dig the styles they wear, I reckoned they must have reached some conclusions at the end of a Paticiah each. British tour.

British tour.

Bearing in mind that visiting Americans no longer say "I love your policemen" but "I love your miniskirts," I put "who is the fairest of us all, especially when it comes to dress" to each Beach Boy.

CARL: "I'm sorry, but it's still California for me!". Unexpectedly though, he chose Cardiff as the place in Europe which has the girls with unaffected airs and the prettiest complexions.

 DENNIS: "Swedish girls are certainly the most beautiful in the world, but the chicks in London are nuch better dressed. It's all these

much better dressed. It's all these short skirts... groovy!".

AL: "Nowhere I've been measures up to the girls of Salt Lake City. I don't know why it is, but out there in Utah, the way they dress is great." On London's mini-skirts Al said: "Oh yes! Of course I love them, but only on those who can carry them off well. And that doesn't go for everyone."

MIKE: "The French are over-

our birds!

well dressed as their Opera House— but not as old!—and I dig the Swedes.

And from bachelor BRUCE: "It's And from bachelor BRUCE: "Its Swedish girls for me. I love their look. It's clean, refreshing and they look as though they spend their lives out of doors."

So Stockholm has it. By three

Beach Boys to two.

NOW don't you jump on me all you Motown fans. But I think it's about time Tamla stars did something about their appear-

ance.

Do the Four Tops, happy laughing people that they are, really think they should still wear shiny band jackets and baggyish trousers?

They are not the only offenders. The Supremes for me lose all visual

The Supremes for me lose all visual appeal in their drappy fripperies.
For an outfit like Motown which has a school just to teach its stars how to perform, you'd think Berry Gordy and Co would consider it worth while teaching their stars to look good as well as move good. In those tinselly uniforms or unchick dresses, it makes it very difficult to know one Vandella from one Supreme and one Top from one

one Supreme and one Top from one Miracle.

••••'Winchester' boys wow U.S

FROM DOORMAN at a Soho discotheque to the Ed Sullivan Show in one month is a phenomenal step. But then, the whole story of the New Vaudeville Band has been

a phenomenal step. But then, the whole story of the New Vaudeville Band has been like that.

"This sudden change has been a terrific shock for me," said Mick Wilsher, the band's lead guitarist, when he telephoned Disc and Music Echos from New York this week.

"The first thing I did when got off the plane was to fall over! But everyone in the band is raving about America.

"The vorte better because everyone seems to like us. We went to see Dusty Springfield at Basin Street and she introduced the band and everyone in the audience was quite knocked out.

"When we did a Press reception last night we did a 22 minute act and everyone was subjusted by the went of the plane we were a shough one were the seems of the plane we were a shough one were were possible for the plane we were the seems of the plane we were the seems of the plane we were the seems of the plane we were the plane with the plane with the plane we were well as the plane

inhiptession that we were our men of roty of fifty, and gasps of amazement went up as they saw us.

"We have a few personal appearances to do and we are flying to Baltimore and other places. We've video-taped another Ed Sullivan Show in which we did a shorter version of The rest of our visit will be taken up with personal appearances and press, radio and TV interviews—we're doing four or five a day. We're leaving a little earlier than expected on November 28.

"We are going round to see most of the jazzmen when we're doing four or five a day. We're leaving a little earlier than expected on the same of the five and the same of the same of the five and the same of the sam

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REAL NAME: Peter Dennis

BORN: May 19, 1945, at

Chiswick.

EDUCATED: Acton County

Grammar—then Ealing Art

College.

FAMILY: Mother, father, two brothers — both younger — Paul (10) and Simon (6). Peter, Paul and Simon, see!

HOME: Small bachelor flat in

FAVOURITE FOOD: Good French food. I've just de-veloped a taste for seafood-oysters. Never had the gus to eat them before. I like to think I am getting a well-balanced diet. I try and eat out somewhere at least once a day—the best restaurants in either Chelsea or Soho. One good meal a day—and it's got to be good. I always take someone with me and spend about £5. I also like home-cooking. Had a kitchen fitted

FAVOURITE DRINK: Champagne cocktails. I like both champagne and brandy. I can drink practically any drink. drink practically any drink. Oh, I hate people who say

PETS: None. Got quite a few blowflies in my flat. They've laid some nice little eggs for next year. They're also easy to kill at this time of the year! good recording studio which would allow record producers to take complete and utter

to take complete and utter control. I'd organise an educa-tional two weeks so's they could learn. It would be expensive—but worth it for ambitious record producers. I'd also like to write operettas

and musicals.
RECORDS: At the moment, the Spencer Davis single. Hated their last one, though.

conquest of Outer Space in my life. It'd calm my mind a

MARRIAGE: All against it. Pop stars who get married are and trying to be more than

and trying to be more than one thing.

HOBBIES: Recording. Cooking—I can't wait to do this recipe thing in your paper! I'll need a whole page!

POLITICS: When I was at art

school I was a sort of Com-munist. Now I'm really no-

*Pop stars who get married are * * * * * * idiots. I'm all against it?

And "Good Vibrations." Heard it 80 times—but only just begun to like it. Also Darin's latest. Fantastic! Darin's latest. Fantastic! Everyone's very pleased about it. I'd be interested to hear what the Four Tops do on-stage. A joker record that. Someone's always playing a

wrong note.

FEARS: Don't worry about much. I don't like being without money—but then I have been without money. Not afraid of much. Not even old age. I can see myself always having something to occupy my mind. I'd like to see the

thing. I wish the Tories would come back. People with money—like me!—need a Tory government. SMOKES: Don't. Although I

SMOKES: Don't. Although I have smoked on and off. Sometimes a pipe for a joke. RELIGION: Not really had one. Even as a kid I was sceptical. Only had my prayers answered a couple of times. And that was probably out of coincidence. I think children should have religion. But then should have religion. But then should have religion. But then childhood's only a dream anyway. People shouldn't worry too much about how life started. They should be

Jonathan King Column

SUPREMES GO LIKE BATS OUT

THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH content. And lucky they're not a grain of dust on some-

not a grain of dust on some-where like Venus.

DRESS: Soberly. Don't like wild dress. I prefer dark colours and dress to conform to the occasion. Going out somewhere to eat I always have a collar and tie and sober suit. Then something lairy. Hate to think people are looking at me for any other reason than they recognise

me. LIKES: This time of the year. INES: This time of the year.
It's neither one thing nor the
other. You never know
whether you feel flu-y or
unhappy or what. But it
always leads to getting something done. Like Fireworks
Night. Great. We had ours
onstage at Saarbrucken. Hapneptings supreme it was! penings supreme it was! Rockets and smoke and every-

Rockets and smoke and everything.

DISLIKES: Going away from England for too long. If it's longer than seven days I can't work. I haven't got all the things I depend on around me. I'm a materialist. I need these things to carry on. Can't always get on with foreign people!

FAYOURITE COLOUR:
Dark crumbly brown!

Dark crumbly brown!

Hext week:



SUPREMES: rocketing in U.S.

in the U.S., like a bat out of hell, rocket the Supremes with a fantastic piece of electronically - controlled emotion that we've all been

months. Why? Because British commercial radio stations have been playing it for over seven weeks. And it's only released

raving about here for

this week.
All very odd—the record comany could not put the release date forward without completely slaughtering sales of "You Can't Hurry Love." The pirates—now in a position to slot the disc into their charts —find that it's already been played for seven weeks.

Suffer

Public interest in a non-available-for-buying record wanes pretty fast, and who doesn't get tired of a sound after two months exposure? Bad for the Supremes; bad for the strict format necessary to a successful commercial station.

spokesman from Radio Lon-don-the main ship concerned the main ship concerned -said instructions were given -said instructions were given to individual disc jockeys to say that the record was not yet available in the shops-"it was played at first simply as an American hit." Perhaps the answer is a closer collaas to release dates, but one can't help sympathising with the stars who suffer.

the stars who suffer.

Incidentally, where is "Sunshine Superman"? If that had
been multi-spun as much as
"You Keep Me Hanging On"
it would have been a hit
months ago without even
having been issued.

All this re-issue hit Scott

All this re-issue bit, Scott says that in fact these early tracks were recorded in 1958 and that anyone who even thinks of buying or liking them will fall into instant disfavour! So there!

favour! So there!

Three first class L.P.'s around. Farlowe has already been raved about by everyone else (I have gone off this word "Rave"), Twice As Much's "Own Up" was first flipped over by yours truly and is now in your faverecord store, and that popular group Jimmy James and the Vagabonds have an L.P. out too.

They seem to be this year's equivalent to the non-hit Georgie Fame of pre-"Yeh-

Yeh."

• Memories of the great Four Tops concert — a first rate sound balance for once, big unused potential of the Easy-beats, instrumental and vocal mastery by Bennett and mastery by **Bennett** and "Reach Out" can join "Lovin' Feeling" in the Hall of Pop



JONATHAN KING SAYS-

"Free love is considered almost absolutely natural behaviour by a large portion of British youth."

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In your newsagents now, 3s. For free LP with subscription write: Music Maker, 40 Bowling Green Lane, London E.C.1. WITHOUT A DOUBT the biggest influence on Christ Farlowe's musical career to date has been Mick

Jagger.

It was Mick who guided him through "Think," "Out Of Time," "Ride On Baby," not to mention the highly acclaimed Farlowe LP just out.

out.

It was Mick who convinced Chris—who had been slogging away for seven years to little avail that he should change his way of phrasing and singing.

And it was Mick who said "Look, you should be thinking of a load of birds and knocking yourself out over it all" when Chris landed up in the studio with him, now well over a year ago.

Of course, there was plenty of Farlowe talent around to begin with.



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"People used to ask my manager what he kept me on his books for, I would have felt prett to be seen to the following the following to the following the follo

pounced on in the cinema.

Disc and Music Echo EXCLUSIVE! Part One of the fascinating PAUL JONES story . . .

IT WAS at the end of July that Paul Jones ceased to become a Mann. And became a man on his own instead.

No hands were raised in horror. No hands were raised in norror, however, when Jones decided to drop out of the group scene and go it alone. Paul, after all, was president of pop's intelligentsia.

So nobody was worried for his welfare. "He's got his head screwed on—he'll be all right," we all assumed. And rightly so. In the short time since he went

Jones has made his first film, with Jean Shrimpton playing opposite, and a pair of matinee idols might possibly be in the making:

■ Jones has toured the country and held his own against such star groups as the Hollies and Small Faces;

■ Jones has seen his first solo single climb high in the chart despite the fact that it fell short of the standard expected of him and by him;
And Jones has cut his first

solo album.

solo album.

The pieces have fitted into place with the ease of a junior jigsaw puzzle. But that's only since going solo. From January to June life was as complicated as a Times construct. crossword.

"I'd joined Manfred Mann thinking I'd stay for just a little while, because I didn't fancy being in a group for long," recalled Paul. "They also thought it was a temporary stay. In fact, they were mur-muring around that really they wanted a Graham Bond type of blues shouter.

PAUL: I'm glad took the plunge!

"I stayed on, however, because I like to think that it was a good group. And musically we seemed to hit it off. For a time it was fine, but friends around me who knew that ultimately I wanted to be a solo singer were also saying it was started to think about

time I started to think about quitting."

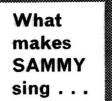
The time in fact was July of last year. The Manfred hit of the moment was, ironically, "The One In The Middle."

"I hum'd and haa'd for longer than two months and then, at the start of September, announced the start of September, announced that I was going. In fact I stayed almost another year. This was purely because of legal difficulties. I had signed a five-year contract in 1963—but obviously we couldn't carry on so they said they'd look around for a replacement. "Six months went by so I said: It's down to ultimatums. I leave in six months."

in six months."

Denials

"They were wildly against it, but then they found d'Abo and what had been a difficult atmosphere immediately became all right. We both agreed that d'Abo was right for the job."



SAMANTHA JUSTE, silent maid of "Top Of The Pops," is by no means as "dumb" as the programme might have you

Sammy has just made her first record. And she owes it all to Alan Freeman—one of the four deejays, of course, who comperes the "Tops"

TV show.

"It was Alan who said I should have a try at singing. And make a record," says Sammy. "I'd always wanted to do more than just appear on the show—apart from my modelling, of course.

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But Sammy has been coached by pianist Phil Phillips, who leads a group at London's Talk of the Town. "I've had about fifty singing lessons," he says, "so this has helped me prepare for the recording."

If her record is a hit, and Sammy is asked to make stage appearances, could she project like a Clila or Lulu?

"Well, I admire both of them." says Sammy. "Apart from their singling, they have such great personalities."

Not that Samantha is raving it up on record. The song she has chosen is a ballad, "No-one Needs My Love Today" if Samantha makes it in a big way as a record artist, she might just possibly be tempted to give up modelling. "More likely, I'll share the two interests," she says. "Spend half my time in London, the other half in Paris."

But then came the four-month deluge of denials of a split. "The Press made this period more difficult than it need have been by forcing us to immediate." by forcing us to issue denials. We had to do this because, by contract, I had to stay with the Manfreds a few more months and do dates where attendances might have dropped if we'd made the split-up announcement in advance. Promoters could have had a case for sueing, you see."

And that's the surprisingly detailed description of Jones' departure from the Manfred's. Surprising, because it has become popular belief that Paul is no longer Jones the Mouth but

ionger Jones the Mouth but someone rather anxious to avoid putting his foot in it. "No—I haven't changed in myself. I think my image remains friendly, the opposite of moody, and my new pub-licist Robin Britten hasn't told me to stop speaking my

"I pay him the normal fee for a good publicist—I didn't need any big build-up when I went solo. It wasn't necessary because I wasn't completely unknown. Consequently on money was sequently, no money was spent

"Actually, the BBC tried to book me the first time I went solo for £30 because they said I hadn't made a record—but otherwise everybody's been very good

gave him his chance in "Privilege," all about a pop singer. How does he feel he's fared as a screen actor?

"I've looked at a couple of scenes. One I thought quite good—the other I was squirming!
"It was easier starting off

good—the other I was squirming:
"It was easier starting off
playing a pop singer. Perhaps it explains why so few pop people make
the transition to films successfully.
With the exception of Sinatra, they've all been worried at the

rite ye all been worred at the prospect of appearing beastly.

"It can't be coincidence, for example, that Elvis Presley always makes harmless films. Why won't he take a nasty part and start acting?

"Pop singers are on a good thing and they don't want to spoil it. Yet Yves Montand was a French pop star who took his career in his hands for that tough role in 'Wages Of Fear' and it made him as an actor. But of us singers are too scared to go out on a limb like that. I'd like to think I'd take the chance if the

right part were offered."

The film people weren't the only ones to help Paul away to a flying start as a solo singer. The fans played the major part by buying "High Time" so high into the char. buying "H the chart.

"I'm amazed it's done so well. I think the tour must have helped sales a lot.
"Let's face it—when I released



"I haven't changed . . . my image remains friendly, the opposite of

my first solo single I wasn't prepared to take any chances." But I'm prepared to take a chance and tip Paul Jones for very big happenings in the next few years. How does he feel about it, however? Next week's second part of The One

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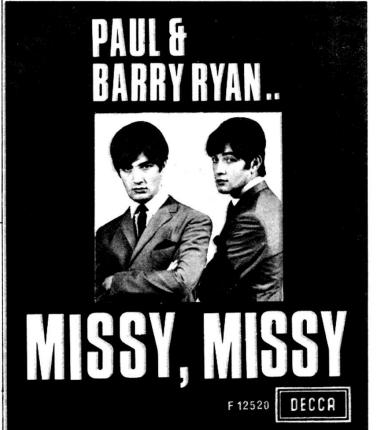
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Why TAMLA'S tops with BRUM

BIRMINGHAM, the city with the white-walled Bull Ring shopping and entertainment centre, is the most mod city in Britain. But if all the bright new buildings are being coloured white, this massive centre of the Midlands remains rather too black—and I'm not talking about buildings any more.

For Birmingham is but a stone's throw from infamous Smethwick where a Parliamen-tary constituency once cold-shouldered Labour because the Tory talked of segregation and where tomorrow's new voters are quite liable to act in the

same way.

Young Birmingham isn't embarrassed to temper its pleasure in the mod look of the Midlands

in the mod look of the Midlands capital with a distaste for the droves of coloured immigrants.

Barry Evans (18), Gorsy Road, Quinton, Birmingham's Birmingham's Bull Ring is great, but why are the Government letting niggers into this area all the time!"

Benedon Scott (19) come

area all the time?"

Brendan Scott (19), commercial apprentice, Browning Street, Birmingham: "There's just not enough control of immigration. We've got more than our share of coloured people here."

David Lenga (20) (control of the control of the

David Jones (20), foundry-worker, Alwold Road, Birming-ham: "Birmingham's a fantastic city, really, but there should be a control grants." on coloured immiOf course, this attitude could come from being unpopular abroad with other British trip-

abroad with other British trip-pers. Who hasn't cringed on the Costa Brava or Cote d'Azure on hearing the Brummie accent?! But if Birmingham people are a pretty segregated lot, their attitudes don't differ from teen-

agers all over Britain.

These are the common equations from all over the

equations from all over the country...

Ricky Moretto (19), hairdresser, Waverley Road, Small Heath, Birmingham: "There's too much law for the young—and not enough for grown-ups."

George Wilkinson (18), student, Faraday Avenue, Quinton, Bir ming ham: "The police tend to persecute young people out of hand."

Barbara Mytton (20), receptionist, South Road, Birmingham: "All young people hear is "Don't do this—don't do that."

Jennie Lawry (19), short-

is Don't do this—don't do that."

Jennie Lawry (19), shorthand typist, Chapel Street, Birmingham: "There is no modern
outlook in Britain although
Birmingham's Bull Ring is an
exception to the rule. Parents

But there should be a control on immigrants9

are fuddy-duddy and places generally close too early on Sundays."

Patricia Price (16), typist, Scotland Lane, Birmingham: "We young people are forever being organised."

Brenda Leary (17), short-hand typist, Radford Road, Birmingham: "People are al-Birmingham: "People are al-ways running down youngsters —I'm determined I won't be like them when I get older."

like them when I get older."

Mike Rose (19), technical
rep., Darnick Road, Sutton
Coldfield: "Britain lacks a decent
Government for a start—but
elders in authority have got no
sense. I mean how bloody silly
to build the Bull Ring here with
white-coloured concrete. It'll
be black with soot from the
heavy industry here in next to
no time."

no time."

Glenys Willetts (19), shop manageress, Manor Road, Wordsley: "We should still be the leading country. There's no incentive to stay here—I'd go if I got the chance to work abroad."

And, from Derek Wilson (18), commercial apprentice,

Tedstone Road, Quinton, Birmingham, what they are saying in every provincial city: "Fashion is not so hot because there's is not so hot because there's not enough choice like in London. There are plenty of clubs, but everywhere in Birm-ingham closes down far too early."

Naturally, though, few people stay home at night, "Top of the Pops" is the only worthwhile thing about television, and politics are a drag.

Religion is disregarded, too, but Birmingham is, curiously, about the only provincial city where the young people come out against John Lennon's remarks.

More than 50 per cent of teenagers interviewed were scornful of Lennon's statement. scornful of Lennon's statement.
Typical of their opinions: "It
was a terrible thing to say, but
he's so big-headed" (Jennie
Lawry) . . "he should be
ashamed—he obviously said it
to get attention" (Robin Evans
(21), clerk, Graham Road,
Wordsley).

But it wasn't only Bestle

Nordsley).

But it wasn't only Beatle John who came in for a blasting from critical young Birmingham. Said Christine Holland (18), schoolgirl, Edgemond Avenue, Birmingham: "British pop is going downhill fast—the Amer-

icans are more than halfway in control again, led by the Beach Boys."

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Jeff Allibone (18), hard-ware shop, Knightlow Road, Birmingham: "Tamla Motown is really getting strong in Britain. It's definitely now the most popular music played in the Birmingham discotheques."

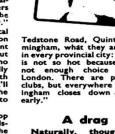
But Birmingham young people have no complaints to make about amenities in their own city except that clubs close too early—largely because being industrial everybody starts work early in the morning.

early in the morning.

Terry Cooper (18), apprentice accountant, Bolney Road, Birmingham, echoed most opinions when he said: "Building the Buil Ring Centre was the best thing Birmingham's planners have ever done. And now they are planning a similar project in the New Street Station area. We're well off for entertain-ment and clubs."

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- · Where are the musical trends of vesteryear in Britain?
- Where is the great British pop invasion force who once invaded the US chart and

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Overtaken, indeed, by the same people who overtook it three years ago before the Beatles took full power. By a strong American scene headed by the very definite, concrete and reliable sound of people like the Beach Boys and the Tamla Motown stable.

Trend

Whither British pop? Over to Dusty Springfield. In New York last week half-way through her Basin Street East cabaret season.

Dusty and the American music scene have always been inexorably linked. She has had nothing but praise for the Tamla Motown recording techniques. She has nearly always ended her frantic search for good song material in the crammed libraries of Mann and Weil, Goffin and King, Randy Newman and Chip Taylor.
"There is absolutely no definite trend on the

British music scene. But then it is hard to say what constitutes a trend. It's like saying margarine is going to take over the world. The Beatles only happen once in a lifetime with the sort of force and consistency the Beatles had.

"What's happening to the British chart now is just a question of the inevitable. Things in the music field go full circle, just like fashion. It's rather like keeping a pair of shoes for ten years and finding they've come into fashion again.

"It's not just a question of America having a greater musical talent—although they DO have a greater musical talent both in the creative and technical production field-it's just the general

"At the moment, American records are of a better standard than British ones. And the whole scene here is alive and fresh with new talent.

"For instance, I've been watching a lot of TV here and there are one or two groups that have really impressed me, like the Young Rascals, who have what I can only describe as a "white coloured" sound. Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels, and the Monkees-who I really think are going to be very big indeed.

"As far as Tamla Motown is concerned, they've

always been a fantastic leader in the music field. Though they are a bit naughty because they get a great idea and use it until it's worn out, then throw it away and think up something else.

"If there were no Americans in the chart at the moment it would be full of groups, and whether they were good or bad that would constitute a trend.

'As it is at the moment 90 per cent of the American records making an effect in Britain are of first-class quality. And the British public are ready for them. "Can you imagine, for instance, a record as progressive as the Four Tops' reaching number one a year ago?

At present, then, America is tops. And whether it's a flash in the pan, a natural circle of events or a proper threat to British groups remains to

Enthusiasm

 Whatever it is, even Dusty is to go American. For the first time in her career she is deserting the British recording studios and will record in America with Bob Crewe at the end of her cabaret season.

'I want to record here because there is a tremendous enthusiasm for music. And the arrangers are better at doing simple things. Like the backings on Len Barry's records. Actually, New York is not such a good place to record as say Chicago where the studios are better. You have a fantastic choice here of studios, arrangers, songwriters, it's far more geared to recording.

"The only thing is I'll probably end up sound-ing like all the Four Seasons!"

DOUBTFUL ...



The teenage type who doesn't buy Doonican has said some harsh things about his image. It doesn't bother verbose Val. a typical Irishman, "The point is that I don't kid myself I'm a youngster. I've been accepted for what I am and there are no superlatives to describe me. If I was a teenager I'd think Val Doonican was a terrible square.

"But I'd be off my head to stop singing about 'McGinty's Goat' and get with it. I've grown "But I still regard it as quite amazing that after almost 20 years in the music business, I suddenly became a pop star. to expect people to call my stuff a load of old rubbish. I'm I would think the chances of just one very little name in show business but as long as there are people — children. what happened to me happen-ing again must be 1,000-1 middle-age mums and dads and Doonican declares that if the the old folk - who like my bulk of record-buyers are teensongs, that's the point. agers they must be split into

"You see, honesty with yourself is the biggest thing I've learned. To be able to sit back, look at yourself and accept that obviously there are some people who don't like you."

But clearly a lot of people do like Val. Like the 141 million who have been tuning in to his BBC television series on Saturdays ... a series for which he admits a four-figure fee per show estimated, on reliable information, at £2,000.

"It's this thing about not applying any superlatives to describe me, says Doonican. "People watch because it's a pleasant programme and they know I'm not trying to impress

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date

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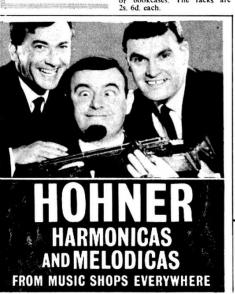
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Fashion Editor ANNE NIGHTINGALE -

FOR a hip and happy Christmas here's what to give your favourite chick or your beloved cat.

Stockings, which used to be the dull present you'd expect stockings, which used to be the dult present you despect from an unimaginative auntie, can now be the best gift you could ask to be put under your Christmas tree. Ask for sparkling ones in silver or gold, or tights like CILLA wears in her Prince of Wales Show "Way Out in Piccadilly." If you have long legs, then specify when you are throwing

Ask for a crocheted beret with a pom-pom. At one time only Chrissie Shrimpton wore one, but now they're in lots of shops in lots of colours.

A tactful and pretty way of covering a false hair piece is with stiff velvet hair bands, beaded in groovy colours. From SNOB, Golders Green, London, Brighton and Worth-

Union Jack soap!

Ties for cats get more and more exciting. Art Nouveau prints are still acceptable, also Max Miller monster ties with wide-boy ends.

Cuff-links have become a right loon up, and the latest are Hot and Cold links, which use china stoppers taken out of old taps! The same idea has been used for ear-rings, and either cost 14s. per pair. From GEAR, Carnaby Street, London, W.1.

Still on the bath scene you can give away Union Jack soap bars—"Buy British" for 2s. per cake.

More romantically, chunky silver rings will do for either

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There are lots of reasonably priced pop watches around with "Kiss Me Baby" on the face, or alternatively, a conventional pop art design.

Finally you can send the whole thing up by putting your present in a box which says "HATED YOUR PRESENT BUT LOVED THE BOX!"

They shall have music wherever they go

EVERYONE knows the young lady from Banbury Cross. She's the one who has rings on her fingers, bells on her toes. And music wherever she goes. . . .

That bells on the toes bit may be old hat with today's mods, but the "music wherever she goes" is even more apt in these days of instant pop via transistor radios.

To be without a transistor portable is as unthinkable as being out of reach of a tele-phone. In fact, any self-respec-ing Disc and Music Echo reader ing Disc and Music Echo reader who likes to keep abreast of the pop scene would rather be caught with her curlers in than without a transistor—at "all systems go" for the pop pirates and Luxembourg.

and Luxembourg.

Same applies to the boys. (Except for the curlers!)

Of course, SOME people haven't got their own transistors. Or they've had them, lost them. Or dropped them. Or lent them to a girl—or boyfriend who's become an ex.

So if you know someone who is in the market for a moderately-priced portable transistor radio this Christmas bend an ear to these:

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Boots (the chemists) have a real bargain buy in their Benkson model 707. It's only one wavelength, but it gets the pirates (unless you happen to live in Siberia or Outer Mongolia). It comes complete in carrying case, with personal earphone and battery, It costs only £3 13s, 6d., and has six transistors.

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Just announced by Boots is their Benkson 101 model (see photo). This is Medium and Long Wave, has a linear tuning



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Excellent buy at £3 19s. 6d. is the Caribbean transistor portable marketed by the big London store, Gamages, This gets Long and Medium, comes with

carphone, case and battery.
Smartly styled is the appropriately titled Gemini 6 by Ferguson. This has Long and Medium Wavebands, a carrying lanyard, leather case and ear-

phone.

And Phillips offer their Popmaster, which comes in cherry red or black with perforated silver grille, at £7 19x, 6d, (15x. extra for the case).

There's a Pye model at £7 9x. with eight transistors that certainly pulls in the stations. And Sanyo's 704, not much bigger than a cigarette packet, would make an ideal present for the girl-friend.

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It's in a snazzy black and silver case and has a wrist strap. Our award goes to this for sheer neatness of styling. Price:

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POP BOOKS make pleasing rather squalid group and their gifts at Christmas—and there's excesses in casual sex, drink and no shortage of them this year, the odd punch-up.

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"Who's Who In Pop Radio"
by Peter Alex (Four Square, 5s.)
is the paperback everybody at
Disc and Music Echo had a
hand in compiling. It's roughly
the A-Z of legit and priate DIs
with exhaustive information
shows stations and presonalities. about stations and personalities.

"The Penguin John Lennon" (7s, 6d.) is the amalgamation of the Beatle's two books—"In His Own Write" and "A Spaniard In The Works." John's drawings and commentaries are uproarious and reflect excellently his rapier-like wit and somewhat off-heat outlook.

"All Night Stand" by Thom Keyes (W. H. Allen, 21s) is the controversial novel which caused a fuss because of the rather pathetic, unpleasant picture it painted around aspiring popidols. Kink Ray Davies wrote a song around the title for a group called the Thoughts.

"Radio Luxembourg's Record Stars Book, No. 5" (Souvenir Press, 15s) is the fifth annual from 208 full of articles by artists like the Beatles and Gene Pitney.

off-beat outlook.

"Scream A Little Louder" by Simon Masters (Longman, 21s) is another of the bandwagon books about the much-maligned in pop world. It's the story of a a pop stars dictionary.

TLES' Christmas cracker

CHRISTMAS parties mean LPs. And this year has seen a rare crop of new albums to add to the list of possible gifts. As always, the record com-panies are busy issuing "spec-ials" for Christmas.

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The list this year is headed by a new BEATLES LP, "Oldies (But Goldies)" on Parlophone, released on December 9.

Titles: "She Loves You, "From Me To You," "We Can Work It Out," "Help!" "Michelle," 'Yesterday," "I Feel Fine," "Yellow Submarine." "Can't Buy Me Love," "Day Tripper." "Hard Day's Night," "Ticket To Ride," "Paperback Writer," "Eleanor Rigby" and "I Want To Hold Your Hand."

DORIS DAY's "Christmas

Rigby" and "I Want To Hold Your Hand."

DORIS DAY's "Christmas album" (CBS) features her pure voice on favourites including "Silver Bells," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "Let It Snow!" "Winter Wonderland," "The Christmas Song" and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," as well as the Christmas, "as well as the Christmas, "White Christmas."

Two new CBS albums come

Two new CBS albums come from the winning sound of RAY

CONNIFF, always a popular Christmas sound. "Here We Come A-Caroling" features re-Come A-Caroling" leatures re-ligiosos like "The Real Meaning Of Christmas," "Away In A Manger," "Silent Night" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." And if you dig Conniff but don't fancy a Christmas special from

rancy a Christmas special from him, go for "Ray Conniff's World Of Hits," on CBS's new Super-Stereo label. Here we have "The Shadow Of Your Smile," "Hello Dolly," "Danke Schoen," "Moon River" and 'Greenfields

"Greenfields."

JOHNNY MATHIS pops
up with "Merry Christmas"
(CBS), and with the classy accompaniment of the Percy Faith
Orchestra, the treacly-smooth
voice of Mr. Mathis glides easily
through "Winter Wonderland,"
"Christmas Song," "Sleigh Ride,"
"O Holy Night," "White Christmas," "Silver Bells" and "The
First Noel." First Noel.

BOONE'S voice ideally suited to Christmas songs, and on "White Christmas" (Dot) he offers a strong list of seasonal songs, ranging from "White Christmas" (everybody's doing that one) to "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" and "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town."

For the moment when the party's over and all you want to do is relax and be accompanied by soft, soothing stuff, try DEAN MARTIN's "Christmas Album." The cool, relaxed voice of the maestro is at its best on "White Christmas," "Jingle Bells," "Let It Snow," "Winter Wonderland," "Silent Night" and other

land, "Silent Night" and other tracks. (Reprise).

Not everybody wants the Christmas feeling on LPs, of course, so "Dance To The Top Pops", by JOE LOSS And His Orchestra, should go down well at a party (HMV).

at a party (HMV).

The hugely-popular SEEKERS are out with a new, highly professional collection titled after the first track, "Come The the first track, "Come The Day," It's good to hear this fine group doing established songs like "Island Of Dreams," "All Over The World," "Yesterday," "California Dreamin'" and other

"A Golden Age Of DONEGAN," on Pye's low-priced Marble Arch label, features

LONNIE on some of his hits like "Have A Drink On Me," "Nobody Loves Like An Irishman," "Cumberland Gap," "Put-tin" On The Style," and "My Old Man's A Dustman."

Thousands of JIM REEVES fans will find "Distant Drums" lans will find "Distant Drums" a solid Christmas gift. Tracks include "Is It Really Over," "Not Until The Next Time," "Losing Your Love," "Good Morning Self" and "The Gods Were Angry With Me" (RCA Victor).

CHET ATKINS, guitarist ex-traordinary, "Picks On the Beatles" on a new RCA Victor Beatles" on a new RCA victor beatle featuring twelve top Beatle tracks, including especially pretty versions of "She's A Woman" and "I'll Follow The Sun." Great!

THE SANDPIPERS, who scored such a winner with "Guantanamera," have issued their album under that title (Pye International). Their silky (Pye International). Their sliky vocal-instrumental sound is at its best on some wonderful songs. Tracks include "Strangers In The Night," "Things We said Today," "La Bamba," "Cast Your Fate To The Wind" and "Louie, Louie."



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- Programmer 2nd class but 7 loveable (square): KEN DODD's "It's Love" (Colum-
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- For your dear aged auntie who knits socks for soldiers because they are all poor dear boys fighting to keep the Hun from the door: SGT. BARRY SADLER'S "Ballad Of The Green Berets" (RCA).
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 - For your three week old brother because he's probably the only person who (a) likes the record at all and (b) is able to join in the lyrics with any conviction: OTIS RED-DING's "The Fa Fa Fa Fa Song" (Atlantic).
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For anyone who thinks that "Jingle Bells" and other famed Christmas ditties are un-hip: PHIL SPECTOR'S album of three years ago starring the RONETTES and the CRYS-TALS and titled "A Christmas Gift For You" (London).



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"Rain on the Roof" not make
the chart? A little more airplay the chart? A little more airplay might help, but surely all those who have heard it realise how beautiful it is?—LYN PER-KINS, 13 Moreland Road, St. Andrews, Estate, Droitwich, Worcs,

HEY, ANNE!

WAS disgusted with Anne I WAS disgusted with Anne Nightingale's column (Disc and Music Echo, November 12). Although the majority of teenagers are extremely fashion-conscious, most who do nework find by the time we have the money the article is no longer in fashion. People go to pop shows to enjoy themselves, not to see who can turn out in not to see who can turn out in the most up to the minute fashion. — PAULINE AD-COCK, 31 Fieldhouse Road, Balham, London, S.W.12.

MY oh my—what a load of old codswallop is the Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations." After all the publicity about it, and the time it took to record, this record is like a church choir going potty because the church is haunted. — GEOFF HAY-WOOD, 12 Meath Green is haunted. — GEOWOOD, 12 Meath Avenue, Horley, Surrey.

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1 and 6 (Down). Noises everywhere from an up and coming group! (6, 6)

4. Motown follows it (5)

7. Material in many London shops (5)

8. Note a Beatle receives from a foreigner (6)

9. Stopped resisting? (7)

10. More than a Spoonful on the roof! (4)

14. The measure of those birds! (4)

(4)
16. Will they soon be followed by The Mistletoes? (7)
19. Wilde boy of some importance, we hear! (6)
20. ABC list (5)

20. ABC list (5) 21. Already released (5) 22. Mr. Ten-per-cents? (6)

CLUES DOWN

1. It's fine, Georgie and Bobby

2. No plug for the Pretty Things!

(6)
Stripped! (7)
Go round the bend! (4)
It (ell, like Pennies from
Heaven (5)
See "I Across"
Going places with the Stones?

can't control him (6)

Wrapping Paper covered? (6) Walk Away girl by the Left Banke (5) 13. 15.

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GOOD BACHELORS-'HEART'

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CLIFF BENNETT is one of those singers who is consistently good, sings superbly but rarely really has the right commercial song to hit with. I don't really think he's got it with "Don't Help Me Out." Sorry (Parlophone).

Strange, After that thing about Dover and the white cliffs the RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS turn up with Harry Belafonte's "Island In The Sun," beautifully done of course but I prefer "What Now My Love" on the flip (Verve).

BACHELORS sound their usual selves on "Walk With Faith Your Heart" which is exactly about what one might expect, all ready for the Christmas onslaught I suppose (Decca), A bright spark has decided to re-issue the DON COVAY classic "See Saw" (Atlantic). No doubt will be a hit.

LOVE "There's Got To Be A Word" by the INNOCENCE cause it means something special to me and because it's

oretty (Kama Sutra).

SAMANTHA JUSTE has a nice arrangement on "No One Needs Your Love Today." She hasn't exactly got much of a voice but it's pretty though (Go).

CHRIS MONTEZ has done "Time After Time" (Pye Int).

WE TALKIES have a nice way of putting their cool precise voices over a beaten up 30's backing. Much as I detest the backing the overall effect on "I've Got To Hold On" is nice (TBS)

TONY JACKSON all too often sounds a bit drowned by his

backings, I usually like his records but "Anything Else You 'ant" is too weak a song to stand the treatment (CBS). Miracles "Since I Lost My Baby" done by RAY FRENCH; though he was running away from her himself (Pye). Where Miracles' "Since I Lost My Baby" done by RAY FRENCH is though he was running away from her himself (Pye), Where is the feeling Mr French? Good lead voice on "You'd Better Run" by LISTEN (CBS). I did and found a funny flat sound at the beginning a nice arrangement but really a wholly uncommercial record.

QUICK SPINS

Oh dear the NEWBEATS have found funny gruff voices. I uppose it's rather nice for them after that squeaking around, but 'My Yesterday Love' isn't helping much (Hickory).

MAGIC LANTERNS do a very very good job indeed on 'Knight In Rusty Armour,' Would have been a big hit if P & G adn't got theirs out too (CBS).

WILL ANDY sings "Oh Oh What A Kiss" in the most odd

WILL ANDY sings "Oh Oh What A Kiss" in the most odd voice (President).

MIKE STUART SPAN start "Come On Over To Our Place" as though they were on stage, Ain't as good as the Drifters though, lads (Columbia).

Donovan wrote "Season Of The Witch." The PANDE-MONIUM do it with what sounds like a tape running backwards on the backing track and a nice understated evilness (CBS).

Barhara Lewis is item channel.

Barbara Lewis is just about the only person who can sing fello Stranger." The MAZE please take note (Reaction). 'Hello Stranger.

JAPAN'S SPIDERS do a delightful all-Japanese talking song called "Sad Sunset." Much charm (Philips).

"Fire" by the EQUALS is basically a lot of crazy and energetic singing about being fed up. Nice to hear a raw sound again (Presiden).

"Benjamin Day" is a very sweet song about a pedlar sung ell by the FIFTH COLUMN. Would have been a great song or the Byrds (Columbia). FRANK IFTELD's "Call Her Your Sweetheart" is very

rear (Columbia).

BARRON KNIGHTS strike again in time for pubs, parties and merry booze-ups with "Under New Management," another ake-off record (Columbia).

ROY HEAD's "To Make A Big Man Cry" is not a good as nany others surprisingly (London).

ARRY CUNNINGHAM's "Snowflake" is the best thing HE's

done (King).

PEDDLARS are an excellent group, listen to what they do

"I've Got To Hold On" (Philips).

THERE Won't Be Many Coming Home (London)—I know most Orbison fans will think I've had a mental block if I say I like this record, but I do. (In fact, nearly all the records this week are of a surprisingly high standard). Anyway, back to this. The reason that I like it so much is that it actually means something. There's nothing worse than a really flippant record devoid of any

feeling either for production or lyrics.
This is actually about the hideous futility of war written for his Civil War film "The Fastest Guitar Alive." I'm delighted that it has been made. delighted that it has been made. It's time America produced a pop record like this to combat all that dreadful, revolting "Green Beret" stuff. Not only that but it's a good record and could easily make No. 1.

OUT TOMORROW

SUPREMES

YOU KEEP Me Hangin' On (Tamla Motown)—I hate to go on about it as though I dis-covered Tamla Motown, but covered Tamla Motown, but what I LOVE and always have done about the company's records is the total frantic quality they have. This is par-ticularly true of the latest

ticularly true of the latest issues.

Here the Supremes have been let loose from those arm-waving "baby baby" soft deductive songs, and given a crashing plea for him to let her go because he doesn't love her any more anyway. If you listen hard you can hear that super pitter patter sound that the Four Tops have, submerged in the background. There's one strange high note contained throughout that makes it insidious and a hit, of course.

OUT TOMORROW

SANDPIPERS

LOUIE Louie (Pye Int.)—I still think there were better versions of Guantanamera (Pete Seeger's for instance), but this is something also action.

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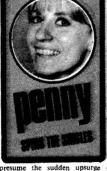
At the beginning I thought I had it on the wrong speed, in fact it is an extraordinarily beautiful version of what I had always considered a raving but raucous song. This has a warmth and tenderness that rarely happens on record, and I hope it's a hit so that many people can be loved by it.

OUT TOMORROW

PETER AND GORDON

KNIGHT In Rusty Armour (Columbia)—Mike Leander strikes again on a funny old song about this poor knight who always wants to do heroic deeds and stumbles into things by accident, creaking and rusty. Actually it is a much better song than "Lady Godiva" both in words and melody line.

Gordon seems to have found happiness at last—in these sort of songs he sounds cheekily comfortable. The lyrics towards the end get extremely dubious, hence I



presume the sudden upsurge of the brass section! Anyway ha ha and a big, big hit.

NORMIE ROWE

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IT'S NOT Easy (Polydor)—Every once in a while Mann and Weil, who always write lovely songs, come up with a real winner. This is one. Much praise all round because a good song doesn't necessarily mean a good record. In this case Mr. Carter and Mr. Kennedy have given so much thought to the backing they must have sat up all night plonking around on pianos and such. It's really quite lovely.

And then of course there's Mr. Rowe, He has done an excellent job on the lyrics and should be the next Australian invasion into our chart with very little trouble at all. So there, fans, OUT TOMORROW.

CRISPIAN ST PETERS

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BUT SHE'S Untrue (Decca)—
This is a very simple casual sounding record, but do not be fooled.
In fact it is excellent with Crispian's easily recognisable voice
sounding very much at home on
the C & W tinged backing.

It's very, very American in
sound, sad, wistful and reminds
me of Marty Robbins' records a
great deal. Not immediately hit
material but I think it will grow
on you and I think this is the sort
of style Crispian should stick to
if he's clever because we don't
have anyone in the Marty Robbins
field in this country.

OUT TOMORROW

KEITH RELF

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MAKE Me Break This Spell (Columbia)—I have a strange feel-



ORBISON . . . hideous futility of war

HERMAN: best disc he's made

EAST West (Columbia) — This is a very pretty record ideally suited for the pre-Christmas market. I think, certainly as far as the production goes, this is the best record the group have made. It has a very nice warm, cosy feeling about it, as well as much path

A sort of East West home A sort of East West home's best type lyric with bells and strings and some interesting singing over the top of each other. Herman sounds like a little boy sittling at the top of the stairs in red flannel pyjamas, peering through the bannisters (I bet he loves me for THAT!) A huge hit of course.

OUT TOMORROW

ing that Simon Napier Bell has been groping around in the dark —in the musical sense—for a long time and may at last be coming out into the light.

This is as strange and weird as some of his other efforts (that includes the last Yardbirds' monstrosity) but unlike the others this actually works. Here then we have Keith's off-beat, sad, echoey voice in a desperate state at losing his girl. Once you've got over the shock of everything stopping and starting and feeling that somewhere lurks, the phantom of the opera at his organ keyboard, you'll like it, It may even move you. It does not be the proper support of the property of the pr OUT TOMORROW

SIMON AND GARFUNKEL

A HAZY Shade Of Winter (CBS) —I am not actually an official, fully paid-up member of the Simon and Garfunkel fan club, but my goodness there are times when I am quite stunned at their cleverness.

am quite cleverness.

This surprised me rather, in the same way as when Dylan first added a proper backing to his records, It bounds along with strings and just about everything



HERMAN ... much path







—including a brass band—some parts even sound like the Hollies. Over that we have the usual high quality words. Brilliant. I know it sounds funny but it's even great to dance to!

Emy Valorine



For Bells

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NOVEMBER 26, 1966

BEATLES turn down TV 'Countdown' appearance



• GEORGE

THE BEATLES have turned down an invitation to appear as panellists on "Countdown," the nationally-networked pop quiz programme produced by Southern TV.

Mike Mansfield, boss of the show, told Disc and Music Echo this week: "I tried for Paul but he was out of the country. I even asked Brian Epstein if we could have all four Beatles on the show as panellists, but he didn't want that either.

"I'll be surprised if the Beatles appear again in public."

So what panellists has "Countdown" booked for the next three weeks? They include Jean Lindon, manager of Kenny Lynch and Elkie Brooks; Mike Felix, Barry Chambers, Mia Lewis, Tommy Vance and Susan Han-

Barry Chambers, Mia Lewis, Tommy Vance and Susan Hanson.

Hardly the sort of big-name pop-star celebrities comparable with names like the Beatles?

"What's wrong with showing off some new talent?" argues Mansfield, "Why not give some fresh faces a break?"

And as "Ready Steady Go!" prepares to fall to the axe, Mansfield reported that his brainchild was going "very, very well."

"Our viewing figures in the London area, for instance, started off below the 'Braden Beat' ratings but now we're beating them.

"Only place where we struggle is Uster TV, who have put out 'Countdown' in direct opposition to 'Top Of' The Pops,' But then, that's the Irish for you!"

America has asked Mansfield to do some colour TV shows for them. "But this doesn't mean I'm leaving Southern TV—as long as 'Countdown' runs, I'll stay," he says.



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