

# **'NO' TO 'VIRGIN SOLDIER'**

MICK JAGGER is believed to have turned down a starring role in the film version of The Virgin Soldiers, the best-selling book by London journalist Leslie Thomas.

The MM understands that the role was one of several offered to Mick and subsequently turned down.

One other role is believed to have been the starring part in the film version of Cathy Come Home the controversial TV play about homeless families in Britain. Mick and Marianne Faithfull were offered the star roles but declined the parts.





The Virgin Soldiers, which in paperback form is a giant seller, will be made by Open Road Productions, possibly produced by Carl Foreman and directed by John Dexter. The film will be distributed by Columbia Pictures.

It tells the story of National Servicemen in Malaya in the late Forties at the time of the state of emergency and has gained a reputation for its frank approach.

Jagger's press representative, Leslie Perrin, told the MM on Monday: "Mick will definitely not be making the film."

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STRANGE CASE WITH the Bee Gees poised to take the number one chart slot with "Massachusetts," it's odds-on that they will have to quit Britain, on November 30.

The Home Office has refused to extend the work permits for two of the group—Australians Vince Melouney and Colin Peterson.

Bee Gees manager, Robert Stigwood, told the MM: "This has been as far as the Prime Minister and the Home Office still says they must leave the country for six months on November 30.

"At the moment our legal representatives are presenting the Home Office with evidence of the group's foreign currency earning power—Atlantic Records are furnishing them with their royalty earnings to date.

"We all believe that potentially they can develop to the point where they earn as much money in record sales as the Beatles—their first six months progress on an international basis has been fantastic. It seems ridiculous to force them to leave when they are bringing so much money into the country."

The three Gibb brothers who complete the group were born in the Isle of Man and are not subject to the regulations. They refuse to replace Vince and Colin and will leave with them. At the moment they plan to spend six months based in Europe.

NEW YORK, Monday. — Tenorist Bud Freeman and clarinettist Pee Wee Russell are both in hospital. Bud Freeman is in New York's Hospial for Joint Diseases suffering from chest injuries and fractured ribs after a motor accident in New York. Freeman was a passenger in a car driven by drummer Al Sidell which collided with a truck. Bud's condition was stated to be "fair." Pee Wee Russell collapsed

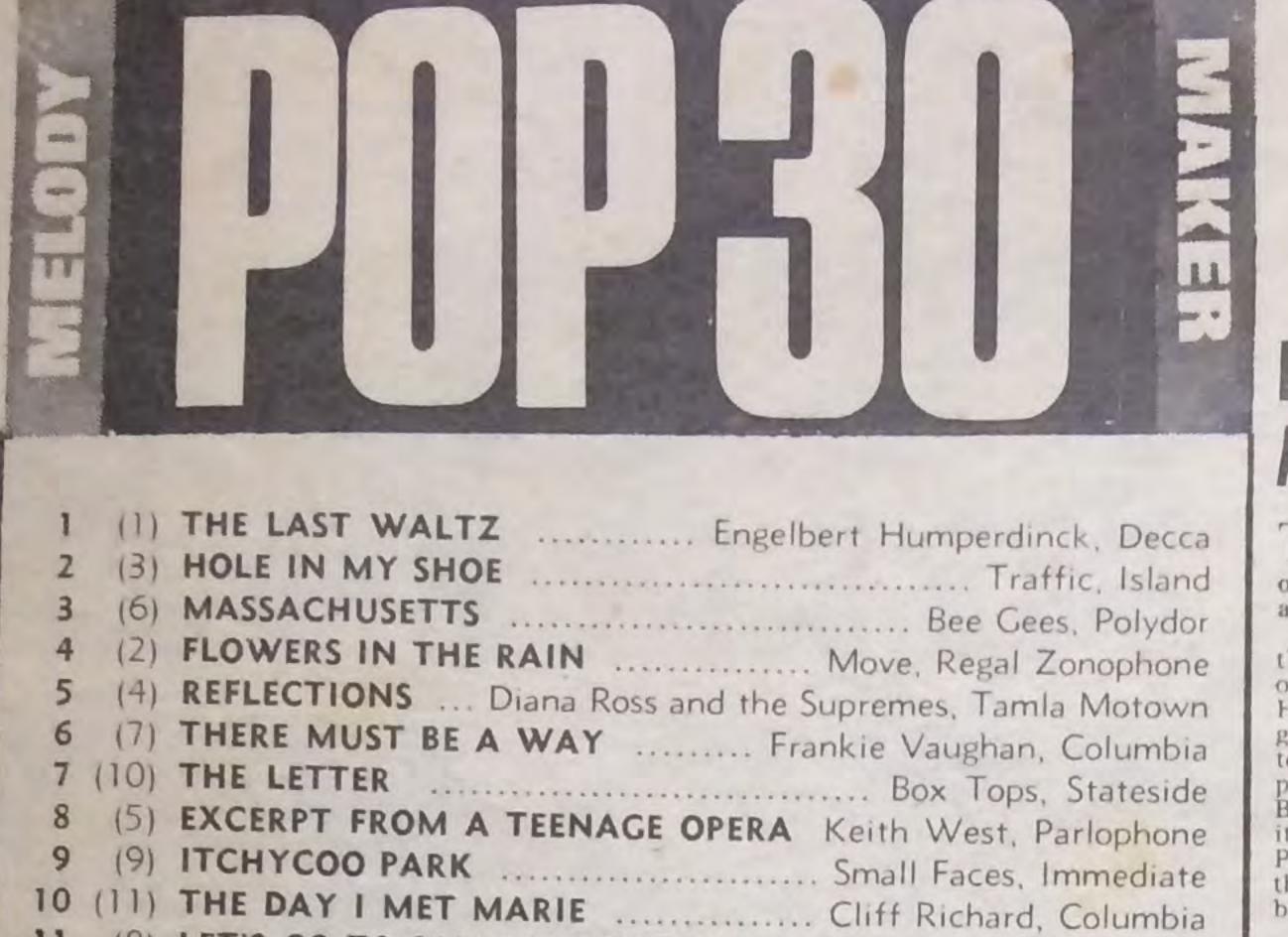
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on the West Coast and was taken to Katella Hospital, Stanton, California, where he is undergoing tests. Meanwhile, the group is going ahead with the Southern-TV spectacular for Mike Mansfield which has now been titled Cucumber Castle and will be screened over the Christmas period. The group is writing all the music for the show.

On November 19, the Bee Gees star at London's Saville Theatre as a direct result of requests at the Box Office by fans wanting to know when they would appear there. Page 2-MELODY MAKER, October 14, 1967



ROY WOOD **EXPO MAY BE ANNUAL EVENT** 

THE Eight-day Jazz Expo which kicks off in London on October 21 may become an annual event.

November 3.

composition.

It is titled "Cherry Blos-

som Clinic," written by Roy

Wood, and is about "a men-

tal home." There is no title

as yet for the B side, but

it will be another Roy Wood

The group's three road

managers Alan Harris, John

Downing and Michael De-

minto, were due to appear in

court at Nottingham yesterday

George Wein - producer of the Newport Festival, who has organised Jazz Expo with Harold Davison and Jack Higgins-told the MM: "We hope to make this a permanent part of the London jazz scene. But we could never have done it without the sponsorship of Pan American Airways and the US Travel Service who are backing Expo."

NFYT THE Move, whose ANOTHER WOOD COMPOSITION "Flowers In The Rain" dropped to number four in the MM Pop weekend that he was taking 30 this week, have a new single released on

legal action over fees not paid for the group's appearance at the Flower Festival at Woburn Abbey in August,

The festival was organised by Richie Howell, who ran Tiles which closed recently, but he said the financial side was someone else's responsibility.

A settlement of the libel action brought by the Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, against the Move was expected this week, said the group's publicist Chris Hutchins.

## S JOINS HEATH

To coincide with the tour Brunswick are releasing a new single, "Where's The Melody," on October 20

Brenda will guest on the Eamonn Andrews Show (November 5), Juke Box Jury (8), Saturday Club (11) and Dee Time (11).

Her one-nighters include the Garrick Club, Leigh and Bolton Casino (8), Spennymoor Top Hat Club and Stockton Fiesta (19) and a number of US camp dates.

From November 12 to 18 she doubles in cabaret at the Ritz Club, Brighouse, and Savoy Club, Wakefield.

RUMMER-LEADER Max

who finished a season at London's Ronnie Scott Club on

Saturday (7), are out on tour

quintet plays at the Opposite Lock Club, Birmingham. To-

morrow they fly to Switzer-

land for a date in Lugarno,

then return for a weekend en-

gagement at Manchester's 43

Club (14 and 15). Further

dates are a Fairfield Hall,

Croydon, concert with Mark

Murphy and the Ronnie Scott

Quartet on Monday (16), Lon-

don's Dopey Dick's (18), Bris-

tol (20) and back to the Club

43 (21 and 22). On Monday

Tonight (Thursday) the

this week and next.

Roach and his quintet.

**ROACH WILL TOUR** 

10 (11) THE DAY I MET MARIE       Cliff Richard, Columbia         11 (8) LET'S GO TO SAN FRANCISCO       Flower Pot Men, Deram         12 (12) BLACK VELVET BAND       Dubliners, Major Minor         13 (16) ODE TO BILLIE JOE       Bobbie Gentry, Capitol         14 (22) FROM THE UNDERWORLD       Herd, Fontana         15 (18) WHEN WILL THE GOOD APPLES FALL       Seekers, Columbia         16 (30) HOMBURG       Procol Harum, Regal Zonophone         17 (14) JUST LOVING YOU       Anita Harris, CBS         18 (13) I'LL NEVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN       Tom Jones, Decca         19 (26) KING MIDAS IN REVERSE       Hollies, Parlophone         20 (20) GOOD TIMES       Eric Burdon and the Animals, MGM         21 (15) SAN FRANCISCO       Scott McKenzie, CBS         22 (21) FIVE LITTLE FINGERS       Frankie McBride, Emerald	<ul> <li>backing Expo."</li> <li>The Alex Welsh Band will definitely be appearing on the 1968 Newport Festival.</li> <li>Said Wein: "We will present Alex and the band with some of the American stars they have worked with on British tours.</li> <li>"I think it is about time we took more English jazz musicians to America. We have had thousands of English rock groups and I feel it is time some of the fine English jazzmen got the chance to play for American audiences.</li> <li>(A five-page preview of Jazz Expo 67 begins on page 16.)</li> </ul>	(Wednesday). They were charged with causing a breach of the peace at a dance where the group was appearing at Nottingham Technical College on Saturday. They were alleged to have prevented the police, called to the dance after complaints of excessive noise, from mounting the stage and un- plugging the group's ampli- fiers. Manager Tony Secunda, who is due to fly to America today (Thursday) for talks with A&M Records about the Move and Procol Harum, said at the	JONES TOUR Jon the Ted finalised They toria (N Gaumon (4); Live burgh Odeon (4); Live burgh Odeon ( (10); 1 (11); N (14); Lee castle Gaumon
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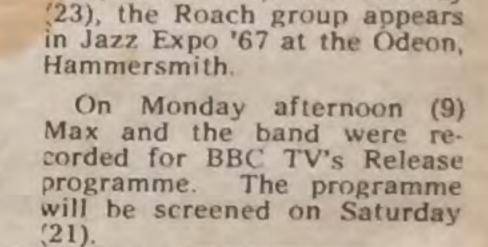
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## VANILLA FUDGE QUIT Melody Maker TOUR AFTER OPENING 161 Fleet St., London, E.C.4. Telephone: 01-353 5011 JACK HUTTON, Editor **BOB HOUSTON, Ass. Editor**

A MERICA'S Vanilla Fudge dropped out of the Traffic-Tomorrow package tour after the opening night in London last Wednesday.

They quit because of the illness of organist Mark Stein and dissatisfaction over having "too short a spot" on the to get a balanced sound." bill.

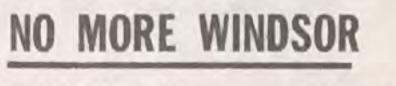
The Fudge had just completed a 47-day



American tour and Mark Stein was diagnosed as suffering from nervous exhaustion.

The group's bassist. Tim Bogert, told the MM: "The first night of the tour was a bit confused and we had to use borrowed equipment. We were only able to do two numbers on the tour and we weren't able

The Merseys and the Mindbenders have taken over from the Fudge on the tour.



THERE will be no National Jazz and Blues Festival at Windsor next year. Windsor Council's general purposes committee decided on Monday to ban the festival be-



**U.S. TENORIST** HAWKINS COLEMAN IN BRITAIN FOR SIX WEEK STAY

TENOR sax giant Coleman Hawkins will be working in Britain for six weeks during November and December. He is available for one-nighters around the country from Monday, November 13, and Pete King of London's Scott Club is now setting up the dates.

After the tour, Hawkins goes into the Scott Club for a four-week season, commencing November 27, Details of his accompanying group have not yet been fixed. Hawk takes the place of Stan Getz, who it was hoped would be playing the club at that time.

American singer-saxophonist Vi Redd is due for a return engagement at Ronnie's, beginning November 13 opposite the Archie Shepp Quintet. After the Shepp engagement, Vi will stay on at the club to work opposite Hawkins.



**DROCOL HARUM'S Gary** Brooker was taken ill at **Rediffusion's London studios** last Friday after appearing in the David Frost TV show.

He was seen by a doctor who sent him to bed for the weekend with a virus infection. He was recovered by Monday.

The group have pulled out of their featured roles in the new British film "Seventeen Plus." A spokesman said: "They have decided to make their own film instead." No title or details of the new movie project have been finalised.

At the end of this month, the first album by the group titled "Procol Harum" will be released.

#### **MOJO CLUB CLOSED**

CAMOUS Sheffield beat club, the Mojo, has been closed by the city authorities after three and a half years. But the club's 4,000 members are to help the club owner Peter Stringfellow, in a £1,000 fight to re-open the club.

He told the MM on Monday: "Under a new Government Act to control the licensing of private clubs, we have been refused a licence due to police opposition.

"Our appeal will cost us £1,000 and won't be heard before the Assizes until November 7. In the meantime we have to stay closed."

for Columbia this week. Some of the music, all original Tracey compositions, will be heard when Stan's group broadcasts on BBC Jazz Club on November 1. Bassist Jeff Clyne has now left Tracey, and his place has been taken by Dave Green.

**PROCOL HARUM'S** 

On Sunday, October 22, the Stan Tracey Big Band goes into Ronnie Scott's Club to make its first London appearance.

## **KEITH WEST STAYS**

**L**EITH WEST finally made Clear that he will not be leaving the group Tomorrow just because of his success with "Excerpt From A Teenage Opera."

Keith told the MM on Monday: "I'm getting really bored can company. with these rumours that I'm going to leave the group. They're a load of old rubbish and totally untrue. As soon as our tour with Traffic has finished we're going back into the studios to continue work on Tomorrow's LP which we're going to release after Christmas. I'll also be recording more 'Opera' tracks, an album for the States, and another Tomorrow single."

"Excerpt From A Teenage Opera" moved even nearer to the million world sales mark this week.

**NEW WALKER DISC** 

be released on October 20.

In You."

A titled "If I Promise" will

The B-side is "I See Love

cause of the "acts of immorality" at this year's festival. Councillor Harry Wells said on Monday: "It is a big excuse for young people to attend one big love in-in the real sense of the word." The committee was considering complaints about the festival held at Windsor Racecourse in August.

## HEATH ON BBC

THE Ted Heath Orchestra, directed by Ralph Dollimore, will be featured on BBC Jazz Club on Wednesday (18). The day before, the band televise from the Colston Hall, Bristol for TWW, and on Friday (20) it plays a concert at the William Penney Lecture Theatre, Awre, Aldermaston. Last week, the Heath band recorded a "Music Of The Forties" LP for Decca. Later this month, Dollimore will record under his own name the "Wine Suite" for an Ameri-

## HERD FOR STATES

THE Herd, who this week jumped to 14 in the Pop 30 with "From The Underworld," are to make a 14-day tour of America, starting on January 6. The trip will include six col-

lege dates. TV and radio. While there, they will make six half-hour colour TV shows in Hollywood,

The group's Peter Frampton has signed to play the juvenile

## Scott Walker involved police drugs raid In

#### CCOTT WALKER was involved in a police drug raid last weekend.

Scott was at a party in Copenhagen on Saturday. He had stopped off in the city on his way back from his holiday in Russia. Police raided the party and took everyone to the police station to be searched for drugs.

Scott, who possessed no drugs, was released after several hours and returned to his hotel.

He flew back to Britain on Sunday.

## **RINGO IN FILM**

BEATLE Ringo Starr will start work on his role in the new Hollywood film, Candy, some time before Christmas.

Ringo will have a "cameo role" in the film along with such stars as Richard Burton and Marlon Brando. He plays a Mexican gardener. The film will be shot in Hollywood and on location in Europe.

The Beatles have yet to fix a date for their Indian trip, but if they go in November, Ringo will have to cut his visit short in order to make the film.



MAX JONES

CHRIS HAYES

CHRIS WELCH

BILL WALKER

NICK JONES

PETER WILKINSON

has a starring role, will be premiered at the London Pavilion on October 18.

## **UFO CLOSES DOWN**

TFO - London's first major underground club - has closed down. For the past few months UFO has been staged each Friday at the Roundhouse in Chalk Farm, Hampstead but last Friday saw the last UFO all-nighter.

Said organiser Joe Boyd: "UFO is closing down for an indefinite period. It may reopen at the Roundhouse, it may re-open elsewhere, or not at all."

Most of UFO's activities are being taken over by Middle Earth, King Street, Covent

Garden which is going to open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

## ACKER'S ANNIVERSARY

**CKER BILK** celebrates ten A years of bandleading on Wednesday (18) when he plays a 10th Anniversary Party at London's 100 Club. It was on the same date in 1957 that Acker came to London and formed his first Paramount Jazz Band. On the same day, trombonist John Mortimer and drummer Ron McKay joined the band.

Tomorrow (Friday) the Bilk band plays Withernsea, Yorks, and on Saturday they are at Burton-on-Trent. On Tuesday (17), Acker himself takes part in a Nord Rung programme for the BBC European Service.

## TEENAGE OPERA FILM

ARK WIRTZ is currently completing negotiations with Universal for a Hollywood film version of the Teenage Opera.

He is also working on the next single taken from the Opera. Titled "Sam" it will again feature Keith West and a children's chorus.

The booking is also confirmed of the Bill Evans Trio, who appear at Ronnie's for one week, beginning October 16. On drums is Arnold Wise and on bass, Eddie Gomez.

## BURDON IN STATES

**CRIC BURDON** and the Anii mals flew to America on Sunday for a new tour. They will be in the States until November 9.

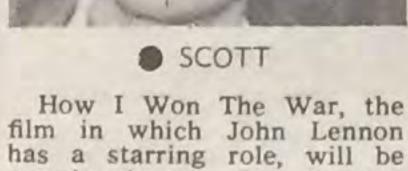
The tour opened at San Antonio yesterday (Wednesday) and they will also play San Francisco's Fillmore Auditorium on October 19 and 20. Their US hit "San Franciscan Nights," written by Burdon, will be released in Britain tomorrow (Friday).

## SOBER STARS

DRITAIN'S new breathalyser D anti-drink and drive laws which came into force last weekend could hit the music business.

Said Alex Welsh: "It's terrible. The only thing to do is to take it in turns to lay off the drink."

Acker Bilk said: "Somebody in the band has to keep sober."





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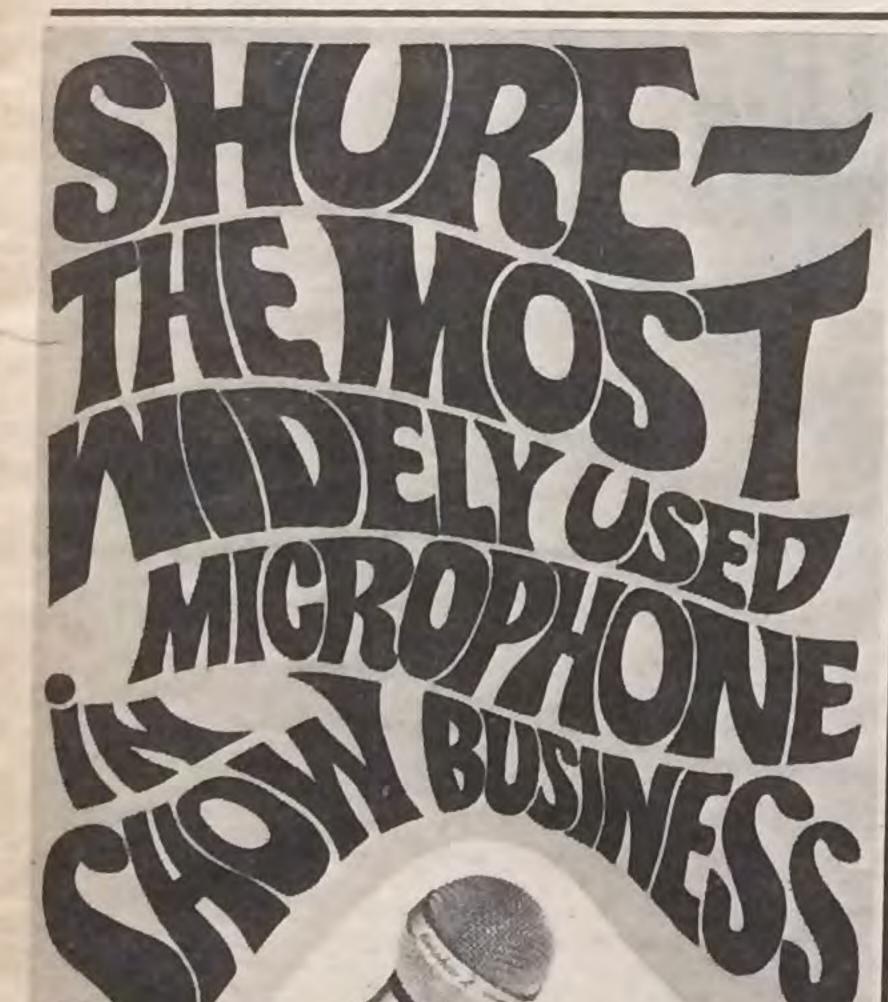
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CTAN TRACEY'S quartet, with Bobby Wellins (tnr), have recorded a new album



lead in the film Sergeant Major which will be shot in Britain and Spain from next February. The film also stars Ty Hardin and Steve Rowland. NEW John Walker single,

## BRASS AT RONNIE'S

THE US Top Brass package -starring Maynard Ferguson's Big Band, the Clark Terry-Bob Brookmeyer Quintet, Doc Cheetham-Benny Mor-ton Quintet and Nat Pierce Trio-give a special matinee performance at the Ronnie Scott Club on Sunday (15) at

Prices are reduced for this afternoon's show, and all students will be welcome, says the club. Top Brass, which finished a short concert tour at Glasgow on Sunday, opened for a week at Ronnie Scott's on Monday.

## ANITA HOLD-UP

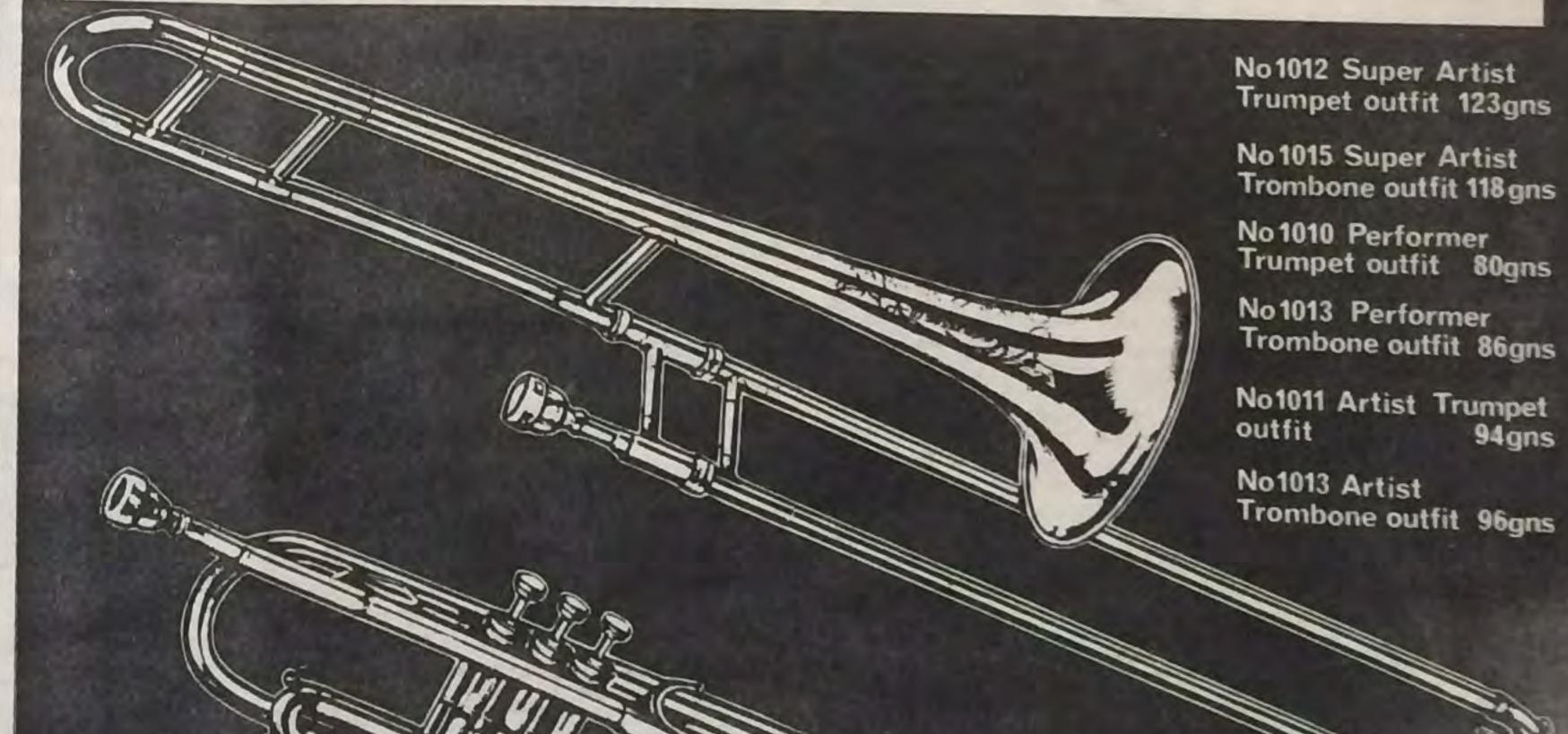
**A NITA HARRIS'S American** A trip has been put back until early next year as her film, Carry On Doctor, has fallen behind schedule. Anita guests in ATV's

Secombe And Friends on October 15. Other TV dates include the Dick Emery Show (November 15) and Val Doonican Show (17).

## FREEDOM MUSIC

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vln) - are to write the music for, and appear in, a feature film, Attraction, which is to be shown at the next Cannes Festival in April. The group's first single will be released in mid-November and there will be an album taken from the film music. **GENTRY DUE HERE DOBBIE GENTRY**, who had D a big US hit with "Ode To Billy Joe," flies in to Britain today (Thursday) for a four day promotional trip. She appears in the David Frost Show tomorrow (Friday) and the Simon Dee Show on Saturday (14). She may also record a spot for Top Of The Pops.

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Splendid guaranteed The RAVER'S weekly tonic

SN'T Britain fun! After hanning Pirate radio, introducing breathalysers, Jailing Mama Cass, and closing beat clubs, how about these other fun, better-living ideas. A tax on beards is a must. Any Big Band at Ronnie's . pedestrian found sober in charge of a beard should be heavily fined. And how about making buying a car illegal, with heavy fines to stamp out this evil traffic? Then another bill to make not owning a car a criminal offence as well, would add more fun to the court proceedings.

EMI to release the 1mpulse label . . . Noel Murphy says the greatest experience is being stoned in a hovercraft. Ah, but have you tried hoverboots? ... Max Roach dug Chris Macgregor reporter Howard Jazz Lucraft starting "Jazz Beat International" in stereo on Radio KCBH-FM in Los Angeles says British groups should send tapes to Box 91, Hollywood 28, California, USA

LAIL Jimi Hendrix, British All-In Wrestling II Champion! Our Jim, feeling somewhat piquey at the Saville Theatre, London, on Sunday decided to conclude his musical performance by grappling with bass player Noel Redding, dragging him to the floor and assailing him bodily.

Presumably, all clean fun, and in the interests of psychedelic experience, one still had the feelling that Jimi meant it - or at least half of it.

The Experience had been playing, exceptionally well, groovy sounds like "Hound Dog," "Can You Please Crawl Out Of Your Window," " Purple Haze," "Foxy Lady," etc, when came the final freak-out on "Wild Thing"

James went spare, knocked over the amplifiers, flung down his guitar, and assaulted the said bass player.

Apart from these asides, Jimi played fantastic guitar with every trick imaginable. Mitch played a beautiful solo on a Howling Wolf blues, and Noel kept his glasses on .--CHRIS WELCH.

THE five minutes ovation given to Tom Paxton at the end of his solo concert at the Royal Albert Hall last Saturday was justly deserved. This was a truly memorable evening, a superb combination of artistry and song-writing talent.

As well as established Paxton favourites like "Leaving London," " Rambling Boy " and



HENDRIX: feeling somewhat piquey

## SITAR

Listening to pop music should also be made an offence, unless it is listened to by consenting adults in private.

And finally breath, blood and urine tests for wig wearers, trampolinists, sitar, players (foreign), the Rolling Stones, would be a damned line thing.

Pete King at the Ronnie Scott Club has lost so much weight, Bob Houston wants his old suits . . . Saxophone players shouldn't have much trouble passing breathalyser, with all that nose breath-

Kit Lambert seen looking like Machine Gun Kelly in white raincoat.

A real Indian seen muttering "terrible," and holding his head in his hands during a sitar solo at a recent pop show . . . Arthur Brown's anti-police remarks dangerous.

How-to-be-hip, lesson one: You don't shout boring abuse at groups you don't like while waiting for Jimi Hendrix. You just wrap up, and try to forgive if it makes you feel better. Lesson Two: You don't make corny remarks like " Lots of suits about tonight," when the wearer of the suit is a million times hipper than you'll ever be.

Dave Dee to record Sons And Lovers group for Double R Productions Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band new album called "Gorilla" Mrs Frank Sinatra, Mia Farrow has joined the yoga cult and leaves for India, where she will spend a month's meditation with Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

## PLAYS

Elvis experts say "Big Boss Man," his newie sounds like "the old Elvis" . . Big swing to stereo coming, and those without the equipment can get "compatible heads" which will play stereo-only issues without damaging them. You won't get stereo, but at least you can hear what's happening. Duke Ellington has written three plays and hopes one will hit Broadway . . . ASCAP 1967 Awards to go to Benny Goodman, Ornette Coleman, Dizzy Gillespie, Stan Kenton, Gerry Mulligan, Ella Fitzgerald, Billy Taylor, Herbie Mann and Mary Lou Williams.

Sam Woodyard back with the Duke . . . Benny Goodman and Lionel Hampton went to Buddy Rich's big band opening at the Riverboat, New York.

"The Last Thing On My Mind," there were some excellent new ones like "Clarissa Jones," "Victoria Dines Alone" and " Mr. Blue," examples of Tom's new writing theme of dealing with single people in specific situations. To finish the evening Tom

chose a song by the late Woody Guthrie, "This Land Is Your Land." A fitting tribute to a great and famous song writer from one who will be just as great and famous. -TONY WILSON.

#### IT was an explosive opening night for the Traffic-Tomorrow-Fudge tour at London's Finsbury Park Astoria on Wednesday of last week. The Fudge came off the tour after the first night, and the second house was all confusion with rows back stage and curtains dropping at curious times. The Fudge were utterly deaf-

ening. They looked dramatic, with wild gestures and wilder music, but the sheer volume made it difficult to focus attention. Consciousness, far from being expanded, was actually being lost.

The Flower Pot Men sang "Let's Hang On," "Let's Go To San Francisco" and threw flowers at the audience. All gentle and pleasant, if a trifle boring. That great group Tomorrow brought the first music to the show of any interest, and were given a surprisingly big fan reception, Keith West, dressed in white jacket and black trousers, is obviously already high in the scream

Traffic jammed on stage and blew pretty music while the fans yelled "We Want Stevie." Dave Mason played some sitar, Jim Capaldi crouched over his drums and Chris Wood played some unfortunately inaudible flute. It was inventive without

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### GURU

Joe Loss's latest instrumental "Elizabeth I & II" named after the new Cunard liner, recorded before the ship was named . . , Which London jazzman said about the disgraceful breathalyser test: "I'm definitely going to cut down on my driving." Quintin Hogg's description of the Maharishi - the Giggling Guru . . Yes, dear managers, agents, publicists, we know your record should be higher in the chart like the other 29.

Former Four Pennies' Fritz Fryer this week started at Philips Records as Johnny Franz' assistant . Noel Harrison must be joking

Middle Earth, London's hip centre, opening a Diggers Shop on Friday. Free clothes, food, shoes, beads, etc. You can help! Groups include Soft playing Machine, Third Ear and Persephone - Goddess of Dance.

Sid Camrda, pianist-leader of the Prague Dixieland Band made lots of friends in Britain . . . Brian Green Band fifth in International Jazz Festival

National Fribbling Day soon. Giant protests at Wilson, Zappa, and alldrop-outs. More details later . . . Pink Floyd recording with BBC Radiophonic Workshop soundtrack for new BBC Colour TV series. Ravi Shankar expected for tour next year . . . Look out -new Who album released on November 15 called " The Who Sell Out," on which they do just that!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: It's time for the bloody revolution, if Lancashire readers will pardon the phrase.

being particularly exciting .--CHRIS WELCH.

WHATEVER views you hold about the ultimate musical value of the Afro Cuban thing there is no doubting its potential for excitement; nor is Kenny Graham by nature one of jazz's retiring wallflowers. Odd therefore that his new edition of the Afro-Cubists never really took off during the first half of Monday's Festival Hall concert.

Considering the high calibre of the jazz section - Tony Roberts (tnr, clt), Danny Thompson (bass), George Kisch (gtr), Bobby Orr (drs) and Les Condon (tpt), it is surprising that the music sounded as tentative and withdrawn as it did.

ratings.

The Mayer-Harriott Indo-Jazz Fusions were far more successful, not just because in Harriott we still have one of the finest jazz alto players in the world, but because the group has worked together now for some considerable time, and Keshav Sathe's tabla playing, and Jackie Dougans' drumming provide a beautifully flexible and rhythmic pulse for the whole operation. In a curiously hypnotic, dreamy sort of way this music swings .-- CHRISTO-PHER BIRD.

ONDON'S jazz diet is re-- markably rich this autumn. The Ronnie Scott's Club, catering for a wider range of tastes these days, offers until Sunday the Top Brass presentation which should hold something for everyone,

Few would deny that Clark Terry is one of the most gifted of all trumpet men. The clarity and easy virtuosity of his playing was the individual high spot for me. He and trombonist Bob Brookmeyer executed crafty brass duets with the ut-most certainty and restraint. The house rhythm section of Nat Pierce (piano) Eddie Jones (bass) and Jake Hanna (drums) played throughout with as much versatility as they could muster. They were joined by Doc Cheatham (tpt) and Benny Morton (tmb) for a self-possessed performance in which Dixieland and swing-era influences pre-dominated. To conclude a thoroughly amusing entertainment, a super-animated Maynard Ferguson piloted his Anglo-American Big Band to a storming set which left ear ringing senses battered. Stratospheric brassthe team led splendidly by Derek Watkins of Britain vied with tough saxophones and virile rhythm (drummer Hanna coming into his own here) in meaty arrangements by Willie Maiden. - MAX JONES.

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DRUMMERS

"'Ere mate, let's have a go on the old Tom Thumbs!" This is the cry dreaded by all drummers. It is the cry of the Man Who Wants To Sit In. Most people imagine they can play drums. They regard it as a fun instrument, requiring little or no skill to master. Drummers are distinguished from beaters, by their burning enthusiasm, dedication, almost amounting to a passion for their instrument. Because it is so abused, drummers constantly strive to improve, and this is true of players in both the rock and jazz idiom. In choosing a Magnificent Seven of the drums, it

is not intended to preclude the talents of many fine musicians like Aynsley Dunbar, Mike Hugg, Peter York and Micky Waller from recognition, But here are Seven chosen by Chris Welch and in cluded because of their individuality and contributions to drums today.



### MITCH MITCHELL

MINI-MITCH the transistor-VI ised drummer, despite his youth, is also very much a group veteran. He has leapt to pop fame as the power, house behind Jimi Hendrix. He started out on a showbiz career and, while at drama school, did many TV jingles. He was the Bisto Kid and an Ovalteeny. He had acting roles in films including the Jimmy Edwards Whacko type comedy Bottoms Up.

But drumming was the most important part of his life and d he moved into the session scene, playing on demo discs and things like the Ivy League's " Funny How Love Can Be." Denny Cordell recommended him to Georgie Fame when Bill Eyden was leaving the Blue Flames,

Although Mitch was improving all the while, he found life hard on the road with the Flames and finally quit three weeks before they broke up. Then he was recommended to Jimi by Chas Chandler and in a happier environment his style quickly blossomed.

John " Mitch " Mitchell's impact on today's groups can be gauged by all those MM Small Ads that read: "Wanted-Mitch Mitchell type drummer."

## BRIAN BENNETT

**RRIAN** was undoubtedly the first of the great beat drummers, and on joining Cliff

Richard and the Shadows quickly brought group drumming out of the abyss and gave it prestige. A Londoner, born in 1940 he

studied violin at school and had no plans to make drumming a career.

He went into printing, but became bored, met Wee Willie Harris and joined his group. He ended up in the Two I's coffee bar which led to his joining Vince Taylor, Marty Wilde, and finally, when Tony Meehan left, the Shadows. Brian is a great jazz fan and

recently recorded a solo album. He is an excellent allfround player and reader, and contributes exciting solos, when he gets the chance, with full use of dynamics,

**KEITH MOON** KEITH is unusual among the A Seven in that he has stuck solidly with one group-the

But Keith without the Who, and the Who without Moon would be unthinkable. The Wembley Madman, who delighted in shocking all beholders by knocking his drums to pieces on stage, is an excellent and exciting drummer beneath all the showmanship. He blasts away at his bass, drums like a speeded up steam hammer, while sticks flail

wildly all over the snare drum and cymbals. And he loves cymbals to crash and sizzle in waves of sound.

Who.

He can be heard in a typical rioutous display on "Cobwebs And Strange" on the Who's last album, Somewhat nihilistic he doesn't like chatting about jazz and drum in-)fluences and probably because Sof his unsophisticated approach has emerged with his own style, unfettered by preconceived ideas about what is "right" and "wrong" on drums.

His latest proud acquisition is a nine-drum kit, custombuilt to his own specifications.

## JON HISEMAN

FAR cry, it would seem, A from Keith Moon is Jon Hiscman, who is steeped in jazz, with experience in the New Jazz Orchestra and a constant desire to improve, study and help others,

Yet Jon is as young as Keith in age and outlook, and recently finished a stint, playing wild and exciting music with the Graham Bond Organisation.

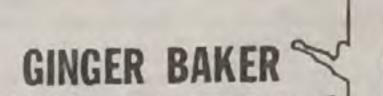
With his wide tastes and phenomenal technique he is destined to be one of the most important percussionists in the country.

Like Ginger and Keith he is] an advocate of the two-bass drum technique.

Jon likes to construct solos which have melodic as well{ , as rhythmic value. Because of his desire to learn he is at home playing complicated arrangements with the New Jazz Orchestra, as he is rocking with Bond or swinging with/

Georgie.

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CINGER is now a veteran of U the beat scene, famous for his explosive work with the Graham Bond Organisation and now with the Cream. Lots of young drummers

play a very busy, all-action style today, but when Ginger first came to prominence with Graham in 1964 it was a revelation to hear his thunder of bass and tom-toms.

Although his solo now incorporating two bass drums, is a high-light of every Cream performance, his accompaniment is kept simple but hard hitting.

He is excellent with brushes on numbers like "Train Time," and is about the only drummer outside of traditional, jazz that likes to play a press roll on a slow blues. Peter " Ginger " Baker has his roots in trad bands, and has played with the Storeyville Jazzmen, Terry Lightfoot, and Alexis Korner's Blues Incorporated.

Baker, of Irish parentage, was born in South London, and has been playing for about 12 years.

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## **BLINKY DAVISON**

DRIAN " BLINKY " DAVISON D is rated by all his fellow drummers including Mitch Mitchell, Mike Hugg, Peter York and Keith Moon, But since his original group, the Mark Leeman Five, broke up a year ago, he has been moving from group to group without getting proper exposure. Now fans are being reminded of Blinky's technique and drive again. He has joined the successful new group, the Nice.

A very intense and highly involved player, conditions have to be right for him to turn-on fully. Then he can play solos that would blow all other opposition off the stand. But while solos are important, Blinky is one of the few, group drummers seriously concerned with the musical output of his group.

He will play anything and everything to help along his fellow musicians.

His early favourite players included Art Blakey and Elvin Jones, But now he is more interested in Jack De Johnette and Terry Clarke.

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**BOBBY ELLIOTT** 

IKE Brian Bennett, Bobby L is another "Guv'nor" figure of beat drumming, long rated by other group musicians. Solid, reliable and inventive like so many of the group drummers, his long ambition has been to play in a, jazz big band.

Born in Burnley in 1942, he replaced Don Rathbone with the Hollies and has been with them, with breaks caused by illness since about 1964.

A self-taught player, he has a very tight, clean sound and says: "I feel one has to be the mainstay - always hold-, ing the group together.

" I like to use bass drum extensively. I think it is the >most under-rated part of the kit."

He started out playing biscuit tins, then when he got some real drums, played rock in local Palais, where he learned to read

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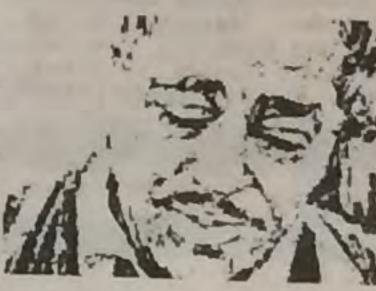
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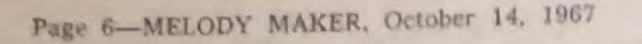
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Small wonder a collection of these recordings should have received rave comments from three giants of the period. 'I never thought I'd see so many of the great ones together in a single album,' said BENNY GOODMAN. And VAUGHN MONROE: 'How wonderful to hear again so many of the classic tunes the big bands will always be remembered for! And how did you get the sound so good?' ARTIE SHAW summed up: 'A genuine collector's item: the best work of the big bands . . . evokes a flood of memories . . . I highly recommend it.' And MM itself commented recently: '... a record album which sets the memory buds working overtime."

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# THE STRANGE CASE OF MAMA CASS Is it one law for everyoneand another for pop people?

MAMA Cass Elliott arrived in Britain last Thursday morning at the start of the Mama's and Papa's rejuvenation "adventure" trip to Europe.

She spent Thursday night in a cell at a West London police station. The charge? Stealing two blankets and two keys from a London hotel earlier this year.

ing Rolls Royce.

Then a fantastic tug-of-war took place between the group in the car and six policemen outside. Eventually the weight of the police force paid off and Cass was dragged from the car and taken to a South- paid by a mistake. Cass had arranampton police station.

The group were given no expla- this had not been done. nation by the police who later drove Cass to a West London police station where she was charged and detained. She was kept in a cell all night. Bail was not available because the police were acting on a civil warrant with no bail clause and Cass appeared at West London Court on Friday morning accused of stealing the blankets and keys. But no evidence was offered by the prosecution and the charge against Cass was dismissed. The magistrate Mr Seymour Collins

group made Cass step into a wait- said: "You leave this court without a stain on your character."

> Prosecuting counsel Mr Paul Focke said in court that an explanation had been received from Mama Cass about an unpaid bill at the hotel last March. The bill was not ged for someone to pay the bill and

The Melody Maker is astonished that a member of the music profession - and particularly a visitor from another country --- was treated in this manner. It wonders if it happened because Cass was a pop star. If Cass had been an American fashion model, or an Italian filmstar, or a French perfume manufacturer, would she have been treated in such a cavalier fashion? Is this another case of pop music being a fair target for action that would not have been taken in other circum-

retain a remarkable sense of humour about her detention and night in

the cells. She is however considering taking legal action at a future date for wrongful arrest.

"Just now I don't want to get involved in litigation. Basically, I am extremely tired at the moment. I didn't sleep at all in that cell and the decision about legal action will have to be left until later."

Cass said that she didn't feel

spoiled their holiday adventure in Europe? "It's spoiled it to date, certainly. But I'm hoping it'll get better now. We're staying on over the weekend and will do a few clubs and go to a few restaurants before flying to Majorca next week."

Cass Elliott may or may not take legal action. But the question remains: why is an American personality (or an American nonentity for that matter) treated in this way? Why couldn't the "misunderstanding " about the hotel bill have been cleared up without resorting to the indignity of arrest and de-

## SCOTT MINUS **FLOWERS**

Scott McKENZIE has been hailed in Britain as the arch-priest of flower power. But Scott, who arrived with the Mama's and Papa's last week. didn't look like a hippie. He

wore a white, Indian - style

blouse, slim trousers - and a

"If people expected me to

be a flower child, they'll have

been disappointed," he said at

his West London hotel. "I'm

a singer, interested in singing,

neatly trimmed moustache.

What a strange way to treat a visitor to Britain. Even if Cass Elliott wasn't a member of one of the most famous pop groups in the world, she shouldn't have been treated in the way she was.

She was arrested as she stepped off the S.S. France onto the quayside at Southampton. A plainclothes policeman told her she was to be arrested. He refused to produce a warrant and the rest of the

bitter towards the police. "They were only doing their job and at all times they were very courteous and treated me very well. But my sense of fair play is roused and the question of legal action must be considered. The decision rests with me. But I have been wronged and you know that old story about 'hell hath no fury like a woman scorned . . . ' "

Had the arrest and accusations

tention. Why should someone be carted off to jail as she was over such a trifling matter?

What's happened to the British sense of justice? Or is it one law for everyone, but another for pop people?

in using the voice as a vocal instrument." His new single " Like An Old-Time Movie " is completely away from the hippie scene, "It's a love song by John Phillips and a very beautiful song at that," he said

"It's strange, I only acquired this flower power tag over here. It didn't happen at all in the States, I think that in America. they are less tense, less serious about hit records than in Britain,

"Back home I was just a singer with a hit record. They didn't see more in it than that."

Did the identification with the San Francisco hippie scene worry him as an artist?

"No it doesn't worry me particularly because I know I am not trying to exploit a cult. I'd like to sing about as many different things as I can. I sang about flowers because they are nice and I was interested in the flower thing."

Scott's own ambitions for the future consist mainly of becoming a successful artist and broadening his outlook on life and music. " Like the Mama's and Papa's, I'd like to broaden my outlook where it's become narrow," he said,

Scott finshed recording an album before he left for New York with the Mama's and Papa's en route for Britain and the Mediterranean. On the LP, Scott does numbers by various people he admires - like John Sebastian, John Phillips and Tim Hardin - as well as a

## Pink Floyd join Jimi Hendrix -Move on tour of England

THE Pink Floyd have been added to the bill of the Jimi Hendrix Experience-Move tour - which also includes the Amen Corner and which starts at London's Royal Albert Hall on November 14.

Although venues have not yet been finalised, the tour is expected to play Bournemouth (15); Leeds (17); Liverpool (18); Nottingham (19); Portsmouth (22); Bristol (24); Cardiff (25); Manchester (26); Belfast (28); Chatham (December 1); and Brighton (2).

The Who return to America on November 15 for the Ed

Sullivan show, and dates in the Other Village theatre. They return to Britain on December 2.

Buddy Tate, tenorist with George Wein's Newport All Stars, flew into London on Monday to play with Ruby Braff and George at a Pan Am jazz party on Tuesday in honour of Jazz Expo '67. Tom Paxton has been booked to appear at the International Folk Festival at the Royal Festival Hall on Mon-

day (16) . . . John Chilton's Swing Kings play the Univermiered next Spring . . . Ten sity of Essex, Colchester, to-Years After were filmed at morrow (Friday) with guest London's Marquee on Friday

Sandy Brown and The Six Bells, Chelsea on Saturday (14) . . . the Cream, who arrive back from America on Monday (16), have ben set to return to USA in January. They start a four day Irish tour on October 19. Cilla Black is spending most of this month recording a new single for November release. Her new album will be issued before Christmas. In November, she finishes work on her new film "Love . . . is a Four Letter Word," to be pre-

for a BBC-TV documentary about teenagers titled the Butterflies . . . the Troggs' new single "Love Is All Around" is released tomorrow (Friday) . . . Ken Colyer's Jazzmen opened a three week tour of Germany yesterday (Wednesday). Josh White and his daugh-

ter Judy wind up their brief tour with appearances at Croydon's Fairfield Hall tonight (Thursday) and Gatwick Manor Inn tomorrow (Friday) . . . Tuesday's Children have a new single "Baby's Gone" released on November 10 . . . DJ Mike Quinn has signed

with Nems . . . the Johnny Scott Quintet returns to the Bull's Head, Barnes, on Monday (16).

Sounds Incorporated have signed with the Arthur Howes office. Their first single under their new set-up is "How Do You Feel" released on October 27 on Howes' Polydor Gentry label . . . trombonist George Chisholm and the 14 Foot Band star at the Fox and Hounds, Haywards Heath, on Sunday (15) ... the Family Dog's new single has been put back to late October so they can fulfil a number of Continental dates.

The re-formed Ivy League's have a new single "Thank You For Loving Me " released



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THE Who have long been a highly respected group in the pop business. Why? Because the Who have had a definite and lasting effect on pop. Without the Who constantly changing and moving the way they have - many vital

It came as no surprise when they started wearing long-vented, mod jackets made up from Union Jack flags. It was the ultimate in rebellion and send-up. It was also the start of pop-art and pop art clothes and Union Jack tea-mugs and chamber

ing me terrible names because I smashed equipment up. They said I wasn't worthy of having such expensive guitars just to wreck them, so why didn't I give them away.

"But in the States it was the other way round.

"You've just got to play well. You can't help it. They listen to everything and anything-as long as it's music. They just love music. They want to listen and take in all you've got to offer. I don't want to sound pretentious-but the vibrations are something else. "That's what it's all about. That's why a place like the Fillmore is open seven nights a week with top bands there all the time because the people really understand and dig pop music.

sparks, the sparks that keep the pop scene so interesting, may never have occurred.

The Who were largely responsible for introducing fashion into pop. They were one of the first mod groups leading the way for thousands of clothes and hair-conscious "moddies" up Carnaby's paved paths. With suede and stripes, clash and flash, the Who eventually arrived on the doorstep of one of their most important ideas.

For months guitarist Peter Townshend had experimented with a shattering new guitar soundfeedback. Townshend combined electronic acrobatics with the angry, frustrated aggression of the mad mod, furiously lashing out with his guitar at the audience, the mike stands, Keith Moon's drum kit, and at that sacred amplifier.

To see Townshend blatantly splintering into the speaker cones, wracking out struts and the guts of these majestic sound-splitting monsters caused quite an uproar. But the Who didn't stop at auto-destruction.

As a group the Who were untouchable hardnuts. They were feared by all and sundry. They would smash their way out of most messes. Loping through crushing crowds they would maul and tear with the best of them, throwing off clinging teenagers with the same venom they displayed on stage. The Who would insult, blaspheme, and send-up like they owned the world.

pots.

Now, some two years later, the Who are still changing. And still leading the field? We shall see.

Pete Townshend returned from the States recently after a long, hard trek across America.

For the Who, playing in America was like starting all over again because the Americans had missed all of the Who's so important early days.

## **TERRIBLE NAMES**

"So we went over there in our garish clothes and we played a lot of our old numbers and we got fantastic receptions every night. America was very good for us because we had to rethink and start again. They were fresh audiences who hadn't heard us before live."

And so, carrying thousands of pounds worth of equipment with them, the Who took the stage and after long hard sets, they would click into their flurry of auto-destruction.

"But, of course, being Americans, they took the whole thing totally differently. In England I used to get people asking me for my guitars and call-

They thought it was a gas. They loved it. I became a kind of hero. I was presented with beautiful guitars-just to smash them up. It became ludicrous.

"One guy kept giving me these lovely guitars One of them was just too much. But I had to smash it up-I couldn't keep it. And I'd only been back in England about a week when this bloody great parcel arrived at the office and it was another incredible guitar from this American guy. He's even sending things over here for me to smash up.

"When we played on the tour with Herman, we were playing to younger audiences. Every night we came off stage sweating and exhausted but really knocked out. When you get those enthusiastic audiences you just don't want to get off stage.

"We played a few hip gigs at the Fillmore Auditorium in San Francisco. And now I understand why every group comes away from there saying 'That's the best gig we've ever played.'

"I'd really like to get something going like that in England. The PA system is fantastic. The whole place is very well built for sound and acoustics. It's a rock group's paradise. And the audience!

## **MONEY'S WORTH**

"But we've got some ideas," smiled Townshend wanly, "to try and get the English pop scene on it's feet again. The drag is that the kids over here have seen so much.

"All they really worry about is - are they getting their money's worth! Well, we're going to give them their bloody money's worth. You see English pop has got far too involved with this star-image bit. Groups arriving five minutes before they go on in their black-windowed limousine, doing a half-hour spot and then disappearing.

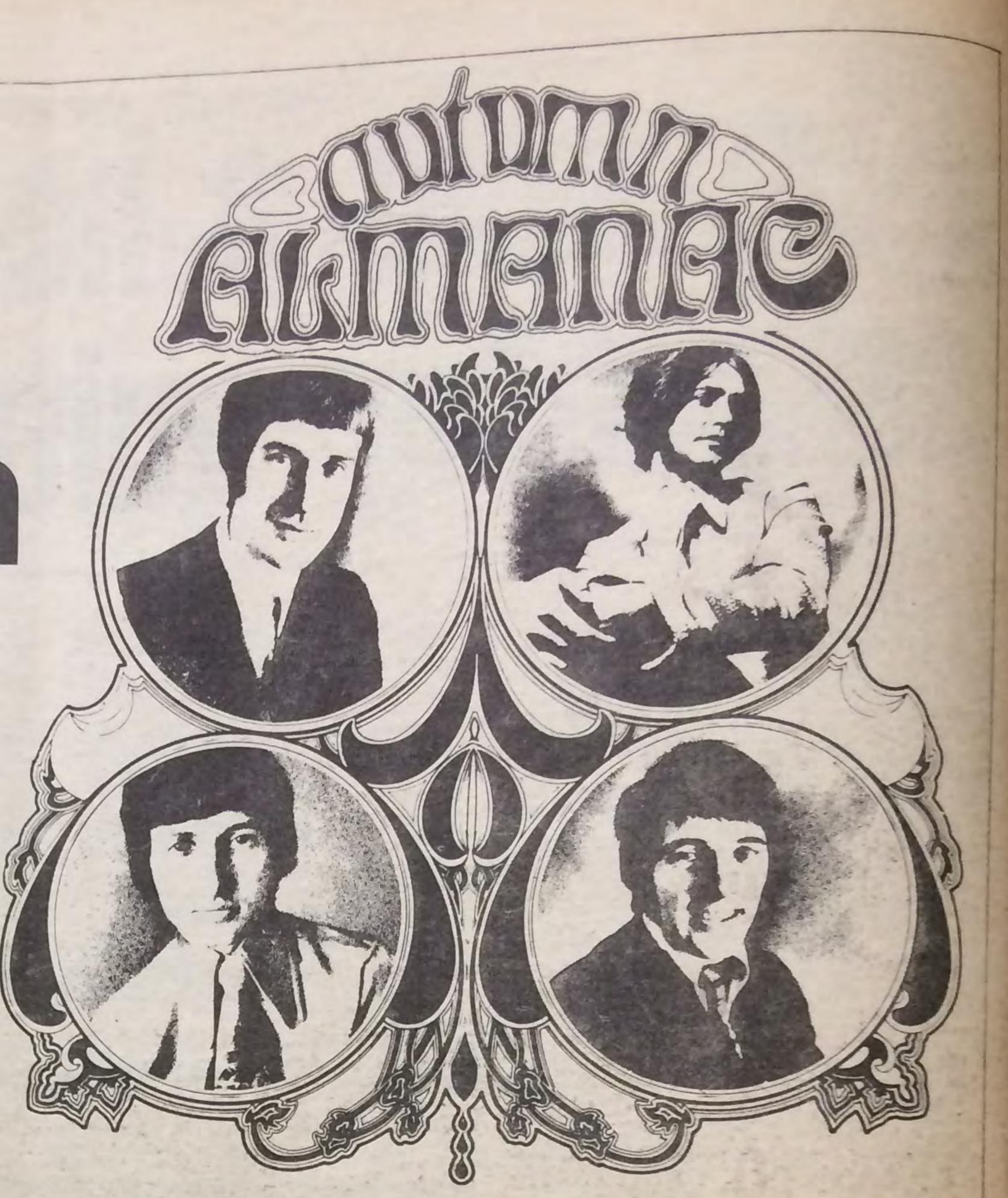
"Well, that's not the way to do it. And it's got to be changed. And in a few months we'll be ready with something a bit different-something that's going to get the kids back involved with the music, something that's going to give them their money's worth and make them appreciate what we're doing."

Pete Townshend / the Who / where they are / where they're going / by Nick Jones



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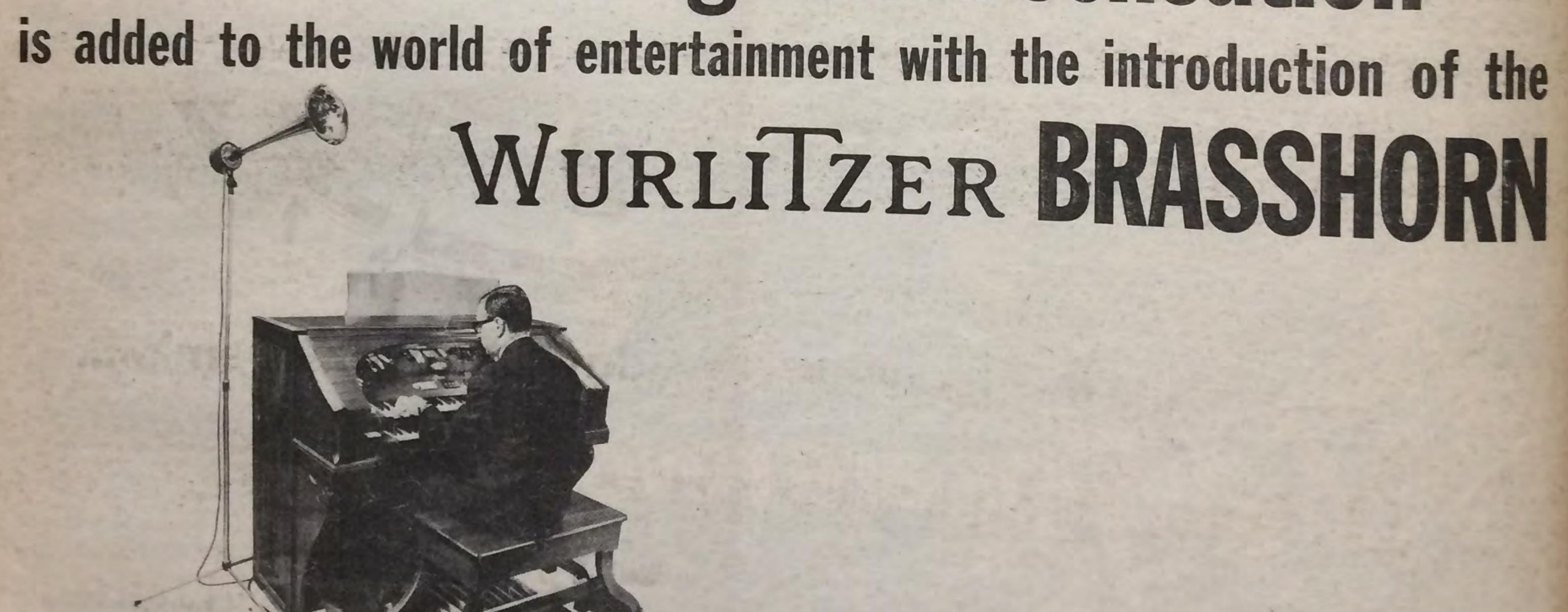


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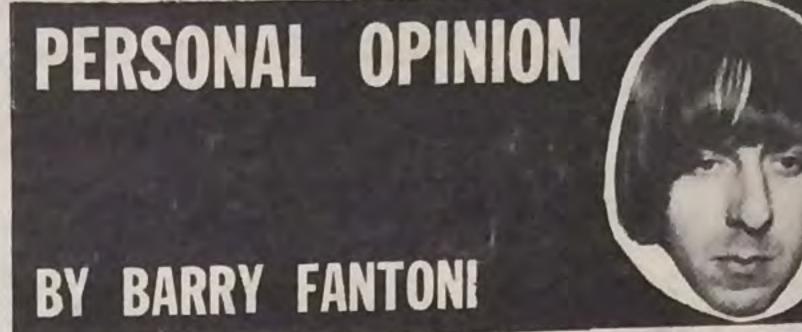
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N a world of increasing madness, with most men either focusing their minds on the idea that firing shells into the crust of the earth and bodies of innocent bystanders can prove anything at all, or that by taxing their nations beyond reason to be the first man on the totally useless place they call the moon, it is significant that the opinions of beautiful people like Arthur Brown or Frank Zappa should be glorified, let alone voiced. In the olden days, audiences would participate in a concert by the simple act of listening. The ear would pick up sound waves and translate them to the brain, which would then in turn react to the sound. This form of participation has been considered as a more than adequate method for the music of Beethoven,



change. No sooner have we adjusted to one set, than another has taken their place.

It is a world of change for change's sake, and the simple rules men made to lead a well ordered and peaceful life have been sold out, along with yesteday's shirt, yesterday's records and yesterday itself.

I'm not blaming Arthur Brown for

giant fad of dream world's flying objects and Zen Buddhists hitting one another over the head.

OK Frank baby, we know the world is sick, but does your blunt obscenity help it? Can a shock backfire?

OK Arthur baby, so your audiences don't participate, could it be something wrong with your

In all art there must be order, confines morally fencing out an area in which to work. Freedom without order means that any old Tom, Dick or Hitler can stand up and do or say any-thing he likes.

It is not by accident that great artistic endeavour has been cherished and preserved by the few throughout time. At its greatest, art is the only way that man can be given any real and lasting dignity; at its worst it is no more than the wrapping paper for fish and chips or dusty disc of wax that was last year's kick.

Great music has no barriers to break down. In the music of Beethoven, in the music of the Beatles, communication is total. It needs no blood spilled, no painted faces or gestures which would embarrass neolithic man. The exciting flames in Arthur Brown's head are after all only distant relatives to the exciting flames in a Vietnam village, and there's a bunch of guys having an audience-participation style ball if ever there was one.

VANILLA FUDGE: ' never expected it to be a hit

**TIMI HENDRIX** slowed down "Hey Joe," previously always recorded as an all-out tear-up, and came up with a giant hit. Then Vanilla Fudge down slowed "You Keep Me Hanging On," the Supremes hit, and brought it back for a second chart blast. The formula may work again - a group could for example slow down "The Sabre Dance" to a funky

blues-but the Fudge won't be repeating the experiment. The Fudge want to progress, like all good modern groups. The Fudge are now in Britain and were touring with Traffic and Tomorrow, until they quit the tour.

FUDGE SLOW

## SUCCESS

in the business since I was nine. The bass player Tim Bogert and myself got together. We had been playing in night clubs on the West Side of New York. "We were getting fed up with it, and were stagnating. We just weren't being creative. We weren't even improving musically. We wanted to break out of our shells before it was too late. So we formed the group with Carmine Appici (drums) and Vinnie Martell (lead guitar).

Bach, Jelly Roll Morton, Charlie Parker, and thousands of other immortal composers and musicians.

But, of course, we are living in an age of progress, our values, we are continually being told by Hippy Vicers and Freak Out Yogis need to be always on the

feeling frustrated. I am not surprised that he feels the need to yell: "You all stink-raise your armpits." They probably all do. After all, I mean, you know, it's poetry like, ennit?

am simply questioning the values the motives behind the whole

music? But as I have said, it's a world of change. "Progress" watches over our every move. We want artistic freedom, it's every man's camouflage for no talent. But freedom is like success, in itself it is not a virtue.



It was a quiet Fudge that kept hanging on until the end of a reception in their honour at London's Speakeasy Club last week.

Polite and friendly Mr Mark Stein, the group's lead vocalist and organist was pleased both to accept a drink, and discuss Fudgery above the noise of his own records.

Quietly spoken Mark explained that their first hit came from an album track. "There was a demand for the number from the kids in New York after they heard the long-cut we did on an album. So we edited it down for a single and it just happened.

### DREAM

"We never expected it to be a hit, and I never expected that would be here in London. I have to keep pinching myself to make sure I'm not dreaming.

"Everybody participates in our records and I can't remember whose idea it was to slow down 'You Keep Me Hanging On.' It's not just the way we slowed down the song, but the things that were added which are important. No, I don't know what the Supremes think of it!

"On our new album we are trying to do original material and we're moving

## CRAZY

"We have lots of arguments, but basically we all dig the music. We are four completely different people. When we started out they called us everything. Crazy, mad, acid-heads. People said 'What are they doing? We can't dance to this,' and other typically narrow-minded statements." Mark described the current US pop scene. "Everything is split between the East Coast and West Coast, and most of the West Coast groups are in a blues bag. To tell you the truth there isn't really much happening at all on the East Coast. "The kids are starting to get

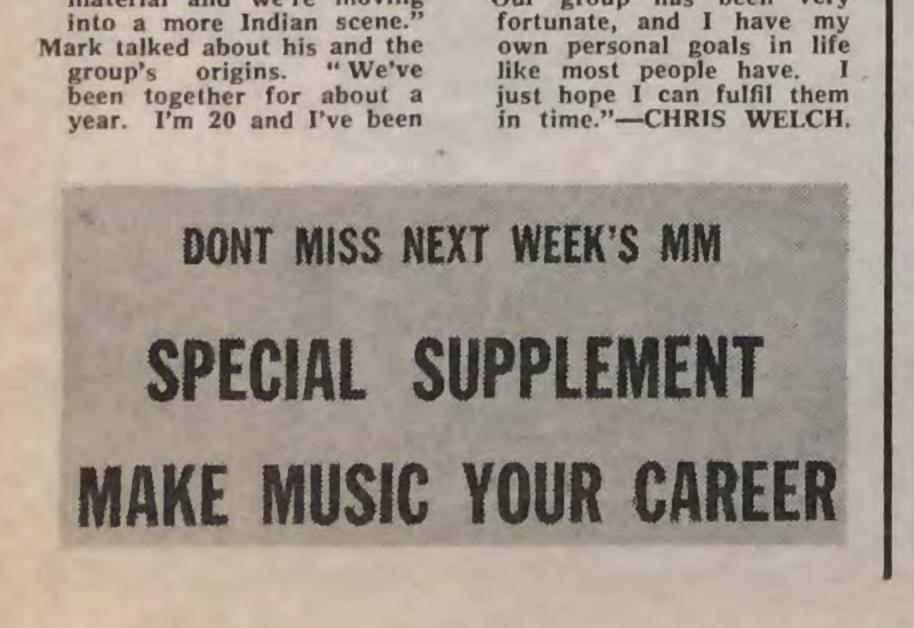
more serious minded about music, even the teenyboppers. But every place has different masses of people with different tastes. You never get one set pattern.

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STUFF SMITH'S DEATH at the age of 58 has removed, in one cruel sweep, much of the truly hot fiddle playing that was left in jazz.

It's true that Stephane Grappelly, Ray Nance and Svend Asmussen are still in action to a greater or lesser extent, and that Joe Venuti, Jean Luc Ponty and Al Duffy are bowing away somewhere. But few of these stand a chance of wearing Stuff's crown with full authority, and I doubt if we shall hear again the kind of driving, furiously attacked and slightly demented music which inspired such descriptions as "the mad genius of the violin" and

## Stuff, the last of the red hot fiddlers

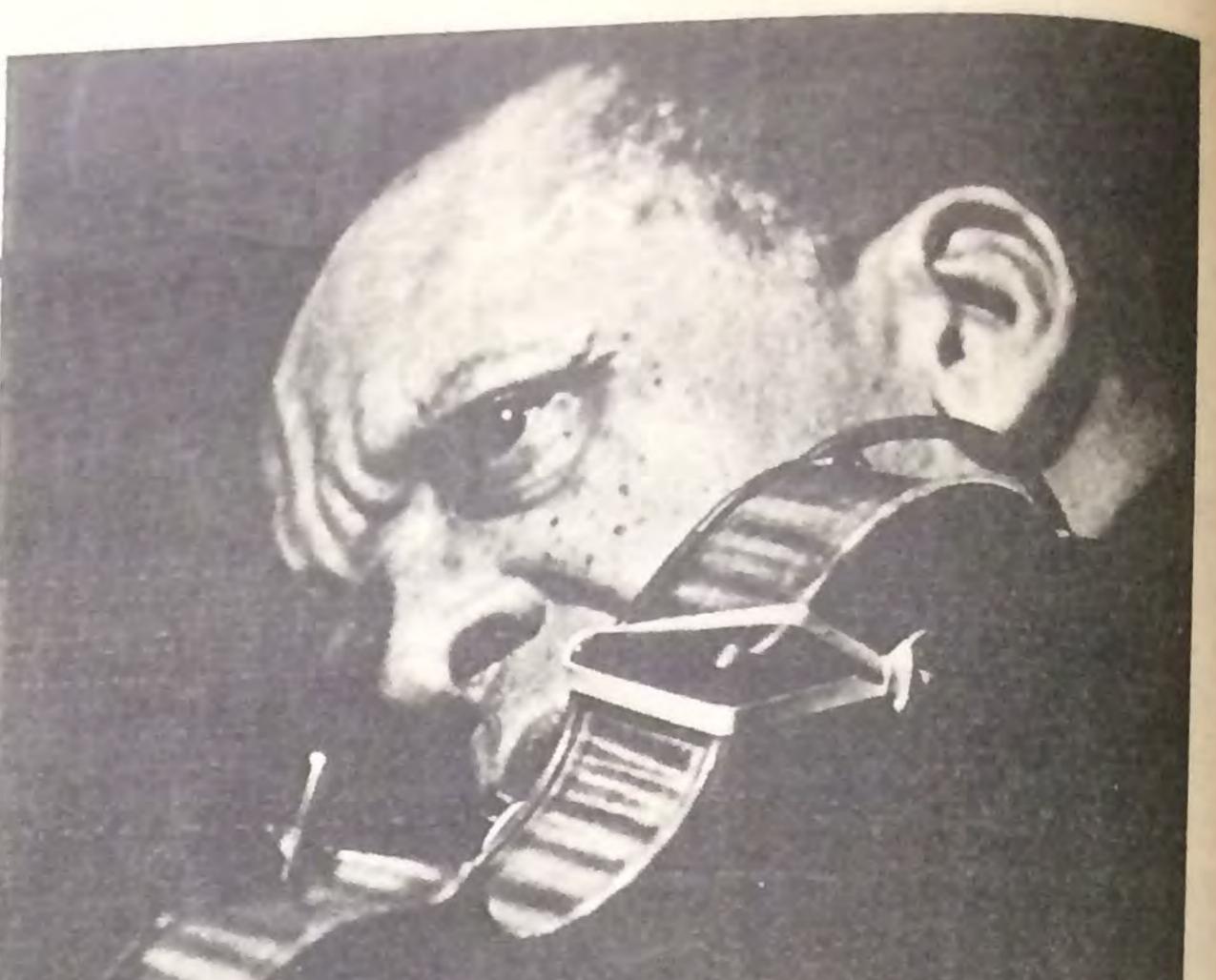
"the palpitating Paganini." British jazz fans, unless they went abroad to see him,

had little opportunity of en- flesh. He visited Europe joying Smith's infectious playing and singing in the



with Norman Granz's Jazz At the Philharmonic early in '57, but didn't get across to this country.

Everyone I know who heard him then enthused about the tremendous swing and boldness of his playing. Stuff had an unconventional approach to the instrument -he played amplified fiddle -but in his own way he was a very accomplished and expressive musician. And he spoke the jazz language eloquently. At the time of the JATP tour, French critic Frank Tenot spoke of his performance being noticeable for "a play that is violent and brutal, very different from the approaches of Venuti, Eddie South and Grappelly." When finally he made it to Britain, in April of '65, Smith played a fortnight's cabaret engagement at Annie's Room in London. He sounded riotously uninhibited in his more exuberent moments, and his personality-on-stage and offwas almost as spirited as I had expected. Naturally, with a night club date of that sort, he played to fewer people than his talent deserved. He said how much he wanted to come back and be heard in concert or on jazz onenighters. I don't know why it didn't happen, but he complained a



## blues giant—unheralded

rived in this country Taylor's guitar feature strong melody lines, quickly signed by Sydfuss. Straight in and of John Mayall's club straight out again. In performances. fact, so fast that many Plenty of praise may not even be here, but none to the aware of the fact that, original writer of the he's been here.

No record to pro- him. For Freddy King mote the tour - a wrote these three, and sad state of affairs, countless other instru-As always, a visiting mentals which, in the American blues musi- States, have earned cian has been ignored him the reputation of by all, save those de- being one of the most voted followers who original guitarists on would travel the the blues scene, length of the isle for If you like, these one glimpse of their three particular numown particular idol, bers are masterpieces In olden times aud- in their own right. iences used to thrill King is a master of to the spine - chilling his instrument and guitar phrases which has succeeded in many make up the format of realms where so many led to his first solo "Hideaway," as ren- others have failed, recording date, for dered by Eric Clapton. He has been the only another local Chicago Peter Green's interpre- modern bluesman to tation of "The have come to grips "Country Boy" was,

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VERNON

STUFF: 'you've got to caress these damn things like a woman!' bit about poor health when I saw him (it didn't stop him from leaping about the town at all hours of the morning, and wearing out his manager-of-the-time, Timme Rosenkrantz) and this may have affected his chance of

bookings here. When he talked about playing, which he mostly did when I spoke to him, he picked up the instrument and demonstrated his points. Repeatedly he mentioned his admiration for players with powerful tones.

"So much soul and power," he would cry. " Man, when Fritz (Kreisler) played that violin was barking. That big sound is what you want."

And, explaining his outlook on the violin: " You can make a fiddle rough like a man, can make it holler like a woman, sound like a waterfall, bust a glass with it.

" Man, you can blow up anything with a fiddle. But first you got to make it warm, You see, you got to caress these damn things like a woman."

That Stuff could do most of these things - I don't know about the glass, but who wants to break them? - is evident from his records. What's more important is the fact that he played, a good deal of the time, forceful and beaty jazz which had real character. Quite a few of his swing-

ingest contributions were made with his Onyx Club Boys in the Thirties. They'd be hard to find today, though two wild titles - "Old Joe's Hittin' The Jug " (with Stuff vocal) and his own song of praise, "You'se A Viper" were released on Volume 1 of the "Swing Street " LP set. A lot of good stuff crops

up, too, on Verve's "Stuff Smith " LP, issued here in the late Fifties on Columbia. and he is featured again on Verve's "Dizzy Gillespie And Stuff Smith" (HMV and World Record Club) and on 11 titles in "Ella Fitzgerald Sings The Duke Ellington Songbook " (HMV).

But however you feel about the instrument, and those who scrape it in the cause of jazz, you have to admit Stuff's stature as an exponent. Said trombonist Benny Morton, when he read about Stuff's death: "I'd say we should look on him as a legend in jazz fiddle playing. You cannot talk about the violin in jazz without thinking of him."

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STEVIE WONDER is very beautiful. That's obvious I suppose to anyone who has really got into "I Was Made To Love Her," because you've got to have beautiful thoughts to writesongs like that.

But for Stevie Wonder life has always been beautiful and happy and musical. At the age of twelve Stevie was stood out in front of g i g a n t i c grooving crowds giving him standing ovations and it was impossible for him to fail to pick up on the good vibrations

## SOUL

Stevie Wonder has al-



WHAT'S

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RAWLS IS..

FROM time to time singers emerge who gain a special reputation, who occupy a special position in the esteem of their fellow professionals. These are the vanguard artists, usually people who influence other singers widely for a year or more before the lay following catches up.

Such a singer was Sam Cooke, and another is his friend and onetime co-worker, Lou Rawls. Rawls was in London last week, publicising his records and promoting himself as an artist. He explained why he was in Europe and talked about the chances of a real working visit to Britain.

"My feeling is that we should be able to come over about a year from now and have an appreciable audience. Certainly I want to work here; that's mainly the reason for my visit.

Rawls, on the evidence of his records (he's made 11 LPs), is the kind of performer whose act depends on split-second timing. I wondered if he insisted on carrying his own accompanists.

"I always try to," he said, laughing as though remembering some recent contretemps. "You encounter many obstacles without your own group. I carry a quartet, the basic rhythm, and a conductor. My conductor is H. B. Barnum, who does all our arrangements. And you might like to know that my pianist now is Gildo Mahones. Sometimes I use my rhythm section only, and sometimes I'll use 15 pieces. It depends on the type of room, the requirements of the engagement. Do I like bigband backing? I had the occasion to work with Count Basie quite recently. Oh, boy! I did a whole hour and 15 minutes show. That's a singer's dream . . . to sing with the Basie orchestra "Then, too, I can sing with no one but myself. My training in the church as a boy equipped me for that. When my group didn't turn up one time, in Columbus, Ohio, I stood up before five thusand people and sang a cuppella. No, it wasn't hard. I had a ball. I just like variety." At 30 or so, Lou Rawls is a dynamic and poised young man with the kind of appearance and talent that should make him an asset in musical films. So far, he has done only TV, such as 77 Sunset Strip, but he thinks a film role is on the way. "I guess I'm first choise to play the young Louis in the Louis Armstrong Story. I would start out as Louis, but 1 don't know whether they want me to age with make-up and so on."

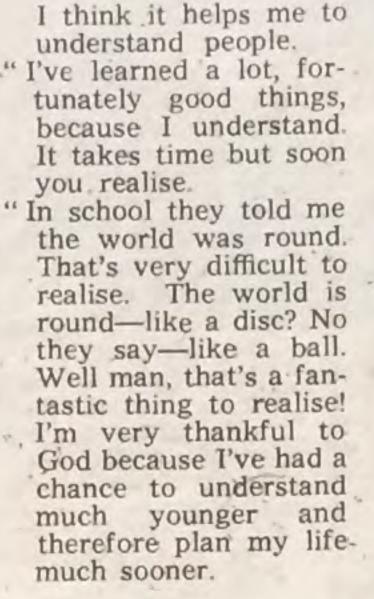
ways had soul. Last week he was in London, shining, finger popping, smiling, ready for a tour of England, and digging life as usual.

You see, Motown is like big enough to be called an organisation, but it's also small enough to be called a family. People ask me what soul is but all people have soul. Soul is what you feel and you have what you feel. So anybody can have soul and you can call it whatever you want.

### GHETTO

Psychedelic music has got soul because the people have got soul. They are feeling what they're feeling.

'The Negro people from Motown are mainly from the ghettoes this influences a lot of the feeling and writing and the way we express ourselves. Originally I guess the music was called R&B but now it's pop R&B because it has become commercial and people want to hear our music. It was not as common then as it is now."



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go to places like London, or Paris and it's just fantastic. Understanding people and atmospheres. They help me to write songs too. Different atmospheres inspire songs in me and maybe something happens to me while I'm abroad and I'll put that into a song, or maybe a song about my thoughts about that happening. "To be happy you can write about being sad.

If you're sad, write about longing to be happy.

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" If you can understand a bad thing it keeps you away from it. If you have experienced good things and you have faith in those things then there you

## CRUMBLE

go.

"'I Was Made To Love Her' is the feeling of a girl, we grew up together and we've made it through the years. People have disagreed with us and tried to get in the way and though the mountains may crumble we'll still make it.

"And my new single is called 'I'm Wonderin','\_ and the idea behind that goes, I'm wondering if I can make you love me as much as you loved him. They're all true stories and they all relate to my experiences."

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person just as much as it does through his

music. And, of course,

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<sup>4</sup> In fact, I was only nine when Motown signed me up. I've always enjoyed music and I'm really enjoying writing too. I love writing so much. I graduate in January or February in composing and arranging at the University of California and at the moment I'm doing some things at the Michigan School of the Blind.

'I also have a private teacher who travels around with me. No man, it's not such a drag being blind as people imagine.

Some people judge a book by the cover but obviously I have adjusted to my situation. I judge a person by a person which to me is the only way to do it.



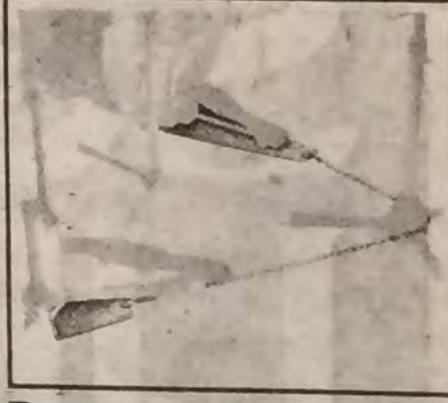
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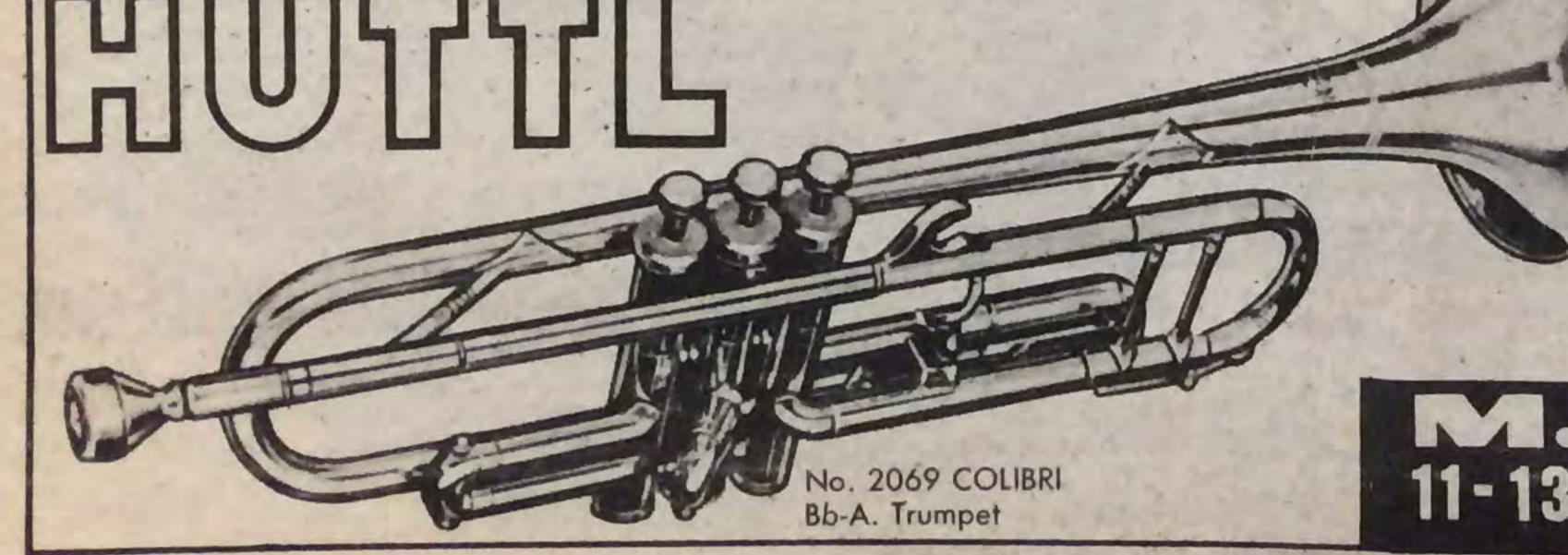
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# On the road n Moronsville

T'LL kill me, you know. I can't stand the pace, really can't. Blood pressure's pumping at a ridiculous rate of knots; brow is tense and knitted; stomach is a strangled ball of ulcerated intestine. It is almost unbelievable. Last week, our three biggest guests fell through on Thursday and I have still not recovered from the hectic hassle of piecing together another show. I suppose I'll get used to it, as the 24 hour television schedule slackens

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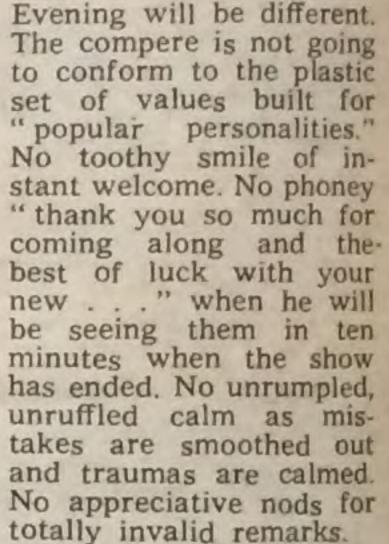
very, very exciting. am trying hard on Good Evening. For too long discussions and interviews have been either frivolously superficial or obscurely complicated, especially those concerned with the "pop" topics of music, cinema, theatre, literature and thought. There must be an audience for deeper analysis combined with good sounds and humour - all emerging from our age group's interests and attitudes. Let's not mistake one thing for another-let's not get pretentious or phoney or idiotically sure of our own judgments. But let's be genuine and interested and receptive to the changing face of

things. Very few of us are voluntary members of Moronsville. But there seems hardly any-where else left to A slight crusade. Write and let me know if you like, what you like, what you don't like. React-this is your show

and it's only by your help that it will succeed.

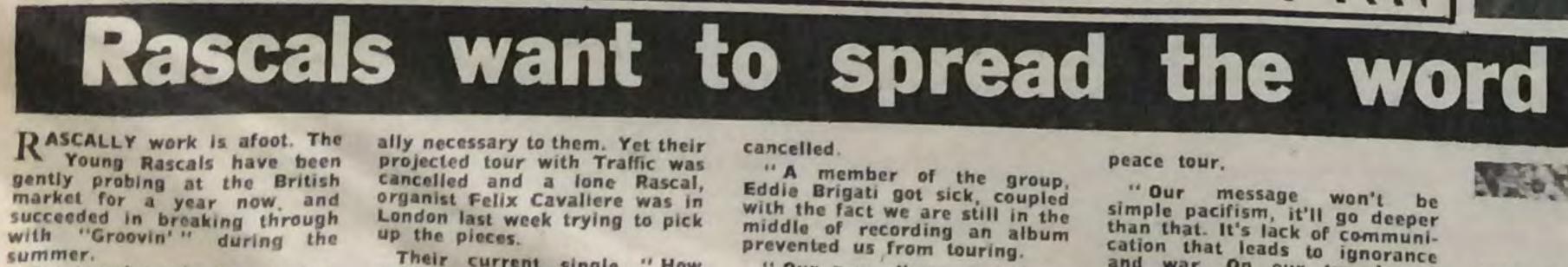
JONATHAN KING relates the worries and strain of **TV** punditry

Presley? Controversial. Somehow, because the monster sized ego of so many pimple shaped stars can-



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	Mon., Nov. 6 Croydon, Fairfield Halls Distributed in U.K. by Polydor Records Ltd.		new look at an old topic? Controversial. A doubt-	is not good enough for them. Gods to be wor-	Is there any point in him trying to present a nice, commercial personality? Financially, perhaps yes – a standard, fast pop show; hit after hit, gim- mick after gimmick would sell well and bring in the cash.
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sounds repulsive lways heave with when I read it oney isn't everyadore having it, simply cannot bargain any part of myself in order to live in luxury. I wouldn't enjoy existing like a mental prostitutepraising my sponsors' products and grinning on cue. Good heavens, I do sound patronising. Must be a reaction from the tension last week. I get carried away and the Pentel dribbles along the lines at an extremely fast rate. I was going to write a pleasantly frivolous piece about my incredible beauty, the whiteness of my teeth, the wisdom of my mind and the 22 years of deep experience inside me.



But somehow the Rascals just don't seem to have been able to consolidate their position and become a major force in the land.

Personal appearances are vit-

ally necessary to them. Yet their projected tour with Traffic was cancelled and a lone Rascal, organist Felix Cavallere was in London last week trying to pick up the pieces.

Their current single "How Can I Be Sure," in waltz time which is going to need quite a bit of exposure to get it mov-Felix, the oldest Rascal, ex-

ing.

plained why their tour here was

cancelled. "A member of the group, Eddie Brigati got sick, coupled with the fact we are still in the middle of recording an album prevented us from touring.

" Our new album, and I say this in a humble way, will be Sgt Pepper-ish. We'd really like to go on a world tour to Japan, Turkey, Europe and even the USSR to spread a message of peace. It would be a world

"Our message won't be simple pacifism, it'll go deeper than that. It's lack of communication that leads to ignorance and war. On our travels we have found already that young people are really groovy all over the world. Although we're not fighters or anything, we would like to do our bit to get them together." "We feel there is freedom of

peace tour.

CAVALIERE: why the tour was cancelled.

N. C.K.

expression in pop music today so that we can do this, and it (lead vocals) and Dino Danelli (drums), seem to be joining the is the Beatles who have opened up so many doors for so many ever growing band of young musicians who want to convert people, both musically and as regards the press." pop into a force for good in the The Rascals, Felix, Gene Cor-nish (guitar), Eddie Brigati world, as well as being a simple release from the world's pres-

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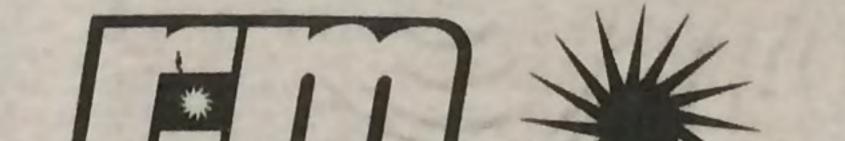
Didn't come out quite like that, did it? Still, I suppose that's all you can expect when you ask someone to write an article about themselves. Good evening.



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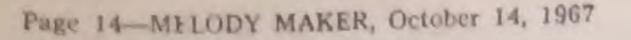
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it's repetitive which is very important for a hit. I don't want to say who it

S Radio One really wonderful? After a week on the air, has the BBC's pop station mollified the fans for the loss of the pir-

MELODY MAKER OPINION POLL

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ates? To find out, we conducted an MM Opinion Poll WM among 100 youngsters throughout Britain. The results should certainly not dishearten Robin Scott and his crew of deejay s.

The first MMOP question was: Are you satisfied with Radio One? And 54



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## DEA BEHIND RADIO ONE DD ONE - IF ONLY D COME ACROSS PROPERLY

In the Portsmouth area, half said reception was fine, but the other complained about interference in the evenings. "I can't receive it as well as Radio 2 on 1500 metres," said Stuart Allen (19), of Garnier Street, Fratton, Ports-

listened to Luxembourg or Caroline during the week, but 44 had not - and they included many who had listened regularly to pirate radio in the past. Which deejay has made the biggest impact in the first week of Radio One?

were: David Symonds (8), Stuart Henry (7)-perhaps not surprisingly all his votes came from Scotland -Peter Murray and Alan

Freeman (5), Mike Ahern, Chris Denning and Keith Skues (3). Blackburn supporters came up with a variety of reasons, from "because he has such a gorgeous smile" (Susan Creighton (17), of Ketley Croft, Highgate, Birmingham) to "he brightens up my mornings (John Williams (16), of Target Road, Portsmouth). However there were some real backhanders for the deejays. Among 17 readers who had no par-

ticular favourite, a common complaint was voiced by Geoff McKernon (20), of Lode Lane, Solihull, Birmingham, who said: "I haven't really noticed which is which."

Finally we asked Question 7: Would you rather have Radio One or the pirate stations as they were?

TIE

The result was amazing-a tie. 42 said they would rather have Radio One and 42 opted for the pir-ates. The remaining 16 were undecided.

A sample of the comments

#### TONY BLACKBURN CAME OUT ON TOP AS THE MOST POPULAR RADIO ONE DEEJAY

Said Mike Dowling (19), of Ashfield Road, Bristol: "I think Radio One is much more professional. Caroline was all right if you simply wanted to listen to pop." Patricia Elliott (19), of Sheffield Road, Ports-mouth, preferred the pirates because "they were much more relaxed." " Neither, they are all dread-

ful" said Sarah Woodhouse (19), of Heaton Moor Road, Stockport. "Radio One because I can't stand adverts," said Ronald Taylor (19), of Northumberland Terrace, Tynemouth. "Why can't we have both?" asked Tony Reavey (18), of Lodge Lane, Liverpool. To sum up, Radio Ône can

be pleased with the re-action so far. Most of the criticisms are, after all, matters of individual taste, and many of them cancel each other out. Obviously there is room for improvement and some of the programmes hardly fit the new image. Time will tell which way Radio One will move.



mouth. "It overlaps with Continental stations after about five pm.

Our ten Cheshire readers. were also equally divided between those who had trouble and those who did not. There were also one or two in the Newcastle and Liverpool areas.

Has Radio One altered the listening habits of pop fans? Question 5 asked: Have you listened to Radio Luxembourg or Radio Caroline since Radio One started?

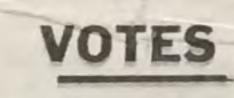
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Question 6 asked the interviewee to name his favourite Radio One deejay.



No doubt about the answer -Tony Blackburn, who was the favourite of 28 readers, Next came Emperor Rosko with 12. Others who received more than one or two votes this question drew included this from Eddle Pilling (20), a singer at Birmingham's Yellow Rainbow: "The present way Radio One is going, I think I'd rather have the pirates. Radio One plays pop music all day but somehow it's a different variety of pop music. The idea behind Radio One is a good one - if only it would come across properly."



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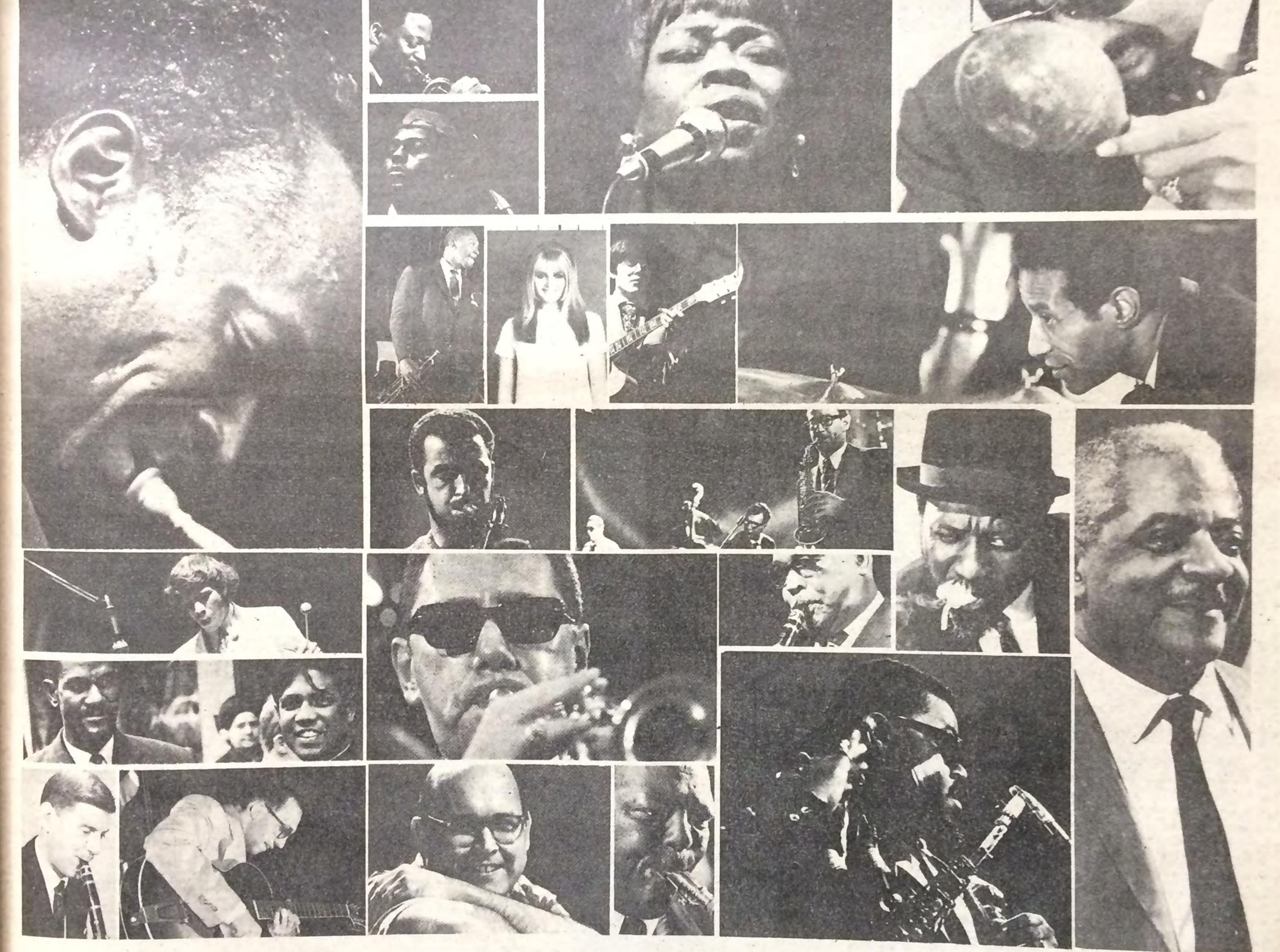


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# Melocy azz ext MELODY MAKER SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT





FANTASTIC! It's hard enough to believe that Miles Davis and Archie Shepp will be sharing a London concert. The mind freaks out into entirely new dimensions of boggling at the thought that it will end eight days of concerts by some of the biggest names in jazz. Harold Davison, Jack Higgins and Newport Festival organiser George

Wein have combined to bring to London the biggest jazz bill ever to visit Britain. From October 21, the twelve concerts --- two at the Royal Festival Hall and ten at the Odeon, Hammersmith - will present almost every shade of jazz. from the basic blues, via Dixieland, modern and vocal to avant garde. The full remarkable list can be

seen on page 16. 
The Melody Maker this week celebrates in advance with a preview supplement featuring some of the artists who will be appearing. And there will of course be full news and coverage of the whole Festival in later MMs. In passing, it's worth giving a wave of your Union Jacks for those British musicians included among the household names of

jazz — the Johnny Dankworth Orchestra, Joe Harriott-John Mayer Indo-Jazz Fusions, Alex Welsh's Band, the Dave Shepherd Quintet and Milliner-Littlejohn Sextet. Does London deserve such a Festival? We can only prove it does by packing every concert and ensuring a healthy future for jazz imports to Britain. Right now it all just seems like a beautiful dream.

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## The tenorist playwright who speaks for MELODY MAKER SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT Black Expressionism **ARCHIE SHEPP** and so on,

T SHOULD be obvious by now to anyone who has followed the fortunes of contemporary jazz that Archie Shepp is an avowed advocate of Black Pride. Both through his outspoken commentary in the musical press and his trenchant stage play, The Communist, the aggressive playwrightturned - tenor-saxophonist has asserted his "negritude" whenever the chance has arisen. Musically and personally, Shepp may be a fiery voice on the jazz vanguard, but even while firmly establishing his identity, he is essentially an obliging and very approachable man. Although he would never withdraw any of his pungent published statements he is way too intelligent to make mistakes - he nonetheless feels that he has been misrepresented by journalists eager to pounce on racist elements in his dialect. "I am," he smiled, "rather accustomed to being criticised for putting a sociological interpretation on jazz. I realise that I differ from other musicians in my outspokeness, but to say that musiclans are inarticulate is not only a myth, it's reflecting the systematic enforcement of silence." He elaborated: "After all, there's no journal for me to answer Ira Gitler when he says that we couldn't draw flies at Newport we rather have to take it and bear it. But it comes to be a bit of a bitter ex-



**BY VALERIE WILMER** 

- something that's especially noticeable with rock singers with all this over-dubbing
- "The only way to judge a jazz performer is to hear his work live. I've recently heard older performers like Charlie Shavers whom I'd never heard before except on record, and it's just in-credible how fantastic the man sounds!"

As evinced by such a state-



perience after a while to read people saying a lot of dirty things about you." Shepp, who has written a handful of columns in Down Beat and is a fav-

ourite subject for interview, admitted that he had been more fortunate than some of his much-maligned contemporaries. But there are many times when I have

wished that I had some way to answer these pundits who throw out things with impunity like, 'here, take that!' and I must accept it." The saxophonist's speech and

thought patterns bear little resemblance to those of the average jazz musician, although Shepp, a profound student of psychological implications, would be the first to point out that there is no "average" anything. He described the music as be-

ment, Shepp is vividly aware of the jazz heritage. He has, in fact, made it his business to hear musicians from every era.

Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, he grew up in Philadelphia where one of his earliest musical experiences was playing rock-and-roll with trumpeter Lee Morgan. Commenting on some musiclans' lack of awareness of the tradition, he said: "You can't imagine Stockhausen without Bach - I'm sure he'd be the first to tell you how much he respects him. It's only an idiot who would tell you that he doesn't respect Coleman Hawkins or Charlie Parker.

- " Of course," he added knowingly, "that doesn't mean that a person cannot be musically viable and express some pretty stupid notions! I'm not calling any names but there are some who ignore the past, as I'm sure you know. But because the jazz tradition is so intrinsic, you must build on a thorough foundation, If you don't, it will be found out eventually, anyway.
- "Like, the blues is fundamental. Ornette, for example, came out of the essential blues feeling."
- Now 30, the saxophonist has been frequently challenged for his lack of foundation since he arrived in New York in 1959 and joined Cecil Taylor's group the following year. Shepp is



unique

F all the singers in jazz, Sarah Vaughan lives the most dangerously.

Where her great rival Ella Fitzgerald seems incapable of singing a wrong note, Sarah can occasionally be led to the brink of disaster by her own audacity. Not for her the safe way out. If she gools occasionally it is paid for a thousand times when her daring comes off.

Year in, year out since the days of bop, Sarah has been the most exciting singer on the jazz scene. Her timing, breath control, dynamics and range are all unique. Most impressive of all, her control of vibrato has never been matched by another singer in her field she can vary, with complete confidence, from a slow, dramatic shake to a fast, exciting vibrato.

And Sarah is one of those artists who can never be completely captured on record. Discs can convey her brilliant musicianship and much of her highly per-sonal vocal timbre. In the flesh, one is much more

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ing on the threshold of a "marvellous rennaissance," adding sagely, "if the bandits don't blow up the world!"

The new Black Expression will, said Shepp, play a tremendous part in the shaping of the new ethic-"if we allow it to, simply because I feel that most of the really vital art will come from the black community around the world."

This new direction for power stems, he explained, from the "have-not" psychology which has been the American Negro's lot for the past four centuries. "It's the psychology of constantly seeking to avoid death so that in the end you are not suicidal at all and you reaffirm life in every instance, simply because you know what it is to die. I think every slave and exslave knows that."

Shepp, whose personal life is almost equally boundaried by jazz and the theatre, stated that his future lies in performing with his own group and writing for the stage.

He displays an active enjoyment when confounding theories propounded by academic critics, especially those who tell you that the sounds from the avant garde are not conducive to dancing, "Definitely you can dance to our music," he laughed. "It's most gratifying to me to know that a number of people from Africa and the West Indies immediately get the African meaning of my music, simply because the drums are very predominant, "Jazz," he went on, "unlike European music, is essentially and foremost a performing art, I've found it impossible to recreate a jazz experience on record, Bird said that and even now when you listen to things of his that were recorded live, the feeling is so very different from the studio recordings. There are so many techniques today, too, that can be made to make fair performers sound brilliant -

more than able to substantiate his awareness of tradition by his skill on the horn.

That he prefers to play out of his own thing is his own business, but many can vouch for his ability to go through the changes as well as the next cat.

Shepp credits Taylor, in part, with moulding and inspiring the style his fanciers know from "Four For Trane," "Fire Music" and "Mama Too Tight," and mentions in passing, the influence of his adopted home. "I've known people whose playing has changed drastically since they've been in New York," he claimed. " People who a few years ago wouldn't even have thought of fooling around with what they call 'free' music,

" The environment is different, there's eight million people, and a regular turnover in people and ideas. It's unlike any city I've been in and I've been in a few in the Western world. It's a city that's always in flux."

Shepp is an intelligent man blessed with an acute social awareness rather than a proverbial chip on the shoulder, No downtrodden "loser" he.

It is because of his penetrating mind that he continually stirs up the Establishment and points out its inadequacies. For example: "If Aaron Copeland comes out with a good record, it's not necessary to compare it with Debussy or Bach, so why, when Archie Shepp comes out with a good record - or Albert Ayler is it necessary to compare him to John Coltrane? "It's doing both of them a disservice. It's like giving stars, you know. I've never seen a star given to Rubenstein for a performance it's absurd in that context. It's part of the syndrome." The syndrome, in fact, that has produced the dynamic Young Turks who are vigorously sculpting the new face of jazz.



aware of the strong personality and discreetly effective showmanship,

- Sarah was born in Newark, New Jersey, on March 27, 1924, and, as a child, she took piano and organ lessons as well as singing with her local church choir.
- At the age of 16, her career got under way when she won an amateur contest at Harlem's famous Apollo Theatre. As a result she got a job with the Earl Hines band and later Billy Eckstine - two of the greatest breeding grounds of talent in the early bop era.
- Since then she has worked largely with her own trio-

the current line-up being Bob James (pno), Herb Mickman (bass) and Omer Clay (drs).

She has won every major poll throughout the world, including the Melody Maker Jazz Poll -which every year turns into a battle between Sarah and Ella among the singers.

Her first record, "It's Magic," sold well over two million copies and she has had a long and impressive list of sellers ever since.

can't think of a better choice for the sole representative of jazz singing on Jazz Expo '67. - BOB DAWBARN.

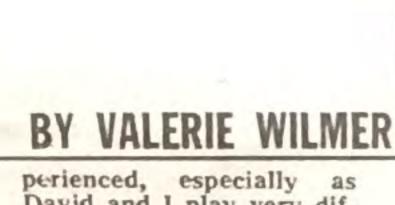
## The bassist can hear VOU round corners





LE'S playing 100 per cent jazz and he's got good ears, too. You can hear him round corners. He's a natural player and he's been playing like that as long as I've known him. I had a gig in California and someone sent him as a substitute and when he walked in the door I said 'Oh Lordy - look at this shy little cat with glasses on!' But when he started playing he took care of a whole lotta business!"

The speaker was drummer Billy Higgins, his subthe phenomenal ject bassist Charlie Haden. Reunited once more with Higgins and sharing bass chores with David Izenzon in Ornette Coleman's refurbished quartet, Haden is used to that comments of after nature. Even spending six years strung-out with a narcotics problem, the bassist still looks more like innocent young an school-teacher than one of the most fascinating and soulful players in jazz today. Thirty years old and completely straightened out with the help of Synanon House, the unorthodox rehabilitation centre in Santa Monica, Calif., that has helped cure several musicians of the drug habit, Haden is still taking care of business nightly, playing better than ever and pinning back everyone's ears. As the original bass player on Coleman's Atlantic recordings, Haden is more than happy to be home. "Ornette is one of the most powerful musicians, if not the most powerful, in jazz today," he said enthusi-



**CHARLIE HADEN** 

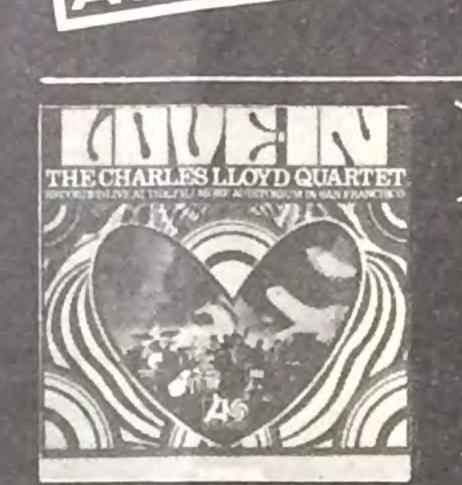
perienced, especially as David and I play very different from each other and that makes for even more of a contrast. Ornette never really liked to play with a pianist because the planist could never get his fingers in the cracks between the keys. Usually a pianist is schooled and brought up in the custom of playing in patterns which is something that he doesn't like either I think that having two basses makes up for the chords and the harrinnies." Haden agreed that bass players are also brought up to play patterns. "But I've discovered and adapted myself to whoever I'm playing with. I started out playing chord changes with bebon musicians and it doesn't really matter if there are chord changes or not, the main thing is that the music be sincere and played out of an equal love by all the guys that are playing. As long as that's happening, it's music and the other things

learning then and it's been a never-ending process of learning," he said. "I've put a lot of music into my life, but from 1958 until just about a year ago the music was there and it was good, but a lot of

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other things were missing. That's what I have to make up for now."

Since returning to Coleman's fold, Haden has been using the bow more than ever in order to sustain harmonies over a long period. "I want to lay a blanket of sound down behind whoever's playing and for that reason I love



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The softly-spoken, intense bassist had the most unlikely background for a jazz musician, especially one for whom jazz is the be-all and end-all of existence. Born into a family professional singers of and musicians in the small Iowa town of Shenandoah, Haden was raised in Springfield, Missouri, He stayed in the Mid-West singing hill-billy music with his family on the radio up to the age of 15. "All I can remember is singing harmony," he re-

don't really matter."

the bow very much."

The jazz audience, claimed Haden, is constantly changing. "You never really know if people are grasping what you're doing. In fact, ever since I've been playing in front of an audience I've always had the feeling, am I really communicating music to them? Are they really not understanding it intellectually because I don't expect that - but are they feeling it emotionally? Or are they there just to be there for someone else to see them or for so many other reasons that you can name. " You don't really know and then you stop and think that the only people who really understand emotionally and intellectually are the musicians themselves. I know whenever I see

another musician looking at me it always makes me play harder because l know that he knows what I'm doing."

Appreciation for his musical offerings is of great importance to the bassist who finds himself unable to go along with the idea of turning one's back on the paying customers: " Appreciation matters," he said. " It's just like giving someone a present on their birthday - you want them to be pleased. You don't give just to get something back from them, you give just to



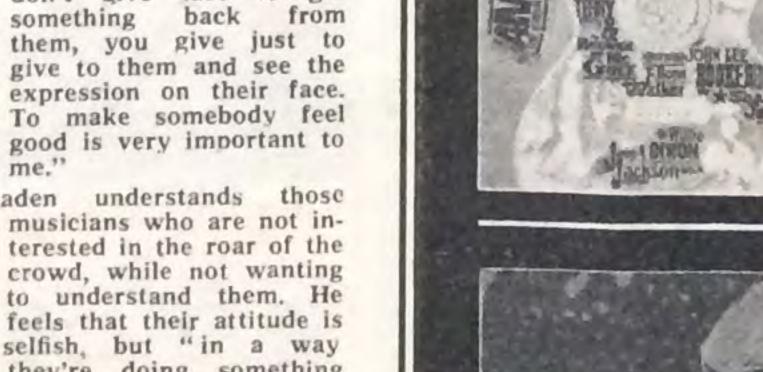
astically. "He's got a musical language that is completely his own. It was born from him and continues being born from him every night that we play. It never stops and it always sounds different. He inspires whoever is around him to play, to study and to practice."

Working alongside the virtuoso Izenzon, it is inevitable that comparisons be made between the two men. Haden is happy with the format and the challenge it provides. "It's good when everyone is working and playing with a closeness," was how he put it. "It's one of the best feelings I've ever ex-

called. " My brother played bass during the latter part of our radio shows - he was 15, I was 10 - and I always had a feeling for the instrument.

"Right before I got out of Haden understands those high school I made a tape musicians who are not infor a music scholarship to terested in the roar of the Oberlin College in Iowa. 1 crowd, while not wanting to understand them. He didn't know anything feels that their attitude is about the instrument. 1 couldn't read, but my selfish, but "in a way teacher showed me the they're doing something that they have to do in fingering to the point where I could put it down accordance with the on tape." On the strength times. They think that is of the tape alone, Haden the thing to say - that the intense, creative perwas awarded a 1,500 dolsonality stands alone. lar scholarship which he Well, aloneness is in us all rejected in favour of going to Los Angeles. The but there are other human jazz bug had bitten him beings around and so you at the age of 19 and he don't have to be always alone." wanted to be where the

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## The authentic blues, old and new, MELODY MAKER SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

- **NCE** again the time is near for the arrival of the annual blues festival, the "documentary of authentic blues" put together by Horst Lippmann and the German Jazz Federation to tour Europe.
- This year, Lippmann looks to be fielding a strong team which blends old favourites making return visits with several very interesting newcomers to Europe.
- The full lineup, which takes over the Thursday evening (26) of Jazz Expo for two shows at London's Hammersmith Odeon, is

Sonny Terry, Brownie McGhee, Son House, Bukka White, Skip James, Little Walter, Hound Dog Taylor, Odie Payne, Koko Taylor and Dillard Crume.

- Sonny and Brownie, perhaps the best known of all blues performers to British audiences, are making their umpteenth visit.
- They first hit Britain in 1958, and since then have recorded here and made concert tours and festival appearances which have built for them a large following among folk, blues and jazz fans. They have toured and recorded with Chris Barber's band, and it is perhaps their versatility and comparative sophistication which disturb both folk purists and adherents of the contemporary hard blues line.

Untroubled by arguments about style, Sonny and Brownie continue to offer agreeable entertainment which combines good humour with a lot of keenly

played music. McGhee sings well in a relatively polished manner and provides some fine guitar solos and accompaniments.

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And Terry is one of the phenomenal harmonica players, a real folk virtuoso and blues harp pioneer. He is also a powerful, unaffected singer. When he gets to blowing, sucking, whooping, yelping and stamping his feet in his evocation of the fox hunt, this blind North Carolina musician is something to see and hear. And he and Brownie certainly make up the most remarkable blues duo extant.

Next, and last, on the list of those who have been here before is Marion Walter Jacobs from Alexandria, Louisiana - Little Walter, harmonica expert

and blues singer. Walter is one of the outstanding harp players of the more modern school. He came to prominence in Chicago in the Fifties with records under his own name, and with Muddy Waters and others, and the big, heavily amplified sound he produced influenced a great many players at home and abroad.

STYLE



White, born Booker T. Washington White, was born on a farm to the west of the Delta, at Houston, Mississippi, on November 12, 1906 or 1909 (both dates have been mentioned by him).

## FACTORY

He recorded for Victor in Memphis in 1930 and for ARC in 1937 and '40. He was also recorded, in '39, for the Library Of Congress. Later he disappeared from the music scene, and he was employed in a defence factory when rediscovered four years ago by two

for Down Beat magazine, has said: "The several times I have seen House in the last two years have furnished me with some of the most unforgettable musical experiences of my life."

KOKO TAYLOR

LITTLE WALTER

Third of this Delta trio, and by no means the least gripping as a performer, is another guitarist-singer (who also plays piano), Skip James, James made a marvellous impression on me, at any rate - with his Storyville LP, "The Greatest Of The Delta Blues Singers," reviewed in last week's MM. Born Nehemiah James on a

plantation in Yazoo County, Mississippi, in June, 1902, Skip had a musical and religious upbringing. He was a close friend of a gospel group, the Famous Blue Jay Singers, of Birmingham.

Of James, Sam Charters writes: "One of the most consciously creative singers of the Delta, James has given most of his life to the church, but his blues still reflect some of the introspective brooding that went into his decision."

expect his singing and playing to be a highlight of the '67 festival.

The rest of this year's artists are not well known to me. Koko Taylor, the woman member of the package, has gospel music experience and says that her idol was Bobby Bland.



She left Memphis in '63 and went to Chicago, where she has worked with Buddy Guy, Lowell Fulton and J. B. Lenoir. Her big hit, "Wang Dang Doodle," has sold half-amillion copies.

Dillard Crume, who plays

BUKKA WHITE

bass guitar, was once a singer with the Original Five Blind Boys of Mississippi ('56 and '57) and later the Highway QCs and Swan Silvertone Singers. Born in Missouri, he came to Chicago around '45 and there played guitar. In 1960 he formed his own group, the Crume Brothers. He has accompanied Betty Everett and latterly Koko Taylor.

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Hound Dog Taylor is another of the Festival's singers and "slide" guitarists, while Odie Payne, the drummer, is a respected exponent of the Chicago blues beat.

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Walter came to this country in September '64, and was surprised by what he heard being put down by local blues groups (" Them boys was as pure in the blues as many a Negro group back home," he told me). Little Walter gives credit to Sonny Boy Williamson (the first) as the creator of modern harmonica style. Walter's reappearance here will be welcomed by all who like bouncing blues singing and shouting harp.

For those who favour the older country blues from around Mississippi, what many people regard as the parent style, the most important visitors in the package will probably be Son House, Bukka White and Skip James. None has been to Europe before.



American blues collectors.

Since that time, Bukka who is a cousin of B. B. King - has recorded again and been heard in concerts and coffee houses. Author Samuel Charters, in his book, The Bluesmen, writes that White's music "is almost an archetypal Delta blues style." Of his guitar accompaniments he says: ". . usually repetitive patterns of notes played with his thumb on the lower strings and a melody played on the upper strings, generally with a metal ring on the little finger of his left hand."



The rediscovered Bukka White can be heard on Fontana's "Sky Songs" LP. If you can locate a copy of Charters' "The Country Blues" album (RBF Records), you can hear this artist's exceptionally stirring "Fixin' To Die," made in 1940. Along with Bukka, Charlie Patton and one or two more, Son House and Skip James represent the finest aspects of traditional Mississippi country blues.

House, like White and James, gave up music when the old blues went out of style. He had recorded some highly regarded titles for Paramount in 1930, and was capering. But it's his supcaptured by the Library erb compositions and often Of Congress in '42. Again, wonderful tenor that the folklorists searched him fuss should be about; the out in '64 and nut him on-'psychedelic' wrapping to long-playing record. will do a lot of good to bring people into the fold, but there's a very tangy GRIPPING jazz package underneath it all." And that is the point. Be-His quality has remained neath the publicity image with him, and readers can is real talent, an original hear how impressive he jazzman with something sounds on "The Legennew to say. dary Son House - Father of Folk Blues" (CBS). Lloyd was born in Memphis

## **Gharles'** pyschedelic experience pays off

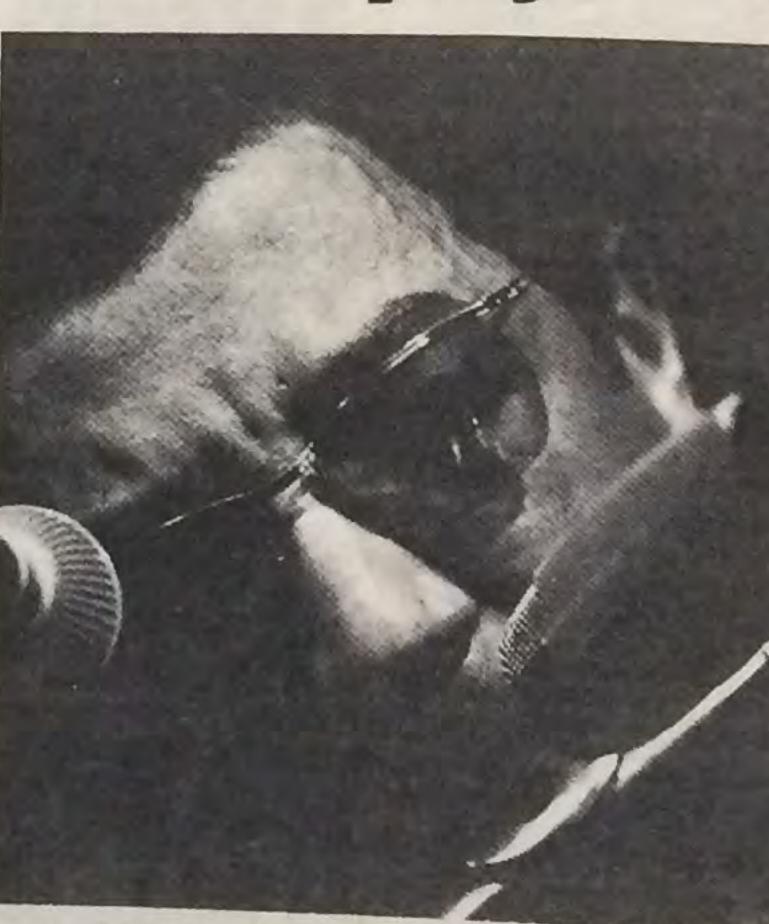
THERE'S an important lesson for other jazzmen in the remarkable success of Charles Lloyd -the lesson that, if backed by talent, poptype publicity can be very, very useful.

Lloyd's admirers spread far beyond the confines of jazz, attracted by his much publicised successes at the musical mecca of West Coast hippies, the Fillmore Auditorium, San Francisco.



Lloyd has wisely gone along with the psychedelic image, even encouraged it by dressing to please the flower children, and adopting an unusual stage personality. As Bob Houston wrote of Lloyd's last London appearance in June: "Visually, Lloyd's stagemanner is very striking, with Monkish dances and

on March 15, 1938, and



his own group in 1965 and it wasn't until he visited Europe, with tremendous reaction from critics and fans, that American bookers really began to take notice.



He received the final accolade of acceptance when Time Magazine featured him this year.

Lloyd admits to many and varied influences. Originally an admirer of Coleman Hawkins, Ben Webster, and Lester Young he later listened a great deal to Sonny Stitt, Sonny Rollins and John Coltrane. Ten years ago, his most intimate associates included Ornette Coleman, Don Cherry and Eric Dolphy.



LLOYD: an important message for jazzmen among his schoolmates were George Coleman,

Booker Little and Frank Strozier. He started out playing alto with local R&B groups, including those of B. B. King and Bobby Bland. In 1956 he went to college in California, where he gigged, still on alto, with Gerald Wilson.

Leaving college, he joined Chico Hamilton's Quintet in 1961, shortly after

switching from alto to tenor and taking up flute. He stayed with Hamilton for three years he joined the Cannonball Adderley combo, with which he first visited Britain.



The American scene wasn't exactly wild with enthusiasm when he formed His style shows the width of these interests-he can play free as any of the avant gardists yet, on the occasional ballad, will sound quite close to Webster. But he remains instantly identifiable.

future.-BOB DAWBARN.

My guess is that the combination of the Lloyd Quartet and the Roland Kirk Quartet will draw one of the biggest crowds to Jazz Expo 67 - and they won't all be dedicated jazz fans. Which augurs well for the

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# Music to blow the minds of all jazz fans ...

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BY RALPH GLEASON

**MILES DAVIS** 

the mind can think of them, as pure intuition, pure spon-taneity, shifts and changes take place which are with-out visible signal, at least



NOT unnaturally, there was a certain amount of scepticism abroad when something called Indo-Jazz Fusions took wing in the summer of '66.

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In fact, the Joe Harriott and John Mayer quintets had fused the year before in the Lansdowne Records studios in Notting Hill Gate. But it was the acceptance of their first album, "Indo-Jazz Suite," and the subsequent presentation of the Double Quintet in all its glory at Chichester's Festival Theatre in May '66 which made this Oriental-Occidental musical amalgam a talking and writing point. Now the Fusions are well on the road to fame, if not fortune, and this month sees them win special recognition with a booking at London's Jazz Expo on Monday (23). This week I spoke to the coleaders, and both were agreed that the Jazz Expo '67 engagement looked like important stepping an stone, "It isn't the first festival we've done," said Mayer. "But this is a big date for us and an encouraging opportunity." foday, as your eyes and ears will soon tell you, admiration for the Indian way of life (and death, it seems) is reaching cult proportions in our old island fortress. I wondered how much this had helped Indo-Jazz Fusions to keep its polyglot head above the waters. It has helped," Joe allowed. "It's not unusual for people to think Indo-Jazz when they hear a sitar, though what it's playing may have nothing whatever to do with jazz." John Mayer doesn't believe the present fashion has much to do with the group's acceptance because, as he says, appreciation of Indian music has been increasing here for a long time. The Idea for Indo-Jazz Fusions first came from 'The Dances Of India' I wrote for three Indian instruments and symphony orchestra about 1958." The way we got together with John," Harriott explained, "it was more accident than design. I had finished my third abstract album and was talking about the next step to record producer Denis Preston. Denis introduced me to Mayer, we exchanged ideas, and the result was the first Indo-Jazz record." And does Harriott feel happy unique."

playing in this style? "Yes, it is an experience. Speaking for myself, I wouldn't say it was jazz I'm playing because it's not really a jazz setting. It is a fusion of idioms. I'd say the result would be half and half.

" Obviously I don't follow the format as strictly as the Indian players do. What I try to do is paint a picture

with which this unit and especially Davis himself — is playing these days makes it essential to hear.

Davis is, of course, without peer as a soloist. He is unique unto himself, as is Dizzy Gillespie, and what he does is so exquisitely performed that there is about it all the terrifying logic of inevitability.

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Davis Quintet. Jazz pos-sesses no better small

group and the brilliance

Davis does not play throughout the set, leaving the stage after the opening and his own solos and returning to lead the transition into other passages or other compositions. His own solos are like roman candles, blinding in their virtuosity and red hot in the emotional temperature.

When Davis is not on the stand, the group is really the Tony Williams Quartet, with the young drummer setting the mood and the style no matter who is soloing.

When Davis is playing Tony Williams sometimes engages in absolutely fascinating dialogues with him, answering the trumpet runs with staccato drum sounds, commenting on the phrases with accents of the bass and joining in exultant choruses of approval on the cymbals. At other times, Davis's trumpet statements seem to inspire a kind of playing from Williams that I can only describe as playing the

to the outside observer. The group operates with a kind of musical ESP and this has always been characteristic of Davis's groups.

To accomplish this requires musical virtuosity of a very polished and reliable kind, like the great dexterity displayed in any swift moving improvisational athletic activity utilising more than one person. But this is not just physical - it is also intellectual and its complexity is blinding, even more so because it is all done with the kind of throwaway style that implies it's easy.

Music like this makes the listener high. It must blow the minds of the players when it comes off right, no matter how hard it really is to do. And when it comes off right, they cannot do anything wrong. The logic of inevit-

ability again.





with the symbols given to me. I try to create something with the raga - you know, create something over the top."

At this point John Mayer insisted on explaining some of the complexities of the situation.

"You see," he said. "every raga has what they call a Raga Rupa. It is the raga form, which every raga has. Within the framework of the raga there are certain important notes known as Vadi notes. When I give the notes to Joe he forms a

picture around these important notes. And this is why you have a coherence in the compositions we play. "The compositional aspect is very important. Most of this music has to be written out, so as to allow continuity during the improvisation. The work mustn't meander; I find it does in jazz. When the sitar improvises, it is within the framework of the raga-the particular raga he is playing. It's a good deal different from jazz practice because he has to adhere to the Arohana and the Avrohana -the ascending and descending structure of the raga." And what about the future of the Fusions ensemble? Mayer added: "After two years' experience together,

drums in such a way as to put all the trumpet statements in quotations and to enhance the dramatic effects of the trumpet by percussion.

When tenor Wayne Shorter solos, Tony Williams plays a counter melody on the drums with a series of explosions, accents, crescendoes of sound and high - insinuating shimmering noises from the cymbals that both emphasises the tenor phrases by underscoring them and propels them by a sort of kicking feeling. When bassist Ron Carter plays, Williams is generally content to drop right down into a subsidiary role and limit himself to digging even deeper in the groove set by the bassist. At that moment, it is the Tony Williams Trio and it swings like mad.

When pianist Herbie Hancock solos, and his style is flamboyant, full of runs and effects that sound like harp glisses and give a definitely impressionistic sound to his work, Williams depends more on the cymbals than usual and gets a wide variety of sounds of the hihat and the top cymbal, all the while creating a rhythmic counter line consisting of bass drum accents and whaps on the snare, the tom tom and the rims with the left hand stick.

Drumming as individualistic and as imaginative as this is seldom heard. It could become overbearing but it does not because Williams is obviously finely tuned to the difference in timbre of the sound caused by the style of the individual players.

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"The thing I'm happy about is that the barriers are broken. There is but music, no matter what form it takes. Neither Joe nor I are people to stick at one thing for too long. We want to take the techniques of Indo-Jazz further afield." "And it has to be with the whole group," Harriott explained in conclusion. "I cannot do it with my own

In no other jazz group that I can think of do the musicians communicate to each other so completely by the sounds of the music itself. Most groups signal various messages by the raising of eyebrows, the movement of a horn, the shrugging of a shoulder or the nodding of head. At breakneck tempos, where the ideas in improvisation

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THO: "1 Can See For Miles" (Track). In a town without end, with a moon that never sets, there is a fire burning. It is the fire of the Who, once thought diminished or dying, but obviously glowing with that renewed heat. Forget Happy Jacks sitting in sand on the Isle of Man, this marathon epic of swearing cymbals and cursing guitars marks the return of the Who as a major freak-out force. Recorded in America, it's a Pete Townshend composition filled with Townshend mystery and menace, and delivered by the emphatic Mr Roger Daltrey. Nobody can deceive him because there is magic in his eyes and he can see for miles. And the Who are going to see their way back into the chart.

SCOTT McKENZIE: "Like An Old Time Movie" (CBS). Another gentle and soulful performance from Scott, with the same winning ways that made "San Francisco" such a smash. Produced by John Phillips and Lou Adler it seems to prove ballads can come back as long as they are West Coast and suitably groovy. Pretty, but meaningful, a good many more flowers are obviously due to be scattered among the multitudes.



## LPs REVIEWED BY THE MM POP PANEL

CLIFF RICHARD: "Good News" (Columbia). Following his adoption of Christianity, Cliff issues a record of hymns and spirituals. With the help of a vocal chorus he injects a lot of life and feeling into some tired old songs and some beautiful melodies. Included are "23rd Psalm," "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," and "May The Good Lord Bless And Keep You." **GENE PITNEY: "Just One** Smile" (Stateside). Another helping of the Pitney dynamics which narrowly avoid becoming histrionics. Gene has a flair for picking songs with strong elements of drama. This album includes two of these -"Just One Smile" and "Cold Light Of Day," both of which have been Pitney hits. Another good album from one of the really distinctive voices in pop. Other tracks include "24 Sycamore" which should have been a hit for Wayne Fontana and "She Believes In Me."

CHRIS WELCH SORTS OUT THE NEW SINGLES

from the blues, he is heard here mostly doing what he is really good at - belting out over an excellent small group with some especially nice guitar. Georgie Fame fans will find the arrangement of "How Come My Bull Dog Don't Bark" rather familiar. Other tracks to note are: "Ain't Nobody Home," "Part Time Love," "Baby I Love You"

## GERRY LOCKRAN TOUR TO SCOTLAND

DLUES singer Gerry Lock-D ran returns home from his summer stint in Jersey on October 20 and makes his first club appearance of the current season at Putney on October 23, followed by Hemel Hempstead (24), Bath (25) and a couple of recording sessions on October 26 and 31. On November 1 he flies to Scotland for a short tour then on to Cornwall for television recordings and club work. Later in the year Gerry goes to Germany and Italy for concerts.

On October 29 Folk Voice presents another Get-Together at Cecil Sharp House, London, with a host of country-style performers including Malcolm Price, Tom Paley's New Deal String Band, Anita and The Bluegrass Boys, Clay County Travellers, the Silver Family and Dave Travis.

EPISODE SIX: "I Can See Through You" (Pye). Good grief, here is a merry marriage of idioms. To my admittedly clothears, I detect a sort of Buddy Holly guitar riff, a nice solid drum beat, plus modern advanced vocal harmonies and flute breaks. It's an inventive concept which keeps on happening right through to the end, with a surprise a microgroove. If not a hit, it deserves an award of some description for ideas, taste and good intentions.

SHARON TANDY: "Our Day Will Come" (Atlantic). Funky guitar introduction, that makes one want to crawl about bedroom floors, clutching the top of one's skull and groaning: "Too much." Then comes the speed up, and Miss Tandy takes off with the oldie, which comes as quite an anti-climax. The tune is a bit of a drag at any tempo, and although the Vanilla Fudge may have worked wonders with "Hanging On," the formula just isn't going to work here. Worth hearing for the beginning and end. Just avoid the middle.

ARETHA FRANKLIN: "A Natural Woman" (Atlantic). these unnatural Damn women. There's too many of them about, attacking gorillas electric with shavers and painting their teeth black. So I entirely concur with Miss Franklin's soulful testament to the qualities of natural women. That's the way she feels, and I feel the same. Or rather, I feel the way she feels is ruch better for her. Not a hit, I calculate, but a decidedly beautiful performance, as one would ex-



poem to San Francisco, it commences with a dramatic narrative a la Dragnet, followed by gentle description, laced with occasional strong sentiments about "the cons." The fade-out is a rather anti-climax after such a strong opener, but doubtless all things have their purpose. A hit, and proof that Eric is getting himself together musically.

YOUNG IDEA: "Mr Lovin' Luggage Man" (Columbia). Les Reed and Barry Mason strike again with another powerful song, with an odd title, and a nice group to play it. Arthur Greeslade is at work arranging and conucting, so it's a powerful array of talent aimed at the chart, that's bound to score

spired ditty. I tried being angry and that didn't work. I tried laughing maniacally, sobbing, meditating, sneering, raging, and going to sleep, but still nothing. Like no reaction, baby. It is a record. It goes round. Music comes out. It is nice. It won't hurt you. I don't know if it will be a hit. The time at the third stroke will be 1.30 precisely.

DAVE CLARK FIVE: "Everybody Knows" (Columbia). Pessimism overcame me on being gripped by this slowpaced ballad, tinged as it is with melancholy, gloom, despondancy and despair. Produced by Dave and arranged by Les Reed, it's backed by strings with a simple theme that will make contact with many ears. But I still have those morose, sullen, gloomy and surly feelings this won't be a hit. JONNY ROSS: "Push A Button " (Columbia). Push a button and what happens? His head falls off. No, enough of this levity. There's little room for merriment in this grim world of pop, God knows. Here 15year-old Ross demonstrates a remarkably mature voice exercised with heartfelt emotion on a superb ballad, complete with sweeping strings and dramatic plano chords. It's all grandeur on a Hollywood scale. As the mountains and rivers flow as one, as the sky darkens and mighty lightning bolts plunge from the heavens,

the soaring voice fills one with awe at Mother Nature about her mystical works. I wonder how he got that voice? Must have eaten all his spinach, and all his crusts. Aye, there's a big future ahead of the talented Mr Ross.

JERRY LEE LEWIS: "Turn On Your Love Light" (Philips). Wow - if our troops are looking peaky at those far-flung outposts of the Empire, then this is decidely the stuff to feed said troops. A few blasts of groovy Lewis and the British Army could once again hold the whole world at bay. And how about playing this at the next Labour Party conference? Tax cuts on whisky, motorists legalised -who could resist the glorious rock and roll influence? Stop being twits, readers, and make this a hit. JOHN'S CHILDREN: "Go-Go Girl " (Track). Track records stink! Pausing for stunned reaction all round to subside, I should explain I speak only from physical experience, and not with any intent to extend insults to Track, their employees, goods and chattels. I merely state facts. By placing the poly-vinyl of this single to my nose I detect a noxious smell one normally associates with bubonic plague victims. Technical quirks aside, this is a groovy, rocking Marc Bolan tune by the grossly underrated Children.

AL MARTINO: "Daddy's Little Girl" (Capitol). We must own up to a sneaking appreciation of Al's lazy, romantic way with a song. But the title track is a little too twee even for devotees. Thankfully, he makes up for it with the remaining numbers -like "Born Free," "Once Upon A Time," and "The Wheel Of Hurt."

JOAN BAEZ: "Joan" (Fontana). Purity of voice, plus social awareness have placed Joan in the forefront of the pop folk scene. She is capable of interpreting a meaningful lyric superbly - witness "Eleanor Rigby" and Donovan's "Turquoise" on this new album. Marvellous Baez matches the greatness of the material. The LP includes Paul Simon's "Dangling Conversation," "Be Not Too Hard"

and "Look At Granny Run Run."

**CONNIE FRANCIS: "Love** Italian Style" (MGM). Connie Francis and the Italian language are a pretty romantic mixture. Lonely bachelors with a penchant for "those good old melodies " should brighten their dreams with tracks like "Chella Lla," "Passione," "Tango Delle Rose," "Statte Vincino A Me" and the rest.

TONY OSBORNE: "Piano In The Night" (Deram). Deramic Sound System they call it and stereo fanatics should be well satisfied with the sound. For mere music lovers it's roll-back-the-carpet versions of good-old-ones like " Play A Simple Melody," " Sentimental Journey," "Exodus" and "Ferryboat Serenade."

FRANK IFIELD: "Blue Skies" (World Record Club). If you don't know what Frank Ifield sounds like by now you must have been doing at least 14 years Preventive Detention. On this set Frank wraps his elastic tonsils round such oldies as "Blue Skies," "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," "I'll Be Around," "My Blue Heaven" and his own "Let Me Be The One."

THE LEGENDARY MAR-LENE DIETRICH (Music For Pleasure). An incredible array of songs made around 1928-31 with Marlene proving she couldn't sing any better then than she can now but she still had that magical quality. Some of the backings are gems of the period with wonderful trumpet players who sound as through they had been listening to Bix Beiderbecke. Included: "Falling In Love Again," "Blonde Woman," "Give Me The Man," "Lola," and "This Evening, Children." NELSON RIDDLE: "Music For Wives And Lovers" (United Artists). Nelson Riddle sounds better with his orchestra when he's arranging for top singers like Sinatra. He's okay here but it has been done as well if not better so many times before. One thing though, he does pick good songs for these orchestral verslons. Included: "Cabaret," "Born Free," "Yesterday," "Wives And Lovers," "A Man And A Woman," and "Music To Watch Girls By."

Another Folk Voice venture at Leeds University on November 16 has had to be cancelled due to financial troubles.

Watt Nicol, Glasgow-based singer is now a full time professional and is also writing two books. One is a song book the other autobiographical.

Among the guests lined up for the newly opened Club at the Highcliffe Hotel, Greystones Road, Sheffield, are Alex Campbell, Whizz Jones and Jon Marten. The club is held on Thursday nights.

It's celebration night on October 29 for Addlestone and Weybridge folk club, who are having their fourth anniversary. With Wally Whyton, Noel Murphy, Alex Campbell and the Johnny Silvo Group taking part, my guess is that this will be good old knees-up.

David Campbell goes to Germany on October 16 for a television recording in Cologne and then returns for a two week tour of Scotland.



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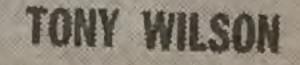
ERIC BURDON AND THE ANIMALS: "San Franciscan Nights" (MGM). Here is the long-awaited British release of his U.S. hit. Virtually a

a direct hit. **CRISPIAN ST PETERS: "Free** Spirit" (Decca). Somewhat mechanical and contrived arrangement of a dull song. It is rather difficult to arouse any emotion at all on hearing this pleasant if unin-

and her own "Saigon Bride."

**RAY CHARLES SINGERS:** "Songs From Round The (Command). The World " choir is an American institution without the same impact here. The Ray Charles Singers are pleasant and sing well, but the album fails to rise to any great heights, despite interesting moments of "Yesterday" and "The Shadow Of Your Smile," Other numbers include "My World," "Blue Roses" and "Yo Te Ano."

HOWARD TATE: "Get It While You Can" (Verve). Tate is a fine young R&B singer with aggressive power and a way of sounding as though he means it. Not too convincing once he is away



He is also one of the future guests at the Pedro folk club which meets on Fridays at the William IV pub, Leyton, London, where residents are Pete Ronald and Terry Munday. Other guests include Martin Winsor, Johnny Silvo, Derek Brimstone and Diz Disley.

Over in Northern Ireland at Portadown, Rodney Cordner has been running a successful club for about four years. The swing there is to traditional music and regular singers at his club are Robin Morton and David Hammond.

Jo-Ann Kelly has lost her diary - anyone who has booked her in the next few months should let her know so she can make a note of it. Contact Jo-Ann at 01-674-7810.

Jack King tells me his wife, Margaret, is having a lot of throat trouble of late and must rest so he is working solo now.

Dave and Tony Arthur, Derek Brimstone, Noel Murphy, Johnny Silvo Group and the Punch Bowl 3 all appear in concert at West London College of Education, Notting Hill Gate, on October

Dorris Henderson returns from her European tour on October 16 and takes part in a concert at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on October 20. The concert is in aid of Shelter, the National Campaign for the Homeless. Among those at a reception held at Polydor Records' offices to welcome Tom Paxton were Sandy Faris, Sydney Carter, Murray Cash, Sally Ayres, Elektra chief Jac Holzman, Stefan Grossman, Radio DJ Pete Drummond, Julie Felix, Chris Barber and journalists Erle Winter, Maurice Rosenbaum (Daily Telegraph folk correspondent) and MM's Bob Houston, I was there too - so they tell me. At Tom's Royal Albert Hall concert, Roy Guest was wearing gear that made him look like a society wedding page boy. Well, he's never been the same since he started going to the Speakeasy!



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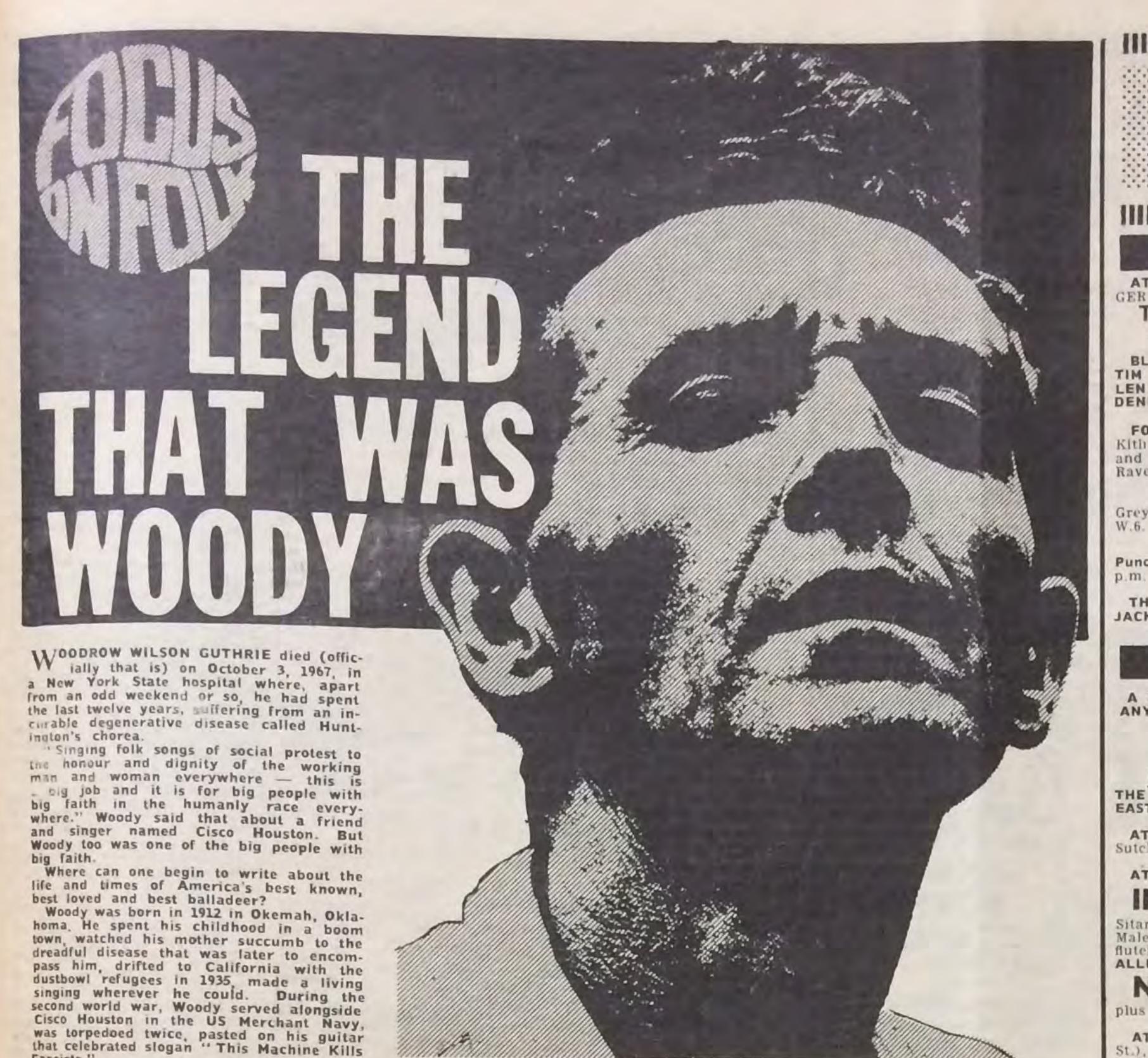
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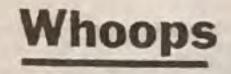




Fascists."

He spent most of the postwar years in various hospitals, looking his disease squarely in the face, never sounding a note of despair. Three marriages, several children, and a thousand songs later, Woody is dead.

Those are bare facts. The facts about Guthrie's restless life are easy enough to set down, but they tell the reader very little about the man behind the facts. Far less, that is, than Woody's own racy accounts of his various experiences.



Listen to Woody's own description of his birthplace. " One



sharply against a brooding sky. Woody's grief, for instance, when his four-year-old daughter Cathy Ann, was accidentally burned to death. Woody describes her in hospital after the fire: "I heard her singing in her room and said she sounded like she had stuff enough to pull through anything." Cathy later slipped into a coma and "even there in her unconscious mind, Cathy kept on singing, dancing, teasing, ribbing, josh-ing in Yiddish dialect, in oakie dialect, in every other dialect." Then there was Woody's habit of sitting down at the nearest

Now there's a song - a second American national anthem. If he had never written any other song, this love poem to the beautiful land he had so often roamed across would put Guthrie in the giant class. At a time when only a handful of folk-fans had ever heard the one-time gospel song "We Shall Overcome," the skiffle clubs of Britain were ringing out to Woody's words: " From California to the New York Island / From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters/ This land belongs to you and me." Poetry The folk club movement in Britain has been Influenced from time to time by various American singers. Among those who have been here in person and often, Seeger, Paxton, and Hedy West have left perhaps the most marked impressions. Only a couple of people made the same sort of impact without ever actually appearing here - Leadbelly and Guthrie, The power of Woody's poetry, the meaning within his music, generated a vitality that reached far beyond the printed word or the vinyl disc, so that "Hard Travelling," "So Long It's Been Good To Know You," "Pretty Boy Floyd," "Jesus Christ Was A Man," echoed round the folk scene all through the late Fifties and early Sixties. When death comes to a creative artist, there is inevitable grief that we shall never again reap the harvest of his powers. The sorrow usually arises from a sudden confrontation with this fact. In Woody's case, there was nothing sudden about this confrontation. He had been in hospital for a long time and his creative powers evaporated many years ago.

cans aware of their land and its beauty.

They also named after Guthrie an electricity sub-station in the Bonneville Dam area. A small group of friends went to the hospital to pass on these honours, but it is doubtful whether Woody understood what they were trying to tell him. It was April 1966, and he had less than eighteen months to live. If he did understand, he prob-

ably wished he could laugh. They named a sub-station after Woody Guthrie. They should have named the whole dam after him, They should have named a whole turbulent, wingdinging, cock-fighting, sky-diving, chrisalmighty ocean after him. It would have been little enough,

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of the singingest, square dancingest, drinkingest, yellingest, preachingest, walkingest, talkingest, laughingest, cryingest, shootingest, fist fightingest, bleedingest, gamblingest, gun, club and razor carryingest of our ranch and farm towns."

Or his account of recording sessions with Cisco Houston and Sonny Terry during the war. "We yelled and whooped and beat and pounded . . . we tried hilltop and sunny mountain harmonies and wilder yells and whoops of the dead sea deserts, and all of the swampy southland and buggy mud bottom sounds that we could make. We sung to the mossy trees and to the standing moon . . .

Woody Guthrie was a poet and a philosopher as well as a hard-hitting songwriter. Words lived in his hands and in his VOICE

So far, the story of that voice and those hands has been set down, by Guthrie and by those who have written about him, like a misted view of a vast and confusing countryside. In this fragmentary landscape, there is no real order (as there was none in Woody's life), but some peaks stand out fairly

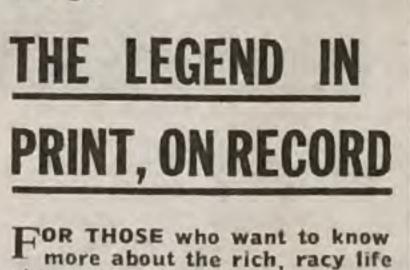
available typewriter (perhaps in the office of some union strike committee he happened to be singing for) and bashing out a new song in the middle of the night. He would leave it in the machine. As far as Woody was concerned, it was done, but he'd regard you as unnatural if you didn't change the song around. " If you don't like the words, alter 'em; if you don't like the tune, write a new tune."

## Anthem

In 1941, Guthrie was commissioned by the Bonneville Dam Power Administration " to walk around up and down the rivers and to see what I could find to make up songs about." In twenty-six days, Woody wrote twenty-six songs about the Coulee and Bonneville Dams, then under construction. "Grand Coulee Dam" and "Roll on, Columbia" stand comparison with any song that has come out of America in the last fifty years, including Guthrie's own



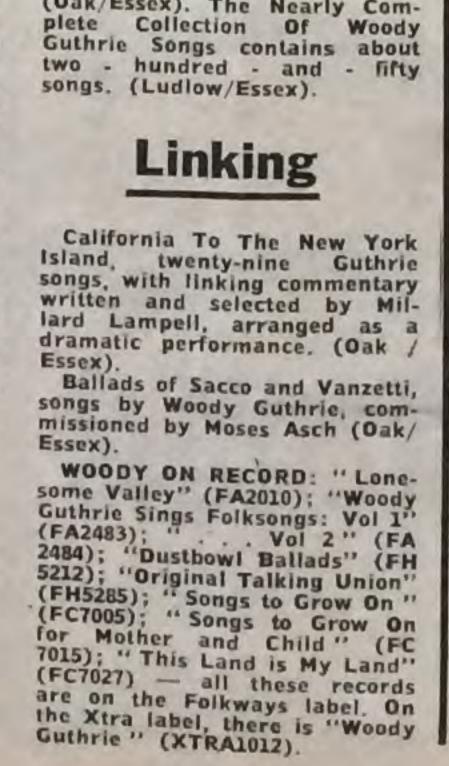
All this has, in its way, enhanced the Guthrie legend, In the public mind, fact and fiction have become intermingled only those close to Woody knew which was which. Meanwhile, folk have continued to sing the Guthrie songs, mindful perhaps of Woody's famous copyright notice: "The above song was writ by Woody Guthrie and got an iron clad copyright No. 75623489108663, registered in Washington, DC. Anyone caught singing this song without my permission and spreading it around will sure be a good friend of mine because that's what I wrote it for in the first place." No one will ever write a better epitaph for the great balladeer. Beauty Woody Guthrie was an uncompromising critic of the establishment, the machine, the concrete-souled administration. Belatedly, when he was already nine parts dead and could no longer harm them, the establishment honoured him, presented a certificate testifying to Woody's work in making Ameri-



more about the rich, racy life that Woody led, there are several good sources worth tracking down, There is Woody's autobiography, Bound for Glory (available in Britain through Collets Record Shop, 70 New Oxford Street, London WC1). Then there is Born to Win (Harmony Music - also from Collets), an anthology of Guthrie's poetry, prose, drawings, ideas, that every folk fan should read. The introduction (written by Woody) to American Folksong Woody Guthrie (Oak Publications/Essex Music) is the best short account of Guthrie's life, and it takes the reader almost up to the time when Woody entered hospital. The Folkways record " Bound for Glory " carries a fine selection of Woody's songs (sung by Woody) and extracts from the book of the same name (read by Will Geer, the American actor). Elektra has issued three ab-

sorbing LPs of Woody singing talking and exchanging ideas with Alan Lomax in the "Woody Guthrie Library of Congress Recordings."

WOODY IN SONGBOOKS American Folksong Woody Guthrie edited by Moses Asch. (Oak/Essex). The Nearly Com-







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# COME ON SCOTT, BE FAIR TO FANS

AM beginning to get a bit fed up with Scott Walker saying he wants to avoid everybody and playing a big moody scene. As a loyal fan, is it too much to ask for the occasional appearance and single record?

Simple drum patterns can be

Come on Scott, be fair to the fans. -CEILA BROWN, Orpington, Kent,

AM collecting petitions for Scott Walker I to have his own TV show. Each petition holds thirty names and I am hoping to get more than a thousand.

Any one who would like to help, please write to me, stating how many petitions they would like. Don't let Scott down. - MISS

ANGELA JAMIESON, Tigh Gael, 10 Craignethan Road, Whitecraigs, Glasgow.

WHY such a terrible pic-ture of Scott Walker (MM July 29). I think he is fantastic, but what a horrible shock when 1 saw his enlarged head!

Does he know such awful pictures exist? Or is he so

## effective

T's about time drummers realised fast complicated drumming is not necessarily a good thing. Usually it contributes little to the overall sound of a group.

Jim Capaldi of Traffic shows that simple drum patterns can be very effective. I think more drummers should adopt his style -- TOM WALSH, London NW2

LIOW dare reader Jeremy I Jones write that "stupid and extravagant publicity self the stull put out by the Who and Spencer Davis Groups." (MM September 23)

I'll have him know the Spencer Davis group with Stevie Winwood was one of the greatest and most talented groups on the scene.

As for his denying Sleve the privilege of being on of the "Magnificent Seven," 1 suggest he listens to numbers like "Dust My Blues," or "Stevie's Blues." The only guy near Winwood is Clapton. -C. CAMPBELL, Hornchurch, ESSCX.

A S a student of the London A School of Meditation for 18 months I am very happy to see the Beatles taking the same path

Without minimising their magnificent contribution to music, this is undoubtedly



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their most important milestone in their careers.

For some time I have been convinced that meditation is not only the answer to individual problems and neuroes, it is the only power for good, which could effectively solve the problems of a messed up, war - mongering, power - corrupted money - grabbing planet, - LYN DOBSON, Georgie Fame Band, Islington, London.

#### . LP WINNER

RE English studios inrequipped for recording drums? They always sound like dustbin lids on any session, whereas American sessions, be they jazz, folk or pop always get a groovy drum sound, Burn British drums or microphones - or both .--FRED THOMAS, Chigwell, Essex.

HAVE just heard the Herd and it's great to see from the land of flower power and Sgt Pepper copyists, an unbelievably original group .---SEAMUS BROGAN, Ballymena, Co. Antrim, Ireland.

broke he has to model for Oxfam? I'm sure none of his fans welcome pictures like that. Please MM, don't print anymore pictures like that Think of his devoted fans. He doesn't seem to appreciate them anyway. -- MARGARET EMMS, Woodborough Road, Nottingham.

T'S obvious to me that John

Mayall is falling into a soul bag. Since he first gained large scale recognition, when playing with Eric Clapton, he has drifted into a Georgie Fame style.

The use of horns has done little for the group. I am all for the Mayall Crusade, but not when it involves commercialism of the blues to the extent now practised by Mayall .-- C. CREWS, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

HOW dare Chris Welch say Stevie Winwood, Pete Townshend, Jimmy Page, Jeff Beck, Eric Clapton, Peter Green and Jimi Hendrix are the greatest.

As far as I am concerned Stevie Winwood, Pete Townshend, Jimmy Page, Jeff Beck, Eric Clapton, Peter Green and Jimi Hendrix are the greatest. -CHRIS WELCH, London, SE6.

THANGE MM jazz reviewers! They are perpetually giving great American visitors misleadingly bad reviews, when their music justi- printing last week the blasfies lid-flipping. Max Roach for example is the most exciting group ever to visit this country. Yet, why do aged critics give the impression they are not worth seeing?-LEN SMITH, Wembley Park, Middlesex.

A PART from attempting to A provoke controversy. what was the purpose behind

TOW about a feature on

the real professional

musicians - the session men?

long-named boys of pop. Or

could this perhaps prove to

be too revealing? - LESLIE

GAYLOR, Newport, Isle of

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DLAH, blah, gas, talk, blab, bore, mutter, blither, burble, buzz, flower power .--ROGER SPEAR, Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band, Chiswick, London.

DEADER Geoff Wollen's reference to Nick Jones descriptive work as "inarticulate pseudo awareness," (MM October 7) was extremely narrow-minded.

It's easy to label something as "pseudo," and this is often done by those who cannot comprehend art forms.

phemous letter from your correspondent cowardly hiding behind the questionable alias of B. Elzebub?

I thought the tone and content of the letter in the worst possible taste, and am surprised and shocked that the MM could even consider printing it. Accordingly, wish to register disapproval. - BOB WOOD, New Cavendish Street, London.

A LL those jazz fans who A have been moaning about promoters' lack of interest in presenting American musicians in England now have a chance to rectify the years of silence. Whether you dig Shepp or Ellington, the opportunity has arisen to see and hear many jazz greats and only by supporting these enterprising ventures will we be able to be If these concerts are suc-

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