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well-deserved, also Paul McCartney A long-range Alley Cat
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Trent "Joanna" Don't say
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to wax Les Reed-Barry Mason song
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Is Dean Martin's favourite group
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Relations between Mary Hopkin and Apple never better, says Derek Taylor . . . Actress Joey Heatherton latest light in Frank Sinatra's eyes? . . Plan by Larry Page to launch Chris Britton of the Troms as a sole artist the Troggs as a solo artist . . .

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works of late.
Finally, to Robbie for the last

word on the name (or no name) business: "I suppose a lot of people are going to try to call us Bob Dylan's band, but even he doesn't call us that. The only name

to put a record out, the company asked us what we were going to call ourselves, and we told them our Christian names. We told them

that our neighbours refer to us as

'Groovy'

So the names they chose to grace the record labels were "the ones out parents thought groovy for us"—Jaimie Robbie Robertson, Rick Danko, Richard Manuel, Garth Hudson and Levon Helm, which may confuse but makes a pleasant change from the Elec-tronic Gooseberry Bush or the

THE five eccentric gentlemen pictured right are the folks who live on the

hill above rustic Woodstock, New York State, in a ranch house called Big Pink.

In the basement they make

a lot of noise with neigh-

bour Bob Dylan and on the

occasions when they venture out onto the streets local townsfolk have been heard to remark, among other things, "There goes the band." And so as the Band they became known. Lead guitarist Jamie Robbie Robertson explains: "For one

thing there aren't many bands around our area of New York and our friends and neighbours just call us the band and that's the way we think of ourselves. And then, we don't think a name means anything. It's got out of

means anything. It's got out of hand — the name thing. We don't want to get into a rut like that."

Dynastic Space Oddessey. The Group With No Name-or the Band to take the simpler reference—settled at Big Pink in reference—settled at Big Pink in 1967 after a round the world tour backing Bob Dylan, whose own house is just a few miles from the Pink. It was Dylan, then recovering from his motorcycle accident, who invited them to Woodstock to help him finish a film.

Falling with delight on their first stable home after six years almost continually on the road, Big Pink's cellar was turned into an imp vised recording studio and Dylan would drop over most evenings to work and play with the group on everything from folk songs to music they composed on the spot.

Out of these sessions came an album called "Music From The Big Pink." Mick Jagger brought copies of it back from the States to give to friends; the Small Faces and Bee Gees drummer Colin Petersen are among others who have been raving about it. Now Capitol release it here today (Friday).

Mountains

The group calls it mountain music and, as it defies any known categorisation, that seems an appropriate tag. "It is mountain music because that's where we are—Woodstock—it is the mountains," say the group. But by that token it could also be called "Highway music" or renamed "Music From The Roads That Lead To Big Pink," as on much of the LP it is the dust and the grime and the tales of life and the tales of life. and the tales of life on the road to provide the dominant lyrical con-

Dylan did the child-like painting on the album's cover, wrote one of the songs on it and co-authored two others, but though his influence—that of "John Wesley Harding" — is there, it does not overwhelm the Band's own musical identity. "There's the music from Bob's house and there's the music from our house. The two houses sure are different." says Robbie.

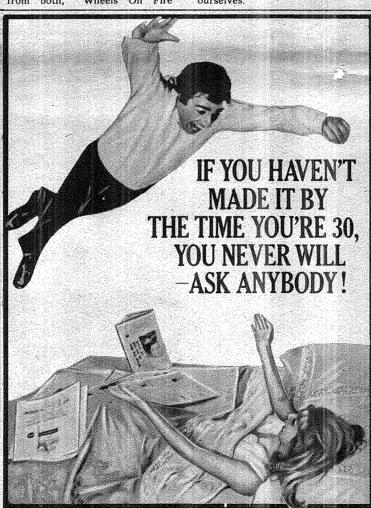
Robbie's singing country guitar is a strong binding force through the 11 tracks, as are Richard Manuel's rattling piano and dusty down-trodden vocals and Garth Hudson's rich enveloping organ. Unlike most rock organists, Hudson vocals and strong organists, Hudson vocals and strong organists. son employs a Lowery organ and its wider variety of orchestral sounds contribute much to the Band's distinctive style.

Among the tracks is the group's current single "The Weight"—it improves every time round—with its dragged out drum patterns complimenting the lazy rolling piano and the lifting quality of the vocal. Other side one tracks: "Tears Of Rage," "To Kingdom Come." "Caledonia Mission" and the other standout this side, "In A Station."

Side two opens with "We Can Talk," which has more of a pop

leaning, then leads into the folk standard "Long Black Veil."
"Chest Fever" and "Lonesome Susie" are to follow before "Wheels On Fire" and the final track, Dylan's moving "I Shall Be Released."

Taken at a faster pace than the Julie Driscoll-Brian Auger Trinity hit version, the Band's "Wheels" has an appealing rawness to it while with the second sec while guitar replaces organ in dominance. It's not so commercial—though that's not to say it's necessarily better. Both versions have their attractions—but from both, "Wheels On Fire"



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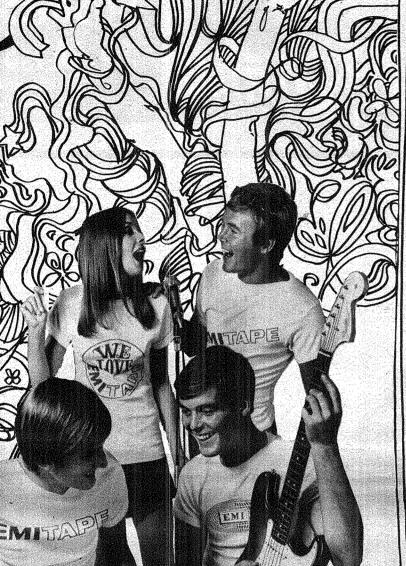
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In the name of pop music NME's RICHARD GREEN suffers a ...

Noel phoned me late last week and asked me round to his Wandsworth home for the evening. I agreed. Then he phoned

again and arranged to meet me in town. I agreed.

At the duly appointed hour, there was, of course, no sign of the exuberant Noel, but he turned up an hour late offering as an excuse, the fact that he had been in America

nerica. "I thought that was three days

"I thought that was three days ago," I pointed out. — "Was it? Oh, it probably was, I must have been somewhere else."

Which is precisely the type of helpful remark Noel does tend to make. Eventually, we located his Ford Executive which he insisted on driving. He and Denny Laine got in the front and Flowerpot Man Neil Landon and I sheltered in the back.

Off course

"We're just going to Chelsea to pick someone up," Noel explained, and ten minutes later arrived in Notting Hill Gate to meet them!

Back at his house, which is not too far from H.M. Prison, Noel put on a selection of "sounds" in between answering the never-ending ring of the telephone.

One of Noel's current favourite records is an LP called something like "If You Kick People, They Won't Love You." It involves a patter-type comedian telling gags against a background of a popgroup.

against a background of a popgroup.

"We've known him for about
six months, he's quite big at the
moment," Noel explained. "His
name's Roman and everyone thinks
he's a Negro, but he's not."

Neil cooked a meal, but by the
time it was over, Noel had gone
to sleep, so I went home, Noel
having woken up long enough to
tell me to ring at 11 the next day.

By noon on the following day
he had not risen from his slumbers and he eventually appeared

Brenda Arnau

bers and he eventually appeared in town in mid-afternoon with Denny and Neil.

"We're doing a lot of writing together at the moment and we Take Town In Sumposed to be meeting? Am I supposed to be meeting someone here?"

As we were in the middle of Charing Cross Road, that seemed

IT is very unlikely that the Editor will send me to Biafra to cover the war for the NME or that I shall be asked to cover a Millwall home match, but either of those assignments would be a rest cure compared to interviewing Noel

Podding



MITCH MITCHELL JIMI HENDRIX and NOFL REDDING

"We've done a few things and I'd like to form a proper production company, but we'll have to wait and see how things turn out

well, so much so that disaster really had to strike. It did — in the shape of Julie Andrews. Perhaps it should be explained that Julie Andrews is the name popularly applied to Mitch Mitchell who has a habit of flitting about, disappearing and never knowing what day of the week it is.

"Hi, how are you?" he greeted me. "What's happening? Am I supposed to be meeting someone here?" "We're moving out of the house at the weekend when I go to America," Noel told me, "I don't know where I'm going to live, but there's this place in the country somewhere I've got my eye on

large, cumbersome Midlander who had become attached to us somewhere along the line, made for a show biz retreat to try and talk sense for a change.

somewhere I've got my eye on. "We're buying a house in America that we can live in while we're out there. Jimi's there now doing the deal and I'm going out to help him. If you ever see Julie again, tell him he's got to catch

"We've got an LP and a single ready, but we never know when they're going to release them," he replied. "They could be out any time now. We finished them ages ago and we've just been sitting around waiting for them to be released."

"We're recording a lot in America where our albums seem to do very well. 'Axis' has sold a fantastic amount and I think all the albums are still in various parts of the charts." The door flew open and Mitch re-appeared. Duly informed about the plane arrangements, he gasped:

"No chance, no chance. How can I get things together by then?" It was never definitely arranged whether or not he would go in

whether or not he would go in the end,

"We want to promote our own concerts when we get back," Noel volunteered. "We'll do a big TV advertising campaign that's never been done before. The Beatles had a mammoth campaign in America been done before. The Beatles had a mammoth campaign in America and everyone knew about them. That's what we want to do here.

"Thirty second commercials to wham it home to 'em and radio plugs all the time. Because it's not been done, people don't think it can be, but it can.

"We'll also accept hells in his

"We'll play concert halls in big towns and just have two or three acts on so that people can see a proper performance instead of the usual ten minutes a time business.

but not wonderful DAUL JONES makes his second

acrimonious discussion between Noel and Mitch about the dreaded plane trip which ended with Noel threatening to replace Mitch in the group with me and Mitch threat-

so if nobody sees me again for a while, I'll be on tour with Jimi

Paul Jones

film weird

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HOLLIES BIG FRIDAY: 23 HOURS OF IT!

FRIDAY, September 27, was quite a working day for one of Britain's most lucrative exports—the Hollies. It started just after midnight of September 26 at Allan Clarke's North London home, where they had gone to discuss the success of their "Top Of The Pops" appearance on Thursday. They were quite pleased with it, and a result has been the entry of "Listen To Me" into the NME Charts at No. 27 this week.

When the others left Allan's, a songwriter arrived and played Clarkey some songs. Allan, who it together again before he is re-tired to bed for three hours

sleep.
6.45 a.m. saw the Hollies altogether again huddled comfortably in a large limousine at London Airport. Allan was asleep, but Graham Nash and Tony Hicks





BRUCE

GETTING AROUND SWEDEN WITH NME's **ANDY GRAY**

were deeply absorbed in daily papers. Bern Calvert and Bobby Elliott were just sitting there, expressionless and stunned by the early bour.

early hour.
Graham gave me a big "hello and said to come in out of the morning chill. The Hollies' two

Arrived, But Mike soon did and at ...

7.30 a.m. we were comfortably seated in a BEA Trident's first class compartment, taking off for Amsterdam, being given a second class breakfast en route (why is BEA's catering so paltry compared with other airlines?).

9 a.m. At Amsterdam's super new airport. Big duty free shopping area attracted Allan to a shoe store but the yellow and brown clog-type shoes didn't fit. Robin was having heebee-zeebees in case we missed the rather tightly-timed connection. But by

9.30 a.m. we were airborne again

9.30 a.m. we were airborne again in a KLM (Dutch) airliner's first-class compartment, bound for Copenhagen. The steward was most impressed and got the Hollies' autographs for his children (how is it no grown-ups ever get an autograph for themselves?) and gave us a first class breakfast. 11 a.m. We arrived in Copenhagen, which was bathed in brilliant sun-

got under blankets.

Graham talked enthusiastically about the big charity show he is helping to organise at the London Palladium on December 8, for which his pal Mama Cass will come over and many other stars (Hollies, Small Faces, Move, etc) will appear free for the Invalid Children's Aid Association.

11.30 a.m. We are airborne again, heading for Stockholm and Sweden, the country in which the boys are the most popular group of all. Graham and Tony continue to play chess and argue, Bern eats nuts, Bobby reads and Allan sleeps—until Tony starts taking pictures of everyone. He's a mad-keen shutterbug.

We get out quick and into right cars and make fast motorway trip into town. Derek and Rod follow on with the baggage and check that the amplifiers have arrived in advance by air cargo (they have).

We've travelled 800 miles and been on the road about 7 hours.

2 p.m. We are in the rambling Stockholm Konserthuset, which has more space backstage, with its myriad of rehearsal rooms, than in the main hall. We go to the fourth floor where the Swedish musicians are waiting. Everyone assembles, but the music is in the baggage. It arrives eventually and rehearsal gets under way.

Graham Nash is "the voice" at rehearsals and Mike Vickers the calm influence. Between the two and with much aid from the other Hollies playing along with the Swedes, the of the Hollies act. Mike admits since leaving the Manfred Mann group, he hasn't travelled much but is not sorry about that, or about 'caving the Manfreds. He still sees them a lot and is kept very busy writing, arranging and conducting.

12.30 p.m. We arrive at Arlanda airport, 25 miles north of Stockholm. Customs don't ask us if we have anything to declare, just silently open everything and examine baggage thoroughly. Rod declares that it has never happened before and someone suggests the Customs men think Hollies are a different group. Anyway, we're clean, and through. Impresario Eddie Larson and EMI publicist Hakan Sterner are waiting with cars, but Hollies get in to the wrong ones, reserved (we think) for Princess Alexandra and party going to open British Week in Stockholm.



Take a European trip with the 'Listen To Me' stars

musicians mastered seven numbers in an hour, mostly because they were from symphony orchestras and top bands. Graham was delighted with them, specially the way they tackled his solo number. "Butterfly," which has a lot of tricky flute work in it.

tricky flute work in it.

4.30 p.m. No cars to take us to our hotel, the swish Foresta, about three miles from the centre of Stockholm Panic, but the ever-efficient Rod soothes manager Robin and assures we will get to the hotel and back before 8 p.m. A private bus appears and in we pile. It isn't long before we join a mile-long queue, trying to get over a one-lane bridge to the district the Foresta is in (Stockholm is built round water and has many bridges, one about a mile long and six lanes wide).

Revising

On this slow trip, Graham is still going over the order of songs and some of the routines with the others. Our driver jumps the queue a bit and we get to the hotel by

5.15 p.m. The Hollies have two suites booked and get their first rest of the day, but must shower and shave in that time. They have been travelling and working 10½ hours and their important work of the day hasn't begun. What union would okay this?

7.30 p.m. We get into huge limousines and drive in style to the Konserthuset, with Graham still going through the running order and singing bits of numbers to make certain everyone had it right (what a worker this Nash is!) At the hall the mass of girls wanting autographs is

Robin Britten, worried about the boys having to dress and be on stage by 8.15 p.m., hustles them up a bit.

They needn't have worried. The show is running over-time, due to P. J. Proby trying to get enough applause to appease his ego and going on and on in a vain hope of getting it. Eddie Larson, with a second house due in at 9, is chewing his finger nails down to the elbows.

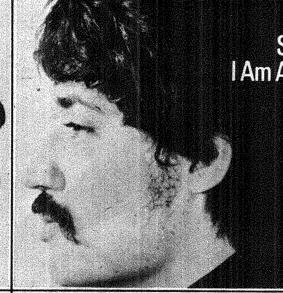
The Hollies are given a great welcome as they open the first of four British pop shows to bolster the British Week (Sir Laurence Olivier is also there doing his bit for British entertainment in another theatre).

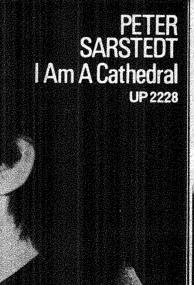
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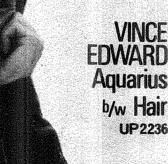
might do some recording together, but it's all very uncertain at the moment because of contracts and things," Noel revealed.

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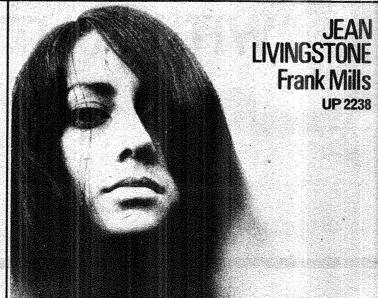








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DAVE CLARK — SO PERFECT I WO IF HE'S REAL!

| HAVE always been in doubt as to whether Dave Clark ever really existed — except possibly, as a figment of his own imagination. That the Dave Clark Five, who rock and roll on forever are once more in our charts, with "Red Balloon" is indisputable as is the fact that the perfect features of D.C. himself once more grace this page.

But who really knows anything about this highly professional young millionaire with the immaculate image, the impeach-able good manners and the dis-

able good manners and the discreet diplomacy?

"People say I am a shrewd business man," says Dave. "I made it my business from the beginning to be in charge of group policy and if being a 'shrewd businessman' is doing what you want and being what you want to be then that's me!"

To err they say is human and

then that's me!"

To err, they say, is human and it is because Dave seems to do little 'erring' in public that it is so difficult to define where the person begins and the image leaves off. It is only when the cracks start showing in an idol that the reality begins to show through. Dave has always appeared annoyingly perfect.

No vices

He does not smoke, drink or roll around the 'in' clubs until the carly hours and there is just a suspicion about his wafer thin frame that he may be considering a further abstinence.

He likes fast cars and football (his music company is called after his favourite team 'Spurs') and is

his favourite team 'Spurs') and is unusually patriotic.

"I've always been very pro-British," he says. "I've made enough money in America to live like a King over there but I like England — that's why I am always more pleased to have a English hit single than anywhere else in the world!"

Dave is twenty six years old and looks nineteen. His conversation

looks nineteen. His conversation during an interview has the same disciplined direction which marks

says Keith Altham

his business conduct and only his large dark eyes roll around in his face. had a manager except Dave but that does not account for the excellent working relationships with

face.

"I heard 'Callo La Vita' ('Red Balloon') on my car radio last April when Raymond Froggatt, who composed the song, had released it as a single," Dave told me.

"I thought then it had hit potential but needed to be done in an entirely different manner, and that the title was wrong.

the composer that no one else would be doing the song and that as his single had not made the charts, they would not be re-releasing it."

Not only did Polydor records re-release Froggat's version recently but they changed the title of the disc to 'Red Balloon' the same as the D.C.5. It was significant that Dave had nothing to say of this action, he merely reported it as a fact.

Over the past five years there has been little or nothing to connect him or the group with anything that might be construed as in dubious taste or bad publicity and he has seldom if ever, sunk to swopping personal insults in print with those hyper-critics who find commercial success so unforgiveable.

their Agency and business advisors.

"I've always played it straight right from the beginning because I still want to be in the business. in ten years time," said Dave. "We were the first pop group to sign with Harold Davison and we've

There is, however, no doubt that on occasion Dave has made a mistake about the potential of a hit single — but not much of a mis-

"I thought 'You Got What It Takes' would be a monster in England," says Dave. "It got to No. 2 in America and was a hit in 18 other countries. We've had gold records for singles which have never made the charts in Britain which is purpling to ear the least. which is puzzling to say the least.

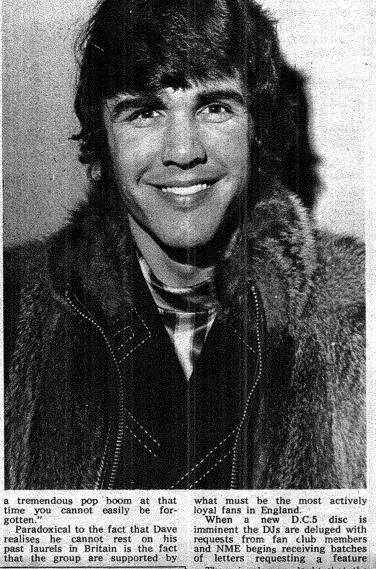
One tour

"I think one of the reasons may be that we have only ever made one tour of Britain in 1964 and we lost a grip on the public when we spent so much time in America — now we stand or fall by the strength of our singles.

"Personalities are still very important in the States — we made it when it meant something in 1963-64 and I'm not being blase

about it.

"You can have a No. 1 within the last one or two years and be forgotten but there was such



There is also no doubt that the official fan club, run for years by the splendid 'Maureen' is responsible for much of this fervour. Dave supervises and approves all copy for the monthly newsletter which is in itself one of the most informed I have read and a D.C.5 convention at which the boys

convention at which the boys attend is held annually.

a tremendous pop boom at that time you cannot easily be for-

Paradoxical to the fact that Dave realises he cannot rest on his past laurels in Britain is the fact that the group are supported by

NEW the charts **Hugo replaces Leroy Holmes**

HELLO Hugo Montenegro!
Goodbye Leroy Holmes!
Here we were last week welcoming Leroy Holmes' NME
Chart debut with his version of the film theme, "The Good, The Bad and The Ugly," and where is poor old Leroy this week? Gone! In his place and into the Chart with a bang at No. 23 this week is the Hugo Montenegro's



version of the same theme, his being the one the rocketed up the U.S. Charts selling a million on the way.

Hugo's musical background is an impressive one. He has been staff manager to Andre Kostelanetz, the mood music maestro, arranger conductor for Harry Belafonte and a prolific film composer.

"Hurry Sundown" and U.S. TV series such as "I Dream Of Jeannie," "The Outcasts" and "Here Come The Brides" are among his credits.

His first hit LP on the RCA label was "Music From The Man From UNCLE."—NICK LOGAN.

professional.
"On our first trip to the States we arrived at the airport and no

one knew us — there were no kids and no one to meet us. We cid the Ed Sullivan Show and got invited back the following week.
"When we returned from a holi-

day in Jamaica there were 10,000 kids to meet us at the airport. They wanted us. It doesn't matter who you are — if the public don't want you then you won't get accepted. The Monkees had to have something special to achieve what they have." But now that Dave is so wealthy

was it not time to forget about "commerciality" and making more money. Wasn't it time to put his money into what he really believes

A gamble

"I've just put £50,000 of my own money into a TV spectacular — I went for a family audience. I believed in it — I worked hard at it examining 'rushes' that got more unfunny each time you had to realize the transfer of the specific ways a complete the state of the specific ways a complete the state of th to analyse them. It was a gamble
— it payed off but it was my
head on the chopping block.

"You can't always produce what you want one hundred per cent. I've never been a hundred per cent man. I always felt I could improve what I've done. And you can't beat the big fat man with

the cigar yet.

"You can't change the way your parents think or the ways of an establishment who have been through two World Wars, "You can't begin trying to edu-

cate the average man who works from nine till five and comes home to watch television. He doesn't vant to be instructed - he wants to be entertained.
"He wants to see the 'Carry

On' films. They may be out and out rubbish but they are very

Anti-war

"I'm very anti-war and if I thought I was going to stop Vietnam by sitting down on my backside outside Downing Street then I'd do it — but it won't stop it.

"It's always the innocent and the little and down the road who the little guy down the road who get hurt in a war. Five years of studying karate like I have were enough to make me opposed all forms of violence."

"The unusual thing about our fans is that they are an exceptionally sensible lot," said Dave. "By that I mean that they try to help us in the most practical manner all forms of violence."

Finally Dave Clark on the subject of himself, "I suppose to an extent everyone in this business has a manufactured image. You get the 'glossed-up' treatment in the papers and magazines. If you write for a fan paper you are not compared to write the whole truth are — they support us actively — like a football teams supporters club — and that means a lot to us." I have to admit that I have always wanted to annoy Dave Clark
— not that he has ever been anything but polite, amiable and helpful to me but behind the ten by going to write the whole truth are you?"

Throughout this portion of the interview the "shrewd" Mr Clark was suspicious of what I was up to and begged to be spared his more "political" remarks and others which might be taken out eight glossy there is an interest-ing personality hid and so it was provoked him about being a "How can anyone say that?" asked Dave. "We were two years

of context,
I have not been entirely fair in this respect but then I think the more evocative matter makes him more real. David Clark is in fact

on the Mecca circuit without any business machinery behind us and got the gold cup for the best dance more real. David Clark is in fac band of the year before we had a alive and well and living in London

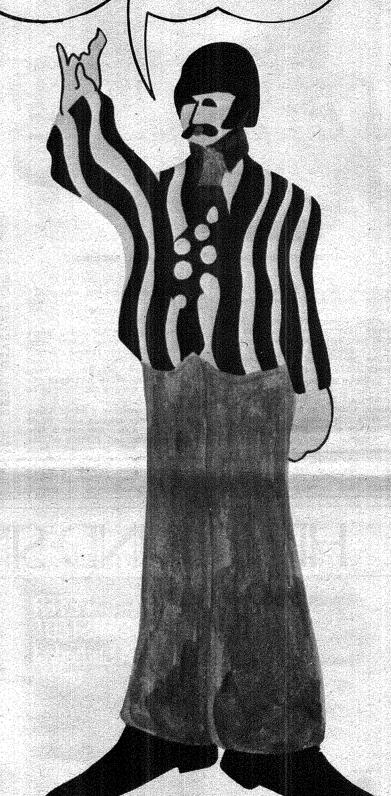


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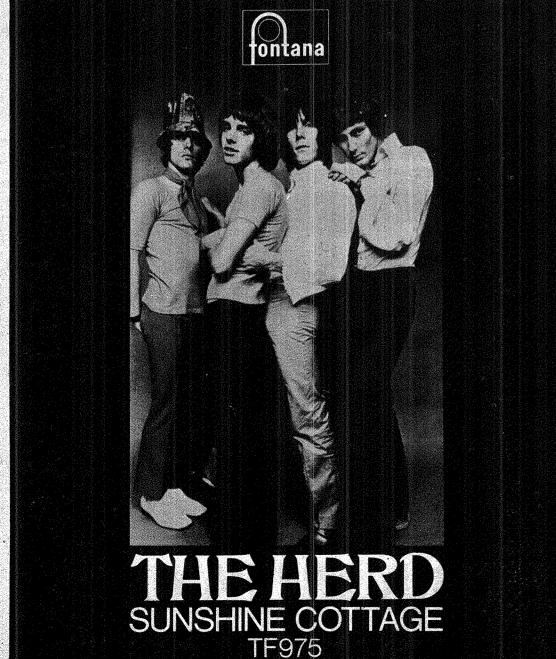
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JOE COCKER "WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS"







nocence, Anarchy And Soul "pop show, produced by Jack Good, creator of many British and U.S. TV pop spectaculars, will be seen on Saturday, October 12.

Here are some Alec Byrne shots of the action, recorded on Sunday. On the right: CHRIS FARLOWE (centre) and ALAN BOWN (second right) with three of his SET, plus

and CHANTS.



MARY HOPKIN IS **BRITAIN'S CHOICE**

ADIO'S "European Pop
Jury," a programme heard
in several countries at the same
time, is becoming so popular it
is to be three times a year
instead of once.

You can hear it on Saturday
(October 5) between 9 and 10 pm,
when Johnny Beerling (Britain)
and Klas Burling (Sweden) will
co-produce it for the fourth time
since 1965.

Each country enters two
records, one a native product the

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Each country enters two records, one a native product, the other an international favourite in that country. In each of the countries a jury of 200 does a press-button vote after each record is played and a figure out of 100 is determined.

Here are the entered records to be judged this Saturday: Northern Europe (Sweden, Norway, Finland)—Beatles' "Hey Jude" and Morgans' "Ellas"; Germany—Dave Dee's "Last Man In Soho" and Udo Jergens' "Cotton Fields"; Belgium — Arthur Brown's "Fire" and Pebbles' "Get Around"; Italy—Tom Jones' "Delliah" and Adrianna's "Azzuro"; France — Aphrodites Child "Rain and Tears" and a Gilbert Becaud song; Britain — Mary Hopkin's "Those Were The Days" and Casuals' "Jesmine."

Next week

BEE GEES **TREMELOES FELICIANO**

> and a startling

MONKEE

?—time with

JONES



Left: America's LANCE LeGAULT, brought to England by Jack Good and exponent of Cajun Blues, has duetted with Elvis Presley and is in the MGM picture, "The Young Runaways." Below: LULU with the BREAKAWAYS and CHANTS

Right, below: the FLIRTATIONS: CHRIS FARLOWE and LONNIE DONEGAN, (below them) DOMIN-C GRANT and EMIL DEAN: and LULU in a swinging Roman



orchestra can't be heard very well and I think of all that rehearsing for nothing. Then the other Hollies depart from the stage and leave Graham to solo "Butterfly" and the orchestra comes into its own. The number is a memorable hit.

The act comes to a terrific end and the Swedish fans go away happy, while more pour in for the second show, which goes better than ever, because there is no mike trouble as in the first, trouble which didn't worry the audience nearly so much as Graham and Allan and Tony, who insist on perfection.

Backstage between shows I heard that Allan has split his white stage trousers while zipping them up and there was big panic finding a lady with a needle and thread (fancy it happening on stage — on the same show as Proby!).

Anyway, Allan, a night person, had come averyle was property and the contractions.

Anyway, Allan, a night person, had come awake by now and the others looked sleepy. We went out for a drink between shows with two Scandinavian journalists and he told them how to make Lancashire Hot look and even invited us all to his Pot and even invited us all to his London home to sample it.

12.30 a.m. (Saturday) the second show ended and the boys went on to a club with film producer Peter Goldman and other Swedish friends, Goldman and other Swedish friends, getting to bed by about 4 a.m., which meant they had been on the go for about 23 hours out of 24. They had travelled 800 miles and earned lots more than that in dollars for Britain (most Continental earnings by British groups are in dollars).

Yes, it was a BIG FRIDAY for the Hollies, And like I said, good thing they have no union and have the freedom to get on with it. Of course this was just one day On Sunday they played Gothenburg (South Sweden), Monday, He'sink



HOLLIES IN

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SWEDEN

Arthur Brown, now the undisputed king of hellfire, may come in for another tour during November, at an enormous jump from the fee he received on his last visit, which he survived despute the fact that everything

last visit, which he survived despite the fact that everything
went wrong, including no
albums, Vince Crane's breakdown and Arthur sustaining injuries of his own.

Yet with all this going against
him, I still predicted big stardom
for Arthur, and now that things
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AMERICA CALLING

A few years ago he was one of the many struggling newcomers (like **Bob Dylan**) playing in the basket houses* in New York City on Hootenanny nights. After a

an engagement at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas.

Jose has also been busy pre-

underground launching first), at Carnegie Hall this year, and the gentle poet will appear there on October 25. He'll be preceded two days earlier by Johnny Cash (23), and coming up at Carnegie Hall in December are Arlo Guthrie and the Collins.

JULIE DRISCOLL and the Brian Auger Trinity will make their first visit here in November, playing carefully selected dates in the underground.

Following his visit to England last week, her American agent, Frank Barsalona, commented after meeting Jools: "She's going to be an enormous star in this country. Brian Auger, too, will be reckoned as a great musician. The way to kick the group off is definitely in the underground which is the best launching pad and where they already have a name."

The dates set up for the group will be only in major cities, such as San Francisco, Los Angeles and Detroit. According to Barsalona, there will probably be no more than six concerts — just enough to create the desired effect.

Atlantic, too, is tremendously

Jools gets

won them their 16th gold disc. But more than that, reverting back to the sound which launched them, it's interesting to note that according to several top 40 stations, this single is also the most heavily requested since their 1964/65 days, which brought them their original success in

JOSE FELICIANO is THE big name in pop music from coast to coast currently. Both his single "Light My Fire" and album, "Feliciano" have skyrocketed to the top of the American charts in the past few months making him the most in-demand HIII

in Hollywood

ing-eye dog, would not be able to accompany him and he refuses to go anywhere without her.

* Basket houses. Venues where the artist is paid by audience throwing money into a basket. CASS WELCOMES

Mama Cass and Kirk Douglas hosted a "welcome-to-this-part-of-the-world" party for Donovan at the Factory prior to his now sold-out Hollywood Bowl concert. The Factory was crowded with people mainly regard executives. Jose has also been busy pre-paring his own Spanish language television show for syndication throughout this country, making a guest appearance on the first "Bing Crosby Special," and singing the title song for the new Gregory Peck film "McKenna's Gold" people, mainly record executives and Press, although **David Crosby** showed up (as usual) to say hello.

After a buffet supper, Feliciano was recently described y a music critic on the "Cleveby a music critic on the "Cleve-land Press": "Take the most talented single performers in folk, pop, rock, soul, under-ground, rhythm-and-blues, or any form of music . . . put them all together and you get Jose Feliciano."

After a buffet supper, Donovan was introduced to the gathering by Kirk Douglas, who had met him a few moments before. Mr Douglas explained that although he had only just met Don he had been an admirer of his for sometime.

Accompanying himself on the guitar, Donovan sang four lovely ballads to the audience and participated in a brief television interview before saying "thank you" and "good night."

Feliciano."

But should Jose meet with the same success in England he has here, it's doubtful if he would make personal appearances in your country. Because of the quarantine laws, Trudy, his see-

Engel's singing the Blackpool rain

AND the rains came and all was wet and dismal. Except Engelbert Humperdick who rejoiced and gave thanks. For it meant the end of four hours of cacophony in the street.

What had happened was this: At the unearthly hour of 7 a.m. a group of men arrived outside Lytham St. Annes, where he is staying during his summer season in Blackpool (which ends

On sale, Friday, week ending October 5, 1968

tomorrow, Saturday), and un-packed their bags.

The bags hid several tools including a large pneumatic drill which proceeded to operate at full blast for hours on end. Until it started to rain, the machine went started to rain, the machine went into the dry and became quiet.

"It's pouring with rain here,"
Engelbert told me over the phone.
"It's blowing it down. I haven't had any sleep since seven because of the drill and the night before I had to travel up from London where I'd been having some suits fitted and doing some business. I think I'll have to check into a hotel tonight."

tonight."
But all is not bad for Engelbert His wonderful new record, "Les Bicyclettes De Belsize," has climbed to No. 11 in the NME chart in only three weeks and looks all set for the top spot.

Surprised

I told him that I personally liked it better than anything he had ever done, and he sounded a bit

"Do you?" he replied. "I like it myself, or I wouldn't have recorded it. Les Reed brought it to me in a batch. He and Barry Mason had been writing it for a firm and he obviously thought it. film and he obviously thought it was right for me.
"It was one of two we recorded

or the single and it turned out to be the 'A' I don't think the French title detracts from the song, it adds a little spice to it. Makes it a little different.

"All English artists record English titles and we thought it would be a change to do something different. If people can't pronounce

it, they can always say 'The Bicycles'." Because of his record-breaking summer season, Engelbert hasn' had much time to do a lot o recording, but he has managed t fit some in.

Six tracks

"We finished six tracks five weeks ago when we did this one, some are for the album as well. I don't know when the next album will be released, the current one is doing quite well. We'll have to hang on a bit and see."

On Monday, Engelbert is off to shows. I asked him about them and whether he thought the concentra-tion of dates would be too much

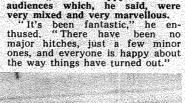
for him.

"It's time I went to the States and did some promotion because, with a bit of luck, my records have done quite well there." he commented. "I've done TV in America before, but there's not a lot of difference between doing it there and here event were take mere. and here except we take more

"They do things as fast as they live. I don't think it'll be too heavy. We've been doing two shows a day here, we've done almost two hundred, and I do about forty minutes at each show.

So it can't be that heavy in America."

Engelbert was feeling very pleased about the reaction to his season and was happy about the audiences which, he said, were very mixed and very marvellous.





ENGELBERT, on a quick visit to London, drops in to his hairdresser



... but sleep is what he really wants — he tells RICHARD GREEN

"We don't know anything as yet," he admitted. "I really haven't got time yet as we have this heavy schedule. After America, there's 'Talk Of The Town,' then America again for more TVs. "I don't know if I'll do a live album at 'Talk Of The Town,' though they do sell well. I think it's the atmosphere, there's plenty of that there. I'll have to talk to Gordon about it."

Engelbert has at last found Engelbert has at last found imself a house of his own, in

> of a popular entertaining group from the North.
>
> "We hope to move in about the beginning of November," Engelbert revealed. "We've been looking for almost two years now and we came upon this one quite recently.

Weybridge which is perhaps bes

"We don't know anything as

Own home

"It needs re-modernising, gutting out and some attention, but that's the fun of having your own place. It's got quite a bit of ground, about two or three acres, and a swimming pool."

Finally, I asked Engelbert about his projected South African visit next year and whether he would play before segregated audiences. "I haven't given it much thought as yet," he admitted. "There hasn't been much time to talk about the visit. I don't know about segregation and other artists' attitudes towards it. I'll comes.

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There's a brand new record out by Clodagh Rodgers—the girl who caused a sensation at the Greek Song Festival earlier this year. "Rhythm of Love" RCA 1748 it's called and you'll just love this girl's rhythm! No wonder she's been chosen to represent Britain at the Barcelona Song Festival.



Whoever heard of a song without words? Roger Webb obviously has because that's the title of his latest release on RCA 1749. And there are no words to describe the atmosphere of this moody instrumental—Roger's own composition incidentally. Just listen to that piano and orchestra on "Song Without Words" and there's a good chance that you'll be speechless too!

What's new on the LP scene

The Jefferson Airplane's grande finale to their London trip is a sensational new LP, "Crown of Creation". Umpteen revolutionary tracks include Chushingura: Ice Cream Phoenix: and The House At Pooneil Corners. RCA SF7976 or RD7976.



"Born to be Wild" which was top of the Stateside charts recently is just one of the wild numbers on Steppenwolf's latest LP, simply called Steppenwolf RCA RD 7974. Other tracks from the group who say they innovate, create and function in an always moving, futuristic world include: The Pusher: A Girl I Knew and Take What You Need.

Catch the Johnny Arthey Orchestra on RCA SF7975 swinging to the Golden Songs of Donovan. Numbers like Catch the Wing, Mellow Yellow and Jennifer Juniper, impeccably performed as only the Johnny Arthey Orchestra knows how.

OLD IMAGE

NEW SINGLES reviewed by JOHN WELLS

Don makes it hit number 3

"Top Man (Columbia)

A NOTHER new breakaway from an established chart sound — this time from Don Partridge. Out goes that happy go lucky busker and in comes a 14 piece string section to supplement his own mini-orchestra. And even that's been modernised from a five piece street outfit to a six piece all electric kit which apparently he can sit down

PRESLEY MAGIC

ELVIS PRESLEY * You'll

IF Elvis sang "Bah Bah Blacksheep" I'm sure he'd be able to give that on this standard from the musical " Carousel ", In fact l can almost see that lip quivering and I'm sure his

But are there enough lova It's not difficult for him t gain many new ones so it's up to them. Performance and arrangement can't be faltered (when can they with Elvis) but how I wish he'd show those

Why the change? "Unless I keep changing I get bored — once this happens it's time to

has. This disc is every bit as catchy as his two previous hits and drives along at a nice beat. We'll all be singing along with it soon and it's a great follow up to "Rosie." Bound to take him into the charts

THE BARRON KNIGHTS: * An Olympic Record (Columbia). There's always room for at least one comedy disc in the Top Thirty (an intentional one, that is) and it's my bet the Barron Knights have come up with it.

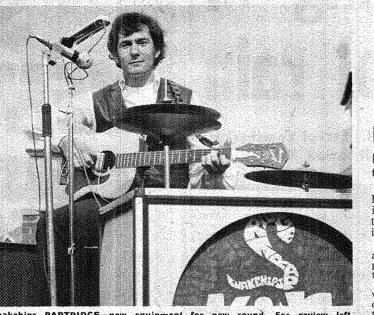
come up with it.

This couldn't be more topical with the boys supplying Olympic lyries to six well known songs, "Lazy Sunday," '1 Pretend," 'Delliah." 'Cinderella Rockefella," 'Little Dream of Me" and "Here Comes The Judge."

One of the funniest numbers they ever produced (taking up both sides) and for my money a hit.

List listen to their version of

Just listen to their version of "Cinderella Rockefella," the stand out track. TV producers will be falling over themselves to get these boys on their shows and rightly so.



Do-it-yourself Herd taking a big gamble

On sale, Friday, week ending October 5, 1968

†Sunshine Cottage (Fontana)

HERE we go for another new sound, this time for those much underrated Herd whose previous discs have been criticised as being too blatantly commercial. Well, they won't get the same comments about this one.

s the most complicated single they've ever released and is not immediately a hit sound

But with the group's popularity and providing they get plenty of plugs it should see them back in the charts.

A good tune with a medium beat

duetted with Graham Nash during

THE MAMAS AND THE PAPAS: † For The Love Of tvy (RCA Victor).

Well, their last one didn't happen and I thought it was better than this, so I can't be too hopeful about their chart chances.

A slightly more complicated sound here and with Cass' silver voice to the fore on this medium pacer but the melody's not so strong as some of their previous releases and somehow they seem to have lost that georgous clear sound.

EDWIN STARR: † 25 Miles (Tamla



BARRY RYAN: † Eloise (MGM).

utes of it in fact and entertain-

ing for every second and a very

and tender treatment. And dare I say it? It's only his second solo single and it's a complete

group behind him. Full marks to Barry for the performance, John Arthey for an arrangement that doesn't flag for a moment and not least to Barry's twin brother Paul

who wrote this epic. Very much in the "Macarthur Park" mould and might even do as well.

* TIPPED FOR CHARTS

† CHART POSSIBLE

right! Five and a half min-

Re-booked

"We get re-booked at a lot of the places we play. On the way to

As Morgan Fisher explained:

"We don't worry about criticism, we've had a No 1 and a

we had flopped, but how can you argue with things as they are?"

A number of rumours about the Love Affair have been circulated for some time and Morgan spoke

"There was a rumour that we

had an army of giant road man-

agers who went around beating people up — I don't know where that came from," Morgan recalled

"There's no point in being rude, no harm in being nice to people. I don't think I'm crawling,

my 'A' levels. I thought they'd be something to fall back on if I needed them.
"They got Linton for a year, but I got worried because I didn't think they would make it as big. And

Nelson, our van broke down, so we phoned the manager of the ballroom and when we got there we were only able to do half an hour, but he was very nice about it and said he would re-book us.

On sale, Friday, week ending October 5, 1968

Our record

should silence

the knockers

must be the Love Affair. People keep sniping at them

for any reason whatsoever. But the criticism does not

t's just being polite."

Morgan rejoined the Love Affair
his year, replacing Linton who
had himself replaced Morgan,
"I joined in February, '66, as
a semi-pro and in September, 67,
agreed to leave for a year to do

Ian FLEMING'S

Albert R. BROCCOLI presents

"We want to do exciting music get away from the bluesy ballads, but we can't do anything too clever like the Moody Blues. People like

when they did I thought they'd keep Linton on. to dance about and yell, our's isn't music to sit down and listen "The reaction from the

they take much notice. We still get the odd thing written on the van, but generally it's okay. When over because that's his home." We talked about the group's re-

cording scene and Morgan revealed that Philip Goodhand-Tait is now writing for the Love Affair full-

By RICHARD

GROON

side of 'Everlasting Love,' "Morgan said. "We kept him on tecause he was so good and we've done a couple of his numbers on

later this month — contains numbers like "Handbags And Glad Rags," "Hush," "The First Cut Is The Deepest," "Tobacco Road" and a few self-penned songs.

"We want to sell people our own sound, we want to be our-selves. If you listen to our 'B' sides and the LP, you can tell what we're like.

or three thousand people scream ing at you. We start off with an instrumental number, then Steve leaps across the stage and jumps up on the organ and it's chaos.

"During the last number, Gimme Some Lovin', everyone goes mad. It lasts about ten min-

Excitement

He went on: "On stage, with He went on: "On stage, with a successful commercial group, you're bound to get a lot of excitement in the audience. If we went on and played a couple of Jimmy Smith numbers or Mocdy Blues stuff, they wouldn't like it.

"Our fans are about thirteen o seventeen, but I was surprised o find out that quite a lot of "We get letters saying 'well done, son' and things like that. I suppose it's because we're young and not too wild. We've got a fairly normal image, we smile on telly and smile in photos. You

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"We have a song that's a ballad-type thing that was going on the LP but we may put that out in America instead."

hard job. We've got a film that goes with the record and we're

trying to get that used out there. "We were thinking of releasing

a record different from the cne here. Robert Knight had a hit in

MORGAN FISHER longht (Friday), the begin their tour with Scott Walker, Cupid's Inspiration and the Paper Dolls. Morgan told me about his

views on touring.
"I'm looking forward to it I've never done one," he "I like meeting people that

"We were worried at first that "We obviously want to get there," he stated, "but it's a very

claims LOVE AFFAIR'S

own age on the tour who we could knock around with, but it's okay

sixteen days, it's better than going

five If we go on any longer we

to US

Edited by TONY BROMLEY

WHO'S WHERE

Week beginning October
ONE-NIGHTERS
FELICE TAYLOR: Beckenham Mistrale (4), Wollaston Motown (5),
Nantwich Beau Brummell (6), Nottingham Britannic (12).
SCOTT WALKER, CASUALS, LOVE
AFFAIR, PAPER DOLLS: Finsbury Park Astoria (4), Manchester Odeon (5), Bradford
Gaumont (6), Edinburgh ABC
(9), Newcastle City Hall (10), Birmingham Odeon (11), (Casuals
not appearing on some dates.)
EQUALS: Tottenham Royal (4), Nelson Imperial (5), Harlow Bridge
(6), Ipswich St Mathew's Bath Hall
(7), Stevenage Locarno (9), Portsmouth Locarno (10), Braintree Corn
Exchange (11).
TOM JONES: London New Victoria
(10), Glasgow Odeon (11) and (12),
Leicester De Montford (13).
DAVE DEE: Bristol Colston Hall (4),
Manchester New Century (5)

Manchester New Century (5).

CABARET

DES O'CONNOR: Balley Variety Club
(two weeks from the 6th).

DUSTY SPRINGFIELD: Wakefield
New Theatre Club (one week from
the 6th).

Tony's Hit Single in the States. The number is from

NEW SINGLES

(Parlophone)

THIS is certainly a week of

to go with their new stage

appearance of immaculate

suits and bow ties, have

come up with a much more

mature and sophisticated

sound for their latest re-

lease, only their second this

changes. The Hollies.

ROBERT JOHN "DON'T LEAVE ME" 3730 Smash follow up to "IF YOU DON'T WANT MY LOVE THE MASTER OF MAN" STEVE HART 3732 SERENDIPITY THROUGH WITH YOU" **3733**



"WORRIED ABOUT MY WOMAN 57-3143



Recommended

charts.

This is a good old sway-along number treated just like all his previous records. Again he proves he's a master at the tear jerker.

HOLLIES SHATTER

nind-shattering sound to be re-

laced by a gentle, more melodic

reatment, with every word

clearly heard above the backing.

sages do the boys get back to

NO CHANGE

FOR DODDY

KEN DODD † Now That You're Gone (Columbia).
Why has our Doddy been missing from the charts for so long when all his latest releases have been similar to his previous hits? Could it be that he should change style! Well, he hasn't done so here.
This is the Doddy all the Mums and Dads love with a very catchy Les Reed/Barry Wason number that by all rights should take him into the charts.

JON HENDRICKS "No More"
(Verve): The jazz star on a really driving, pulsating number, maybe too commercial for him, but great for me. Rather like Georgie Fame in the early days. Give it a listen for some real excitement.

SERENDIPITY "Through With You"
(CBS): Great guitar, searing organ and a great vocal but it's mainly the overall sound which matters and for a blow out your mind single this is it. You need a club atmosphere to really appreciate it. single this is it. You need a club atmosphere to really appreciate it.

THE LOOT "She's A Winner" (Page One): A vaguely famiciar melody set to a driving sound. A good number which, with enough plays, could easily catch on. I liked it.

BLOSSOM TOES "Postcard" (Marmalade): On first hearing a very strange disc and not immediately commercial but this is another that

Hope so, this is a very talented group and the disc is different enough to deserve a place.

THE DELFONICS "Break Your Promise" (Bell): Slow jerk beat and another disc which deserves a chart place. Nothing terribly exciting about it. It's just very catchy with a nice backing and excellent vocal. I'd like to see it happen.

happen.
ARCHIE BELL AND THE DRELLS ARCHIE BELL AND THE DRELLS "I Can't Stop Dancing" (Atlantic): A cert for the clubs, a really exciting sound, driving soulful vocal backing for which the label is becoming renowned. Again, needs the plugs.

THE ORANGE BICYCLE "Sing This All Together" (Columbia): A Jagger/Richard number and the Stones stamp is clearly on this disc—which can't be bad. Though it's not quite so wild as the Stones this is still very exciting and well worth giving a listen.

giving a listen.

CAT STEVENS "Here Comes My Wife" (Deram): An "1812" intro leads into one of the best discs Cat has recorded since his chart success. But it sounds very dated and I'm afraid I can't seen this bringing him back to the charts.

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EDWIN STARR: † 25 Miles (Tamla Motown).

Keep your feet still when you listen to this — I defy you! Particularly towards the pulsating climax when just about everything gets thrown in. With enough plugs this could certainly give Edwin Starr a hit in the charts and it certainly will be with dancers in the clubs.

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..(CBS)

.Cliff Richard (Columbia

Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich (Fontana)

Britain's Top 15 LPs

1 THOSE WERE THE DAYS...

****LAURA NYRO: ELI AND
THIRTEENTH CONFESSION
(CBS 63346)

Laura Nyro is responsible for
the composition, the vocal, the
piano content and, shared with
Charlie Calello, the production of
this fine folk-blues based soul
album. She is a white New
Yorker and her voice has the
qualities of Dionne Warwick and
Nina Simone and her lyrics are
both poignant and incisive. A pity
the lyrics of only two tracks —
Eli's Comin, and Luckie — are
reproduced (In the American LP
all are printed inside the sleeve.)
But here is a talent worth getting
to know.

**** THE STEVE MILLER
BAND
(Capitol ST 2920)

It takes two or three plays to bring out the full potential of this highly evocative record. One feels that the five-man group are striving for an uncomplicated perfection; and the result is a pleasing sound reflecting the diversity of this unit's considerable writing, instrumental and vocal talents. One of the best albums around and best tracks are Children Of The Future and Baby's Callin' Me Home. This group won a recording contract from Capitol and the right to choose any studio in the world in which to make an LP. They chose England.

Other titles: Pushed Me To It,
You've Got The Power, In My
first Mind, Beauty Of Time Is
That It's Snowing (Psychedelic
B.B.), Steppin' Stone, Roll With
It, Junior Saw It Happen,
Fanny Mae, Key To Highway.

*** SAMMY DAVIS JR.:

(Reprise 6308)
Although all Sammy's albums are beautifully recorded and presented I don't think they can ever match his live performances. However, they still make grand listening and on his latest LP there are ten tracks, including a medley of Ubtight and You've Got medley of Uptight and You've Got Your Troubles. But Sammy's got his own troubles, caused by his voice, which, although full of personality and vitality, is com-



exciting and denotes a new era in stage history. Best track is Aquarius and the controversial LSD-based song, Walking In

*** GLADYS KNIGHT AND PIPS
(Tamia Motown, STML 11080)
Though Gladys Knight and the Pips are marvellous exponents of the Motown group sound, Gladys lacks the distinctive quality of Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson and Levi Stubbs, which are the makings of their respective units

and Levi Stubbs, which are the makings of their respective units. Side one here is titled Feeling, and side two Bluesy. However, both sides are packed with the usual beaty Motown music, presented at a very high standard.

dard.

Titles: The End Of Our Road, That's The Way Love Is, Don't You Miss Me A Little Bit Baby, The Boys From Crosstown, Ain't You Glad You Chose Love, I Know Better, Don't Let Her Take You Love From Me, It Should Have Been Me, Don't Turn Me Away, What Good Am I Without You, Your Old Standby, It's Time To Go Now.

CHEAPER LABELS

Two Music For Pleasure LPs this week from Dave Clark Five, Session With (MFP 1260), presenting good value with 12 tracks including Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, On Broadway and many group compositions, and on (MFP 1241) Super Hits offers 12 tracks, hot from the charts, performed by various artists

pletely untrained and must strain pletely untrained and must strain his vocal chords Seems he may have to rest up on live performances, but there should be no shortage of recorded work.

Other titles: Lonely Is The Name, Up Up And Away, The Good Life, Shake Shake Shake, We'll Be Together Again, Don't Take Your Time, Children Children, All That Jazz, Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye.

*** DELFONICS: LA LA

MEANS I LOVE YOU

(Bell, SBLL 106)

This new album from Philadelphia's male trio, who had a big U.S. hit with the title tune here, presents good soul sounds in a solid harmony framework. Specially recommended are I'm Sorry (which the Delfonics personalise with their own treatment) and that great Bacharach-David song, "The Look Of Love," which takes on a fresh meaning in the skilled hands of this threesome.

threesome.

Other titles: Break Your Promise,
Shadow Of Your Smile, Hurt So
Bad, Loving You, Alfie, You're
Gone, Look Of Love, Can You
Remember, Lover's Concerto.

*** HAIR: ORIGINAL BROAD-WAY CAST (RCA Victor, RD 7959)

The amazing vitality and sheer zest of this American love-rock musical has to be heard to be believed. The sound track of the show that would never make the

FROM STAGE AND SCREEN
MAN FROM LA MANCHA (MCA,
MUPS 334) by the Original London Cast offers fine singing by
Patricia Bredin (I'm Only
Thinking Of Him), Joan Diener
(Aldonza), comedian Bernard
Spear (A Little Gossip) and
Keith Michell putting over the
title tune with great charm.
GONE WITH THE WIND (WB,
W1322) is the original score of
Max Steiner's music, including
the memorable Tara's Theme.
Played by the London Sinfonia
orchestra, conducted by Muir
Mathieson.

Mathieson,
THE SWIMMER (CBS 70043) offers
the original sound track music
by Marvin Hamlisch of this Burt
Lancaster movie, which includes
the catchy Send For Me In
Summer, which is the theme
song of the film.

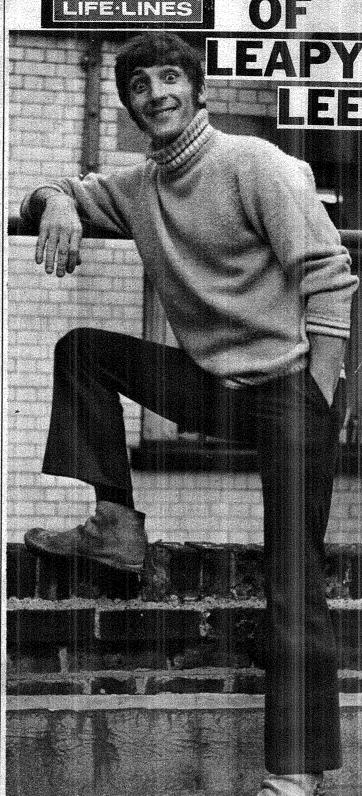
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SANDPIPERS (A&M Records, AML
918) inject a smooth, easy rhythm into their singing of such
tunes as Softly, Quando M'Innamaro, Spanish Eyes,
BOLA SETE (Verve VLP 9208) is
a remarkable jazz guitarist who
got his Portuguese nickname in
Brazil from the Seven Ball in
Pool. Here he is heard playing
at the Monterey Jazz Festival
such classics as Soul Samba,
Flamenco (his own compositions), and Manha de Carnival,
etc. Worth listening to. etc. Worth listening to. OSTON POPS/ARTHUR FIEDLER

BOSTON POPS/ARTHUR FIEDLER
(RCA Victor, SF 7936) is another
delightful album from the symphony-styled pop orchestra, going Latin with Tijuana Taxi,
Taste Cf Honey, Ritual Fire
Dance, and Gould's LatinAmerican Symphonette.
CANNONBALL ADDERLEY (Capitol ST 2877) recorded this set
with the Bossa Rio Sextet, including Sergio Mendes, in 1962.
Great sax-piano rhythm in
Minha Saudade, Sambop,
Joyce's Samba etc.
PEPE JARAMILLO (Studio 2
Stereo, TWO 206) is another
Latin pianist, who, with his
Latin American Rhythm, makes
good things from Yesterday,
Call Me, Camino Verde and

Latin American Rhythm, makes good things from Yesterday, Call Me, Camino Verde and Cucaracha.

DIGNO GARCIA (MGM C 8080) and his Carios make up a trio of two guitars, and the Paraguayan harp of Digno, a veteran musician and composer. A good example of his writing is Maria Antonia, and of his local hits—Guantanamera and Arrivederci



More singles from page 6

EQUALS BIG

THE EQUALS: † Softly, Softly

Equals with their follow-up to "Baby Come Back" their first hit which took so long for recognition by British record buyers and I have doubts that this number is strong enough

It drives along fike mad and is going to go down great in the clubs but melodically it's not a patch on "Baby" and they're going to have to plug like crazy with this one.



HEATH HAMPSTEAD † I Started A Joke (Polydor). A plaintive number as is to be

EQUALS (I to r) PAT LLOYD, LIN-COLN GORDON, DERV GORDON,

THE PEDDLERS: Comin' Home Baby (CBS).

This number is a highlight of the trio's stage act and is taken from their just released "Three In A Cell" album with lead vocalist tearing it away to a thundering climax. On first listening not a great deal of tune but the pulsating backing and dynamic vocal more than make up for that.

Needs playing at full volume but make sure you're lying down before you black out completely. Could well set the charts shaking too.

5TH DIMENSION: † Sweet Blindness (Liberty).

If this record doesn't get this top American group into our charts then there just ain't no justice — but then perhaps there isn't any as this group has been trying for the British charts since 1967!

Their talent comes through crevery note of this single which has a beautifully clear and catchy sound Very melodic too.

Give it a spin, and also the fip side "Good News" which is al-ready a hit in America and is, to

ROGER WEB: Song Without Words (RCA Victor).

In the clubs and discotheques Billy Preston is known as an organ-ist who really gets his instrument jumping, to the very best rhythm and blues, soulful, earthy and swing-ing like crazy.

This has all been captured in this single. It's not, I feel for the charts but if you want the week's best mind-blowing sound then give this

CHRIS ANDREWS: The Man With The Red Balloon (Pye). A plaintive slow jog along number from Chris Andrews, very sad and though written by him not really suitable material for his very limited

Still if you can get used to his interpretation then it becomes quite a nice little record but not one which will obviously set the charts on fire. Stick to the faster, bouncy

HERB ALPERT: To Wait For Love (A&M).

A David/Bacharach number, which Herb vocally talks (well almost) very attractively. He's not the world's greatest vocalist and every time I hear him "sing" I wish he'd stick to his trumpet. Still, despite that, the overall effect is pleasing and could give yet another one in the charts.

Professional Name: Leapy Lee Real Name: Lee Graham Birthdate: July 2, 1942

Personal points: height: 5ft.

Present home: Bayswater

First public amateur appearance:
At school as Aladdin Biggest break in career: »Finding "Little Arrows"
Biggest disappointment in career:

Not getting part in film "Sparrows Can't Sing" TV debut: State Your Case Radio debut: Stuart Henry Show

Cartney Favourite groups: Beatles Car: Cadillac Miscellaneous likes: Peace

Tastes in music: Folk

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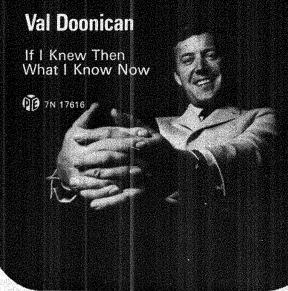
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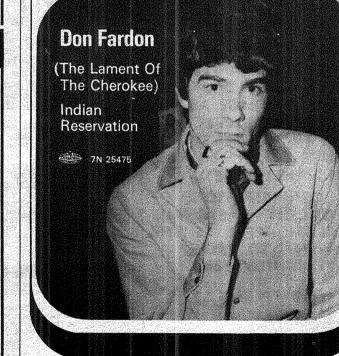
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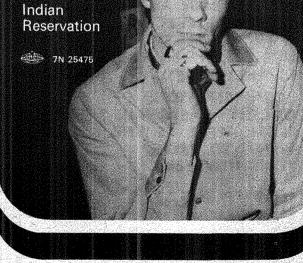


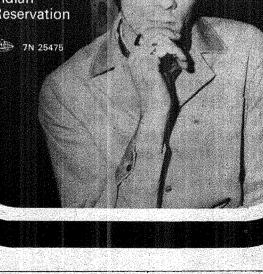


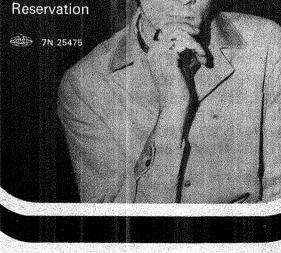












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for them to repeat their previous

A bellad so slow and gentle you almost feel it's going to stop at any moment and Tony makes the most of every syllable pouring in every intonation possible. As I say, superlative, but not too good for the charts, I hope.

A plaintive number as is to be expected as it's written by the Bee expected as it's written by the Bee apowerful treatment from the oddly named Heath. Some of the emotion in the lyric seems to have got lost along the line, but it could still be a hit.

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Well set the charts shaking too.

ROBERT JOHN: † Don't Leave He Baby (CBS).

American Robert John bas already had a chart touch over here and this, I think, could well be his second. Written by Harry Nilsson it's an ideal vehicle for his powerful falsetto voice.

A really driving number with Robert giving it everything he's got. A great backing too with a sound that seems to be bursting out of the record. Give it a listen,

my way of thinking, an even better

His piano and orchestra and as the title says Without Words. Which, of course is a great-pity and the main reason why I don't really see

BILLY PRESTON: † Greazee Parts One and Two (Soul City).

WEDNESDAY, 9th-THURSDAY, 10th-

FROM AMERICA THE EXCITING **EDWIN STARR**

weight: 10 stone 3 lb; brown Parents' names: Kathleen

Where educated: Eastbourne Musical education: None Age entered show business: 15

Favourite actor / actress: Rod Steiger/Ingrid Bergman Favourite bands/instrumentalists: Favourite composers: Lennon

Best friend: Tony Dante
Most thrilling experience: Meeting
Diana Dors for the first time

orthcoming disc of film projects: An LP and a new single Origin of stage name: I was always a leaper! Pets (if any): None

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THE NME UNDERSTANDS THAT VIA THEIR APPLE COMPANY THE BEATLES HAVE BOOKED THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL, LONDON, FOR A LIVE CONCERT IN DECEM-BER.

THERE ARE REPORTS THAT OTHER APPLE ARTISTS—POS-SIBLY MARY HOPKIN-WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

IF FINALISED, THE LON-DON DATE WILL BE THE BEATLES' FIRST PERFORM-ING PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN BRITAIN SINCE THE NME CONCERT AT WEMBLEY, ON MAY 1, 1966.

RECENTLY PAUL McCART NEY HAS BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING HE WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM ON STAGE AGAIN. FOLLOWING THE REACTION TO THE IN-PERSON TV AP-PEARANCE OF THE BEATLES SINGING "HEY JUDE".

NO CONFIRMATION OF THE CONCERT WAS AVAIL ABLE FROM APPLE AS THE NME WENT TO PRESS THIS WEEK, HOWEVER.

DIDN'T care for "Hair," but I'm willing to accept that some people might call this hippy musical from the U.S.—it opened at London's Shaftesbury theatre on Friday—the greatest thing since flower power. There's plenty of good rock and leaping about and things, but good rock and leaping about and the whole show struck me as slightly dated and even more pretentious. I would neither recommend nor dissuade anybody from this show, however, because the reaction to it depends so much on the attitudes of those seeing it. Good points: a take-off of the Supremes; the singing of Paul Nicholas and Vince Edward; and the chirpiness of little Linda Kendrick. She shows a lot of promise, does Linda.—A.S.

Scott 'raring to go'

Walker said this week that he was "never more fit" and "looking forward to enormous personal satisfaction" from his debut solo package tour opening tonight (Friday). Scott is almost certain to appear in his own 13-week BBC-1 TV series next spring.

BEE GEES BROADWAY SHOW

A FULL-LENGTH stage musical written by the Bee Gees is to be presented simultaneously on Broadway and in London's West End next year by the group's manager, Robert Stigwood-impresario of the controversial musical "Hair" which opened in London at the weekend. BARRY GIBB HAS BEEN SIGNED TO MAKE HIS FILM SOLO ACTING DEBUT IN A WESTERN. Dates for the Bee Gees' European tour are set, and because of "BeeGeemania" at German hotels the group will live and travel in a 17-strong luxury caravan town-on-wheels. The group has received its fifth gold disc-for "I've Gotta

Get A Message To You.' Only Barry, Robin and Maurice Gibb will be involved in the writing of the nusic and during that time probably three months— Colin Peterson and Vince Melouney will concentrate on their own writing and producing interests.

No title has been finalised for e show, in which the Bee Gees o not plan to appear them-

Strong contender for a leading role in the musical, which will be presented in November or December next year, is Hair" star Paul Nicholas.

Writing of the songs and story will commence during shooting of the group's first movie in South Africa at the end of this year. As previously announced, this is "Lord Kitchener's Little Drummer Boys."

In March or April Barry Gibb will make his solo acting debut in a western, which may either, be made in the U.S. or on Spanish locations. He told NME this week: "I do plan to leave the Bage Gage synthally." leave the Bee Gees eventually, but not in the forseeable future." After returning to Britain at the weekend from Brussels, the group goes to Amsterdam for a concert this Sunday (6), then Hilversum TV (7), Copenhagen TV (11), Stockholm concerts (12), Copenhagen concerts (13) and Vienna TV (15).

German appearances are in Bremen (31), Hamburg (November 2), Munster (4), Cologne (5), Essen (6), Stuttgart (8), Vienna (10), Innsbruck (11), Bochum (13), Dusseldorf (14), Brunswick (16), Munich (18), Nuremburg (19), Wiesbaden (26), Frankfurt (27), Freeburg (28), Karlsruher (29) and Ulm (30).



BARRY GIBB

Otis. Aretha on stage LPs

THE last "live" recording made by the late Otis Redding is to be released as an LP by Atlantic on November 1. Titled "Otis Redding At The Whiskey A-Go-Go," it was recorded in Los Angeles and features a number of well-known Otis recordings plus numbers like "Papa's Got A Brand New Bag" and "Just One More Day."

On the same day, Atlantic issue a live album made by

on the same day, Atlantic issue a live album made by Aretha Franklin in May during her last European tour— it is called "Aretha In Paris" and was recorded at the Olympia.

Tracks include most of the material performed by Aretha

material performed by Aretha during her British concerts earlier this year including songs like "Respect," "Dr. Feelgood" and "Night Time Is The Right Time."

American singer Della Reese has been signed to join Tom Jones concert tour opening at London's New Victoria next Thursday (10).

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Week with "Those Were The Days" — has been taken off the bill for the Tiny Tim Albert Hall Charity Concert being organised by the Keystone Committee, National Association Of Boys Clubs. Posters and publicity featuring Mary's name had already been sent out — Keystone spokesman Michael Whitehall said on Monday he was told that Mary "was not ready" for her concert

Booked in her place and as with Tiny Tim, giving their services free, are the Bonzo Dog Doo Dah Band, Joe Cocker and United Band, Joe Cocker and United Artists newcomer Peter Sarstedt. The 40-piece National Concert Orchestra will be backing Tiny on Orchestra will be backing Tiny on this his first London appearance. A number of star names will be in the audience, with the probable inclusion of some of the Beatles, who are fans of Tiny. Three boxes have been reserved by Apple for the concert, on October 30.

Whitehall's postponed American visit to fix U.S. stars for future Keystone concerts will now take place towards the end of November, when his trip will include a meeting with Elvis Presley's manager, Col. Tom Parker.

Added Michael Whitehall this week: "I can only say were were surprised and bitterly disappointed by the decision recording Mary.

week: I can only say were were surprised and bitterly disappointed by the decsion regarding Mary. We had had 2,000 order forms printed with Mary's name on them, which are now useless, 100 personal letters and invitations had gone out, posters had been printed and as a charity, we shall lose about £300 in these expenses. Apart from that many people will already have bought tickets on the strength of Mary's appearance."

BACHELOR NO MORE

The wedding takes place tomor-Cluskey (24), of the Bachelors, to Sandra Williams (22) at St Josephs, Stanford-le-Hope, Essex.

MOODY MAN SIGNS GIRL Manager of the Moody Blues — industrialist Derek McCormick — has signed Decca singer Linda Clarke, chosen by Ivor Raymonde to represent Britain at the Barcelona song festival at the weekend, Linda came fourth out of 30 countries



THE last "live" recording

Out the same day is Petula Clark's new LP, "Petula" (Pye), and the Byrds" "I'm A Pilgrim" (CBS).
William Bell, who scored recently with "Tribute To A releases on October 18.

JIMI AT 'SAVE RAVE' Now confirmed for the "Save Rave" concert at the London Rave" concert at the London Palladium on December 8 — in addition to Mama Cass and the Hollies, previously reported — are the Jimi Hendrix Experience, Eric Burdon and the Animals, and the Small Faces.

Nice guitarist leaves

of "pressure of work." There are no plans for him to return, and the Nice will now continue as a trio.

The parting was amicable and organist Keith Emerson told the NME: "We plan to continue as a trio because with our style, it von't make much difference to our O'List wants to work on musical plans of his own. He will not, however, take part in recording

sessions for the next Nice album which begin in London on Sunday Keith Emerson will incorporate the lead guitar parts into his organ playing, while Lee Jackson remains on bass and Brian Davison on

The group's next American tour is now being finalised, and will run from February 10 for a month.

BLACKBURN TV NAMES DAVE DEE and Co., and

the Dave Clark Five—
plus interviews at London's
Revolution Club with Long
John Baldry, Keith Moon of John Baldry, Ketth Moon of the Who, Emperor Rosko and others — are featured in Southern-TV's "Time For Blackburn" when the show re-joins the full national network on October 25.

THE Jimi Hendrix Experience's long-awaited new single is at last scheduled for release on October 25. Anita Harris's follow-up to her latest hit is ready, as are new releases by the Byrds, O. C. Smith and the Scaffold.

Jimi's latest is his current U.S. hit, the Bob Dylan composition "All Along The Watchtower" (Track). A new album by the trio is expected in November. As forecast in last week's NME, Anita Harris's next single is Clive Westlake's, "La Blon," which CBS releases on October 25, the same day as O. C. Smith's CBS version of the former Roger Miller hit, "Little Green Apples." The Scaffold's next is "Lily The Pink" (Parlophone) on October 18.

King," teams up with Judy Clay for "Private Number" which Stax Comedian Marty Feldman has his first LP, titled simply "Marty," released on October 18 (Pye). A week later (25), Philips releases Susan Maughan's "Cable Car For Tyro"

Other October 18 releases in Clude Smokey Robinson's "Special Occasion" (Tamala), Carla Thomas's "Where Do I Go" (Stax), Booker T's "Soul Limbo" (Stax), the Impressions' "Fool For You" (Buddha) and the New Christy Minstrels' "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (CBS).

FREDDIE, DREAMERS **PANTOMINE IS SET**

REDDIE and the Dreamers will play Simple Simon and his men in the pantomime "Babes In The Wood" for two weeks at Doncaster Gaumont from December 23, followed by Hanley for two weeks from January 13, Co-starring with the group will be Coronation the group will be Coronation Street's TV actress Jennifer Moss, friend of Davy Jones.

Freddie and the Dreamers' Southern-TV series "Little Big Time" is confirmed for full networking every Wednesday for 13 weeks from October 30. Freddie is in Germany for 10 days of appearances at US bases from November 8.

STARS AID CZECHS

Julie Felix, Georgie Fame, Alan Price, Spencer Davis, Joe Cocker and comperes John Peel and Mike Raven are among names announced for a charity concert in aid of Czech students wishing to remain in Britain - at London's

Chart with "Light My Fire" — are among star names being finalised for British visits by Nems executive Vic Lewis, who is in the U.S. this week. He has set Johnny Mathis for four British con-

the U.S. this week. He has set Johnny Mathis for four British concerts, and plans another visit by Brasil '66 leader Sergio Mendes.

Mathis appears at London's Royal Festival Hall for two performances on the evening of November 2, and plays a further two concerts at Coventry theatre the following day.

At all performances he will be backed by the Johnnie Spence Orchestra, who will also play for the first half at each show.

The Monkees are now almost certain to tour Britain next spring, certain to tour Britain next spring this time taking in major cities throughout the country. German 'Nein'

to our Arthur

THE Crazy World of

day visit to Germany at Government Halls in Munster, Dusseldorf and Dortmund be-ginning today (Friday) has been cancelled at the request of the West German Govern-

ment who fear riots.

A spokesman for Arthur Brown told the NME on Tuesday: "Apparently a representative for the Government

sentative for the Government saw the film which featured Arthur on the TV show 'Beat Club' recently, and thought is subversive and was equally concerned over the fire risk in the Halls. We have been paid to division of the state of the sta

in advance for the dates, but have reluctantly had to cancel the shows."

In America next week Arthur Brown's hit single, "Fire" tops the Hot 100 singles chart. He completed negotiations this week with a

London publisher to write his

theme music for an Italian sequel to the film "Seven Golden Men," and their manager David Pardo flew to Italy this week to discuss a film for them to be made by Dino de Laurentiis, producer of "The Rible"

The group — up to No. 3 in

Arthur Brown's three

TREMELOES — left to right RICK WEST, CHIP HAWKES, DAVE MUNDEN and ALAN BLACKLY.

MONKEES, JOSE, MATHIS

FOR TOURS—DETAILS

THE Monkees and Jose Feliciano - at No 26 in this week's NME

Among other coast-to-coast venues for the Moodies will be major appearances at New York's Fillmore East on October 25-26, and San Francisco Fillmore West for four days from November 21. Further major dates are at Phila delphia Electric Factory (November

MANN-HUGG MOVIE

in Las Vegas on the project. Whilst there, Mann and Hugg also discussed songs for the movie with singer Barbara McNair and flew to New York for talks on them writing commercial jingles for U.S.

Casuals' movie music, Italian

"Jesamine" - has also been

invited to appear at their San Remo pop festival next Janu-

ary-February.

It will record material for an there over the employment of the art its first British re-

THE Moody Blues' previously announced tour of America is now confirmed to open at Minneapolis on October 18. The group's follow-up single to "Voices In The Sky" is expected to be released in Britain during its absence.

match recently.

Visits to the Argentine and Uruguay are included with the possibility of further concerts in Venezuela and Chile.

The Tremeloes week at Batley will also include an appearance on Christmas Day itself—the first time they have worked over Christmas. They make their annual return to Scandinavia with a New Year's Eve concert in Stockholm followed by a six-day four of Sweden and Denmark.

A new LP from the group is expected before Christmas. 8-9), Chicago Electric Theatre (November 15-16), Los Angeles Shrine (29-30) and Detroit Grand (December 7-8).

This week, Moody Blues agent Alan Field flew to the Continent to discuss a tenday jet tour of discuss a ten-day jet tour of urope by the group in late Decem-

Manfred Mann and Mike Hugg

Dimension are artists taking part in "Saturday Club" on

October 19 on Radio 1 only.
The Moody Blues, The Marmalade,
The Mexicans, Billy J. Kramer, The The Mexicans, Billy J. Kramer The Searchers, The Tremeloes, Monty Sunshine's Jazzband and The Mirage are among guests introduced by Dave Cash in the Monday to Friday afternoon programme on Radio 1 and 2 from October 21 to October 25, and by Chris Denning on Saturday, October 19, on Radio 1 only. Jackie Trent and The Tony Hatch Orchestra, and The Cliff Bennett Band are "Pete's-Saturday People" introduced by Pete Murray on Saturday, October 12, on Radio 1 and 2. "Pete's Sunday People" on October 20 on Radio 1 and 2 will include The Art Movement, The Alan Elsdon Jazzband, and The Radio Show Band conducted by Malcolm Lockyer with

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PRESTIGE CLUB DEAL

ally-famous Variety Club during Christmas week.

The group returned from

Norway this week and is

now confirmed for its

debut tour of Israel-the

first by a name British

group since Cliff Richard

and the Shadows appeared

there three years ago—to

start on October 22 for two

Revised schedule, for the

Tremeloes now takes them on their return tour of South

IV and radio in Rio the same

November 17 and will play concerts at the football stadium in Buenos Aries which was the scene of the

Trip, Xmas E.P.

Vanity Fare is likely to make

its first visit to America next

nonth as part of a four-country

follow in Australia, New Zealand

and Hong Kong on the way home.

and Hong Kong on the way home.
The group is currently completing an EP for the Christmas market. One side will consist of a pop version of Duke Ellington's "Skin Deep" jazz classic, by drummer Dick Alix.

cording session on October 15: the follow-up to "Jesamine" is now almost certainly Chris Andrews "Toy," already recorded.

As with other foreign groups, the Casuals have been temporarily banned from Italian TV because of a union row

Jools 'Top Gear'

Spooky Tooth will be guests in the Sunday morning "Stuart Henry Show" on October 20, on Radio 1

Gear "introduced by John Peel on Sunday October 20, on Radio 1
Dave Dee, Dozy Beaky, Mick and Tich, Tony Christie, The New State Jazzband, The Marmalade, The Idle Race and Kenny Ball's Jazzmen are among artists in "The Jimmy Young Show" throughout the week from Monday, October 21, to Friday, October 25 on Radio 1 and 2.
Art Movement, Tangerine Peel, The Equals, Sly and the Family Stone, Spooky Tooth and The Herd are the guests introduced in "The David Symonds Show" each afternoon from Monday to Friday, October 21 to October 25 on Radio 1.

● Marmalade Sly and The Family Stone, The Herd Liza Dulittle and The Gentry, are artists taking par in "Saturday Club" on October 1: on Radio 1 introduced by Keitl Skues

on Radio 1 introduced by Keith Skues.

Mary Hopkin and Ken Dodd are the week's guests in Friday's lunchtime pop show." The Joe Loss Show" on October 18 on Radio 1 introduced by Roger Moffat and featuring The Joe Loss Orchestra and singing stars. This is the last programme in the series.

COMEDY TV SERIES FOR LEAPY LEE?

situation comedy TV series later this year, if nego-THE Tremeloes--up to No. 18 in this week's NME chart with "My Little tiations are finalised. This would be Leapy's debut as a TV actor, and he told the NME this week: "It's some-Lady "-have been signed to a £25,000 deal to appear in cabaret next year thing I've always wanted to do. I've specialised in comedy Northern clubs operated by the Bailey Organisation. The Trems launch for a long time - singing is only half of my career." their major contract with a prestige appearance at Batley's now internation-

Also in line for Leapy — 'Little Arrows' rises to No. 4 n this week's Chart — are a two-week German tour at the beginning of January, and major cabaret dates during the next three months

Lee plays Birmingham Plaza for a week from October 12, Manchester New Century (October 19 week), Stockton Tito's (November 3 week), Birmingham La Dolce Vita (November 9 week), South Shields Latino doubling at Newcastle La Dolce Vita (November 15 week) and Manchester Talk Of The North (December 1 week).

He completed a marathon sion this week, and there is now enough material for an LP to be released shortly, plus possibly his

SATCH, O.C. RETURN

Louis Armstrong and his All-Stars are to return to Britain in at a Northern venue. They appearat Wakefield Theatre Club for two

O. C. Smith — who had an NME chart hit with "Hickory Holler's

Wednesday — with one in four homes in Britain with a record-player now posessing the disc, according to an RCA spokesman. The LP is still in the NME album chart, and sales this week were said to have now

week were said to have now exceeded a value of £3,225,000. It has been estimated that if all the copies of the album sold in Britain were stacked, they would reach 15 times the height of the Empire State Building. ******************

'Music' album

two million

THE soundtrack film music from "The Sound of Music" this week became

the biggest-selling album in the history of the British record industry. Sales of the LP touched 2,000,000 on

Cream—currently on a tour of the U.S.—has been awarded a Gold Disc for American sales of "Sunshing of Your Love," its current single in

Vanity Fare U.S. Dusty U.S. coast-to-coast

autumn of 1969. Following her ten days of recording for Atlantic in Memphis, Dusty now has enough material for a new album and possibly her next single. She returned to the U.S. to supervise mixing of the tracks this week and will go back for a gruelling 30-day coast-to-coast tour of colleges in January.

Amsterdam for a Dutch TV special, and then comes back to England for the opening week of Wakefield New Theatre Club Sunday), as previously re-

Among major coast-to-coast TV appearances for her will be the shows of Ed Sullivan, Johnny Carson, Merv Griffiths and Mike Douglas. Her 30-day U.S., college tour is almost certain to commence on January 6, and offer returning

DUSTY SPRINGFIELD is almost certain to return to London's Talk Of The Town theatre-restaurant — where she played a record-breaking season in July—in the

Today (Friday) Dusty flies

Other cabaret dates are a week at Manchester Golden Garter (20), and Stockton Fiesta for a week from October 27.

On November 22 Dusty will make a further American trip for two or three weeks especially for U.S. promotion on her new single, the Clive Westlake composition "I Will Come To You."

on January 6, and after returning to Britain she will go to Berlin on March 15 for two days at the Exerting Dr. Biggue. Festival Du Disque.

Barry Ryan with The Majority sings

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person when he tours this country, but for the time being, feast your ears on 'Message from Maria'. Joe is one of the best soul singers around, and he puts every ounce of feeling into this ballad. The backing voices also are amazing —they surely must be straight out of a sanctified church! The arrangement is beautiful, and this is definitely a record for dancing close. MON 1025 is the number, Monument the label.

his own as an artist with a single on Deram-'Isn't this where we came in?' This is taken from a forthcoming album, and it's ideal single material. There is a tremendous sense of Lionel's involve-THE ART MOVEMENT are happy people.

and so they should be. Their new Decca release, 'Loving touch', is something to be happy about! It's a very powerful number, with a driving beat and terrific build-up from the backing. As for the voices—well you'll have to hear the record! The number to ask for is F 12836.