



The latest picture of the BEACH BOYS (I to r), DENNIS WILSON, AL JARDINE, MIKE LOVE, BRUCE JOHNSON and CARL WILSON who arrive in Britain next Thursday for the start of their European visit

BRUCE JOHNSON'S room at the London Hilton during the Beach Boys' last British tour resembled one of those health food stores where funny people go to buy wheat germ and all sorts of odds and ends

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BEACH BOYS' TOUR DATES

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Says RICHARD GREEN

machine with him to ride about between gips-the aritine lost it and it didn't turn up for two o Hence, he has been "grounded" while the grou on tour. At least the police will have less work it On the subject of transport, the Beach Boys between them eleven cars and seven molor (5 Bruce is the poor relation with just one blice the rest own a '67 Jaguar and a '68 Mes Mer (57 Rolls-Royce Phantom, '68 '66 Asion Marii Benz and two Heidas & Fan's Asion Marii en a '47 MG, '67 Jaguar XKE, '38 Rolls an Triumph M/c (Mike).



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MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR US IF THE BEATLES DID GO BROKE ... ELVIS — WILL HE SWITCH FROM FILMS TO TV. THE STONES RE-DISCOVER THEMSELVES

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SIMON SAYS: CONCERT AFTER THE Boxer" took more than a hundred hours to record and five GARFUNKEL FILMING months to release! Art Garfunkel is alive and well and filming in Rome! Paul Simon is anxious to play concerts in Britain! And the prize-winning duo are definitely NOT splitting!

These are just some of the subjects Paul Simon touched upon when I called him at his New York home to tell him about the success of "The Boxer" and to get up to date on the Simon and Garfunkel scene.

He was naturally pleased about the progress of the new single, not realising quite how high it had reached in the NME in just three weeks. "It was an experiment," he revealed. "We wanted to record choictness chum in a church

a Christmas album in a church, so we went into one to get the feel and to listen to the sound of the acoustics.

of the acoustics. "It was written last summer and finished in December. It was recorded all over the place--the end voices in New York St. Pau's Church, the strings in New York, Columbia studio, and voices there too. And the horns in the church."

Rush still on

Simon's and Garfunkel's last hit was, of course, the beauti-ful "Mrs. Robinson," which retul Mrs. Robinson, which re-cently won a Grammy award. The rush to record it is still on, but there's one act I wouldn't have thought would have been interested in "Mrs. Robinson"

interested in "Mrs. Robinson" who, in fact, are. "Booker T and the MG's have just recorded it," Paul revealed. "It's their next single I was just in Memphis with them. They do a great job, very, very funky." That should be a record worth hearing! With "Time Is Tight" progressing up the chart and such a strong number as a follow-up, this could be the con-solidation of a healthy hit period here for Booker. here for Booker.



RICHARD by GREEN

Of the Grammy award, Paul commented: "I didn't expect it. I thought 'Hey Jude' was the record of the year. I watched the presentation on television. Art went down and accepted it."

While Paul is busy writing, Art is playing the part of Neg-ley in the film version of "Catch 22," which is currently on loca-tion in surny Italy.

"We'll k-ve to wait till he gets back before we can do any appearances," Paul pointed out. "The film started in January, which was part of the reason there was such a delay in the record being issued. Schooting ends in June, then it'll take a year to edit.

Costly film

"Why that long? It's costing eleven million dollars to make. It's a very big movie. It should be released around summer next year.

So as Art's acting commit-ment will not delay concerts much longer, what are the



Two views of SIMON and GARFUNKEL, whose "The Boxer" is in the Ton Ten this week

Wants to play Albert Hall and Scotland

chances of Simon and Gar-funkel coming over for some shows? "I'd like to come over in the fall and do some con-certs," was Paul's statement. This should please a lot of people, specially since the split

rumours have started circulat-ing. "We've done none since November and have no plans to do any for the time being.

"I'd like to do the Albert Hall and Scotland. We've only been to Scotland twice and I liked it; the audiences are very

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C and W boost

Paul takes a strong interest in the current music scēne and wanted to know what was hap-pening in England. When I told him about the county-and-western boost, he replied "That's good, there's a strong interest in country music here, out the than paychedelic ousie. music.

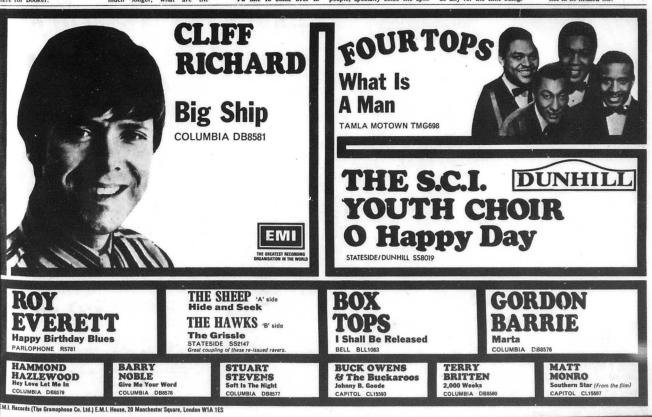
"I was glad to see Desmond Dekker make it. I bought a couple of albums by him in Jamaica and 'The Israelites' was on one. I liked it and said to Art: 'Listen to this cut, isn't that good'."

Paul reported that Graham Nash's new interest-Nash, Crosby, Stills - has a unique sound and is already booked out for huge money even though they haven't appeared yet.

Not harmed

" I'm glad that Graham's de-parture hasn't hurt the Hollies," Paul added.

There are enough Simon and Garfunkel tracks in the can for a new album but again its re-lease is being delayed while Art is becoming a movie star. And that is another entry for the not-to-be-missed file!



On sale, Friday, week ending May 24, 1969

E SOUTH LIKES 'GAMES' WE

TEN o'clock in the morning is an unearthing hour for a pop star to be awake but that was when Joe South rang me to ask if I would have breakfast with him at his hotel.

hote! Half an hour later, at the Mayfair Hotel, Joe was tucking into a ham omelette (three eggs), and a cup of coffee which he said was far better that the coffee he drank in America. The said was far better the said was far better the coffee that Joe likes about England. Motorist, the casy paced life we lead, the good man-ners of everybody he has met, and the way we all get highly personable young man of 33, who started playing guitar when he was eight, and was playing on other perfores seasons four years later. around like to spond a month at a time here several the said was played better about the several the said of the said and the said was playing on other perfores seasons four years later. around like to spond a month at a time here several the said was played better better the said was far and the said was played by the said the second and a said and the said was played by the said the term of the said and the said the sai

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about time he put in some work on his own behalf, and so he wrote, recorded and produced "Games People Play." "I wrote this song." he tidd me, "I wrote this song." he tidd me, medians. I don't know why we can't get together and do what we really want to do. "Mest people are screed to do appthing by instituct in case it

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Cramming



JOE pictured during his recent trip here doing some sight seeing

" My parents were all for making me study hard," he said, "but I knew all along that I couldn't do anything but sing and write. I sang ally got in on recording essions. I've learned such a loi from the people I've worked with, although their style and songs are so different "I guess I first realised that. my songs could and should be something more than ordinary beat numbers, the same time I realised that records were just as important a commu-





Romance that never was JOE appeared on BOBBIE GENTRY'S TV show earlier this week and made a point of denying to our reporter that they were about to become engaged. "It was all for publicity," says Joe, "we don't even know each other that well."

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"Although I appeared on her TV show earlier this week, there is no truth whatsoever in the stories that

we are more than good friends, or about to become engaged. I like how each other that yeal. "It's just a story to get my picture in the paper, and to and arranged before I even set fost in the country, and I diffic throw the country, and I diffic throw the bobbie desart seed this sched of publicity, are in the story is like the set of the the set of the set set of the set

Refreshing

Now there's some refreshing hon-esty for you! There's honesty also on Jue's first LP "Introspect," which has had many cover versions record-ed in America. "The album is some random thoughts, impressions and things that have happened to me. Of course you can say so much more on some random ns and things to me. Of course th more on

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WHAT'S THIS OLD VETERAN DOING IN THE CHART? asks

RANK SINATRA is not the best singer in the world. For who is to say what is good, let alone what is best? But in a music world, where singers and songs tend to be classified as pre-Beatles, or post-Beatles, the unique phenomenon that is Francis Albert Sinatra, born in Hahden New Jerser, fifty.

unique phenomenon that is Francis Albert Sinatza, born in Hoboken, New Jersey, fifty-three years ago, is still going strong. The aulebiographical "Me Way" The aulebiographical "Me Way" Hang State and State With daught, since hit due with the heat in luding two weeks at heat hit is the special magic swinger of Sicilian extraction? Way What is the special magic swinger of Sicilian extraction Way Sintark has remained of Ioday's pop music, and what's behint it. **Even Larence faces**

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NEW MUSICAL EXPRESS

TOMMY RO ZZY WIT JOY NOW

TOMMY ROE is dizzy with joy at the news that his "Dizzy" single is dizzily climbing the NME charts, climb-ing to No. 6-a jump of eight places n last week

Above all, it means he'll be coming back to Britain for a week, the first seven days of June. He has never forgotten the happy time he had here last time and these pictures recall his contentment during a stroll in London, photographed by Stuart Richman.

"Even the drinks are free," he chuckled, as he drank from the fountain in Soho Square in the heart of London.

And the bench in the park was free, too. No wonder Tommy was singing "The best things in life are free . . ."

On his left is one of Tommy's London pais, royalty no less, in the guise of Charles II, sculpted by Calus Kibber in 1881, and restored to Soho Square by Lady Gilbert in



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PET CLARK MAKES HER LITTLE BIT OF

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At Albert Hall

The October 17 Petula is making of no october years at the Royal and for six years at the Royal their Hail, where she is having a of an one weight of the she put of an one weight of the she put of an one of the she will be the she weight of the s

They'll all be expecting me to e on wearing a sequinned dress I used to be, I've changed and on't know if they wil: all realise

1..." How it they will get a chance to see the "new" Petila towards the end of this year. She is starring in her own spectacular to open BBC 1's colour service in November and the film in which she stars with Peter O'Toole. "Goodbye Mr Chips" is being released the same month,



PETULA CLARK

PETULA CLARK "1 don't liks film work;" she said crossing one trousered leg over the other, "there's no deadline like TV: "1 dden't have whether I'd be able to do it when I accepted the role it might have just come out 'crum-bleum bleggrumph'," she demon-ter day films I did in the past of the start of the said the said of the said like e-the said said l

says Jan Nesbit

GO A LONG WAY!

"It was territying acting with Peter," she continued "I know what I can do with my voice but Peter has complete control of his wife bady. Output the control of his wife bady. Output the I can see how much I lack but the film really depends on the editing. "Julie Andrews would have been for batter than ms." she ended How did she feel about Andy Williams as a chart place rival with "Happy Heart"." J don't mind, "see so different you wouldn't really know it was the same song."

Petula recorded the song first in America and by chance the same unsicians were doing a recording session with Andy Willams and they recommended it is him. Of the an album track but decided to bring it out as a single at the last moment. But and a single at the last moment. Such and the same the last moment. The called to a friend. That little bit of talent has gone a long way!

TALENT'



Pictured in London's Ronnie Scott Club last week at an MCA party to launch "The Greatest Little Soul Band in The Land " are (I to r) SIMON DEE, lead singer J. J. JACKSON and agent BUNNY LEWIS.





This week's chart tips ~~~~

TOP SINGLES REVIEWED BY DEREK JOHNSON

HAPPY, BREEZY CLIFF

* Big Ship (Columbia) CLIFF RICHARD has CLIFF RICHARD has never suffered the in-dignity of a Chart failure, even though one or two of his releases have only just edged into the bottom of the hit parade. I have every confidence that this will maintain his unbroken run

maintain his unbroken run of successes. Penned by Raymond Froegatt who. I suppose is beat known for the Dave Clark hit "Red Balloon" — and this song has much the same breezy air of light-hearted galety and vitality. Raywurd source, with a woral group gaindig in the chorus, it's a happy-gaindig the chorus, it's happy-gaindig the chorus it's happy-subscription of the chorus it's happy-scription of the chorus it's happy-scrip

still a lair-sized hit. LEONARD COHEN: t Bird On The Wire (CGS). Cabon is rather and acquired taste and, that being so. I was rather surprised that his 'Songe rown A Bowm a shown are do rown a shown a shown are do rown a shown a shown are do the philosophic, reflective—Herri-tive, philosophic, reflective source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the shown and the shown and the shown and the source and the shown and the source and the shown a

anything Cohen has done. MASON WILLIAMS: Greensleeves (Warner Brathers). Government of the Pops." cones to appointed by this disc because 1 expected to hear a specialised vocal treatment of this traditional Olde-Englyshe at, it's strictly instru-Bot in fact, it's strictly instru-mental, arranged by Mason Williams.



FOUR TOPS

Another hit for Tamla from FOUR TOPS (I. to r.) RENALDO BENSON, ABDUL FAKIR, LEVI STUBBS (top) and LAURENCE

RA B E FOUR TOPS: * What Is A Man (Tamla Motown).

| IMAGINE that 1969 will go down in pop history as "the year of Tamla." At the moment, everything that appears on this label seems to have a head start on all other releases—and this, coupled with the FourTops' established popularity, is sure to send

ceeded. What then of Dean Martin's chances? Well, this is Dino at his most predictable — lazily crooning the lyric, and he's wafted along on a cloud of strings, woodwind and heavenly

releases—and this, coupled with the them rocketing back up to the Chart. A bit different from their pre-vious discs in that it's mainly a group vocal — and a very catchy the too the theory of the the chart. The the too the too the too the set of the too the too the release to the too the too

NEW FACES: 1 Carnival Day (Decca). © A happy-go-lucky blues-chaser from the under-rated New Faces. A sparkling, bubling treatment of a jounty bouncer — in which the rip-equally bustling and richly orches-trated backing.



CLIFF

Now Dino goes to Phoenix DEAN MARTIN: t By The Time I Get To Phoenix (Reprise). This beautiful jim Webb ballad has now virtually become a striath and the standard of the Chart with it—but none has suc-ceeded.

voices. Nice record, though I wouldn't say it was as good as Campbell's original. Still, while the public still has "Gentle" on its mind, Dean must ob-viously be the strengest contender to date with this song.

JANG THEW, GTAW, GTAW, GTAW, JANG THEW, GTAW, JANG THANS.: I'll Be Your Fool (Chess), HOMAS.: I'll Be Your Fool (Chess), Homas made a facting ap-pearance in the NME Chart earlier this year with a recretese, And a brand new waxing from this dynamic entertainer, a brand new waxing from this dynamic entertainer, a brand new waxing from this strength of the the set is insi-tent and demanding, and it drives along irresistibly spiced by scorching brass.

BOBSY VINTON: To Know You is To Low You (285). Systems (285). Systems (285), and the system and already a big int for Bobby UTS an appealing and immensely hummable tune, warmly and ten you and the system of the system with any and strings. A strong helping of schmalts for those who like their corn on the sweet side:



BOB and **EARL**

Even better than Harlem

BOB & EARL: * Dancin' Everywhere (B & C). LIKE this better than " Harlem Shuffle," which y which was an old recording-and sounded like it. This is less muffled and more clean-cut, but equally as punchy and vibrant.

An spirited soul duet between Bob and Earl, enveloped in a sizzling infectious beat emphasised by tambourine, with crisp brass sizzling infectious beat emphasised by tambourine, with crisp brass due to the backing. deph and bite to the backing. Not a great deal of turn to it. "It's one of those routines that it's one of those routines that it's non-off those ro

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1	1	GET BACKBeatles (Apple)	5	1			
6	2	MAN OF THE WORLDFleetwood Mac (Immediate)	5	2			
4	3	MY SENTIMENTAL FRIENDHerman's Hermits (Columbia)	4	3			
6		BEHIND A PAINTED SMILEIsley Brothers (Tamle Motown)	4	4			
6	5	MY WAYFrank Sinatra (Reprise)	6	5			
14		DIZZYTommy Roe (Stateside)	4	6			
2	1.1	COME BACK AND SHAKE MEClodagh Rodgers (RCA)	6	2			
3		GOODBYEMary Hopkin (Apple)	8	2			
10		THE BOXERSimon & Garfunkel (CBS)	3	9			
5	10	PINBALL WIZARDWho (Track)	9	4			
	11	ROAD RUNNER Jnr. Walker & the All Stars (Tomla Motown)		10			
	12	LOVE ME TONIGHTTom Jones (Decca)		12			
	13	RAGAMUFFIN MANManfred Mann (Fontana)		13			
	14	THE ISRAELITESDesmond Dekker (Pyramid)	9	1			
	15	HARLEM SHUFFLEBob & Earl (Island)	9	7			
	16	CUPIDJohnny Nash (Major Minor) I'M LIVIN' IN SHAME	8	6			
"	17	Diana Ross & the Supremes (Tamla Motown)	4	17			
22	18	GALVESTONGlen Campbell (Ember)		18			
	19	TRACKS OF MY TEARS	ľ				
		Smokey Robinson & the Miracles (Tamla Motown)	2	19			
	20	GENTLE ON MY MINDDean Martin (Reprise)	13	2			
23	21	AQUARIIIS/LET THE SUN SHINE IN MEDLEY					
10	-	5th Dimension (Liberty)		21			
	22 23	BADGECream (Polydor) TIME IS TIGHTBooker T. & the M.G.s (Stax		19 23			
	24	SNAKE IN THE GRASS	1 1	23			
-	-	Dave Dee, Dozy, Beaky, Mick and Tich (Fontana)	1	24			
30	25	I THREW IT ALL AWAY	2	25			
	26	DICK-A-DUM-DUMDes O'Connor (Columbia)	2	26			
21	27	COLOUR OF MY LOVEJefferson (Pye)	4	21			
26	28	PASSING STRANGERS					
-		Sarah Vrughan & Billy Eckstine (Mercury)		19			
	29	HIGHER AND HIGHERJackie Wilson (MCA)	1	29			
20	30	I DON'T KNOW WityStevie Wonder (Tamla Motown)		14			
0	30	I'D RATHER GO BLINDChicken Shack (Blue Horizon)	1	30			
		Britain's Top 15 LPs					
		NASHVILLE SKYLINE	2	1			
2	1 2	ON THE THRESHOLD OF A DREAM	35	1			
3	2	THE BEST OF THE SEEKERS(Columbia)	27	i			
3	4	HOLLIES SING DYLAN(Columbia)	3	4			
5	4 5	GODDBYE	12	1			
4	6	"ELVIS"Elvis Presley (RCA)	5	4			
6	7	SONGS FROM A ROOMLeonard Cohen (CBS)	4	5			
7	8	LIONEL BART'S OLIVER !Soundtrack (RCA)	6	4			
9	9	HAIRLondon Cast (Polydor)	16	4			
10	10	LED ZEPPELIN(Atlantic)	6	5			
12	11	SOUND OF MUSICSoundtrack (RCA)	214	1			
11	12	GENTLE ON MY MINDDean Martin (Reprise)	9	6			
•	13	THE BEATLES(Apple)	21	1			



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Top Ten 1964. Week ending May 20	Top Ten 1959 Week ending May 20	15 YEARS AGO
1 1 JULIET Four Pennies (Philips) 5 2 YOU'RE MY WORLD Cilla Black (Parlophone) 6 3 IT'S OVER Rov Orbison	1 1 A FOOL SUCH AS I/I NEED YOUR LOVE TONIGHT Elvis Presey (BCA) 2 2 IT DOESN'T MATTER ANY MORE Buddy Holly (Coral) 8 11'S LATE Bicky Nelson	The Line 1324 Markengling and the line and line
(London) 2 4 MY BOY LOLLIPOP Millie (Fontana) 9 5 CONSTANTLY Cliff Richard (Columbia)	(London) 3 4 SIDE SADDLE Russ Conway (Columbia) 3 5 DONNA Marty Wilde	A STATE AND A STAT
7 6 A LITTLE LOVING Four- most (Parlophone) 3 7 DON'T THROW YOUR LOVE AWAY Searchers (Pye)	(Philips) 7 6 I'VE WAITED SO LONG Anthony Newley (Decca) 6 7 COME SOFTLY TO ME The Fleetwoods (London)	3 6 KIDS LAST FIGHT Frankle S C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C
 8 I BELIEVE Bachelors (Decca) 9 9 NO PARTICULAR PLACE TO GO Chuck Berry (Pye Int.) 	5 8 PETITE FLEUR Chris Barber (Pye) 10 9 COME SOFTLY TO ME Frankie Vaughan / Kaye Sisters (Philips)	S BI SEE THE MOON SHAF. BARTO F MY HEART MAX BYGAVE (INW) 1 9 HEART OF MY HEART MAX BYGAVE (INW)
9 10 WALK ON BY Dionne War- wick (Pye Int.)	12 10 MEAN STREAK Cliff Richard (Columbia)	



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★ POPLINERS ★ WISBAND and wife songwriting duo of Barry Mann and Cynthia Weill — who 'm Gona Be Strong' and other hits – in Britain to discuss five-film composing deal. Marty Fedman makes his film doubt in the comedy "Every Home Should Have One" this summer. Names booked for live shows at Harrofs, London boutique are Taste (next Wed-headsy) Misunderstood (May 30) and Julie Felix (June 4). ● Johnny Dankworth and Cleo Raine (May 30), Southampton Top Rank (June 2) and Croydon Top Rank (June 4). ● Group Therapy in "Colour Me Pop" on May 31.

FLEETWOODS PLAN **FORY OF JESHS**'

AN orchestral-choral LP telling the life story of Jesus is planned by Peter A Green and Jeremy Spencer of Fleetwood Mac, which this week climbed to No 2 in the NME Chart. "We believe in God and this is a serious venture," Spencer told the NME's Nick Logan this week. He added that Green had already written three numbers for the album. Spencer has also begun work on a solo album to be finished before Fleetwood Mac's visit to America on July 14.

JEREMY SPENCER

"Coronation Street" series, It is understood that some very big "film names are also about to be signed for the pro-duction, which would feature Herman-billed under his real name-as the son of a family living in South America. "Oth for whom he made an earl-ier musical with the Hermits-and could lead to further major acting opportunities if successful, He will not sing in "Red Sky At Morning." He will not sing in "Lead Sky At Morning." In the start meetings following his world tour which includes Israel and the Philippines before ending in Mexico in July.

Bandwagon now trio

BalluWalgun luow unu Following the departure of group member Arthur Fullilove-said to be due to "a nervous breakdown" — America's Band-wagon group plans to continue as a trio for the rest of its stay in Britain. The group returns to the U.S. in August.

BEACH BOYS' TOUR

- religious album

Fleetwood Mac may not be featured as a group on the religious LP, but it will be produced by Peter Green and Jeremy Spencer well as using their 35

score. Added Spencer: "I've been in-terested in 'religious epic' music for some time, like 'Ben Hur' and 'The Greatest Story Ever Told.'"

Told." Work on the tracks will begin as soon as other commitments allow. When complete, they will be accompanied by a special sleeve featuring religious pictures and a

accompanied by a special sleeve featuring religious pictures and a spectro of Mac's own "secular". LP is still scheduled for next month, but plans to include a spe-cial sattre EP by Jeremy Spencer him for the EP by Jeremy Spencer John Mayall; and Alexis Korner. Jeremy is believed to havion to the EP-although the combined cost of the two records would have been more than E2, and this is brought to be another reason for Spencer will now concentrate on his own sole album, and may in-clude some of the comedy tracks composition: as several of his composition: as several of his composition is a site of the seven Mac because of these solo plans.

HARMONY MAN IS REPLACED

HARMONY Grass lead guitar-ist Tony Ferguson — who was with the group for its "Move in A Little Closer" NME Chart hit — has left and has been replaced by lead-guitarist singer Tony Harding. A spokesman for Harmony Grass said Harding was formerly a mem-ber of the renamed group when it the Castaways. He was being brought in because he had "a more suitable voice."

New bookings for the group in-clude Hull Westfield Country Club (August 31), and London Marquee (July 8; August 12).

'BELSIZE' MOVIE HONOUR

The film which inspired Engel-bert Humperdinck's "Les Bicyc-lettes de Belsize" hit — it features music by Les Reed and Barry Mason and was produced by Ben Nisbet — is screened at the San Schastian film festival in Spain between June 16-24.



DETER "HERMAN" NOONE - No. 3 in this week's NME Chart with "Mv Sentimental Friend "—is to play a straight dramatic role in a major Hollywood film, "Red Sky At Morning," provided final negotiations are completed this week. Several other scripts are under consideration, but it looks almost certain that Herman will be involved in "Red Sky At Morning" for ten weeks in the autumn. This is the serious acting break for which he has been waiting since his pre-pop days in Granada TV's "Coronation Street" series.



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BOB AND EARL DEATH SCARE

BOB and Earl, whose record "Harlem Shuffle" stands at No. 15 in the NME Chart this week, were involved in a death scare on Monday night following a road accident in Los Angeles in which Early sine year old aduptler Tracy Nelson was badly inlured and in the NME. Chart this week, were involved in a death scare on Monday night following a road accident in Los Angeles in which Earlys nine year old daughter Tracy Nelson was badly injured and Bond Chart and Part and the critical list. They now plan for hear start of the dubb. Their act was cut short and Early and the Scatch Chart and Early and the Scatch Chart and the Scatch Chart and Early and the critical list. They now plan the scatch Chart and Early and the Scatch Chart and Early and the critical list. They now plan the scatch Chart and Early the Scatch Chart and the critical list. Early and the scatch and the

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which had all NME Chart Hella, hi last year with "Hella, Me You Won't You Teil Me You Non't You Teil Me You Non't You Teil Me You None The Teil Me You None Teil Me Teil Guest has booked the Dok for a concert at London's Royal Albert Hall on Sep tember 19, A further concert will he in either Glasgow or Dub-lin. Details have not yet been finalised.

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MORE PROM NAMES

MURE FROM NAMES The two remaining dates of the Abbert Hall pop proms have now Band and the Family appear on July 2, and featured the following night are the Dubliners, lan Campbel: Folk Group, Martin Carthy and Dave Swarbeck and the Young, Tradition. Jon Hiseraar's the July 4 prom, and both appear in concert at Liverpool Empire on July 6.

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Disc Jockey Stuart Henry is seen i role as Richard III in the new BBC-I

NASH SUPERGROUP

FTER an absence of almost a year, former Hollies lead singe

FOR ALBERT HAL

a straight Shakespearlan acting aurday evening series, "What-ever Next." The segment has already been recorded, but it is not yet certain when Stuart's contribution will be screened. Before becoming a d-j, he was a straight actor and had appeared in repetiory in Scotland, et al. Scotland, the generation of the series of the for him is in Scotlish TV's "The Celebrity " series. He will appear as, himself in the edition of June 17.

Til Bagism 18AG PRODUZTIONS.

From JOHN LENNON exclusively for NME readers . . . a Bag mouncement and self and Yoko Ono cartoon.



TOMMY ROE — No, 6 in this week's NME Chart with his single "Dizzy" — is coming to Britain for a week of TV and radio promotion from June 1. "Top Of The Pops" and other ever Next." The segment has already been recorded but it is not yet certain when Stuart's contribution will be South.

LATE NEWS

PLAN TOUR HERE SIMON and Garfunkel will play a limited number of British concerts in the late summer or early autumn, according to Paul Simon in an interview with NME's Richard Green this week. August or September are likely. Protection

SIMON, GARFUNKEL

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Record, book, film venture together

JOHN LENNON and Yoko Ono have formed their own record, film and book publishing organisation under the title Bag Productions. The new venture will work within the framework of Apple but will, it is said, "funnel their crea-tive energy into world markets." The Beatles have lost their bid to win con-

trol of Northern Songs, the company which controls the copyright of almost

all of their hits to date. Plans for John Lennon to sail to America at the week-

end-to launch Bag Productions-fell through because the U.S. Embassy has

not granted him a visa. The Beatles' first "Please Please Me" LP is to be re-

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released on a cut-price label.

dates. No final decision on the dates can be made before Art Garlunkel finishes his dramatic acting role in the film "Catch 22" in a few weeks' time-Gardunkel's involve-ment in "Gater 10 art 10 art weeks' time-Gardunkel's involve-ment in "Gater 10 art the sent of a set 10 art contradicted by the new plans. Recording sessions completed at the end of last year have provided and Garnutcel al hom shough CBS have not yet set a release date.

-----A^S from June 13, all singles on Pye's Head label will be released in label will be released in stereo. A spokesman for Head Re-cords told the NME: "We be-lieve stereo singles are a matural progress two for ban to release longer singles in to release longer singles in to release longer singles in to release longer singles the buyers who have gone com-pletely over to the LP mar-ket."

ALL STEREO

buyers who have gone com-pletely over to the LP mar-ket." Marianne movie

Jagger – MICK Jagger and Marianne Faithfull will star together for the first time in a big-budget film to be made on location in Australia in July. Jagger will play a swashbuckling role as the 19th century folk-hero bandit Ned Kelly, whose life of crime terrorised the early Australian townships for more than 10

> It is understood that Jagger—this will be his second major dramatic film role, following the as yet unreleased "Performance" —is also being approached to write the score of the

vears.

new movie. These increasing solo commit-ments seem to rule out the pos-sibility of a Rolling Stones' film

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one.

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for Klein? BEATLES business mana-Breatles business mana-ger Allen Klein is to receive 20 per cent of the Beatles income through Apple Corps, according to a report in the American trade magazine "Bill-board." board." Apple announced this week that Klein had now been officially appointed as the Beatles business manager, they had no comment on the U.S. reports,

20% of Apple

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C.S. Teports, DISCOVERED

Twenty-two year old Londoner Nina Shaw — neice of Gene Barry of TV's "Burke's Law" — has bland an agency contract with appearance on last week's "Dee Time" Nina has been offered tours of South Africa, Australia and Poland and is being considered for vonder table dual is build be to the work table dual is being considered for work table dual is being considered for work table dual is being considered for time to her married life.

Whit pop names

The Beatles' battle for North-ern Songs was lost on Monday due to a teaming-up by their biggest opponent, ATV, with a consortium of brokers represent-ing other shareholders. Val Doonican tops the bill in Whit variety at Coventry Theatre this evening (Friday), and tomor-now and Sunday, Frank Ifield Clodagh Rodgers are in concert at Great Yarmouth ABC tomorrow and Sunday (24 and 25).

AMEN CABARET

The successful shareholders. The successful shareholding groups now plan that six new members will join the board of Northern Songs—four represent-ing ATV, one the brokers, and one the Beatles themselves. Amen Corner make a cabaret appearance at Stockton's famed Fiesta nightclub on July 7-8. Other new names for the venue are America's Ronettes (July 16) and "Da Doo Ron Ron" stars the Crystals (23) and Frank Ifield for a week from July 13. "It's nice of them to give us ne," John Lennon said this

U.S. BOOST FOR COLOSSEUM

America's Dunhill Records are propering a mastly campaign to that country. It will be the biggest boost that label has ever given to carry Bron hew to that some the week for proparatory talks. Mean-week for proparatory talks. Mean-while, Goloseum is set for the while doloseum is set for the u.S. visit will be for four weeks from August 11-September 7, cover-ing 32 citize.

FAIRPORT BENEFIT

The benefit concert in aid of the members of Fairport Convention to be held at London's Roundhouse this Sunday (25) will now include Eclection and Pink Floyd. Soft Machine have withdrawn because of a prior commitment.

CLIFF MAN'S DISCOVERY

UAIT IMAY O DAVATEAR. Cliff Richard's former personal assistant, Mike Connelly, is mana-britten, Who has decreded to base himself in Britain and has his first single here released by Columbia song is "200 weeks." Britten has aiready had four songs recorded by Cliff Richard, and was formerly with Australia's Twilghing reup.



TREMS STAGE LP

Guy Mitchell — now resident in Britain — has been booked for a series of cabaret dates in this country and Ireland. Under a new Decca contract, he will also re-cord "London's Got Me Laughing Again," next week for Chesar-clude Belfast Talk of the Town (June 9), Leeds Acc of Clubs (15) and Birmingham Penguin (29). ported in last week's NME—will record a live album for CBS during a week in cabaret at Mid-diesbrough's Showboat club from June 1.

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r in concert at London's Royal Albert his "supergroup" with Steve Stills

GUY MITCHELL STAYS

von't instantly appeal, and ne to give a consistantly good e hit she deserves. Decca

A Graham Nash is to appear Hall this autumn—as part o and ex-Byrd Dave Crosby.

No date has been set for Royal Albert Hall project, but ports from America suggest performance might be one of short series in key British citie

anor: series in key British citi Following more than six mon of preparation, Crosby Stills Nash make their first public pearance at the Newport Bea California Pop Festival on June Already, the trio is said to commanding a fee of £5,000 show.

tening-up? You're supposed popcorn actually, but what-ce you do, do it to 'Big New BY BENNETT. Great gritty ss and bags of movement on gle, HL 10274.

but change tempo for a rock 'Bitter and sweet' from BAND. This is just what rock ut, basic, simple and hypnotic

weet and sentimental song ollipops and roses' from ICKELLAR? Gorgeous and 12927.

W FACES a double A side which is all fun and summ

and candyfloss, and 'Grandfather Dugan' which is a bit of a heartstring-tugger. Two very good numbers we should be hearing a on Decca F 12933.

MERCY made a single which went up the American Hot 100 like a bullet from a gun. and which is now released here. 'Love can make you happy' is sung in delicious harmony against a relaxed, riffling backing. On London HLZ 10273. Led by the ace arranger THE JOHN

CAMERON QUARTET do their own thing on an album, released soon, from which 'Troublemaker' was taken as a single. Cool. swift brittle jazz, on Deram DM 256. Comedian LES DAWSON, of T.V. fame, has

made a record, and very nice it is too-a sentimental and highly commercial number titled 'Send her roses' on Chapter One. CH 106

Anyone who listened to the voices of the

Apollo Astronauts without feeling moved must be made of cardboard. These voices can be heard again in the background of 'Apollo . . Amen' by THE STREET on London HLU 10275

All of which makes me think 'How small we are, how little we know' which just happens to be the title of a philosophical song by JOSEF LOCKE on Decca F 12925. Sorry to crowd PAT McGEEGAN, who is 'Calling your name' on Emerald MD 1124, and FRANKIE McBRIDE, who sings a lovely c'n'w type number. 'Give me your word' on Emerald MD 1125. Do the popcorn and write lots of letters



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Experience him at the Albert Hall on June 5th

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JACKIE WANTED

JACKEE WILSON-the Ameri-viced record of "flighter And Higher," makes its entry in the source of the source of the undertake a month-long tour of Britain in the summer. There are reported to be sav-real agunts interested in brings the singler to file country, but all press than one dates or compared.

First project from Bag will be two books, one by Yoko Ono and one by Len-

non, which will be pub-lished in America shortly.

British publication will fol-

Simon is anxious to return to Britain — where he once toured as an unknown folk singer — and named London's Royal Albert Hall as a possible venue. He is also keen to play Scottish dates

NEW TV SERIES WITH POP GUESTS: LONDON WEEKEND'S "IT'S SUNDAY NIGHT WITH DAVID JACOBS" STARTING

A spokesman for the "Dizzy" star told the NME: "Tommy now has two hits in the U.S. Hot 100, and he has heavy commitments in America. America. "For this reason, he wants to combine his promotion week in Britain with a short holiday, before returning for a longer stay in the autumn."

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(Fats Domino). # MITCH RYDER: ALL HITS (Bell mono and stereo BLL 114; 375 5d). As the title suggests, all these numbers will be familiar to you.

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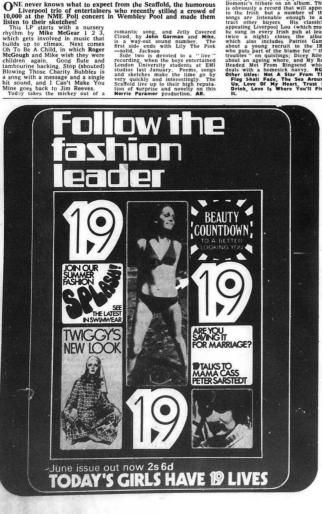
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WHOLE GROUP PLAYED NAKED!

JOHN LENNON and Yoko Ono didn't know what they were starting when they ap-peared nude on their "Two Virgins" album. That scene led to bigger things, culminating in Ten Years After group PLAYING naked during their American tour, which ended the other day.

which ended the other day. Fresh back, but tired, from a lengthy trek, lead guitarist and mastermind Alvin Lee told me: "We played in the nude at a free concert in Chicago. It was a free expression concert, one of those hippy places, Nudity of the set hippy places. Nudity there-ut's a minor revolution semint society.

by Richard Green

moment," he pointed out. "They take a lot of interest in our charts and what's going on here.

"That nudity bit . . . it might be an emphasis of what Lennon and Yoko Ono are doing. People there think they go everywhere without their clothes on." without their clothes on." Reaction to Ten Years After in America was enthusiastic and Alvin gave me one example of the type of response they were getting. "We came off the other night, had a shower and a wash and they were still clapping." He re-called, "So we had to go on again."

Alvin feels that the group worked possibly a bit too hard. They certainly had no time to

record any numbers for their next album and that job will take priority over all else now. "Some of the English bands are

"Some of the English ballos are happening in America." he re-vealed. "Jeff Beck is big, only or not-he keeps going over and coming back. The Nice, the Family and Led Zeppelin are very big."

Alvin is moving into a new Baker Street home, having been unkindly asked to leave his last residence. He told me the cir-cumstances surrounding the move.

cumstances surrounding the move. "I got kicked out of the last one because the landlord said I looked like the kind of person who could smoke drugs! It was on a private estate and all the neigh-bours were snobbish. They looked at this fellow with long hair and disfit like the look of him, so I had to go."



In Team's to provide the there-wills a minor revolution any there-wills a minor revolution any sport playing without clothes it's quite fun. Freedom of expres-sion is a nice thing. I don't think it's something we could try here, hough. At least it's a better way of revolting than beating up little oid ladles or smashing winne. Years Atter found the Americans are still very pro the English musical scene. "The scene is going very much towards the English thing at the



MORE LP REVIEWS

WHO'S SICK OPERA

THE WHO: TCMMY (Track stereo 613 013/4; 75s 1d) REALLY was looking forward to this "pop opera," which has occupied Pete Townshend's mind for so long. Really I was, But what a disappointment, even though I tip it for the NME LP

But what a disappointment, ever charts. Admittedly the idea is original, even though other propagations assent to now, but it doesn't come off. Run-ning for over an hour, it goes on and on and ian't totally representa-tive of the Whop, maybe it's time is it, I long for a return to the old days.

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Graham — and a superg been set for their first dates Bind Faith have already an-ounced their tour plans. In-evitably, though I cannot under-parisons. So the groups will hit the summer, both groups will hit the summer, both groups will hit the summer, both groups will hit been and for the first time in being handled by the same has creme de la Cream influx one, progression should ha creme de la Cream minus one, progression of the summer same hat, for some vores the same hat, for some vores the same hat, for some virange reson, everyone and who most definitely are not I n will be one of the few pop groups to play the Filmore — and sel it out

Talking But already people are talk-ing about the two groups in terms of batting one sepina-terms of batting one sepina-terms of batting one sepination playing selected dates three tee of 33/500 per show with than that. But Crosby, Stills money bracket; after all, how many new groups can you think or apple the sepination of the sep-mate their debut at the Newport make their debut at the Newport on June 21. They'll play benerse, Clorado, on June 28, and negoti-blions are being finalised for the sea distinctive advantage over the final the first or second week of the second of the second week of the term of the second week of the ter

and done there's room at the top for both-and both will be there'

there? • The Fifth Dimension opened a rousing two week stint at the Royal Box, Merricana Hotel, this week, with a knock down mind eluded. there: current million seller "Aquarius/Let The Sun-shine In." for which they were presented with a Gold Disc on itage on their opening might.



First night guests at the Americana included Regiand's with the success of his recent knock-out performance in Las Vegas, and now Brmly setab-composers with several cast mem-bers of "Attr" all of whom joined the Pith Dimension on Very groory, very rewarding, and total departure from the Filmore East!

ANN MOSES REPORTS FROM HOLLYWOOD

ELVIS AS BOSS-MAN ELVIS PRESLEY'S most recent MGM movie "The Trouble With Girls" (formerly "Chautauqua") was Press pre-viewed here last week. This part of LA is well-

L With Girls" (formerly " viewed here last week." In "Trouble With Girls," which is a tille chosen to draw attention rather than describe the story, Elvis plays the "big boss man " (dressed in nearly all-white, except for a baby blue shirt and handkerchief, out the film) of a travelling chautaqua (tent) show. Elvis turms in a good per-formance, as usual, in a typically weak story. There camera techniques used by director Peter Tewksbury and Elvis tures in a good per-formance, as usual, in a director Peter Tewksbury and Elvis was looking great with burns, a fun film, Elvis sings and the movie on the whole is a fun hour and forty min-utes, though not specially memorable. Elvis 'Univer-man you "A Change of habit," you might like to know that all of the scenes of the ghetto neighbourhood were shot on location around Fifth and Main Streets in downtown Los Angeles.

Chautauqua ") was Press pre-This part of LA is well-known and immediately recog-nisable to locals as the " skid row " part of town, where the drunks and poor lonely souls hang out at the Union Rescue Mission and where the Salva-tion Army does its biggest busi-ness.

Mission and where the Salva-tion Army does its biggest busi-normality and the second second second eliming a scene just outside a dilapidated apartment building, schuligt pobled in the yere about to shoot a scene when all of a schuligt pobled in the yere about to shoot a scene when all of the scene scene as a scene scene scene scene scene many goys in the group and because there is no all leader, indicated and a scene scene at the troubadeur. Los Angeles, this fea accompanied hinself on account all guilar and wan of the material he presented was self-written, Many celebri-ing, including ha former write sanda bee.

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HICKEN SHACK as they were when they recorded "I'd Rather Go lind" four weeks ago (1 to r) ANDY SILVESTER, CHRISTINE PERFECT. STAN WEBB and DAVE BIDWELL.

some time working on the motor car assembly lines, but all the time he was working in clubs in the

evenings, and singing in church choirs. In a second second second second second band loining a group called the Dominoes, who enjoyed huge success in the following three years. They appeared at New York's Copacabama, performed many times on coast to coast TV like the Rd Sullivan Show. A year later. "To Be Loved"

Last week's letter from MARK JOHNSON in Scotland slamming TOM JONES and his show caused a storm of protest with readers leaping to the defence of Torn. Of the countless letter's we've re-ceived NOT ONE agreed with any of the points made by Mark. Here's just a selection of the letters showing how our readers hit back ...

made a brief entry and although he continued to have hit after hit in America with records like "Lonely Around," we in Britain were far too busy buyyang Cliff Richard's discs, and Jackle Wilson was forgoiten. In '57, Jackle went solo, and his

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JACKIE WILSON—he first had a hit in this country in 1957 with "Reet Petite," since then we seem to have for-gotten him.

then we seem to have for-good to be a seem to have for-good to be a seem to have the method of the seem to be a seem to be a seem to be a seem to be a different of the seem to be a seem to be a seem to be a seem to be a different of the seem to be a seem to be a seem to be a seem to be a different of the seem to be a different of th

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Christine has since left the group, being replaced by PAUL RAYMONI (second from left).



IT was just a week or so ago while "I'd Rather Go Blind" was "bub-bling under" the charts that Christine Perfect was reflecting on the progress of the single and asying how inonical it would be if, now that she had left, Chicken Shack got the hit and the acclaim they had long third dee

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by Nick Logan

the group's lead guitarist. Dave Bidwell, the drummer, and Andy Sytvester, bass. The abovenan with Stan, who is quot abovenan with foot guitar lead which enables him to walk through the audience, has been singing "14 Rather Go Bilnd" on stage and since Christine's departure has become the lead vocalisi.



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However, for radio and television promotion work now that the record is a hit Christine will be making a temporary return to sing the single.

Who voted him No 1 singer Tom puts everything into his act and it is this which makes him our most successful star.— DORIS EVEREST, Beckenham, Ken. protests-most viewenlik, Tom Jones gives happiness and pleasure to millions of people all over the world with his unique volce – and what's wrong with looking good as well, — Mrs. JUNE TUCKES, Cheshuk sumary and heat search ... As you can't put body move-ments or ostentatious settings on a record Tom Jones must sell on his vocal ability alone.—ALAN HUGHES, Kenilworth, Warks. NYC

Greatest

Staffordshire. HOLLIES wasted their time record-ing Dylan (FYTU, May 17). The songs are not new but they are performed well by the Hollies and all credit should be given them. JOHN JACQUES, Blackhill, Consett, Co. Burham.

. Mark Johnson should have done as I did when the Scott Walker show was on TV, have forty winks. Boring stuff, that -J. PAVETT, Lon-don, N.7.

Faulty

. Every penny has been well spent on this fabulous series. After seeing every show J can find no fault in it.-ANN PRIESTLEY, New Earswick, York.

IN these days of technical per-rection it's about time someone result of the solution of the someone discs. I purchase a lot of my records from Great Britain, and, especially singles, sound bad. I would like you Scandinavia or Germany do not have these faults. - KNUT SKYBERG, Oslo, Norway.

Solo Andy?

THANK you for those fantastic pictures of Amen Corner (NME, May 17), Could you please tell me if it was only Andy who appeared on the batt those the tell me if the start of the start of the members of the group, you know and quite a few girls who like them just as much as Andy. — ANNE NIT-CHELL, Green Lanes, London, N.A.

Too loud

Theor Louid On Sustain 1 when the on-berderen field and how 1 enjoyed the night there were no screaming this of the second second second second the second second second second second second second second can be head above all the screams could a suggest a struct. The screamer shall use membrane second secon



I would just like to say that I from their best to their greatest. Their stage appearances are smart and polished, but above all, their performances get beiter. — JOHN ELLIS, Burton-orTrent, Statfordshire.

Co. Durham. THE Hollies are not trying to gain anything by recording Dylan (FYTU, May 17) but are showing what a wide vocal range they have. — D. BARNETT, Faversham, Kent.

Nauscating

HAVE just sat through 30 nauseating minutes of "Top Of The Pops" because 1 understood Steppenwolf were due to appear. -D. J. IRVING, Kilmarnock, Scotland.

Young fans miss out on Jerry Lee

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WINNER

MIGHT I suggest that young record buyers, who were babes in arms, when changed the face of music with records like "Whole total Shain" Gein" On " Around." Around." They'll find two tracks in his 'wide music status to they'll also find wonderful balias (licituding the best version of "Release Me") in short the album Illustrates the unimited talent of "Release Me" younge music lovers are completely missing out on--MALCOLM S. TEMPLE, Weymouth, Dorset.

As ever?

CAN you please tell me why Nick Logan, reporting on the NME Warne of the Noved pieck on Carl dirty and wicked as ever." If anyone deserved this description it was Steve Eth and the Love Affair, --AFAL Nick Logan replies: My description, was intended as a compliment which I'm aver is how Carl himself look it.

Royal scream

AT the NME poil concert Andy AF airweather-Low was greeted with a welcome usually reserved for Mother. His popularity is all too obvious what is a triffe harder to discert is the reason why. Physically and as for the voice. The welco the bear it above the screams. Will someone please tell me why Andy can command such mass adulation? — Gofferfarg CALAG, Safeta.



Open air



why our home-grown groups drag the deline form a c-oper-rative to purchase or lease or build a large ball in Britain where their test could be with hele money and through a co-operative effort it wouldn's back eventually through book-ings and admission frees. that would be public, they'd be putting semething back into pop money from the public, they'd be putting semething back into pop and a new select. Is it such a bad ideat-ROBIN POSTER, Chipwell, Basex.

JERRY LEE LEWIS pictured as you can see him tomorrow, Saturday, in the Monkees TV special on BBC.

Versatile

UCREMENTATION HAVE just finished watching Cliff Richard's show and must say that he must be one of the finet and into the must be one of the finet and into the second show and the wonderful guests as Cliff Macthem berg for a grand job. — C. PARKER, Colchester, Esse.



Do-it-yourself venues

JIMMY PACE of Led Zeppelin was complaining in the NME recently about the dire lack of suitable venues in Britain and saying that was a prime reason why our home-grown groups spend so much of their time abroad. I am in agreement about the settine to remedy it. Nay i suggest that Nessrs Page, Clap-on, Baker, Townshend, Lee, Back and all these others who spend a good deal of time the and they and the wuldn't spend a good deal of time the and they and the wuldn't spend a good deal of time the and they and the wuldn't spend a good deal of time the and they are the spend a good deal of time the and they are the spend a good deal of time the and they are the spend a good deal of time the mand they of get it all

TOM JONES pictured on the Eistree set filming a number for his series which returns to TV screens in the autumn.

JACKIE WILSON'S "Higher And Higher " which enters the NME chora at No. 29 this week, is a soul classic and there can hardly be a soul singer who hasn't performed the song at some time or an-direct for some strange reason, the record never happened when it was first issued in Britain, some years ago, but it gave lackie a massive hit in America. Tackie, born in Detroit, her born hocher who insisted he guith the first At he age of A. Jackie hand ready wan welterweight born are welterweight born core and the source of in the rise. The most mer in Detroit, her peri samely line for the source of the source of the source of the source of the source record insisted of in the rise. The most mer in Detroit, her peri samely line, but all the times has a transfer to the source of the the source of th

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use roya of fatherhood. How's his be announces. do ver me loday. When we arrived at the sessions lack was playing organ with Crean plack as playing organ with Crean when they'd finished I was played four of the five tracks they have cut supplies of red wine. The sessions of the session of the session of the supplies of red wine. The session is a session of the session of the secretability and more jazz-lianted. It was a pleasurable surprise that a construction of the session of the secretability and more plaza-lianted to appear and the session of the secretability of the secretable secretable of the secretable secretable secretable of the secretable secretable secretable secretable secretable of the secretable secretable secretable secretable of the secretable se

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group first broke it was impossible to ignore the implication that the Cream had virtually re-formed, dropping Jack Bruce in favour of we see each other and L set on rtually re-tormed, aropping we see each other and 1 get on better with Ginger now we are not working together." As for Blind Faith's music, Jack says he is "knocked out with the bank" who we are would like to go Since the split, Jack has been settling in at his new Hampstead house, writing hard with Pett ender the settling hard with Pett provide and the settling hard with Pett et dois at home and experiencing the loys of Taherhood. How's his sont "He vomitted over me today." Whomoversory lived at the setsion Stevie Winwood.

Stevie Winwood. "If people want to think of things in that way then they can was Jack's defiant reac-tion when I dropped in on the ex-site of the second second of the second second second of the second second second of the second second second the Cream splitting. All can say is that I wanted to play my own is shall wanted to play my own substring. All can say substring the second second substring. All can say substring the second second substring the second second substring the second second monopool second secon

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Sings Out Of Tune," featured Jack on plano, bass and vocals, George Harrison on rhythm guilar, Jan and Harvid Beckett on trumpets and Dick Meckstall Smith and "Dr" Art Theman on tenor. Art Theman for tenor. Shall and the latented Mr Bruce on everything else in sight.

Close friend

Felix, a bass player as well as producer and one of Jack's closest friends, arrived from America at the weekend to help produce the session:

Intervention of help produce the sessions. Of drummer John Marshall, Jack sps. "He is the nearest to Ringo sort of interedibly relaxed feel. I've never really played with a drummer never really played with a drummer a lot of room to playe has." Jack hopes to have the album completed by early June and it will completed "Jack force And His Friends" jazz LP, featuring Hise-

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very small minority keep

Only a very sman borners going. "Perhaps what could happen is its people would form small groups the people would form small groups get it really nice, then go out and do say a Brilish tour and then say goodbye to the band."

goodbye to the band." Solid to band and then say solid to band and the band and the sepacta solid to band and the sepacta American guilarist Larry Coryell for a tour, probably of the States, and possibly for executing. "I' the wanted to get together with "One day he just called me up and said that for a long time hed him for a long time and 1 thought th would be nice."

Experimenting

One noticeable thing about the tracks for the LP is that Jack is experimenting with variations of his

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chords imaking that asound. " A lot of this music we are doing is like from Socials music. B and the point of coultings B and the point of coultings B and the point of coultings and the point of the point of the point could do coupler, it would point of the point of the point could do coupler it would point of the point of the point social of the point o

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track you heard that is from 'The Vikings' which was a movie that made impact when I was young. "Other people have listened to it and said 'Yeh Kirk Douglas.' It strikes a chord in people and to me that is what fok music is all about.

"Like Dylan strikes something in you, something that you have ex-perienced before."

Jack returned to his plano but before leaving I asked if he still considered himself to be a part of the pop scene?

"Maybe I am not a part of the pop scene but I make pop music. That is what it is as far as I am concerned.

"I am just making the sort of music I can make and cannot avoid making, and if people like it it will make me happy."

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BRITISH discs heading for U.S. Top 30: Dusty Springfield "Wind-mills." Desmond Dekker "Israelites." Tom Jones "Love Me To-night," Bee Gees "Tomorrow Tomorrow," Hollies "Sorry Suz-anne," Zombies "Imagine The Swan" and Hermans" Hermits "My Sentimental Friend".... Separate dates for Billy Eckstine and Sarah Vaughan planned here Maurice Kinn still puzzled why Mary Hopkin didn't appear at poll concert In America, Clodage Rodgers hit covered by Bambi McCor-mack ... On BBC 2 show, Bee Gees disappointing — especially Earry Gilb's singing, while loss of Robin Gibb very noticeable ... Former singer Jerry Fuller producing some of Andy Will Imas records.... the team

producing some of Andy Wil-lians' records... Rumour denied that Jeremy Spencer is leaving Fleetwood Mac ...Great TV performance from Cliff Richard last Saturday... Marriage to Yoko Ono has cer-tainly mellowed John Lennon...



U.S. singer-actor Robert Goulet televising here ... "Ask Me Why" (which Don Partridge pen-ned) featured in Tom Courtenay's "Otley "film ... How about Dean Martin's hit retitled for Spooky Tooth, "Dental On My Mind "?....



RICHARD HARRIS (right) has signed VINCE EDWARD one of the stars of London's most successful musicals, 'Hair' to a long webb has acreed to write a song for the singer's Interlease with his new company. Richard and Vince are pictured here celebrating the deal in their custemary manner.



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New MGM Jigsaw group could ve Bonzo Dogs a run for their oney . . . Dedicated to P. J. roby? — 'I Threw It All Away'' Bob Dylan . . . Cracked John give Bossen money ... Drew It Au Proby? --- "I Threw It Au by Bob Dylan ... Cracked John Lennon: "I was attracted to Yoko Ono because she's me in Ono because she's me in Chaw inspire Dutch

Lemon: "I was attracted to Yoko Ono because she's me in drag!" Did Samet Samy inspire Dutch Did Samet Samy Cost? London Weekend TV's Tito Burns now executive producer Per-manent home by Guy Mitchell Janned here Noted agent Harold Davison per-cording contract "Marry Me" (new Sacha Distel single) not comparable to Engelbert Humper-dinck's LP version Impressive sound: Barry Ryan's "My Mama" on Alan Freeman's BBC radio Charles Acanavour Bidding to buy

show Charles Aznavour bidding to buy Duke and Dutchess of Windsor's Paris home ... At Las Vegas, Bob Hope greatly impressed by Engelbert Humperdinck's cabaret performance ... Cracked Marlon Brando: "When he dies and goes



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to Heaven, Frank Sinatra will give God a tough time for making him bald" time to the singles: Blood Sweat and Tears "Spinning Wheel," Isley Brothers "I Furned On You," Diana Ross and the Supremes "No Matter What Sign You Arc," Mana Case "18's Get You Arc," Mana Case "18's Get You Arc, "Mana Case "18's Get You Arc, "Mana Case "18's Get You Arc," Mana Case "18's Get You Arc, "Mana Case "18's Get Cherie Amour" and Richard Harris "Didn't we'. Pretty Things plan sharing a house with Yink Floyd in America. - Dana Valary very impressive on Liberace's new TV Following Freddie Trueman's footsteps, expect cricketer Colin Milburn to wax vocal disc. ... Jack and Jill have tumbled down; Jack Man How Minalised Who is unfunnier, Tony Blackburn or Simon Dee? ... Lamonte Mc Lemore of the Fifth Dimension a double (or Sammy Davis ... Several appearances by

Jones' cabaret opening and week ... Has Tony Macaulay been re-leased by Pye's Louis Benjamin from his contract? ... Following Ron Kass' departure from Apple, is Neil Aspinal next to leave? ... When Gordon Mills launches own label, Peter Sullivan partners bin him

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