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HOORAY FOR CANADIAN PROGRAMMERS

EDITORIAL

A number of Canadian radio stations have taken a stand on "Hooray For The Salvation Army Band" by Bill Cosby and have refused to program what many feel is a controversial record.

Through the years, the Salvation Army has gained the respect of millions and is held in the highest regard by Christian and non-Christian

alike. Their work and their efforts take them only where they are needed. Through their untiring devotion to the needy, many drunks, derelicts, and other unfortunates have been assisted back into society.

Far be it for The Army itself to make any comment, good or bad, and their silence even further endears their efforts to many. They will only indicate mildly that they aren't pleased and even then take

the time to praise certain aspects of the recording.

As the big season approaches for the Sally Ann to canvass, most heavily, for funds to further their good work, and as their bands will be playing through the festive season, this is sufficient reason not to do anything that might ridicule their efforts or their musicianship. Their bands have won many honours throughout the world. Theirs is the work that

should not be ridiculed by careless airplay of what some have termed a tasteless record, and the conservativeness of Canadians probably will not endorse a wholesale on-air saturation of a sad note toward the Salvation Army as the joyous season approaches.

While playing what the listeners want to hear, let's not impose upon the public that which they will only mildly accept.

Several programmers have already indicated that they aren't anxious to enter any controversy.

Finally, we are not censors nor bigots. We are here to indicate action on a single and if the action comes on this one, we will report it THE WAY IT IS.

Bruner To Rep
Cash Box (Canada)

Toronto: Freelance music industry writer, Miss Lori Bruner, has been appointed by Cash Box, the international music—record weekly, as their new Canadian correspondent.

Miss Bruner has been actively engaged in the music industry for the past decade. As well, Miss Bruner represents varied other news media pertaining to the music industry. She will continue to locate at Suite 107, 1560 Bayview Avenue, Toronto 17.

Mulligan To
Apple Opening

Vancouver, B.C.: Terry Mulligan, who is fast becoming the most popular MOT radio personality on the west coast with his daily afternoon drive home show (CKLG 3-6 PM) is off for London, England this week with a CBC crew, to get the first hand facts of the opening of The Apple. This Beatles idea of a mad mad clothing store will have its opening at the famous Baker St., location, Saturday Dec. 3.

The idea of the clothing store, which by the way is managed by Barry Finch, who was born in Port Dover, Ontario, is to introduce some very wild yet exceptionally practical fashions for the young adults. Prices will not be exorbitant and all profits will be turned back into the store, which will in effect keep the prices down.

Should this new Beatles venture succeed, it is hoped to create a chain of like stores in many countries of the world.

Mulligan, who will be the guest of Air Canada, limousine service etc. is expected to put together a word description of the opening for several U.S. west coast radio stations as well as CKLG. He has also arranged for photos to be taken of the grand event, which will be made available to the news media.

THE RPM 100
CANADA'S ONLY OFFICIAL 100 SINGLE SURVEY

Compiled from Record company, record stores and radio personality reports

1 2 12	DAYDREAM BELIEVER	Monkees-Colgems-1012-N
2 1 4	LAZY DAY	Spanky & Our Gang-Mercury-72732-M
3 8 17	STAGGER LEE	Wilson Pickett-Atlantic-2448-M
4 4 7	I SAY A LITTLE PRAYER	Dionne Warwick-Scepter-12203-M
★5 14 29	I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE	Gladys Knight-Soul-35039-L
6 6 8	NEXT PLANE TO LONDON	Rose Garden-Atco-6510-M
★7 32 65	HELLO GOODBYE	Beatles-Capitol-2056-F
★8 24 33	MASSACHUSETTS	The Bee Gees-Atco-6532-M
9 3 1	PLEASE LOVE ME FOREVER	Bobby Vinton-Epic-10228-H
★10 21 32	IN AND OUT OF LOVE	Dianna Ross & The Supremes-Motown-1116-L
11 5 2	RAIN PARK & OTHER THINGS	Cowsills-MGM-13810-M
★12 25 31	YOU BETTER SIT DOWN KIDS	Cher-Imperial-66261-K
13 7 5	SOUL MAN	Sam & Dave-Stax-231-M
14 10 19	PAPER CUP	Fifth Dimension-Soul City-760-K
15 9 11	PATA PATA	Miriam Makeba-Reprise-0606-P
★16 34 45	SKINNY LEGS AND ALL	Joe Tex-Dial-4063-K
17 22 23	BEG BORROW AND STEAL	Ohio Express-Cameo-483-M
18 20 30	KEEP THE BALL ROLLING	Jay & The Techniques-Smash-2124-M
★19 40 42	I SECOND THAT EMOTION	Smoky Robinson & The Miracles-Tamla-54159-L
20 28 35	NEON RAINBOW	Box Tops-Mala-580-M
★21 47 59	BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE	Kenny O'Dell-Barry-3486-M
		Bobby Vee-Liberty-56009-K
22 11 3	SHE IS STILL A MYSTERY	Lovin' Spoonful-Kama Sutra-239-M
★23 58 69	WOMAN WOMAN	Union Gap-Columbia-44297-H
24 12 6	GLAD TO BE UNHAPPY	Mamas & Papas-Dunhill-4107-N
★25 43 53	YESTERDAY	Ray Charles-Sparton-1641-0
26 33 43	GEORGIA PINES	Candyman-Sparton-1640-0
27 30 36	SHE'S MY GIRL	Turtles-White Whale-260-M
28 13 10	YOUR PRECIOUS LOVE	Marvin Gaye & Tammy Terrell-Tamla-54256-L
29 29 34	WILD HONEY	Beach Boys-Capitol-2028-F
30 15 13	EXPRESSWAY TO YOUR HEART	Soul Survivors-Crimson-1010-M
31 51 55	BY THE TIME I GET TO PHOENIX	Glen Campbell-Capitol-2015-F
32 41 44	MORNING MAGIC	Stampers-MWC-2001-G
★33 44 47	ITCHYCOO PARK	Small Faces-Immediate-500-H

★34 46 61	CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO	Harpers Bizarre-WB-7090-P
35 42 54	SUMMER RAIN	Johnny Rivers-Imperial-66267-K
★36 49 64	THE OTHER MAN'S GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER	Petula Clark-WB-7097-P
★37 50 62	DIFFERENT DRUM	Stone Poneys-Capitol-2004-F
★38 56 58	HONEY CHILE	Martha & The Vandellas-Gordy-7697-L
★39 55 63	PEACE OF MIND	Paul Revere & Raiders-Columbia-44335-H
40 36 37	FLYING ON THE GROUND IS WRONG	The Guess Who-Quality-1890-M
41 39 40	WATCH THE FLOWERS GROW	4 Seasons-Philips-40490-K
42 54 60	RED AND BLUE	Dave Clark Five-Capitol-72515-F
★43 57 67	WHAT'S IT GONNA BE	Dusty Springfield-Philips-40498-K
44 53 56	I'M SO PROUD	Keith-Mercury-72746-K
45 45 46	MR DREAM MERCHANT	Jerry Butler-Mercury-72751-K
★46 59 82	BABY NOW THAT I'VE FOUND YOU	Foundations-Pye-827-C
★47 61 72	PONY WITH THE GOLDEN MANE	Every Mother's Son-MGM-13844-M
★48 63 80	WEAR YOUR LOVE LIKE HEAVEN	Donovan-Epic-10253-H
★49 67 92	TOO MUCH OF NOTHING	Peter Paul & Mary-WB-7092-P
50 60 66	TEN LITTLE INDIANS	Yardbirds-Capitol-72518-F
★51 65 84	OKOLONA RIVER BOTTOM ROAD	Bobbie Gentry-Capitol-2044-F
★52 66 95	IF I COULD BUILD MY WHOLE WORLD AROUND YOU	Marvin Gaye & Tammy Terrell-Tamla-54151-L
53 48 48	JEZEBEL	Witness Inc-Apex-77063-J
★54 68 83	FELICIDAD	Sally Field-Colgems-1008-N
★55 72 79	BOOGALOO DOWN BROADWAY	Fantastic Johnny C-Barry-3483-M
56 62 78	O-O-I LOVE YOU	Della-Cadet-5574-L
★57 78 89	TELL MAMA	Etta James-Cadet-5578-L
★58 95	DANCING BEAR	Mamas & Papas-Dunhill-4113-N
★59	CHAIN OF FOOLS	Aretha Franklin-Atlantic-2464-M
60 69 94	SINCE YOU SHOWED ME HOW TO BE HAPPY	Jackie Wilson-Brunswick-55354-J
★61 97	BEST OF BOTH WORLDS	Lulu-Epic-10260-H
★62 79 86	POPCORN MAN	Lords Of London-Apex-77068-J
★63 98	WATCH HER RIDE	Jefferson Airplane-Rca-9389-N
64 74 81	FREEDOM BIRD	Lewis & Clarke Expedition-Rca-66-1011-N
65 71 74	WHEN YOU'RE GONE	Brenda & The Tabulations-Dionn-504-J
★66 92	WHO WILL ANSWER	Ed Ames-Rca-9400-N
100	EVERYBODY KNOWS	Dave Clark 5-Capitol-72521-F

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GROUP NEWS

By Canada Bill

Here's the second installment of the "Trials and Tribulations of Hamilton's The Jameson Roberts and The Reefers". It looks like they're going to make it. Hamilton and area fans have organized a series of raise the Reefers and Jameson Roberts out of the ashes benefits to bring these two popular groups back into the music scene. As you'll remember from our report last week The Reefers and Jameson Roberts lost most of their equipment, which amounted to thousands of dollars, in a fire that destroyed The Pilgrims Music Store in downtown Hamilton. The groups had used basement space in the building to practice and store their equipment. Even while the fire was raging radio station CKOC sent out a call for equipment for the two bands, and The Mountaineer (local weekly) acted as a Call Service to handle the calls. Many groups, union and non-union are contributing their services for benefit gigs for the groups. So it looks like the two groups could come out on top after all. John Mitter and Jim Blake, popular CKOC personalities and Bernie Welch of The Mountaineer, are spearheading the drive to get the two groups back in action. There is one piece of equipment that is apparently very difficult to secure. That's a C3 Hammond organ. Anyone knowing where one might be purchased are asked to write to Bernie Welch c/o The Mountaineer, 598 Concession St. Hamilton, Ontario. A footnote to this terrible experience might be that "An insurance policy in the hand is better than ashes in the basement".

When it comes to naming groups it would seem that our Maritimers lead the way. Keith Richards has a couple of tidbits about the music scene in the Saint John area. One group he mentions is The Ruptured Duck Repair Service (formerly the Slender Thread), who are apparently shaping up as the top group in the area and pulling down top buck. Their main draw is that they have two drummers. Whatever happened to the down east group known as The Tangarine Toilet?

That Proud Canadian has been up to the Stratford area and couldn't resist dropping us a line about The Club 42 in downtown Stratford, and its owner Ed Herr, who when you ask if he has a minute, usually looks at his watch and gives you just about that. He works on a pretty tight schedule to keep his teen club groovin' with the right entertainment. The club is decorated in a variety of different and unusual architecture from the medieval period with statues of King John, Queen Anne and Cerinole to present day psychedelic designs. Many of the teens flock to the Club 42 not only for the night time activities but also they fill the tables after the local high school finishes its day. The Club 42 has had many of the top Canadian groups including The Guess Who and The Staccatos. The Power Project have also been a big draw. The Spring Garden Road and The Marcato's will be at the club on Dec 9 and Bobby Washington and

The Soul Society will be there on Dec. 16.

News from Sudbury is that the popular Inferno Five have experienced a couple of personnel changes as well as a name change. They're now known as The East African Fair and besides playing many of the larger centres in Northern Ontario have put a bit of time aside to concentrate on a record release for the Christmas season. Here's the new lineup: Randy Laroque, lead guitar; Richard Panas, drums and trumpet; Dom Fragomimi, bass; and David Powers on organ and lead vocalist.

"The University of Toronto campus is 'rocking and rolling' under the impact of the Hounslow Heath", reads a press release from D.J. Productions. Apparently The Hounslow Heath are the most popular band on the campus today. They've played a total of 11 engagements in the past 9 weeks and are the first band ever to have played in each of the 3 residences making up the famous Devonshire House, south of Varsity Stadium in one semester. The group is made up of Peter McCubbin on rhythm; Don Grass on bass; Vince Addante on lead; and Paul Richards the drummer and lead vocalist. The group isn't union yet but their manager Don J. Mountford has the group working toward that end. Mainly because of the group's interest in breaking into the recording field.

Just received from very good authority that Vancouver, Canada's top rhythm and blues centre, is slowing moving away from that scene. The sound is now leaning toward the very commercial rock and blues. If you keep a tab on the CBC-TV's Vancouver effort of "Let's Go" you'll probably see the move become a little more pronounced.

We had a report on Hamilton's East Kiwanis Boys Club "Teen Scene '67" a couple of weeks ago and now we have the winner of the 34 band blast. The Canadian Museum picked up top honours mainly because of their trend of today vocal harmony. Their four part vocal harmony was excellent and left no doubt in the minds of the judges, that The Canadian Museum displayed the tops in potential. The group includes drummer, 18 year old Garnet Todd; 17 year old rhythm guitarist Don Wright; Rick McIsaac, 18 years old, on bass guitar; and Bob Johnston, 18 year old lead guitar and organist. Because of their win, many schools and commercial dance operators are bidding for their services. The nine runners-up in the Annual Band bash were: Little People; Solomon Grundy; Thirteenth Floor; X Factor; Dawn Of Innocence; Mona; One Called Us; London Fog; and Black Sunday.

Scarboro Sound Agency have announced the reopening of the Club Penny Lane, which was made possible through the combined efforts of the Nomad 5 and the officials of Scarboro Junction United Church. Opening night was scheduled for Saturday Dec 9 at 7:30 PM. The opening will feature Tom and Romani, an up and coming folk singing duo, who have appeared at many of the top non-union spots in Toronto. Also on hand for the opening will be The Nomad 5, who now boast a new sax player, Jack LaDear. Johnny Kenner is on drums; J.J. Curtis, bass, Kenneth J. Rich, rhythm guitar; Stevie Dee, lead guitar and John Henry Jackson, lead singer. They'll have an organ player to kick off their Christmas round of events



Tony Bennett with his producer Howard Roberts at Columbia's studios where he cut "For Once In My Life".



Petula Clark co-hosted North America's most listened to radio show, CBC's "Action Set" with regular host Ken Rodger.



The Bee Gees one of Atco's hottest properties have skyrocketed up the charts with their "Massachusetts" disc.

Music BIZ

By Guest Columnist Stan Klees



ESPRIT DE CORPS among GROUPS AND MUSICIANS

After looking at the title, I think I might have been better to have qualified "young musicians".

Wandering through the Canadian music industry and brushing with many many musicians and groups, I have come to the conclusion that a great deal of the competing among groups comes, not on the bandstand, but in coffee houses, restaurants and other haunts where musicians gather (including radio stations).

It becomes evident that very few groups have much respect for other groups and their work. There seems to be a great resentment to the existence of other groups. "Our group is GREAT! Everybody else is

rotten".

What could do a business more harm. If a group has a moving record, you can depend on the other groups to mow them into the ground. The rumours start, the critics begin, the little digs rumble and the industry suffers a minor setback.

I have always maintained that the Canadian music industry is a very small family, and word of mouth carries quickly and destructively and finally reaches the fans.

How ideal it would be for young musicians to acquire a touch of professionalism early in their careers, and value the work of others in the same way they would like to be criticized. The success of the next Canadian group will only make them FIRST, but it will not make them ONLY. If you understand the music business, you will know that it is thought of as a barrel, and if one exquisite apple comes out of that barrel, the A&R men of the world will all be dangling with their feet in the air over the rim searching for the other apples that MUST be there. All Canada needs is one hit record for the world to turn around and say (not WHO?) but WHERE?

There are dozens of Canadian groups who are excellent. Their sound is unique, their performance is entertaining and their image (though shoddy because they are Canadian) is ready to be refined for world acceptance. Nothing succeeds like success, and a few vagabond groups wandering around the U.S. no matter how much esteemed, aren't doing much more than bringing a bit of attention to Canada.

WHAT WE NEED IS A HIT! Yes, what Canada needs is a giant hit that will take Canada by storm, North America by storm and finally set the world on its heels.

Next time someone asks you about another groups work or their success, try to grow a foot taller by saying "they're GREAT" then head straight for your bandstand to SHOW what you have to offer. "A SOUND IS WORTH A MILLION WORDS" and the Canadian sound will have to be music (on records) and not the idle gossip of idle musicians who WE are counting on to electrify the world with the Canadian Sound....(recorded in Canada, if you don't mind).

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THIS WEEK SPECIAL REPORT

ON PETULA CLARK
by Frances K. Smookler

Petula Clark, who can probably claim the distinction of being the greatest force in the rejuvenation of DOWNTOWN night life, filled the O'Keefe Centre on Monday, November 20th., with a wildly enthusiastic audience. Some entertainers travel with a warm up group as the first half of their show. Not Petula. She provided her own warm up and after she sang her second song, "I Know A Place", the temperature continued to rise until it lifted us to our feet at the finish of the show in a final standing ovation.

It is hard to describe her in a single phrase. Miss Clark has a style, which, although reminiscent of Eartha Kitt is, nevertheless, strong and clear and unmistakably hers. Her voice, at times, has a slight nasal quality but it seldom detracts from her singing which has such heavy rhythmic feeling to it that it's difficult to decide whether you are hearing or feeling a song. Her image shifts and changes continually, each shift exposing still another facet of her talent, ability and sense of humour. When she sang pop rock she moved and sounded like the Beatles; when she sang a medley from "My Fair Lady", she ran the gamut easily from cockney to sophisticate both audibly and visually. And when she sang "Don't Sleep In The Subway, Darling" her voice was rhythmically charged with feeling.

Then just as we thought we had heard the complete spectrum of her musical ability, she showed still another facet of herself when she introduced songs that she wrote herself, "You're The One", made popular by The Vogues, and later, "Two Rivers". In an emotionally charged voice she sang, to her own piano accompaniment, this song of the rivers Thames and Seine which she wrote to help her family and her English

friends and fans understand why she "betrayed" them and married a Frenchman.

All in all she sang 29 songs and the only one I didn't like was an Allan Sherman parody of "Only For Americans" from "Miss Liberty". The words, though they drew laughs, were dreadful and even Petula herself didn't seem to know what to do with them; she bobbed up and down meaninglessly while she sang this song, probably on the "moving target" theory.

This was, in fact, her single greatest detraction if there is one thing that Petula Clark cannot do, it is to stand still. The business is frequently very good but eventually you become quite conscious of the fact that there is always something going on besides singing. She is either moving around as she sings, or else moving around as she talks. There was not a great deal of speech between the songs but there was enough to tie things together and I suspect that Miss Clark is one of the few singers in the business who does not hire a writer for patter. There is far too much use of the words "lovely" and "wonderful" and while it was alright for her to tell us that she wrote "You're The One" in fifteen minutes she shouldn't repeat this piece of information for every other song she introduces.

Pet (she asked us to call her this, when she sang "My Name Is Petula") plays Sharon in the Hollywood version of "Finian's Rainbow", with Fred Astaire. The audience loved her rendition of "How Are Things In Glocca Morra", but I didn't find it up to the standard set by Ella Logan, the original Sharon, whose interpretation has remained indelibly in my mind for many years and will probably spoil the movie for me.

The back up orchestra did a fine job. Eleven were from The O'Keefe orchestra and Petula added three American lead musicians. My favourite, visually, was John Markham on drums, who seemed to be enjoying the show as much as we were. The other two were Frank Owen on piano (he also led the group and is apparently one of her regulars) and Hugh McCracken who has the knack of coaxing out of a guitar just the sound that the singer needed to complement her own thoroughly sound musicianship.

It was a great evening. The British Government can devalue the pound but the value of singers like Pet Clark can only continue to go up.

PEER-SOUTHERN PUBLISHES "PRIVATE RIGHT" SOUNDTRACK

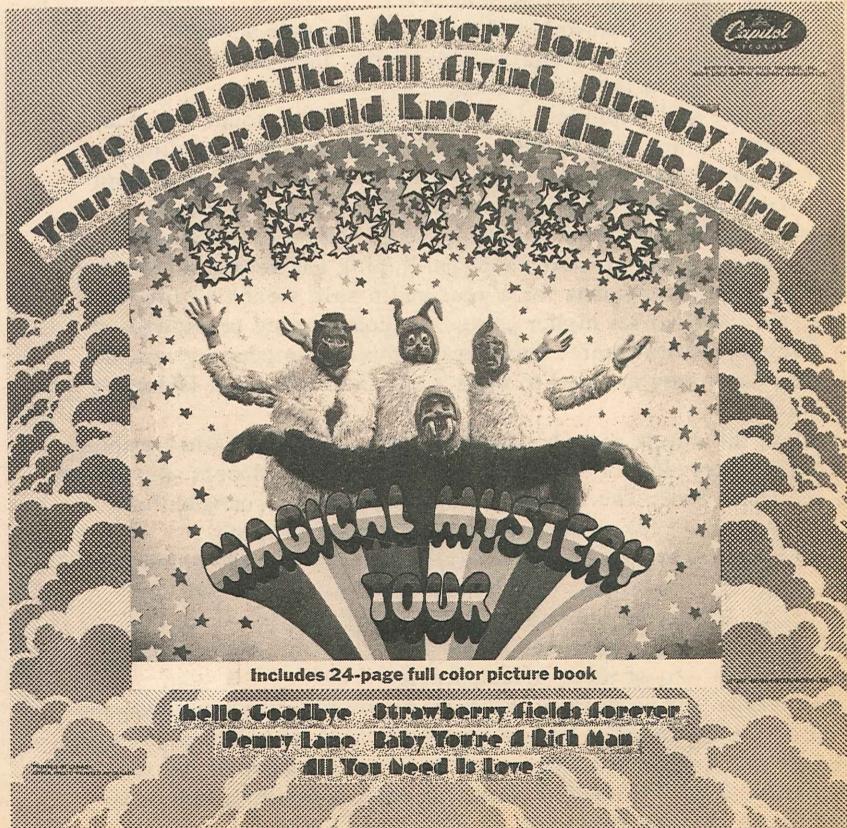
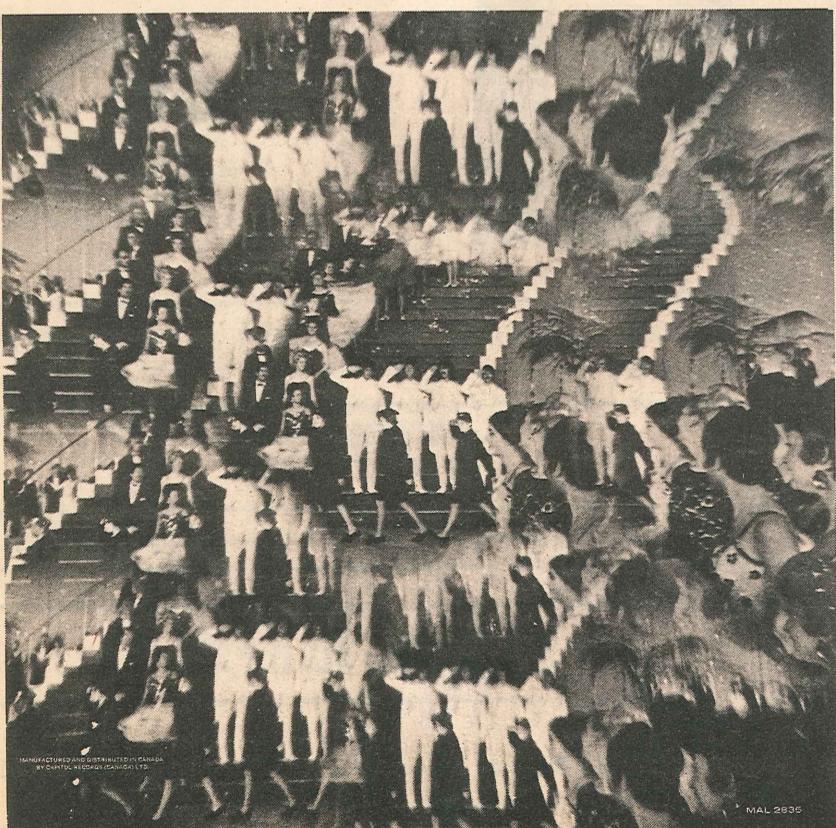
NYC: Peer-Southern Music are to publish the soundtrack from the Greek film, "The Private Right", written by Michael Papas and which was part of the San Francisco Film Festival (Nov 22). Peer-Southern has also set a single release of the "Theme From The Private Right" and "Party" (True Love Records 1002).

The film is a fictional arts type production dealing with the Cyprus problem over British Rule.

GLADYS SHELLEY WELL REPRESENTED ON GOOD MUSIC STATIONS

NYC: Well known composer, Gladys Shelley, has several of her compositions going well for her across the nation. Eydie Gorme's Columbia release of "How Did He Look" and Arthur Prysock's Verve discing of "How Did She Look" are both getting heavy exposure on the easy listening front as are her pennings of "Make It Last" by Nat King Cole on Capitol; "A Man Is A Necessary Evil" by Pearl Bailey on Roulette; and Donna Lee's Columbia single "Clown Town".

The CHRISTMAS GIANT



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Around Town

WITH LORI



Fats Domino has just finished a two week engagement in the Palm Grove Lounge of the Club Embassy. His return to Toronto didn't stir quite as much excitement as his first time around last spring, when they lined up in the rain for two hours to get into the Embassy, which didn't guarantee where they would end up sitting, being as the Palm Grove Lounge sits four hundred people. Apparently Fats fans didn't seem to mind because they were back again this time. Domino hasn't had a hit record for several years, so how does he maintain his impact? It all started back about seventeen years ago when he first started writing, singing and recording such songs as "I'm In Love Again", "Ain't It A Shame", and "I'm Walkin". Even the standards he revived and up-dated like "Blueberry Hill" and "My Blue Heaven" became big hits, and today, almost ten years later, they are still part of the Domino image. It is simply that Fats Domino has found his particular bag and has stayed with it. The fact that it is a good sound helps tremendously. Fats has just come back on the record scene with his latest composition "Lady In Black". It is reminiscent of "Ain't That A Shame" but has the potential of putting him right back on the charts.

Mei Torme, one of the finest jazz-oriented singers, around today, opened at the Royal York's Imperial Room last week and when he steps on stage, looking very young for his forty-two years, he takes over his audience completely. He starts his show with happy tunes like "Top Hat", "White Tie And Tails", "Lulu's Back In Town" and works up to "The Folks Who Live On The Hill" and what must be his favourite and almost his trademark "Mountain Greenery". Torme is always completely at ease and comfortable with all songs, and some of his repertoire calls for breaks of improvisation, which only a singer with his ability would ever attempt to tackle. In the past, Mel Torme has been one of the most underrated talents in the business. Let's hope this new circuit he is touring



Rca Victor's Marilyn Maye has just completed a successful one week engagement at Toronto's Hook & Ladder Club.



CBC-TV's floor director Dave Shepherd had a real close contact with principle Harry Belafonte during O'Keefe taping.

Western Union

FRANK BANYAI

THE MEN BEHIND THE MAGIC

The Koppelman-Rubin name is becoming an established trademark on many hit records. Records by **The Turtles**, **Lovin' Spoonful**, **Petula Clark**, **Gary Lewis**, **Righteous Brothers**, **Bobby Darin**, **Tim Hardin**, **Mandala**, **Dino**, **Desi and Billy**, **Zal Yanovsky**, **Gene Pitney** and **Connie Francis**, have carried the K & R seal.

A few years ago Don Rubin and Charles Koppelman were unknown. Today, with a dozen top ten songs to their credit, they are the hottest music producing team in the music world.

Koppelman and Rubin met in college where they found a mutual interest in music. They first tried as rock 'n' roll vocalists, adding a college friend to become **The Ivy Three**. When their first record, "Yogi", became number three nationally, they decided on careers in music.

Unfortunately the follow-up never came. They were advised to get out of performing and go into music publishing and record production. They ran a publishing company for a year and a half. Reaching the top in the firm, they set out for higher goals - becoming vice presidents of **Roulette Records**. Whilst there, they concentrated on producing records. Seven months later they decided to open a one room office on Broadway in New York City.

Today, the single room has grown to six with 30 full-time employees. Their staff includes 20 songwriters, five record producers, promotion men and an office staff. The average age of the staff is younger than Charles (27) and Don (28), emphasizing their stress on youth.

In their two year partnership, Koppelman-Rubin have produced 66 records, two of them million sellers, 22 which have attained "hit" status by appearing on the national top 100 record charts. Since the usual "hit average" for a producer is one out of 30, the Koppelman-Rubin record of one out of three is remarkable.

Besides record production the duo are owners of two ever expanding publishing firms. **Chardon** boasts the success of its talented writing team, **Bonner** and **Gordon**, who have written songs for many of the top names in the industry. **Faithful-Virtue**, the other publishing firm, employs the talents of **John Sebastian** of **The Lovin' Spoonful**, who has written two film scores, as well as many Spoonful hits for the firm.

Koppelman and Rubin's present accomplishments seem small when compared with their future prospects. They have just signed a con-

tract with **Capitol Records** which gives them their own record label - - **The Hot Biscuit Disc Company**. Under the terms of the \$2,000,000 deal, Don and Charles have authority over every step in record productions and Capitol will merely distribute the finished product.

Rca Victor's Marilyn Maye has one great show. It's no wonder Broadway producers hope for a Marilyn Maye release of their show tunes. She has one of the most expressive voices of any gal singer that I have come across. Even though she had to compete with the loudest cash registers, the noisiest waiters, and the rudest of audiences, she came out the winner at the Hook and Ladder Club. If this club intends to maintain their winning streak of acquiring top talent it might be a good idea to take into consideration (a) the artist and (b) the audience who perhaps travelled many miles to this Toronto suburban club to be entertained by the artist, not the waiters or boorish drunks. While Marilyn Maye was in Toronto she made the rounds of radio and television shows and particularly enjoyed her interview with Russ Thompson, the young, dapper and very good looking host of the CBC noontime radio variety show. Marilyn's latest Rca Victor single "Step To The Rear" from the Broadway Show "How Now, Dow Jones", is becoming one of the favourites of the easy listening crowd in the Toronto area. She should have an album release soon.

I caught Johnny Lytle at the Towne Tavern, which is a swinging quartet with Lytle on vibes, Jimmy Foster on organ, Luis Taylor plays bongo drums and Lawrence Killiam is drummer. Their selection of material was excellent and they never strayed too far from the melodies. However I found Jimmy Foster a little overpowering on the organ.

The Afro-Cuban jazz sounds of the Montego Joe Sextet at the Colonial Tavern generated a great deal of excitement. Although Afro-Cuban jazz is said to be somewhat repetitious, the beat does get to you.

It was great to see Reg Wilson back in town again. Reg played The Gaslight back about three years ago and since then has made quite a name for himself south of the border. He has just finished a six month engagement in New York's famous Jilly's. He also has just signed a recording contract with United Artists. Reg is originally from Montreal where he studied classical piano and voice. Today, Reg is a swinging ballad singer and a slightly jazz-oriented pianist. His phrasing is beautiful and he frequently sings the verses of ballads usually overlooked by most of today's singers. His piano styling at times has overtones of Basie, Gardner and Ellington. However he is such an intense performer, these overtones go unnoticed.



The dynamic writing team of Charles Koppelman (L) and Don Rubin have been responsible for many of today's hits.



Capitol's Linda and The Stone Poneys are off and running up the charts with their "Different Drum" release

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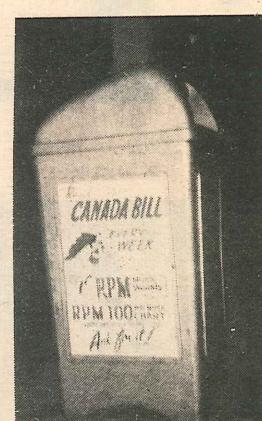
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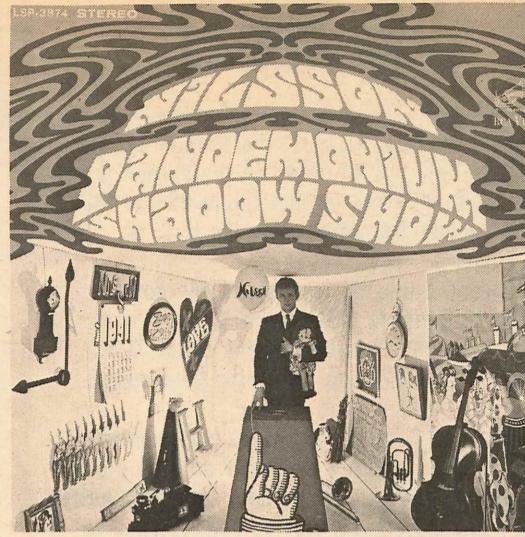
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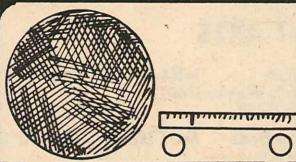
Today, the jungle and commercial business has hit an all time low, and if the government should levy a Canadian content to radio, Canadian produced commercials would be helpful (when added to dead air that many stations and a broadcasters association used to compute the amount of Canadian content on radio).

What can the government do to help the Canadian economy and culture? They can restrict or create a tariff that would make importing of commercials, films, tapes and masters from the U.S., costly, and therefore not feasible. Possibly it is already too late as many of us are getting ready to become a state of the United States, at which time we can learn a whole new set of rules about nationalism from the masters of patriotism. So spin the foreign records, play those foreign commercials and show those foreign films. Who knows what the future will bring. Our new Canadian flag may become a collectors item yet.

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- 6 11 SKINNY LEGS & ALL Joe Tex-Atco
- 7 10 STAGGER LEE Wilson Pickett-Atlantic
- 8 8 NINE POUNDS OF STEEL Joe Simon-Monument
- 9 9 I SEOND THAT EMOTION Smokey Robins & The Miracles-Motown
- 10 13 GET IT TOGETHER James Brown-King
- 11 17 YESTERDAY Ray Charles-Sparton
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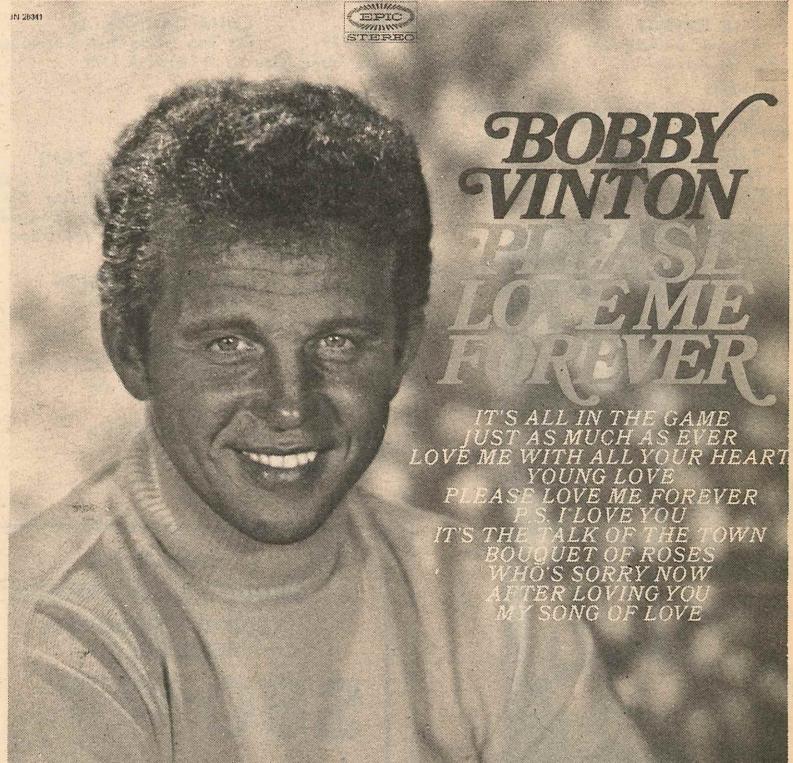
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- 17 24 COVER ME Percy Sledge-Atlantic
- 18 19 GET DOWN Harvey Scales & The 7 Sounds
- 19 25 SOCKIN' 1-2-3-4 John Roberts-Duke
- 20 22 SWEET SWEET LOVIN' The Platters-Columbia
- 21 26 TELL MAMA Etta James-Chess
- 22 28 SATURDAY NIGHT Eddy Floyd-Stax
- 23 29 HE AIN'T GIVE YOU NONE Freddy Scott-Shout
- 24 27 WHERE IS THE PARTY Helena Ferguson-Compass
- 25 12 I'M WONDERIN' Stevie Wonder-Motown
- 26 --- COME SEE ABOUT ME Jr. Walker & All Stars-Motown
- 27 --- WANT A LOVE? Laura Lee-Chess
- 28 --- WHEN SHE TOUCHES ME Mighty Sam-Amy
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COUNTRY

Date recording artist **Johnny Dollar** has just finished a very successful four day appearance at the **Brampton Inn**, in Brampton, Ontario. Johnny is currently happening on the national charts with his outing of "The Wheels Fell Off The Wagon". His first album for Date, featuring "Wagon" is scheduled for release shortly.

Van Trevor, another successful Date artist will move into the **Brampton Inn** from Dec 13 through the 16th. Van's "You've Been So Good To Me" has moved well up the national charts of both Canada and the U.S.

RCA Victor's popular country artist, **Dick Damron** and his **Hitch Hikers** band have just returned to their hometown of Lethbridge, Alberta, after a ten week tour of North Western Ontario which included The Lakehead, Kenora and Fort Francis.

Jimmy Arthur Ordge, who was recently awarded the **Lloyd E. Moffat Memorial Award** for "Best Folk Or Country Record of 1967" ("Irena Cheyenne") has just released what could be another chart winner for him. This time he's picked a couple of **Dick Damron** compositions, "Cold Gray Winds Of Autumn" and "Somewhere In Your World". The release is on **Apex**.

The compiling of **RPM's Country Chart** is due the assistance given us by record companies, record stores and in particular radio stations and the individual reports sent in by country radio personalities. In case you might be interested in who you should direct your country discs to, we will from time to time, mention who is responsible for the compiling of country surveys. In Toronto it's **CFGM** and **Dave Wright**; in Saskatoon it's **Ron Andrews** at **CKCK**; **CJCS** in Stratford has **Tim White** looking after the country scene; and in Woodstock, New Brunswick it's **Larry Dickinson** at **CJCJ**.

Sparton Records of Canada have just released **Sally Bishop's** "Out Of Reach", which was written by Miss Bishop, backed with "Up On A Mountain Of Love". The disc, which was recorded in Nashville, has only been released in Canada and it would appear that many of the im-

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1 5 MARY IN THE MORNING	Tommy Hunter-Columbia-44234-H
2 1 DEEP WATER	Carl Smith-Columbia-44233-H
3 2 YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME	David Houston-Epic-10224-H
4 7 YOU'VE BEEN SO GOOD TO ME	Van Trevor-Date-1565-H
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7 8 IT TAKES PEOPLE LIKE YOU	Buck Owens-Capitol-2001-F
8 6 DOES MY RING HURT YOUR FINGER	Charley Pride-Rca-9281-N
9 9 MODEL "T"	Irwin Prescott-Melbourne-3268-K
10 11 TELL ME NOT TO GO	Myrna Lorrie-Columbia-MU4-1265-H
11 12 THE HOMECOMING	Ralph Carlson-Melbourne-3270-K
12 14 GONNA PUT SOME LOVIN' ON YOU	Lynn Jones-Capitol-72508-F
13 10 I DON'T WANNA PLAY HOUSE	Tommy Wynette-Epic-10211-H
14 15 MABEL	Billy Grammer-Caledon-203-G
15 16 LEARNIN' A NEW WAY OF LIFE	Hank Snow-Rca-9300-N
16 13 IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS	Sonny James-Capitol-5978-F
17 17 BOTTLE BOTTLE	Jim Ed Brown-Rca-0329-N
18 18 LOVE IS WORTH LIVING	Porter Wagoner/Dolly Parton-Rca-9369-N
19 19 RIDE RIDE RIDE	Debbie Lori Kaye-Columbia-4-44211-H
20 20 BALLAD OF WATER HOLE #3	Roger Miller-Smash-2121-K
21 24 I HEARD FROM A HEARTBREAK	Jim Reeves-Rca-9343-N
22 22 HERE COMES HEAVEN	Eddy Arnold-Rca-9368-N
23 23 EVERYBODY OUGHT TO SING A SONG	Dallas Frazier-Capitol-2001-F
24 25 ANYTHING LEAVING TOWN TODAY	Dave Dudley-Mercury-72741-K
25 --- LITTLE WORLD GIRL	George Hamilton IV-Rca-9385-N

portant country radio personalities are picking "Out Of Reach" as the hit side, although "Mountain" shouldn't be overlooked. Sally has a refreshing sound and meets with much success on her PAs. She is currently appearing at Sarnia's posh country club **The Colonial**.

George Hamilton IV took time out from a busy schedule to drop us a line from Frankfurt, Germany, which was included on his tour of U.S. service clubs and military bases. After his three week tour he'll stop over in Italy and also spend a few days in London before returning home for Christmas. George's latest **RCA Victor** single "Little World Girl" (9385) a John D. Loudermilk composition, with the flip "Song For A Winter's Night" a Gordon Lightfoot writing, is picking up action across the country

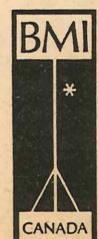


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BEATLES' "MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR" QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

As promised a couple of weeks ago, here is the question and answer series that The Beatles have released on their forthcoming television special "Magical Mystery Tour".

How did "Magical Mystery Tour" come about and why did you decide to handle your own production and direction?

John: At the beginning of 1967 we realized that we wouldn't be doing any more concert tours because we couldn't reproduce on stage the type of music we'd started to record. So if stage shows were to be out we wanted something to replace them. Television was the obvious answer.

George: The point is we can send a television show all over the world to be seen in countries we've visited and countries we've never played. Everyone everywhere can see "Magical Mystery Tour" while we're getting on with something else — our next LP album for instance.

Ringo: It was Paul's idea to make a TV show about a bus tour. He thought it up as long ago as April when he was having a week's holiday in America. He started to work out the song "Magical Mystery Tour" on the flight back to London. Afterwards we got down to talking about the thing in detail.

Paul: As we came close to the filming time we realized we all had very specific ideas about the show. The best way to make sure things came out just the way we were picturing them was to direct and edit ourselves, just hiring the essential technicians to do what we wanted them to do. So if we're not satisfied with anything in the finished film we've only ourselves to blame.

This was your first experience of making a film. What were the problems?

Paul: That was the marvelous thing — there weren't any real problems! For the first couple of days when we set out with this big bus full of people we took things easy, let the ice break slowly, let everyone get to know what it was all about. Things just came together after that. Of course we weren't using the right jargon when we talked to the sound men and the camera crew and they felt a bit strange to begin with. After a while they got to the stage where they were as enthusiastic as the rest of us. The main thing was to get rid of all the traditional tensions and hang-ups, cut through the red tape and get everybody interested in the whole effort.

How much of the film is truly spontaneous and unscripted?

John: Well, from our point of view we knew most of the scenes we wanted to include but we bent our ideas to fit the people concerned once we got to know our cast. If somebody just wanted to do something we hadn't planned they went ahead. If it worked we kept it in. There was a lovely little 5 year old girl, Nicola, on the bus. Because she was there

and because we realized she was right for it we put in a bit where I just chat to her and give her a balloon.

Did any one Beatle come out as over-all director?

George: Not really although, if you want to be exact about it, I suppose John and Paul did more in that line than Ringo and I. On location we split the unit once or twice to do two scenes at once. Paul and Ringo went off to do a scene in the bus and John and I stayed behind to work on a separate scene.

Is the show aimed at children or at your own fans?

Ringo: It's aimed at the widest possible audience. There are different levels of entertainment in it. "Magical Mystery Tour" is for children, their grandparents, Beatle people, the lot. There are interesting things to look at and interesting things to hear.

Does this venture indicate that The Beatles want to move into film production?

Paul: If "Magical Mystery Tour" is successful it means we'll use the same techniques to make The Beatles' next cinema film — and more television shows. It doesn't mean we want to direct non-Beatles films.

From beginning to end how much time did the production take?

John: Although we had outline ideas months in advance all the real organization was done during the ten days before we started to film. Filming took two weeks — apart from one or two odd extra bits we've put in at the last minute. Then for the past six weeks we've been working on the editing, sitting all day in a tiny room in Soho watching strips of film and cutting them about. Recordings were done at the same time, working in the evening and the night at the E.M.I. studios. In all I suppose there was between nine and ten weeks of concentrated work.

Could "Magical Mystery Tour" become a continuing series?

George: Not a television series because the next TV we do should be something quite different again.

Paul: Some of the characters we've created here could live on in some way. A "Magical Mystery Tour" annual for children? Who Knows?

What ingredients did you look for when you planned the film?

John: Fun first. A lot of laughs, some off-beat characters, a few very glamorous girls, a bit of dancing and quite a bit of magic. Apart from the six new songs, of course. Records can't be seen so it's good to have a film vehicle of some sort to go with the new music.

There has been no announcement on this side of the ocean as to the date of showing nor who has picked up "Magical Mystery Tour" for North American viewing.

