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SPECIAL!!

Cliff Richard in S. Africa

THE greatest tour of Cliff's career. That's what the pictures DISC is proud to publish on page 4 show of Cliff's current visit to sun-soaked South Africa.



**STORM
-THIRD
TIME
LUCKY?**

DANNY STORM makes his third bid for chart success with a new Piccadilly release "Just Can't Fool My Heart". The song is cockney song-writer Alan Klein's first ballad composition. Danny, who will be guesting at the Joke Box Fair in London next week, is to tele-record his third appearance in TBW's "Discs A Gogo" for February 5 transmission. He flies to Ireland next month to promote the record with an appearance on Eire TV (Feb. 10) and Ulster TV (11). And in March he has a tour of Scottish ballrooms lined up.

In every city he appears he is receiving a fantastic welcome. Thousands of fans, wearing "I Love Cliff" slogans, surrounding him wherever he goes, have become almost commonplace scenes, and this tour is bound to remain a high spot of Cliff's already sensational career.

DISC's picture account, showing just a handful of the scenes Cliff has encountered, is a record HE will want to keep, too.

Joe Brown in song contest

IN a startling late development Joe Brown and the Bruvvers have been contracted to sing Johnny Worth's entry—"A Day At The Seaside"—in the Song For Europe heat of the Eurovision Song Contest.

Joe—who joined Britain's rank of chart stars in the latter half of 1962—will sing the Worth entry which is in competition with songs to be performed by Ronnie Carroll (last year's winner), Anne Shelton, Maureen Evans, Jimmy Justice, Johnny Towers and Barry Burgett.

The lineup of artists makes this year's competition probably the most exciting in the history of the contest. The big night for them is February 23, when the heat will be seen on BBC TV. The artist singing the winning entry will go forward to compete in the Eurovision final—being

THE BILLY FURY HIS FANS NEVER SEE

WHY he's not yet ready for marriage



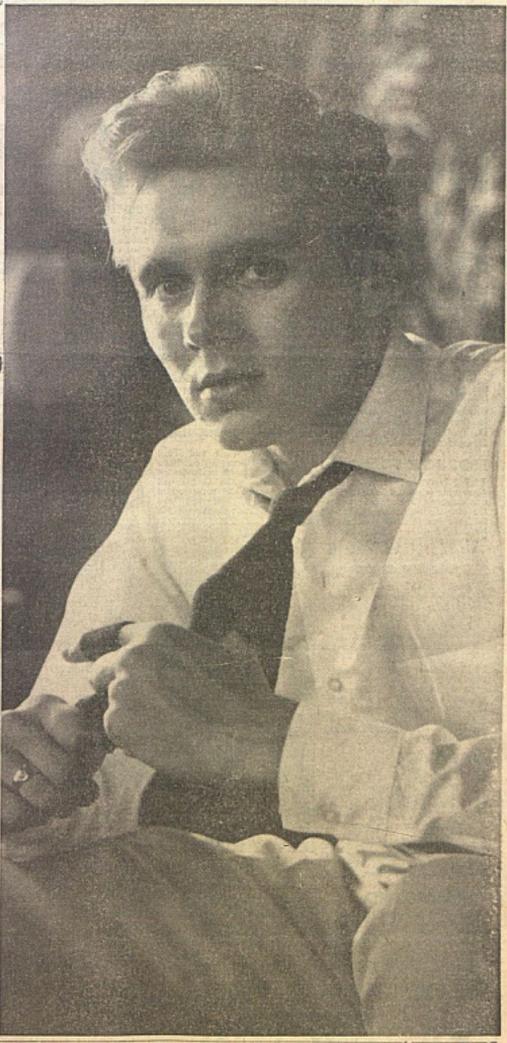
WHY some people don't get on with him



WHY he doesn't enjoy a wild life



**Read it all
on page 12**



A WONDERFUL NEW BALLAD

"I JUST CAN'T FOOL MY HEART"

Danny Storm

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SANDY AS BIG AS ELVIS?

PRIZE LETTER

THE new Donna Nova craze must surely be the most important thing to happen to the hit parade since Elvis Presley. This Latin jazz combination is excellent, although it is by no means new. Laurindo Almeida and Bud Shank were doing exactly the same thing in 1954.

A dance craze which manages to introduce jazz artists to the pop scene is not to be taken lightly. I have no doubt that it will soon die, together with the twist and madison, but it will have achieved much in the way of introducing good music to those who would otherwise not bother to listen to it. B. W. HOUNGBO, 256, Northridge Way, Chaulden, Hem Hempstead, Herts.

NO, JOE!

I WAS shocked to read in a recent issue of DISC the qualifications Joe Meek wants the new Tomelton has guitarist to have—personality and good looks. And he must be a competent guitarist!

What's Mr. Meek trying to build, a beauty line-up or a great sound?

At the moment The Tomelton are due to leave America for their disc because they look nice, none of their sound. A. YATES, 73, Ravenel Drive, Leeds, 16.

BARGAIN

THE price records indicate a falling future for EPs. If you buy an EMI EP instead of two singles there's a saving of 2s. 5d. There is also the extra benefit of a glove cover.

So, bargain will surely see more EPs in the best seller's shop this year. —COLIN WESTON, 63, Seville Crescent, Bedford, Hants.

NEGLECTED

WHY does Britain not recognize more American R & B singers? The most glaring examples of neglect are Dee Dee

"The One Who Really Loves You," it could be a great seller. But I suppose the British public will still probably continue buying discs by the Misses Shannon, Maughan and Fenn— IAIN McGRIGOR, 10, Terrace Road, Carnoustie, Angus.

MEL IN

WHAT a pleasant surprise to find Mel Tormé's excellent record nouns its way into the pop charts, although it has been previously described as a beat number. It is far more melodic and interesting than most of the Presley discs.

Good luck to Mel and all the

The Editor does not necessarily agree with the views expressed in Post Bag.

Ge, I'm so excited I can hardly believe it!

Brian Hyland talks to June Harris just before he leaves for his first-ever trip to Britain

JUST before Brian Hyland was due to leave America for his first-ever trip to Britain, I called him on the transatlantic phone just to find out what he thought about it all—and even if there had been a hushwave in New York, Brian's excitement about the

deal would have added several degrees to the temperature. "Ge, I'm so excited about the whole trip," enthused the guy who's likely to be the handsomest singer to get here this year. "Partly because I'm of British descent. My grandfather was born in Wales and I have quite a few relatives throughout the British Isles, but I've never met any of them.

"In fact, I have all their addresses and I just hope I'll have enough time to look them up.

"You know, I've heard so much about England from my family here that I feel I know the country already.

interested

"When I was a kid in school, I was terribly interested in everything I learned about England, so I can't believe that I've really gone to see it for myself.

"Brian arrives here tomorrow (Friday) and will spend a week in London before his tour with Little Eva opens at Brighton on February 3. And he told me he intended to spend that week on the town.

"I plan to walk around London as much as I can and just generally be a plain tourist."

"There are so many things I want to do and see, like visit all your famous places, and go shopping for some real English tweeds.

other artists who go on touring on satinytime music despite the heavy demands on continental tours. —JOHN WHITEFIELD, 7, Lane Grove, Pultney Road, Bath, Somerset.

C & W PRES

I AM very surprised at the attitude of some of Elvis Presley's so-called fans who continually clamour for him to return to his early "hip-billy" style.

He has matured beyond that exciting yet primitive stage, and so any attempt to reproduce this style will never give a result in failure.

The legendary era of the "Hill Billy Cat" is, over, but Presley has replaced this with a greater, more serene personality. SEAN FORTSLADE, 65, Bathgate Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.



As for the rest of it. Well, I think I'm awfully lucky to be an entertainer, because my bookings will enable me to see quite a bit of the country. I'm not as nervous as I might be about going to a strange country, because of the success of "Gimme Some Lovin'" and "Satisfied With A Kiss." Otherwise, I think I'd be terrified.

"Not having his records don't necessarily make you a big name. It helps, but once you've established yourself in the hit parade you have a good card to consolidate your success.

"My first hit, 'Bikini,' was a novelty song, so I had to work all the harder on personal appearances. From then on, I chose material which was both lyrically and musically more mature.

surprised

"You know, I was very surprised when 'Bikini' became an international hit. But I really enjoyed it when my record company sent me on a promotion trip to Japan, and had a two-hour colour TV spectacular there. There was something, I can tell you.

"Going to Japan sparked off a travelling bug in me. Now I'm coming to England and I'm also taking Germany because so I can see in that language for a company who asked me months ago."

The world's Top pops

AMERICA

Week ending January 19

LAST WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST
11	1 Walk Right In	Rooflop Singers
2	2 Hey Partner	Paul and Paula
1	3 Go Away Little Girl	Steve Lawrence
4	4 Tell Him	Eccies
5	5 The Night Has A Thousand Eyes	Bobby Vee
8	6 My Dad	Paul Petersen
7	7 Two Lovers	Mary Wells
8	8 Telaar	Tornados
13	9 It's Up To You	Rick Nelson
10	10 Limbo Rock	Chubby Checker
12	11 Up On The Roof	Drifters
3	12 Hotel Happiness	Booker Benton
16	13 Loop The Loop	Henry Thunander
14	14 I Saw Linda Yesterday	Dickey Lee
17	15 Half Heaven — Half Heartache	Gene Pitney
9	16 Philadelphia	Les Moonie
28	17 You're Really Got A Hold On Me	Miracles
23	18 I'm Gonna Be Warm This Winter	Connie Francis
20	19 Everybody Loves A Lover	Shirley
20	20 Zip-A-Dee-Do-Doah	Bob B. Soxx and the Blue Jeans

S. Africa

LAST WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST
1	1 Tribute — The Tornados	2 Return To Sweden — Elvis Presley
2	2 The Love-Melody — Little Eva	3 Dear Country Boy — Lacy Frimong
3	3 Kiss Me — Elvis Presley	4 If Only I Were — Cliff Richard
4	4 Wonderful Harlem — Jimmy Justice	5 Omande — Omande
5	5 Stand — S. S. Ramo	6 Omande — Omande
6	6 I'm A Clubby Checker	7 King Of A Baby — Louise Cord
7	7 Al La La — Eddie Person	8 Wide World — Nani
8	8 Rambling Rose — Nani King Cole	9 Never In A Million Years — Nani
10	10 She's Not You — Elyia	10 Baby — Nani
10	10 Spanish Harlem — Ben King	

Denmark

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1	1 Return To Sweden — Elvis Presley	2 Dear Country Boy — Lacy Frimong
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5	5 Omande — Omande	6 Omande — Omande
6	6 Omande — Omande	7 King Of A Baby — Louise Cord
7	7 King Of A Baby — Louise Cord	8 Wide World — Nani
8	8 Wide World — Nani	9 Never In A Million Years — Nani
9	9 Never In A Million Years — Nani	10 Baby — Nani
10	10 Baby — Nani	

Australia

LAST WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST
1	1 The Lonely Ball	1 I It's Up To You — Rick Nelson
2	2 The Boys	2 My Grisha — Jerry Vale
3	3 Big Girls Don't Cry	3 Warm Over Knees — The Four Seasons
4	4 Get Behind The Bar	4 Every Strp Of The Day — Shirley Bess and Shirley Bess
5	5 Washer For The Man	5 Dance — The Bossa Nova
6	6 Guller Man — Anne Liddy	6 Sherry — The Four Seasons
7	7 Liddy	7 Sherry — The Four Seasons
8	8 Frank Hill	8 Wonderful Heart — Nat King Cole
9	9 Some of the Tornado	9 Little Girl For Sharp — The Four Seasons
10	10 Some of the Tornado	10 Little Girl For Sharp — The Four Seasons
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Hong Kong

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Compiled by courtesy of the American trade press, "Billboard."

THE LIMELITERS — A GREAT FOLK GROUP

DUKE in on Sunday from Italy are The Limelitters, one of America's most famous folk groups. They will be appearing in "Tonight" on Monday and their own show next Wednesday for BBC TV, telecasting a Granada TV guest spot for the All Stars on February 3, taping a BBC and a spot with Keny Skora (6), and starring in a Festival Hall concert (7).

The three Limelitters, Lou Gottlieb (bass), Alan Havers (guitar and banjo) and vocalists Glenn Yarbrough and Charles in Los Angeles back in May 1957, decided to try their luck at folk singing. After three months of sessions in Colorado they were the record-breaking residency here at the St. Francis Club, which lasted for half a year and put them on the American show business map.

Their first LP came out on New Year's Day 1960, and

resulted in top TV bookings with Ed Sullivan, Perry Como and Dinah Shore. RCA Victor signed them in July 1960, and cut their first set here at the Ash Grove. Les Yarbrough, who has been released here, as has his second album, "The Staying Abroad Limelitters," issued to tie in with their present visit is a new LP, "Sing Out."

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Brenda Lee crashes in with a ballad

SHE'S done it again! Brenda Lee has made the charts once more, just two weeks after "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" felt the Christmas Tree. And her new success "All Alone Am I" is an out-and-out ballad.

Brenda will be back in Britain again in March for another extensive tour.

Brenda enjoys meeting her fans, and makes a point of seeing as many as possible between shows. She tends to be a little shy and perhaps untidy respectively when introduced to older people, but with visitors of her own age she is naturally relaxed.

BRENDA LEE—Over here again in March

She admits to nerves before performances, but the only visible sign of these last year was just before her "Sunday Night At The London Palladium" TV spot—a show that has daunted veteran entertainers who were world stars before she was born.

There is a serious side to Brenda's nature too. She can give even further proof that times her studies diligently whenever she goes, and invariably earns high examination marks in American history, mathematics and the sciences. Brenda is the favourite subject for an enormous number of people now when it comes to pop music. And with the success of "All Alone Am I" she's she's going to be a permanent part of the pop scene.

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TOP 30

Week ending January 19, 1963

Last Week	This Week	Title	Artist	Label
1	1	The Next Time/Bachelor Boy	Cliff Richard	Columbia
2	2	Dance On	The Shadows	Columbia
6	3	Diamonds	Jet Harris/Tony Martin	Decca
4	4	Globetrotter	The Tornados	Decca
7	5	Like I Do	Maureen Evans	Oriole
3	6	Return to Sender	Elvis Presley	RCA
5	7	Up On The Roof	Keony Lynch	HMV
12	8	Don't You Think It's Time	Mike Berry	HMV
21	9	Little Town Flirt	Del Shannon	London
11	10	Go Away Little Girl	Marl Wyster	Pye
14	11	Comin' Home Baby	Mel Tormé	London
8	12	Guitar Man	Duane Eddy	RCA
29	13	Island Of Dreams	Springfields	Philips
9	14	Lovesick Blues	Frank Ifield	Columbia
15	15	Some Kinda Fun	Chris Montez	London
10	16	Sun Arise	Rolf Harris	Columbia
17	17	All Alone Am I	Brenda Lee	Branswick
18	18	Wayward Wind	Frank Ifield	Columbia
19	19	Big Girls Don't Cry	Four Seasons	Stateside
13	20	If Only Took A Minute	Joe Brown	Piccadilly
21	21	A Taste Of Honey	Acker Bilk	Columbia
16	22	He's A Rebel	The Crystals	London
15	23	Bobby's Girl	Susan Maughan	Philips
24	24	Sukiyaki	Kenny Ball	Pye
17	25	Desafinado	Stan Getz and Charlie Byrd	HMV
30	26	Charmaine	The Beachlovers	Decca
27	27	Ruby Ann	Marty Robbins	CBS
28	28	My Little Girl	Crickets	Liberty
29	29	Loop De Loop	Frankie Vaughan	Philips
30	30	I Saw Linda Yesterday	Doug Sheldon	Decca

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Thurs. Feb. 7	— CITY HALL, NEWCASTLE	6.15 & 8.30 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 8	— GRANADA, WOOLWICH	7.00 & 9.10 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 9	— WINTER GARDENS, BURNMOUTH	6.15 & 8.30 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 10	— EMPIRE THEATRE, LIVERPOOL	5.40 & 8.00 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 11	— GRANADA, MANFIELD	6.00 & 8.30 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 12	— ABC, CLEETHORPES	6.15 & 8.30 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 13	— RIALTO, YORK	6.15 & 8.30 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 14	— GRANADA, MAIDSTONE	6.20 & 8.30 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 15	— GRANADA, HARROW	6.45 & 9.00 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 16	— GRANADA, WALTHAMSTOW	6.20 & 8.30 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 17	— DE MONTFORT HALL, LEICESTER	5.30 & 8.00 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 18	— GUILDBALL, PORTSMOUTH	6.30 & 8.45 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 19	— GRANADA, DARTFORD	7.00 & 9.15 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 20	— GRANADA, AYLESBURY	7.00 & 9.15 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 21	— ABC, LINCOLN	6.15 & 8.30 p.m.
Fri. Feb. 22	— GRANADA, KINGSTON	7.00 & 9.10 p.m.
Sat. Feb. 23	— ADELPHI, SLOUGH	6.00 & 8.30 p.m.
Sun. Feb. 24	— GRANADA, TOOTING	6.00 & 8.30 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 25	— TOWN HALL, BIRMINGHAM	6.15 & 8.30 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 26	— GRANADA, BRADFORD	6.20 & 8.30 p.m.
Wed. Feb. 27	— GRANADA, BEDFORD	7.00 & 9.10 p.m.
Thurs. Feb. 28	— ABC, DOVER	6.15 & 8.30 p.m.
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IF ever it was Cliff Richard's intention to burn-storm South Africa with his personality and charm, and establish show-business history then he has succeeded as he never could have dreamed!

His film, premiered simultaneously in the four main centres, opened to rave reviews and while fans have been waiting for Cliff and The Shadows to come their way they have been packing out all performances of "Summer Holiday".

But the boys have virtually become prisoners in their hotels, besieged by their fans.

On his opening night Cliff was almost torn apart. Fans docked around his car, preventing him from opening the door and he had to be driven off with about three hundred racing after him.

police

The second time the car drove to the stage door the police drove a tight cordon around it, but still the fans broke through.

One burly policeman dived for the car door and half-carrying and pushing Cliff got him near the entrance. Then other policemen, some with batons drawn, forced the crowd from the door and Cliff dashed into the theatre.

There is promise that equally fantastic scenes await him in Durban today (Thursday) and next week in Johannesburg.

Cable from AMERICA

FRANK SINATRA'S Reprise label, which was formed mainly to concentrate on albums, is this year going all out to make hit singles. To help with this new drive two new A and B producers have been added to the label.

Chet Atkins and John D. Loudermilk are all set for their forthcoming trip to Europe, starting on February 15. Both of them are especially looking forward to seeing London again and hope this time to be able to fit in visits to some historical places.

Philips Records in Chicago have signed saxophonist Gerry Mulligan, and he has already started recording an album for the label under the direction of Quincy Jones.

Georgia Brown, who is the toast of Broadway since her great personal success in

Reprise
go all out
for hit
singles

pinny, Andy has brought the master of a revival of the old hit song "I Believe," which marks the singing debut of San Francisco disc jockey Dick Stewart. It has already begun to move in a big way.

Although *But I've* is very happy with the role he is to play—that of a genius—in the forthcoming film called "The Brass Bottle," he isn't at all happy with the fact that it

edited by Maurice Clark

"Oleer" made her debut on the Ed Sullivan TV show on Sunday and will appear again in March. On the same show as Georgia was Robin Sergio Franchi who is being named as the successor to the late Maris Larra.

Sandy Stewart, currently in the hit charts with "My Colouring Book," was married last week to composer, Moore Charlop, who is at the moment writing a new Broadway musical which might well star Mrs. Charlop.

POPULAR stage singer-actress CAROL BURNET has finally had her talents recognized by a film company. Paramount have signed her for four years and Carol makes her movie debut co-starring with DEAN MARTIN in "Who's Been Sleeping In My Bed?"

Sunny Davis will soon be Europe-bound. He has been signed to appear in the film version of "The Threepenny Opera," which will be made in West Germany. Among the other stars so far signed are Hildegarde Neff and Kurt Jurgens. Picasso has been commissioned to design the lavish off-beat sets.

Fred Astaire's disc com-

means his having to share of his wife and band.

The Andy Williams Show, which NBC TV has been presenting this season has proved so successful that they have taken up Andy's option for the rest of the season and are negotiating a new one for the next.

BRENDA LEE was too busy late to record "My Colouring Book" as a single but the track it so much it is included in her newest album, "All Alone Am I," which also features the much recorded "What Kind Of Fool Am I?"

Reprise thought they had a big problem on their hands thinking up a suitable title for the recently made album featuring Frank Sinatra with Count Basie, until they realized with two names like this it is more than "Sinatra-Basie" was needed.

Singer-actor Frankie Avalon was married last week to beauty queen Judy Debel. The wedding, which took place in Frankie's home town of Philadelphia, was a very quiet affair with only the closest family members and friends to design the honeymoon in Mexico.

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Johnny Thunder
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STATESIDE 45-S8149

JACK GOOD writes from America

Mark my words — I've just heard a million seller!

JUST heard a million seller. At least that's what it sounded like to me. How do you tell? Well, I think you can tell a hit when after four bars you mentally say "Yes" and start tapping your feet. But when you hear a million seller, after two bars you mentally say "Oh, yes, please," and start singing along.

It was this latter reaction that hit me on hearing Dick Lory's new release "Welcome Home." It didn't just ring a bell. It rang a peal of bells in the temple of my home town.

Of course, I'm somewhat biased. I grew up some way from home in London and to get a bit homesick from time to time—old records like "Welcome Home" are just the things to bring that feeling on. Still, I think you'd say this platter has a fighting chance of being a world smash—it will hit every one whose away from home in Germany, Australia, Hollywood, anywhere.

It is because of this international message that Liberty's International Manager Jerry Thomas and his British assistant Mike Sloman, have taken the unusual step of releasing it simultaneously on both sides of the Atlantic.

Dick Lory is, by the way, a complete vocal gas, in the Gene Pitney mold. He's not a full-time singer—he's basically an A & R man.

NEW TV SHOW

I AM once more in the throes of producing television, and it's getting too exciting to sleep nights. The programme, devised and produced by little old me, is called "Young America Sings" and is all music, singing, and dancing.

The music is being arranged by two brilliant boys who have just reached their twenties, Dave Gates and Leon Russell. Both are Hollywood session men, playing bass and piano respectively. The rest of the band is

formed of the top Hollywood session men—including some of the men who play for the Presley films—and in the Ray Charles idiom.

We have a male gospel quartet, a five piece girl's vocal group, R&B style, by the intriguing name of Clyde and the Sweet Things, half-dance recording artists, and a group of girl dancers that have to be seen to be believed. Well, you've probably seen them, most of them were in the film of "West Side Story."

The movement is staged by Docra's Anthony (S.O.S.T.T.) League who arrived back from Britain a couple of months ago, and the whole show is being shot in C.B.N.'s Television City in the heart of Hollywood.

Right now I'm hoping to be able to get through a labour permit to allow Rita Gillespie (or Oh Boy! Fame) to come and direct the cameras.

WE HAD A BALL ON THAT 'LOOP' SESSION SAYS FRANKIE

THE last to be recorded and the first in the charts! That's the story behind Frankie Vaughan's hot big hit of 1962—"Loop De Loop." With his usual display of hospitality Frank powered me a drink in his London Palladium dressing room and then proceeded to tell me how it had come about.

"Of course I'm delighted that it looks like being a hit but you know, the first time I heard it as a demo, right here in this room, I just knew it was for me."

"I was due on stage so I didn't have a chance to hear it through but what I heard made me ask my agent Paul Cave to get it for me."

"The session itself was a hell from start to finish... people feeling like mad and really it was one of the best sessions I've ever had."

"Loop" is the second "dance" record from Frank. He had quite a success with "Don't Stop, Tink!" but a look

through his past successes doesn't reveal any set recording pattern.

"There isn't one," he said, "because I'm always open to suggestions and wherever a song comes along that I like I try to record it. There's only one thing—all the songs I record must be capable of being used as performance numbers. That's the biggest factor governing my discs."

"This present song is marvellous because it offers plenty of movement. There isn't a lot of material that has a great performance value which is why I don't put out records with regularity. But "Loop De Loop" is the strongest song I've had since "Tower Of Strength" and I'm happy with it."

Frank and Phillips, his recording company, are also happy with his excursion into the live performance LP field. Frank's "Talk Of The Town" album was produced recently by DISC critic Nigel Hunter.



FRANKIE VAUGHAN—Only one rule for his discs.

"Yes, that album worked out well," said Frank "but five performances can be terribly tricky. We cut this one twice before we got it perfect. It places a great strain on the engineers as well as on the performer. And, of course, you need a good audience."

This year sees a very important date for Frank with the fans. His nationwide tour of one-nighters begins soon after his Palladium pantomime "Puss In Boots" ends on April 6. He did a similar tour last year and it was his best and widest area.

"One-nighters are always hard work but so tremendously rewarding," smiled Frank. "They give a performer the chance to meet the fans and often play to them in places where there are no large theatres."

"I like to keep with it on what they like and what is successful in the business. I've never wanted to have a label and I certainly never think of myself as successful in any one field. All I've ever wanted was to be an entertainer."

Brian Gibson

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- THE GARLAND TOUCH** Judy Garland Capitol SW1710 (stereo) W1710 (mono)

Cliff set

ALL the dates have now been fixed for Cliff and The Shadows' spring tour, which opens at Cardiff Sophia Gardens on February 21. Other dates for the show in February are Birmingham Town Hall (24), Bristol Colston (26), Cambridge ABC (27), Exeter Northampton ABC (28), Plymouth ABC (29), Portsmouth Blitz (31), Portsmouth Coltham (31), ABC Theatre at Plymouth (3), Kater (3), Ipswich (4) and Kingston (7), Liverpool Empire (10), London City Hall (11), Manchester Apollo (12), Huddersfield ABC (13), Cardiff ABC (14), Glasgow Arena (15), Edinburgh (16), Hull and Stockton Globe (17). There are followed by ABC at Chester (19), Chesterfield (20) and Lincoln (21), London Edson (22), Leicester ABC (23), Peter (24), Ipswich Grand (24), Peter ABC (24), Huddersfield ABC (25), Southold Odon (25), West Coast Grandstand (26), Faversham Park Arena (26) and Coventry Theatre (31). In April the tour concludes with bookings at Hull ABC (2), York Rialto (3), Wetherham (3), Gosport (4), Brighton (4) as a 2 in 1 (5), Bournemouth Pavilion (6) and 2 in 1 (6), Hove (7), Hove (7) and Brighton (7), Hove (7) and Brighton (7).

ADAM FAITH: THE SINGERS AND THE DATES

ADAM FAITH will celebrate his twenty-third birthday and his fourth year as a top show business star with a lengthy summer season at Bridlington, a variety tour, 12 Sunday concerts, a major television booking on the "Billy Cotton Band Show" and a probable return appearance on "Sunday Night At The London Palladium."

Monro for 'Stars'

MATT MONRO and Adam Faith are the latest artists featured on appearances on ABC TV's "Thank Your Lucky Stars." Adam does the bill on April 6, and Matt joins The Tornados, Marty Wilde and Frankie Vaughan on February 16.

Adam will begin his summer season at Bridlington Grand Pavilion on June 26—the day after his twenty-third birthday. He group the Roulette are featured with him.

Steele musical opens in March

Tommy Steele will have his West End opening gig on March 14 or 21, probably at the Imperial Princess Theatre. Tommy may record songs from the show under a new recording contract he's expected to sign with EMI.

Brown, Wynter tour

JOE BROWN and Mark Wynter open their variety tour with a week at Newcastle Empire from April 1. This will be followed by weeks at Birmingham Hippodrome from May 6, Theatre Royal, Nottingham (11) and Manchester Hippodrome (20).

A change in the one-nighter, which precedes the Birmingham date, takes them to East Ham Granada on April 25 instead of Kingston. Kettering Granada will be visited on April 25.

Joe Brown will record the title song from a new British film "Two Left Feet" on January 29. His voice will be heard over the credits of the film which is to be released at the end of March.

Bilk—big tour down under

ACKER BILK and his Paramount Jazz Band will now definitely tour New Zealand and the Far East in March, and they will also play dates in Australia and Hong Kong, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

Film commitments are now expected to prevent Bilk from playing a summer season, but he may undertake a TV series in the autumn.

Worth musical put back

THE opening of Johnny Worth's film musical "Berlin," which is to star Mai Zetterling, has been put back from seeing to autumn. The story is being revised.

Frank Ifield to get star Palladium spot!

FRANK IFFIELD this week adds yet another honour to the list of his successes—he is to top the bill at the London Palladium summer revue, co-starring with comedian Arthur Haynes in a four to five month season.

The show will open on May 10—almost a year after Frank began a tour with Bruce Channel as one of the opening acts on the bill.

The residency is believed to be a change of plan from an original idea which would have started Iffield in a new West End variety spot in the autumn.

Shortly after the current pantomime season—which stars Frankie Vaughan and Joan Regan—Sammy Davis Jr. begins four weeks at the Palladium from April 8.

World stars of "Lovers Like Us" have almost certainly reached the million mark, qualifying Frank for his second Gold Disc.

Mike Sarnie clinches first film lead

MIKE SARNE has clinched his first-ever leading role in a film. He will play opposite award-winning Rita Tushingham (who came to fame with "A Taste Of Honey") in a new British film, "Bethan," a film in production on Monday and will take at least eight weeks to complete.

Sarnie's manager, Robert Sigs, says that the delay in the film may mean a delay—until early summer—on the review in which he is likely to be featured.

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Alma Cogan's 'Tell Him' featured in LATE NIGHT SATURDAY

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Hyland in TV series

BRIAN HYLAND is to star in the first of the new Granada TV series "Scene: A Night to Remember," next Monday. His appearance was exclusively forecast in last week's DISC.

Other artists booked for next week are Jess Conrad (Tuesday), Vernon Corea (Wednesday), Joe Brown (Thursday) and Kenny Lynch (Friday).

Little Eva and Frank Ifield will appear the following week.

Shapiro's Yarmouth season gets go-ahead

HELEN SHAPIRO'S parents have agreed to her appearing in her first summer season. It will be at Great Yarmouth Aquarium and will last for ten weeks from July 1.

As previously reported, Helen makes her fourth appearance on the "Palladium Show" this Sunday. She guests on the bill which Frankie Vaughan heads.

She will open her act with the standard "Is Always With Me" which she has included on her forthcoming album—Helen's Sixteen.

After the ballad "My Fungy Valentine," Helen will sing her latest recording "Queen For Tonight" and close her act with another standard from the album, "I Wish To Be Happy."

and tours, too . . .

DATES for the second and third Helen Shapiro-Danny Williams-Kenny Lynch tours have now been set. Like the first tour which begins on February 2—the bills will include The Keatins, The Honeyes and the Red Pipe Combo, but not The Beatles.

The second tour begins at Massfield Granada on February 23 and concludes at Coventry Theatre (24), Tannock Green (24), York Rialto (27), Scarborough Granada (28), Southampton Colton (March 1), Sheffield City Hall (3) and Hovey Grandstand (3).

The third opens at Birmingham Town Hall on March 16 and concludes at Derby Grandstand (17), Mashfield Granada (19), Ashby Granado (20), Plymouth ABC (21) and Cardiff Sophia Gardens (23).

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Quite a change for HELEN! It was no lack of striking out in the show at London Apollo after her three-week trip to Israel, so the grab that came as quickly as the could! Next big date for her is the Palladium show on Sunday.

IN YOUR SHOPS TODAY

Chick Devereaux TINKLE P 11102	DECCA
Bobby Darin I FOUND A NEW GUY MILK 8044	MONOPOLY
It's sure the boy is The Crystals MILK 8045	MONOPOLY
Driftin' in the The Canadian MILK 8046	MONOPOLY
Let your mind roll on The Two South Brothers MILK 8047	MONOPOLY
The brass new Zimzy Saxe MILK 8048	MONOPOLY
As usual, all winners! Barbara Lu MILK 8049	MONOPOLY
The lovely girl Jack Jones MILK 8050	MONOPOLY
It's my Lawrence Welk & His Orchestra MILK 8051	MONOPOLY
It's a lady Trade Martin MILK 8052	MONOPOLY

JOHNNY & THE HURRICANES
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THE MOMENT
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IT'S UP TO YOU

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Jet Harris and Tony Meehan to team in surprise season?

JET HARRIS and Tony Meehan—the two ex-Shadows who have been reunited on record with the successful "Diamonds"—will almost certainly be teamed on disc this summer starting in a show at either Great Yarmouth or Liverpool. And they will appear with a new backing group which has been formed to accompany the boys on tour and on recording dates.

Harris's backing group, The Jets, have parted company with Jet and will branch out on their own.

The Jetsback will continue to tour as a group and Jet will join them on some dates when he and Tony are not working together—during the success of their joint promotional record. Meehan intends to continue his career as A and B man.

Jet and Tony are expected to begin a tour within the next six weeks with the new group which is likely to be three-piece (leaving out the success of their joint promotional record. Meehan intends to continue his career as A and B man. They will record their follow-up "Diamonds" within the next few weeks and an EP is being planned.

Ball—in Japanese!

JENNY BALL will record an album of Japanese folk, and will soon go for exclusive release in Japan later this year. The material will be Japanese and Ball herself to make a promotional tour to folk.

BOBBY DARIN ON ATV

BOBBY DARIN will be seen on British television next week. He is the guest star in Wednesday's edition of the "Bob Hope Show" which ATV is screening. Ethel Merman and Jack Benny are also featured in the hour-long show.

Darin will sing "All By Myself," "I'm Gonna Get That Girl," and "Misty" medley to include "Aah Be Afraid" and "Monster Mash."

Leslie Douglass's new spring series for ATV is now confirmed. "The Tonight Show" will commence its week run in April. Miki and Jerry are again likely to appear with him.

Max Bygraves and The Kaye Sisters head the TV spot on February 3, and Harry Secombe tops the bill the following week.

What are they doing to Connie?

YES, it IS Connie Francis, but what a change! Sophisticated, sexy—this is a new look Connie designed to take the taste, particularly the movie-going ones—by storm.

At first sight of the pictures I booked a call to Connie in the Las Vegas night spot where she is appearing to find out what it was all about.

It was 7.30 a.m. when Connie came through. In Las Vegas it was a mere 11.30 p.m. and for Connie the night was just beginning as her exuberance made clear.

"Hi there! You got the pictures?" she called. "Thought you'd like them—they're the result of months of work. You know, I've lost 16 pounds in weight to get that look."

"Why the change?"

"Oh, I've been one style too long," said Connie. "But this

isn't an overnight change. I've spent months getting this new look."

"I decided it was high class more as a glamour girl. I'm going to make a picture along those lines in May, it's called 'Girl Singer!'"

I asked her if the part called for sex appeal.

"Well, a nice sort of sex appeal. I don't want to lose the friendly manner. No, say it will be Connie Francis-type sex appeal. But have a talk to Dad—he knows all about it."

George Francis, the man responsible for her recording career, "Who's Sorry Now," fitted in the rest of the picture for me.

"You should have seen Connie's opening night here," he said. "If you really wanted to see the change."

"She has a wardrobe of at

least 12 brand-new dresses, all of them very sophisticated."

"And her act. She's dropped all the numbers she sang three or four years ago and has replaced them with standards."

"Her closing number is 'What Kind Of Fool Am I' and you should have heard the applause she got on her opening night."

"Will we be seeing this new look Connie soon?"

"I want to come very much," said Connie. "But it couldn't be before the autumn, not for any length of time, at any rate."

Chris Hutchins



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Karl Denver pants is on again

THE Manchester Palace pantomime featuring Karl Denver will re-open tomorrow (Friday) after being closed for 12 days as a result of serious fire damage.

Next Sunday, Karl and his trio members travel to London for a recording session in which they will record the Johnny Worth compositions "Goodbye And Bless You" for March release.

They originally recorded the number in December but are recording it again on advice from Karl's former recording manager and DISC columnist Jack Good, who is in New York.

Joe Brown guests in B.B.C. TV's "Crackerjack" on February 11.

Bert in, Craig out

BERT WEEDON takes over from Craig Douglas as co-presenter on the Light Programme's "On The Scene" on February 7 and 14, while the singer is in hospital for a tonsil operation.

On March 10, Weedon leaves for a three-day trip to Stockholm and will play two concerts and guest on Swedish TV.

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by Don Nicholl

INTERESTING point about this week's releases is the number of newcomers who are to be heard on this release.

New from the States for a start are The Moments, a top-class group in both vocal and instrumental terms. They're going to be around for more than just a moment, believe me.

Mark Valentino and Sandy Stewart are also here with discs from the States... and Miss Stewart could make her name known on this side of the Atlantic with Little Brother.

From home bases we get debuts from Johnny Clive, Wendy Walker and Van Dorcia, while Billie Davis, the port-wine character, from Mike... second hit, makes her solo start.

Craig Douglas
 Tony Clay: I'd Be Smiling Now
 (Parlophone) P. 5782
 CRAIG DOUGLAS WAS to have faced competition from... New Wave...
 He handles the...
 Excellent backing from Harry Robinson, too.

Adam Faith
 What Now? I Will Have I Got
 (Parlophone) P. 5783
 YES, it should reach the parade for Adam all right and it may do better than "Baby Talk A Boy"...
 Adam handles it without bother...
 along on a country and western path, nice.

Helen Shapiro
 Queen For Tonight (Daddy)
 Couldn't Get Me Out Of This
 (Columbia) D. 4968
 HELEN SHAPIRO HAS BEEN...
 a steady clumping beat...
 I like and welcome this disc.

Ned Miller
 From A Jack To A King
 (Broken Hearts)
 NED MILLER you...
 which adds over the Atlantic...
 It's a fun country and western...
 in itself would make the lists...



ADAM FAITH, whose "What Now?" is better than "Baby Talk A Boy," signs autographs for fans in the dressing room at the Pavilion, Bournemouth, where he is appearing in pantomime (DISC Pic).

Craig, Helen and Adam lead for the charts

highly rated if someone really wanted to give Alma Couss a hand fight for sales on Tel Him, and there'll be someone who bought the Mike Sarno recording of "Will You Be My Girl?"

Billie Davis
 Tell Him I'm Thankful
 (Decca) F. 1172/2
 TEENAGER Billie Davis is going to give Alma Couss a hand fight for sales on Tel Him, and there'll be someone who bought the Mike Sarno recording of "Will You Be My Girl?"

Brian Hyland
 I May Not Live To See Tomorrow
 (HMV POP 1111)***
 BRIAN HYLAND has had his hits here before now, and there's probably be big sales for this new release also. Not, because I think it's one of his best efforts, but because Hyland will be here in person to boost interest.

Johnny and the Hurricanes
 What Ever Happened To Baby Jane?
 (London) L. 969/9***
 IT WAS an eruption of the kind you don't see often...
 It was a joy to see them and new...
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Tricia Marks
 How Can I Know? You're Still Here
 (Parlophone) R. 692/2***
 A PART from a couple of lip-synched songs, Tricia Marks' debut...
 It bears out early opinions of the girl...
 It bears out early opinions of the girl...

Sandy Stewart
 My Coloring Book
 (Mercury) M. 2517/6***
 ANOTHER American recording...
 It's a big number. My Coloring Book...
 It's a big number. My Coloring Book...

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 THE BEATLES have been...
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Sandy Stewart
 MY COLORING BOOK...
 In the States was a record by...
 Sandy comes from Philadelphia...
 Sandy comes from Philadelphia...

Billie Davis
 ONE of Mike Sarno's discs...
 Billie Davis has now put a disc...
 Billie Davis has now put a disc...
 Billie Davis has now put a disc...

Johnny Clive
 JOHNNY CLIVE wrote his...
 Johnny Clive wrote his...
 Johnny Clive wrote his...
 Johnny Clive wrote his...

RATINGS

*****—Excellent.
 ****—Very good.
 ***—Good.
 **—Ordinary.
 *—Poor.

And the really big records that look like spinning to the top are marked by D.N.T. (Don Nicholl Tip).

Mean? Moody? Maybe he is, but

DISC

THIS IS THE FURY

Elvis gets back some of that rocking fire

ELVIS is wriggling again! Some of those hip and public twitching routines which electrified his early stage work and offended various self-appointed guardians of the public's morals are back in plenty during his performance of "Don't Wanna Be Tied" in his new "Ghisl, Ghisl, Ghisl" film which opens at the Plaza tonight (Thursday).

And as far as I'm concerned they make a very welcome contrast to the somewhat static delivery of his songs in recent films.

Elvis puts over "Tied" from the stage of a nightclub, and gets the whole audience

wriggling and twitching in their seats with him. There're film extras paid to do just that, of course, but this was not done in the film when things really became alive.

It's rendition of the title

and a vivid contrast to the soulful ballads in the film.

There are two good musical-type numbers which lived up to their LP promise as well. One is "Thanks To The Ruffin' Sea," led by Elvis

Nigel Hunter reviews 'Girls, Girls, Girls'

song behind the opening credits, and at the climax of the film culminated my impressions of its worth when I listened to the sound-track album a fortnight ago. Solid up-tempo beat punched across with all his old rocking fire.

seriously the film is frigate with some lovely sunny location shots off the tropical Florida coast. Musically it's well up to standard with some of the numbers outstanding. Dramatically — well, who knows about the acting like when a named Elvis gets going in his car's.

about a teen fishing boat and the other is "We're Coming In Loaded" done at the boat enter harbour with a record chat. This latter number could have been made longer to good advantage.

Believe, what plot there is centres on Elvis as a possible fishing skipper anxious to buy the boat which he and his departed dad built. A middle class singer (Viola Stevens) and a poor little rich girl (Laural Cordova) vie for his affections with the rich girl winning in the end.

But he's certainly not easy to understand, and that's one reason why I can't ever see him getting married. Not for a long time to come, anyway. He's a wonderful character, but I've had a lot of people tell me in these four years that they didn't like Billy.

They could never give any reason why, and invariably it turned out they'd never met him.

When this happened I used to try and arrange an introduction. And they'd always be convinced "You can't dislike him... on the other

"HE'S one of the nicest people I've ever had the privilege of calling a friend," Hal Carter told me, "and I know how to get along with him. But I don't honestly know what makes him tick. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY EVER WILL!"

"I've been Brenda Lee's road manager in America, worked with Johnny Burnette and met Fury's great old Elvis Presley, but I reckon Billy is the most fascinating person of them all."

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For four years now Billy Fury has been a top star with a fan following that rivals even that of Cliff Richard. Yet do the fans who buy his records and travel miles to see him know what he is REALLY like? Now, in an interview with John Wells, his former road manager, Hal Carter, reveals something of the star the fans never see.

HAL CARTER

hand you can't really get to know him. He's much too deep.

"And what chance would a girl have? He spends most of his time tearing over the country and you've really got to understand before you can click him."

If he talks about a steady girl friend... that usually means he's dated her twice.

On his stage appearances Billy gives the impression of being a man and a monkey couldn't think of a better person to ask if this applied to stage too.

"Mean? Never!" said Hal. "But he's certainly a very deep thinker. There have been occasions, and not necessarily when he has been annoyed or upset

that he hasn't spoken a word to anyone for hours on end.

"Occasionally he'll happen when someone is talking to him. Doesn't matter how important that person is, something will click and he'll be off."

And when he gets upset he goes where he'll remember once when we were cruising along the road to Great Yarmouth. Quite suddenly, the car struck two birds as they flew across the road.

"What the true effect on Billy Fury was only he will ever know. But he didn't speak to me for

NEXT WEEK

Billy Fury on stage

two and a half days afterwards. He was that upset and annoyed!"

"Do you know, I've never shared a cup in London he used to get rid of them when we started travelling so much. He didn't think it fair to keep them if he couldn't look after them properly. He gave some of them to The Browns' mother and the others to Dickie Price's mother. He'd like to go round and see them whenever he can."

This was the side to Billy I would never have expected... but then he's not the sort of "You know, went on Hal, "Billy doesn't have much time to relax, but when he does everyone seems to expect him to do something really wild. But he doesn't. He likes nothing better than to listen to his records. And he gets a good laugh. He must have about a hundred LPs, everything from Revue's 'Bolero' to the Dixies."

"And again, this might seem out of character, but wherever we are on the road, wherever it isn't swanky restaurants we stop at."

"If we spot a quaint pub or tea house that's the place we'll stop for a few minutes. If the fans could see this side of Billy I'm convinced they'd love him all the more. He's a great character."



Gossip Column

BY CHRIS HUTCHINS



EMI CALL BACK ROE DISC

ALTHOUGH advance copies were sent out to record reviewers and disc jockeys, EMI has suddenly decided not to release TOMMY ROE'S U.S. hit "Lower Circle" here — instead they are putting out his new American release "Gonna Take A Chance" tomorrow (Friday) giving Decca clear field with CRAIG DOUGLAS' cover of "Cris" — and MURIEL BASSBY'S solo at the May Fair Hotel, where she stayed before her departure for America, sold EMI a week. . . .

RECORDING a few days ago, CAROL ROE DENY would "Let Me Do It Myself" and "Growing Up" — but not a cover of SUE THOMPSON'S latest U.S. single, "Bill, Can You Spare Me Here for ALMA COLEMAN's Diamond Play tickets on the BRIAN HYLAND-LITTLE EVA show has been over when FAY HIGGINS' impression of ELVIS PRESLEY in the touring "Juke Box Doublets" show, BRAD NEWMAN has given a preview of a little old hat none. . . .

In four months Billy Fury's agency contract with The Bureau — who now CHE Richards' manager and agent — expires. Billy is managed by Larry Parris. . . . Tomorrow Jay Dee and the Statlers begin their engagement in Hamburg — the alternative to their British visit for

a tour with Brian Hyland. . . . Because recording engineers couldn't balance the sound of a Brazilian cabaca instrument, saxophone was used to provide the bossa nova rhythm in Ronnie Hilton's "The Gift." . . . Last week's EMI disc revealing titles of the most Elvis Presley single — not yet released in America — was a world stop. . . .

KENNY LYNCH had to cancel cabaret appearances at the "Jazz Club" when he lost his voice last week. . . . Bobby Darin will hit February 8 release on Capitol "You're The Reason I'm Living" on the same date Columbia issue Shirley Bassey's version of the Anthony Newley hit "Kid of Fool Am I." . . . Next week's Birthday's: Acker Bilk (Monday), Mark Wynter (Tuesday), Don Fury (Friday) and Bob Allison (Saturday). . . . Jack Jimmy Savile: "When the boys at a well-known theatre chain dropped a few years ago, all profits were decided he announced "We'll close one of them — and if it's a success we'll start the lot!"

ON a visit to the DISC offices last Friday JET HARRIS achieved an ambition — by sending the microphone to (Friday) and BOB EDEN KANE and DOUG SHEDDEN back to London from Bristol last week broke down since then Doug has accepted a new Ford Galaxy. . . . NAVY CRIGL was one of the big band names who seldom turn up on their own recording sessions. Arranges-MID HAL MOONEY usually does the honours for him. . . .

OVER lunch a few days ago, ADAM CALIFF'S manager EVELYN TAYLOR assured me that there is no truth in the rumour that Doug has accepted a new Ford holiday home. . . .