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(Musical Express Staff Reporter) THE London Music Festival will be presented this year by Jack Hylton, Harold Fielding and Francis S. Gentle will commence at Harrington on June 6.

EDMUNDO ROS IN A GAY SAMBA SEQUENCE Musical Features in "Wedding Bells" AFTER finishing at their Bagatelle and Astor night-club engagements at 3.30 a.m., Edmundo Ros and his men answered an 8.30 a.m. film-studio call last week at Gainsborough...

Palmer leads Band while Rabin & Davis are in U.S.A. In the absence of Oscar Rabin and Harry Davis who left for America on April 30, Eddie Palmer is leading the band. They are appearing at Sunderland for two weeks which will be followed by a week at the Coronation Ballroom, Ramsgate.

BILLY PENROSE QUARTET BACK AFTER EXCITING TOUR IN M.E. THE Billy Penrose Quartette who arrived back in England the other week inform us that their Middle East tour resulted in many exciting experiences.

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NAT TEMPLE WILL NOT GO INTO NIGHTIGALE

Felix King will remain there

CONTRARY TO THE NEWS GIVEN US LAST WEEK BY BOTH THE OWNER OF THE CLUB AND THE BANDLEADER, NAT TEMPLE WILL NOT TAKE HIS BAND INTO THE NIGHTIGALE NOW.

NEW RECORD SERIES FOR DISC JOCKEY JACKSON READERS will be glad to hear that following his last successful record series Jack Jackson will again present his Record Roundup commencing June 26.

ENGAGEMENT PARTY Victor Sylvester (Junn.) and film star Patti Morgan



RECORD OF THE MONTH CLUB THIS new enterprise, organised by Towers of London Ltd., made its debut to record collectors last week.

TITO (MAC) BURNS, AN' A'-AN' A'! Believe it or not, the gentleman in Highland gear is Tito Burns at the Burns, Falke, Kirkcaldy, with Teddy Foster and members of his band who were playing there last week.

BEECHAM AND DE-SABATA Brilliant Performances

(By M.E. Music Editor) THE Hundred and Thirty-sixth season of the Royal Philharmonic Society ended on Wednesday May 13, in the most triumphant manner with performances of Beethoven's last two symphonies.

BORIS GODUNOV AT COVENT GARDEN (By Our Music Critic) THE new production of Mouskorgsky's "Boris Godunov" at Covent Garden is most lavish in its scenic splendour.

BISETTO IN "SHOW TIME" Bobbie Bissetto and his Band who are in their second year as resident rumba band at the Orchard Road, broadcast in the "Show Time" series today.

CAVALL IN "SOUS LES TOITS" THE first of a new series of programmes — "Sous Les Toits de Paris" — which will introduce some of the best-known Parisian artistes, has now commenced production in Paris.

BRITAIN'S STAR WRITERS MEET IN UNITED STATES



This happy reunion group shows from left to right Eddie Liebano, Dorothy Squires, Billy Reid, Joe Labin and Captain W. Squires personal manager to Reid and Squires.

JOSE NORMAN FOR BERKELEY ADAM BAND FLIES TO PARIS

JOSE NORMAN and his Rumbaleros will commence a 21-day Berkeley Hotel on May 19 in place of the Maurice Smart Quartet who as we announced last week will be leaving that Restaurant. Preliminary negotiations on behalf of Savoy Hotel Ltd., were carried out by the Berkeley's Musical Director, Ian Stewart, and final negotiations were completed by Leslie Kettle of Music Artists Ltd.

STARITA LEAVES FOR GERMANY RUDY STARITA and his all-Girls Band left for a twelve weeks tour of Germany this week. Starita told us that he is looking forward to this tour as he knows how much the Servicemen appreciate this kind of entertainment, having done the same trip in 1945.

D'AMATO WILL COMPERE "NOCTURNE" Following the news published in this newspaper last week that there would be a new series featuring fretted instruments, we now understand that Chappie D'Amato will act as the compere for "Nocturne."

DINAH MILLER IS BACK Dinah Miller, who prior to the war was one of our most popular vocalists remembered for her weekly broadcasts with the Jack Harris band, returned to England recently. She has been booked Cyril Stapleton and Frank Morgan, her solo agent, informs us that she commenced as featured artist at the Nightingale Club on Wednesday, May 19.

BANDS FOR CHARITY At a Big Charity Ball to be held at the Park Lane Hotel, New Century Artists have booked Cyril Stapleton and his Orchestra, Vic Lewis and his Orchestra and the Hermans Denis to appear for the organisers, the Egerton Aid Committee.

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You may like "Musical Express" or you may dislike it, but there's one thing you can't do - ignore it!

THE VOICE This being Whitson, and inspired by the glorious weather, my thoughts turn to serious things and I dedicate this column, in the form of personal messages, to my friends among the intelligentsia of the business.

TO MR. DAVIDSON You, Sir, have taken on a most onerous task. But you commence duties with the blessing of Musical Express. The B.B.C. needs you. The music and entertainment industry needs you. Radio in this country needs new blood.

TO BOROUGH AND TOWN COUNCILS It is a poor Council that cannot provide music in its open spaces, parks or recreation grounds. I am typing these words within a stone's throw of one well known Borough park.

TO EMILE LITTLER On behalf of the entire musical profession, thank you, Mr. Littler, for having given us the opportunity of seeing and hearing "The Medium" - Gian Carlo Menotti's brilliant work.

TO HENRY HALL To you, Henry, I repeat my congratulations of some months ago. You had the courage to disband the orchestra and discontinue the act, not because it was bad, but because you

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HOHNER New Piano Accordion Publications MARCHA ESPAÑOL (Spanish March) by GERALD CROSSMAN

Reported exclusively for "Musical Express" by the Editor-in-Chief of the important French magazine "Jazz-Hot" PARSIAN JAZZ RALLY

WELL, it has happened. The great Jazz Rally at the Marigny Theatre in Paris has already commenced and we write these words. It has, as it were, to do with the imagination of the Parisian public.

They arrived on Sunday, May 30, at nine o'clock in the morning. Bands so far contracted to play the location include Vaughn Munnroe, Louis Prima, Eddie Howard, Ray McKinley, Frankie Carle, Gene Krupa and Tony Pastor.

In the evening there was a private reception at the Panache Club in the Bois de Boulogne and several Parisian personalities were present. Erroll Garner was the third man in the line.

Following Robert Goffin, Aimé Barelli introduced the French musicians to the public. But let us talk of Barelli himself. He is a French pianist and composer.

BY ANDRE HODER The French Jazz fans who for the most part expect Erroll Garner to play at the Jazz Category of the two pieces ("Play Piano and Play Piano")

I HEARD the Peter Yorke miniature music last Thursday night. The keynotes were large orchestra in the "Sweet Serenade" series with the orchestra's loss to radio in recent years.

MY chief had some bright things to say the other week about the sex-play of the character "Ruby" in Merry-go-Round.

BEST and slickest script writer in the world is Charlie Chester. But then the man's expected performer. Makes all the difference you see.

WHY no broadcast of Gian-Carlo Menotti's brilliant opera, "The Medium"? Some say that it is to be destroyed as well as heard.

ANGLO-TURKISH MUSIC FESTIVAL Seen at Ankara Station are members of the Presidential Philharmonic Orchestra of Turkey giving visiting English musicians a rousing send-off.

WHAT surprises me is all this attention being focused upon the continental radio stations. Notice how the profession also the music publishing trades are interesting themselves in such stations as Munich, Frankfurt and Luxembourg.

THAT Nat Temple Octet is going a long way. Here is a musician who has been mentioned by one critic had unkind words to say about it. But let my professional friends judge for themselves.

FOR CANTO Transatlantic American Commentary BY STUART S. ALLEN

NOW that summer is almost here, I dare expect a considerable increase in business. Those localities which had been ordered to close or restrict their activities

GOING to the other Coast. I learn that the Adams Theatre in Newark, New Jersey, is to experiment this year by continuing with its stage show policy throughout the summer months.

ALSO reopening for the summer season in New York is the Club New Inn on Riverside Drive. The place opens on May 26 with the Johnny Guarneri Orchestra.

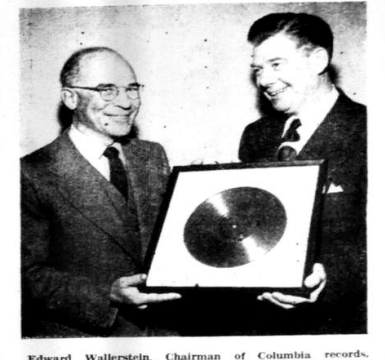
LES BROWN, currently playing on the Bob Hope radio show at the Hollywood Palladium for a four week season on June 1.

SWING fan's delight. Illinois Jacquet has shown such good returns as a result of his last tour that the State Agency have decided to book him for another tour this September.

RAYMOND SCOTT has come up with another of his weird song titles. Latest is called "Serenade To An Unsuccessful Presidential Aspirant."

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ANGLO-TURKISH MUSIC FESTIVAL KISS ME ONCE KISS ME MORE LEADS MUSIC HITS! THE COMEDY PAGE! MY TOWN GRANDPA! TERESA



Edward Wallerstein, Chairman of Columbia records, presents Arthur Godfrey with a gold plated copy of his recording of "Too Fat Polka" in celebration of the sale of its millionth copy.

reval h o s e . . . Kate Smith celebrated her seventeenth year as a radio star on May 29 in a specially sponsored Gallup Poll conducted for "Redbook Magazine."

reorganized his band after a long absence from band leading. He was a three week engagement at the Strand Theatre, New York, this week.

JUST before they sail for London for their Palladium booking this July, the Crosby Sisters will play a date at the New York Roxy Theatre.

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Kathie Stobart and Art Thompson with drummer Ossie Bissonette while they were resident in Palm Springs.

WELL, here we are back in England after having traveled 25,000 miles in ten months. Yes, there was a lot to do in our travels over Canada and America, so we'd better commence with our arrival in Montreal in July of last year.

Two Britons played their way across 25,000 miles of U.S.A. and Canadian Continent. Here they tell their vivid story to Musical Express.

By KATHIE STOBART and ART THOMPSON

We went to the Three Deuces, where Coleman Hawkins was playing at that time. He is as great as ever, but we did feel that his decided leaning to bebop these days, even though his interpretation is wonderful, is not the Hawkins that we know.

When we left Vancouver we headed for California, on the way we stopped at San Francisco. Here we saw the most wonderful bands in America and his City Slickers, Jones does and every one of the musicians is a virtuoso.

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opened by ex-Servicemen and runs the finest in programmes and music twenty-four hours a day. We stayed in Winnipeg four weeks and then left for a holiday in Banff. We travelled over the Rockies to Vancouver where Art met many of his old musical friends.

When we arrived in Hollywood, where the big show business is, there were many bands and we saw some of the best. This is a town where you can see the best of the famous bands that appeared in this hall holding over six thousand people, there were times when the hall held only a handful. To coin an American phrase, the majority of them said a big "gee".

The Pan Alley

"The Troubadour"

Table with columns: British, American & Foreign, and dates (April 12, 15, 17, 24, May 1).

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"This is just a rough idea—it'll sound much better if you engage them because then they'd be able to buy the instruments!"

TO BE OR NOT TO BE COMMERCIAL—Since the middle Twenties, and perhaps even before that, jazz, jazz jazz, has been the breeding ground of progress in popular dance music.

AROUND THE TURNABLE with Denis Preston

follow commercialists. Such a Rebob (which still carries a position no longer exists, increasingly stringent demands of commercialism have forced the standard of popular dance music to a new high level, and the latest American dance orchestras of the present day are musically so well equipped to meet the range and scope of the trombone. At the same time, Don Redman (even more than Duke Ellington) was responsible for introducing honest to goodness counterpoint into orchestral scoring. All along the line, jazz was the progenitor of progress!

The prime falling of our own big hands is their lack of policy—or perhaps their pursuance of misguided policy. Ted Heath, for example, has a first rate music-making machine—well drilled and highly skilled. Yet he still concentrates on swing arrangements, derivative and only narrowly popular, which am convinced, do not do justice to the band's real forte.

Massine's Three Cornered Hat (Musical Express Critic)

THE recording of Brahms' Ein deutsches Requiem by Singverein der Gesellschaft der Musik Freunde in Wien with the Vienna Philharmonic conducted by Herbert von Karajan on Columbia LK 1055-6 is a most notable and praiseworthy achievement.

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MICHAEL MILES, back in England from work and holiday in Canada and America... "Radio Revels" in the first part of the show...

EMUNDO ROS IN PICTURE

Director Ken Annakin, with Director of Photography Reg. Weyer, size up angles on Edmundo Ros and his Band for the Samson sequence in "Wedding Bells" at Lillington Studios.

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IVY BENSON COMING BACK News reaches us from Ivy Benson who has been touring the British zone in Germany with her All-Girls band...

NEW QUARTET FOR THE VIC LEWIS BROADCAST VIC LEWIS and his Orchestra same time and the series originally scheduled to commence on May 24 has now been fixed for June 1.

HEATH BAND HONOURED Director G. Romani, enjoyed an afternoon with the Heath Band...

MENDELSSOHN TO CAPTAIN CRICKET TEAM Felix Mendelssohn has been asked to captain a team of county cricketers...

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Accordions Times Edited by J. J. BLACK ACCORDIONISTS had The Reigate Piano Accordion Society under its musical banner...

TIN PAN ALLEY (Continued from page 3) NON-REQUESTED RECORDS... I hear Eddie Kasner has bought the Yale Music Corporation...

25,000 MUSICAL MILES (Continued from page 3) remember that Gozzo and Condon were with the Herman Herd before I'd banded and re-banded...

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THE end of the evening's programme came all too quickly and the audience demanded and more from this indefatigable artist... The programme, played entirely from memory, included such lengthy and intricate items as Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12...

On our return to London we paid a visit to our old friend Charlie Parker... For alto players we choose Art Pepper and for the re-bop tenor we choose Charlie Parker... We would like to give a general airing to the first-class musicians who are presiding during the trip...

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PATRICK FORBES IN SINGAPORE... Some of the studio dates consist of all Hawaiian music played by the big orchestra and the remainder are both dance and straight music programmes... Competition is great between the various hotel bands in Singapore and Freddy Gordon, drummer with the band, says that it definitely keeps the musicians on their toes...