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# Time For New Male Solo Artiste To Hit The Scene!

For chart addicts the scene doesn't appear to be changing too much. The groups are still striving for bigger and better hits. The girl singers are moving into the charts with slightly more strength but I can't see that being really a national thing. The girls rarely make the charts consistently and the only two likely to continue to really hit hard are Dusty Springfield and Cilla Black. But no one seems to have noticed one thing, that the male soloists are not in the charts so much.

Or rather, that we haven't had a consistent male singer since Roy Orbison and Billy Fury. I suppose you could count Billy J. Kramer but he really is part of a group too, so what are we left with? NO-ONE! Promoters, managers, and agents are always saying they don't know what the next current craze will be. Will it be girl singers (in whom most managers don't have a great deal of confidence for consistent charts ability) or will it be duos, trios, or what?

I think it's about time that a new male singer hit the market. Not with a backing group. A singer who can feel equally at ease with a small group as with a large orchestra. Someone who can sing! Someone who can switch from a slow ballad to an uptempo one and still have feeling, sincerity, and put everything into his performance. Laugh at Elvis. But even now he's racking up Top Twenty discs and his total in Britain alone is approaching the sixty mark!!

Can any other singer say that that's not fantastic! It's certainly not been done before and The Beatles are going to have a long wait until they get around to that. Millions of songs, thousands of potential Elvis's and Cliff's are auditioned every day.

Many of them succeed but so many of them have a hit and then what happens? They carry on with the

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same style, the same sound. We haven't had a singer with lasting appeal for a long, long time. We still haven't got one. Take the really consistent British artistes who have had ten or more hits. Cliff, Billy Fury? That's it.

The Americans have had Roy Orbison and Elvis Presley and until lately Brenda Lee. That is it. Our male singers with or without groups stand as Billy J. Kramer, Gerry and The Pacemakers, Brian Poole, and that's about that. And they too, are all known as group singers.

I don't consider a singer consistent until he or she has had at least ten Top Twenty hits, taken over the average time of two and a half years. But others say that a singer is consistent if he has three hits. I don't agree. Many people buy records but buy a performer's second disc in enough quantities to push it into the charts simply because they liked his or her first hit. The third record is usually just as easy, because by that time the singer has had time to settle down from the avalanche of extra work and has found a lot of new songs.

But for the fourth record things take on a different light. Other singers have come along, for by now a whole year has passed. Competition hots up and his or her "sound" may be out of date.

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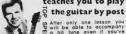
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Britain has admittedly some good singers on whom to pin hopes that they can remain chart artistes for the next five years. There's Kramer, Gerry, Brian Poole, Cliff, Fury, Cilla Black, Dusty Springfield, and that's about it. The others I personally think have a struggle. I'm not of course, counting the groups. The full potential of The Animals, The Shadows. The Hollies, The all conquering Beatles, The Dave Clark Five, The Rolling Stones, The Searchers, and The Bachelors. The Swinging Blue Jeans, The Fourmost hasn't yet been realised. Those I count as the main groups, plus Lulu and The Luvers.

But as regards the main question, where is a good male singer who is not afraid to change his style—the answer is that one hasn't been found. Or should I say that one has been found, but he isn't ready to be launched yet. I've seen him, met him, and heard his records. Seven different styles on seven different discs. Plus the fact that he's tall, dark, handsome, and really, really, with-it. I rate him as the biggest potential since Cliff for chart hits and popularity.

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We take another look behind the scenes of-

# **READY STEADY GO!**

#### By FRANCIS HITCHING

Editor of Ready Steady Go!

I met Keith Richard of The Rolling Stones recently just a couple of hours after he had stepped off the plane back from America with the rest of the boys. He had had about two hours sleep (including an hour on the plane) in the previous forty-eight hours, but even being tired didn't stop him raving about some of the things about the music scene in the States.

Point one: if you were a successful singer or group in America, you didn't have to work so hard as you do here.
"It isn't that we don't like doing

tours for kids here," he said. "It's great when you know an audience likes you and is getting a kick from listening

to you.
"But believe me you get really bushed when you're doing one-nighters seven nights a week. I reckon you could mention about fifty towns where we've played, and I wouldn't be able to tell you a thing about them.

"Probably wouldn't even remember whether we've been there or not, come

Especially in the winter, it's often dark when you get to a place and dark when you leave. All you see is the inside of some hotel and the stage of some

"I'd like to be able to settle down a bit more-I think we all would.

Now over in the States it's different. There's a singer over on the West Coast who's had a few little hits-nothing much, just a record now and again in the local top ten, not even in the national.

"All he does is work about four months a year up and down the coast doing dates, and the rest of the time he just sits around the great house he's got, and swims in the swimming pool he's had built. "He's got enough money in the bank

and insurance policies not to have to work again for the rest of his life. He just works when he likes, because he

enjoys it.
"Man, that's the real life."

The other thing that struck all the Stones was the standard of recording in American studios.

In just two days in a Chicago studio, they recorded enough numbers to last them all summer—a new single, a new EP, and a new LP. And if you knew just how fussy The Stones are about the noise they make, you'd realise this is

noise they make, your quite an achievement!
"It was ridiculous," said Andrew "Normally we reckon to spend anything up to two hours getting the balance between the instruments exactly right.



The Animals, whose new disc, House Of The Rising Sun had its first air play on R.S.G!

"Over there, they got it in ten minutes flat. I asked them how on earth they managed it, and they just said they were used to working at that speed."
What knocked The Stones out was

working with the same recording people who handle Chuck Berry and Muddy Waters-two of the Stones' favourite singers. We haven't yet seen Muddy Waters on "Ready Steady Go!" but if he comes over in the autumn you can bet we'll be trying our hardest to have him on the show.

One notable thing about The Stones' new single is that the 'A' side plays for three minutes 20 seconds. "Not Fade Away," for comparison, was only one minute 50 seconds long—just over half. Could be there's a trend towards longer records, and not before time.

The Animals, for instance, refused to cut their new disc, House Of The Rising Sun, down to the normal length, and at present it's even longer than the Stones'-four minutes 35 seconds.

This is in fact an act of considerable bravery in the hard commercial world of selling records. People making

television and radio programmes, like myself, tend to fight shy of long discsfor several reasons.

The first one is that if a record runs too long, you have to cut out somebody else's number. Another is that not all singers or groups can go on for this length of time without being boring. But of course you wouldn't say that about The Stones or The Animals!

As you know if you've read this column before, we've backed both groups right from the beginning, and I'm glad to say we've been proved right. "House Of The Rising Sun" is such a good disc that we were delighted to give it the first play on the air, and I said casually to Eric, the lead singer, that he was going to have a busy time with all the radio and TV dates coming up.

I was astonished when I heard that in fact nearly every other programme except ours was reluctant to play it.

Anyway, congratulations to Micky Most, their recording manager (you probably know him best as a singer) for digging his heels in and making a great hit in spite of breaking the rules.



# Stones Rolling On!

Well, they're back and they're heading for even greater triumphs! None other than those fab Rolling Stones. Their new single It's All Over Now is likely to sell a bomb and we hear that plans for cutting a new LP are under way. Since their return from America The Rolling Stones have had fantastic coverage from the Press. Their fans have been after them and have had the theatres completely besieged. Recording studios that the boys are known to use have been shadowed by girls of every size, shape and form and the boys (The Stones that is) have to travel everywhere by car to avoid being mobbed.

Mobbed, too, with a capital M. The Rolling Stones' fans are some of the most violent I've ever seen. In fact, I travelled down to the BBC Shepherds Bush studios so that I could get an "inside" view of what was happening.

I managed to squeeze into the big Chevrolet with the five boys, and their manager Andrew Oldham. The boys were on their way to film their first

"Juke Box Jury."

As the car pulled up outside, a mass of fans waited twenty feet away. Suddenly they smashed through the police cordons and I burrowed further down in the car as they ran forward, screaming their heads off. But the boys loved it. When one girl put her hand through the open window to try and touch us all, the boys laughed and nearly pulled her into the car!! Any other top group would have been running like mad to get away. But The Stones love it all. Their co-manager Andrew Oldham, watched them fondly like a father as they had to be literally plucked from being trampled on by stern-faced policemen who didn't think it very funny at all, tho' a couple were whispering about autographs for the boys.

This is The Stones. They are temperamental. They can be darned awkward. They don't conform and they don't see why they should. They are the fans' blessing and the Press photographers' curse. Recording engineers have two different words for them. One is "Fantastic." The other is unprintable. They are and will remain possibly the most liked, disliked, loved, hated group since the big beat boom started. Yet everyone in the business, whatever their feelings, can't help thinking that if The Beatles weren't around The Rolling Stones would take most of the big slices of the big money.

At the moment they are only picking up a measly £500/£600!! isn't it!!

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## **BRITAIN'S TOP THIRTY**

House Of The Rising Sun (28)

It's Over (I)

Someone, Someone (2)

You're No Good (8) Hold Me (14)

Hello Dolly (4) Ramona (6)

Nobody I Know (II) You're My World (3)

My Guy (5) 10

11 I Won't Forget You (19) Can't You See That She's Mine (10)

12 13 Here I Go Again (7) 14 It's All Over Now (15)

Kissin' Cousins (24) 15 The Rise And Fall Of Flingel Bunt (13) 16

17 Hello Dolly (17)

I Love You Because (-) 18

19 No Particular Place To Go (12) 20 Long Tall Sally (EP) (-)

21 Dimples (23)

22 Bama Lama, Bama Loo (20)

23 Shout (9)

On The Beach (25) 24

25 Chapel Of Love (29) Constantly (16)

Like Dreamers Do (26) 27

28 Juliet (18)

Why Not Tonight? (-) 29

Some Day We're Gonna Love Again (-) The Searchers

The Animals Roy Orbison

B. Poole/Tremeloes Swinging Blue Jeans P. J. Proby Louis Armstrong

The Bachelors Peter and Gordon

Cilla Black Mary Wells Jim Reeves Dave Clark Five

The Hollies **Rolling Stones** Elvis Presley The Shadows

Frankie Vaughan Jim Reeves Chuck Berry

The Beatles John Lee Hooker Little Richard Lulu & The Luvers

Cliff Richard The Dixie Cups Cliff Richard

The Applejacks The Four Pennies The Mojos

#### ARTISTES POP STAR CHARTS TOP GROUPS

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1	ELVIS PRESLEY	1
2	CLIFF RICHARD	2
3	BILLY FURY	3
4	CILLA BLACK	5
5	ADAM FAITH	4
6	BRENDA LEE	6
7	HELEN SHAPIRO	7
8	KATHY KIRBY	12
9	JOHN LEYTON	9
10	ROY ORBISON	_
11	BILLY J. KRAMER	8
12	DUSTY SPRINGFIELD	
13	MIKE SARNE	11
14	FRANK IFIELD	13
15	P. J. PROBY	_
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Catch You Crying
Chapel Of Love
Can't You See That
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No Particular
Place To Go Chuck Berry
The Girl From

Ipanema 11 People
12 Bad To Me
13 Love Me With All
Your Heart
14 Tell Me Why

Peter and Gordon Gerry/Pacemakers The Dixie Cups

Dave Clark Five

Getz & Gilberto Barbra Streisand Billy J. Kramer

Ray Charles Singers Bobby Vinton

Love Me Do Walk On By Don't Throw Your Love Away Little Children

Dang Me Good Times

Good Times My Guy Hello Dolly Keep On Pushing Try It Baby Beans In My Ears What's The Matter With You Baby! Alone With You The Little Old Lady (from Pasadena) Wishin' And Hopin' Yesterday's Gone Yesterday's Gone

The Beatles Dionne Warwick

The Searchers
Billy J. Kramer
Roger Miller
Sam Cooke
Mary Wells
Louis Armstrong
The Impressions
Marvin Gaye Serendipity Singers

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# **DISC**ussion

There been a battle royal already for the top spots of the charts over the past couple of weeks—with onslaughts from The Stones, The Animals to name but two; this week's releases are going to add to the fight—and how!! Big names and big sellers all over the place! An exciting week—so let's meet and DISCuss the first one:

The Beatles join the merry fray with the title song from their film, "A Hard Day's Night" which, on first hearing alone, I like even better than Can't Buy Me Love; but then that previous hit grew on me the more I heard it. All the bite and impact expected from J., P., G. & R. is on the new one and it fairly sizzles with their zest and personality. A pretty powerful offering on any standards and I like it very much; even so, I have a sneaking suspicion that, on this occasion, the song itself won't be as durable as some of John's and Paul's previous compositions.

The Four Pennies say "I Found Out The Hard Way" on their second release and I'm afraid they might find it harder going up the charts this time. The composition does not possess nearly the same melodic or lilting charm of Juliet; in fact, the melody is a little elusive and the arrangement depends much more on a heavier beat. The boys employ a confidential tone of voice on this slow lilter but, at times, it seems to be too slow and a trifle heavy. A pity because they perform well.

The trouble with Decca's "Tell Me What I Can Do" is that it does nothing to capture the live image of those German lads "The Rattles." On-stage they make a big impact but the recorded image is a little thin and doesn't do justice to the group. The song itself lacks any real individuality and the unfortunate sum total is that the disc sounds just like any other of its type.

★★★ BOUQUET ★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ tricky to decide-but after considering many points it goes to The Merseybeats' new Fontana disc Wishin' And Hopin.' Up to date this group has advanced in leaps and bounds on every new release. This one very effectively combines the boys' own individual style with some slick harmonies and changes in tempo. They take it all in their stride, very smoothly, in a relaxed performance which makes an immediate impression. Without a doubt their very best disc yet; also without a doubt they were helped and inspired by the haunting and lilting composition by none other than Messrs. Bacharach and David. Here's wishin' and hopin' for The Merseybeats' biggest hit yet! Very deserving. \*\*\*\*

Yet another top group comes our way on the Pye label—The Searchers!

On the romantically hopeful title "Some Day We're Gonna Love Again" they are on top of their form. It moves along, lightly, at a fairly quick tempo and the vocal treatment will catch the ear on very first hearing. It is all very carefree and uplifting, neatly balanced in both performance and recording. As attractive as the song is, I wouldn't say it was the very best material the boys have had—but the initial impact will do more than just suffice.

On Columbia Freddie And The Dreamers give a very bright and bouncy performance of the film title song "Just For You." The song sounds very much the same as some others given to us in the past by Freddie and he sings it well within his basic style. It's a fast mover, all very clean-cut and pleasant but the disc is strictly for the established fans, I think.

The celebrated Spector Sound has returned on the London label with The Ronettes' latest title "(The best part of) Breakin' Up." Here is all the rather muzzy, pounding beat now associated with The Ronettes and The Crystals and, of its kind, very effective. Personally, I find this recording technique reduces every composition to a basic level; this one doesn't sound much different from the girls' others! Neverheless, it makes its impact and there is an infectious quality in the very regular pounding beat of this slowish number.

As different as chalk from cheese is the new one from Sounds Incorporated when comparing their Columbia revival of "Spanish Harlem" with The Spartans. This instrumental version of the melodic "... Harlem" is light and foot-tapping. A neat arrangement played well, with a particularly striking lead guitar well in the forefront. But I wouldn't think this style of revival is right for the upper brackets of the hit parade just yet.

Following her big hit of My Guy, Mary Wells joins forces with Marvin Gaye on Stateside's "Once Upon A Time." The insistent but gentle beat commands both the attention and the feet, while Mary's own performance has that same quality which helped My Guy on the road to success. This itime, however, the song is not quite so strong and any popularity it might achieve will be due entirely to the performance.

Warner Bros. have issued a two-part single which captures the foremost American folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary in "live" performance. "Oh Rock My Soul" occupies both sides of the disc



and can be said to be a study in how to influence and build-up the sing-song element in an audience. Little potential pop appeal here; I like the trio and (what little there is of it on the disc) I like the treatment of the song; but as it is predominantly an organises sing-song I don't think it should have been issued on a single. Wonderfully atmosyberic LP material.

#### - BRICKBAT-

The revival of Dream Lover, on M.G.M., suffers from a treatment that I can describe only as "very The Paris Sisters treat the words with a whispered tone which gives them no chance to colour the lyric; this results in a monotonous delivery. On top of this they sound rather like unsonhisticated children singing an adult song. I just don't understand this type of treatment, whether it be contrived or natural; it certainly doesn't give either artistes or the disc much chance. The warmth and charm of the song has been destroyed for me because the overall treatment is so thin and chilly.

Frank Ifield has gone back to his "yodel" on Columbia's "I Should Care" and he treats this oldie with much warmth; a polished performance; but, on this occasion, the only really commercial thing about the disc is the now famous "yodel." The composition is first class but, unlike some of Frank's other revivals, lacks what might be called a "popular" melody.

Whether there be pros or cons, I've enjoyed this week's varied selection—good luck to them all, although some will need more luck than others!

And to YOU I say—lots of happy memories!

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What's happened to Brian Hyland?

Mary Wells's disc great . . Change
of style by Swinging Blue Jeans should
be very successful . . The song Hello
Dolly boring—too many versions .

Frank Iffeld losing popularity . Latest
by Brian Poole his best yet . . . Kathy
Kirby ought to be an opera singer . .

Will Joe Brown have another hit record?

P. J. Proby has a fab. voice . . . Freddie and Dreamers fading away . . .

Plenty of London clubs better than the Cavern . Everly Brothers and Peter and Gordon can hardly be called groups . . . Maybe Adam should change his style again . . Despite reports to the contrary, initialled T-shirts are not Mod . . Papers make out that all Mods are drug addicts and wear make-up—rubbish! . . . Stones must be fed up with people remarking on their hair and appearance . . . If The Beatles had their fringes cut off, many comedians would be out of work . . How the teenagers on "Top Of The Pops" can call themselves Mods I'll never know. The only true Mods are in London . . .

Who ever dreamed up The Pretty Things' name must be joking. Still, there's nothing wrong with their music . El's newie proves he's still the greatest singer in the world . . . If Millie

. . . El's newie proves he's still the greatest singer in the world . . . If Millie doesn't change her style soon she'll be forgotten very quickly. Blue Beat went out months ago . . . Searchers make

albums superior to even The Beatles and Stones . Seems like some of Elvis's magic has rubbed off on to P. J. Proby . . . I hope Joe Brown makes an album of guitar music some day . . Beatles' version of Long Tall Sally chicken-feed compared with Little Richard's

Brian Epstein said on "Juke Box Jury" that sad songs didn't do so well—What about Orbison's It's Over and Cliff's Constantly, and many others... How anyone could listen and enjoy Cilla's nasal voice beats me... Julie Grant one of the best female singers... Billy Fury never seems to reach the Top Ten—doesn't say much for his fans... Don't think much of The Bachelors' new disc... Will The Beatles and The Rolling Stones have their hair cut—to be in the fashion?...

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# Buzzin' Dozen



The solo guitar star, **JET HARRIS**, plagued by illness and many other things, is shortly to make another comeback, he hopes. Rolling Stones

co-manager Andrew Oldham has recorded a new single with Je which should be on sale very soon. Chances are that Jet could make a comeback to the charts. For his fans, although disappointed by his illnesses which have kept him off the stage for months, are still ardent fans and many of them have been waiting to see whether Jet would make a comeback. Could Jet be heading for stardom on the third time around?



They said it couldn't be done. After a comeback that failed LITTLE RICHARD made a second attempt at the charts—and this time he really moved

with his lates' disc Bama Lama Bama Loo.
The disc turned out to be one of the fastest selling rock platters since 1957. Little Richard is naturally most happy. But one point struck us. Why is it that American artistes, when they can't hit the charts in America any more come to Great Britain and usually, after a short wait smash their way back into the charts? Gene Vincent, Jerry Lee Lewis, Little Richard etc.? Perhaps we are better at picking out hit discs?



BEATLE fans weren't too happy about reports that their idols had been "egged" in Brisbane, Australia. British daily newspapers reported that

Beatle haters had thrown eggs at the boys on their arrival in Brisbane. But it turned out that out of crowds of five thousand or more, only four or five had done it, just to see if they too could get some publicity! Meanwhile the four lads are anxiously awaiting reactions from their fans, rather than the critics on their film "A Hard Day's Night."



Another artiste with a disc out on the market and one of the best we've heard for a long long time is MIKE BERRY. His new platter is Who Will It Be?

Everyone, but everyone thinks it's his best record yet, except Mike! "I want to try a slightly stronger style" he told me, whilst waiting to be made-up for "Ready Steady Go!" "This song is too nice for me. I'd like a more rougher think too many songs are too lovesick. Too many songs about love. I want to try something different. I just need the right kind of material." But back in discland, everyone's saying that the song is too good to be a hit!



MICK JAGGER, lead singer of the famous Rolling Stones just had to break that serious look and laugh at the rehearsal for "Ready Steady Go!"

two weeks ago. One of the many photographers was trying to get close-uplooks at The Stones. Eventually, he'd done them all but Mick. But every time he went to take shots of Mick, a young man wearing green tinted glasses, long hair, and wayout Mod gear pretended to imitate him, as if he had an imaginary camera. This had Mick in fits. Eventually the photographer, after getting about two fairly good shots, remarked as he walked away. "That guy ought to be thrown out of the studio!" Little did he know that the "guy" was the fact, Andrew Oldham co-manager of The Stones and the young man who produces all their hits!



Britain's top male singer CLIFF RICHARD must be mighty pleased over the reviews of his "Wonderful Life." So too must be the rest of the

team, Una Stubbs, Melvyn Hayes and Richard O'Sullivan. They were all together on Cliff's previous film "Summer Holiday" and also on "The Young Ones," both of which grossed a million at least each. Cliffs latest looks like doing even better than that, It cost half a million to produce, but it's likely that box office receipts will more than take that in Britain alone. Meanwhile back in the hit parade. ..?



Fans of THE ANIMALS are overjoyed—and how! For their favourites have made it and have shot right up to the top with their House Of The Rising Sun.

Despite the fact that so many of the established stars have new records coming out—including Elvis, Cliff, The Searchers, Dusty Springfield, Rolling Stones and The Beatles—The Animals have zoomed right into the No. 1 slot.



HEINZ is back in the recording studios again. His latest Please Little Girl hasn't made much headway, which is a pity because it was written by

talented up-and-coming composer, Chad Christian, the pen-name of Christine Chadwick, one of Heinz's ardent fans. Will he record one of Christine snumbers for his next single? "I don't know" said Heinz, "but I don't think so. You see, I already have a lot of numbers from other composers which are pretty good. Of course, it also depends on whether I get a hit or not with Please Little Girl is just off the Top Thirty." Let's hope it gets in for Heinz and for Chad!



Listen closely and take note of the name. SIMON SCOTT. For in the next few weeks this handsome elegant new vocalist is going to take the country

by storm. He has already recorded ten new songs, one of which will be picked for his first single, destined for the charts. A teenage panel were asked to pick the best single out of the ten. After an hour the jury gave up. Reason? Three of the numbers were so good that they couldn't decide which one was best for the charts! Simon is also having the biggest publicity treatment ever given to a pop singer in Great Britain. So enthusiastic are his managers that Elvis and Cliff should seriously start looking to their laurels. Simon himself remains rather quite casual, until he is on-stage! "Pop Weekly" predicts a certain hit chartwise and popularitywise!



Fans of DAYE CLARK have swamped the hospital where he is staying, with letters, cards, and "Get Well" telegrams. But other fans have been carry-

ing out a different kind of vigil. They have been swotting up medical textbooks and are trying to keep up to date with Dave's illness (duodenal ulcer)! Most of the "teenage medical team" have decided that Dave should be taking things easy for the rest of the year. Dave however, has many, many commitments. Ulcers can be mighty painful and unless they get very bad doctors are usually reluctant to operate so it looks as if Dave has not only to contend with fans but with his stomach as well. That's show biz.



Top vocal and instrumental team THE LE ROYS, who back stars like John Leyton, Billie Davis etc., and also make their own records are all set for a

hit with their latest disc Chills. They appear on "Ready Steady Go!" on the 10th of July and have scared the compere Cathy McGowan. think Cathy's a real gear girl" told me. "Were thinking of kidnapping her after the programme and letting her go when our record gets into the charts." Looks like Cathy will be praying for a hit for the boys!



One of the best ballads on the disc scene at the moment is the newie by BRENDA LEE. Brenda, suffering slightly from the chart blues due to the

appearances of British birds, is trying to make a comeback with this emotion-packed smash seller from the USA. Chances are that it will make it. It's one of the best ballads that this one-time constant hit-maker has made. So far she's only had one miss here in two years and that was her last record. Decca are pinning their hopes on this bombshell knocking rival labels' Cilla Black off the chart scene.

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# THE REAL KING OF R&B-

Isn't it amazing how the good fortune of one group leads to the same thing with another. I mean, take The Beatles. They've been saying for a long time how much they admired the American singers like Mary Wells etc. So after a few weeks the fans start to listen and into the charts comes Mary Wells. The same thing with The Rolling Stones. They are said to have literally pushed Chuck Berry into the charts with their announcements of his skill. But over the last few weeks just about everyone's been advocating for the R & B scene.

Chuck Berry is of course the forefather, the leader and the King of R & B as far as the blues fanatics are concerned. On his recent tour here, he has had everyone literally jumping out of their seats with his fantastic playing, singing and of course his general body move-ments. For once too, this guy can be called R & B. Or rather the songs he sings. Mostly, R & B songs tell a story, usually a sad one. Berry has had many sad times in his life and many of his hit numbers are based upon his own

experiences.

"I love this country" he said after playing only a few concerts. "The fans are real nice. I've not had a ball like this for a long, long time." Berry is and has been a devoted admirer of The Stones' recordings. He also thinks that many of Britain's other top groups play some pretty good stuff, including The Beatles. "But R & B is something that you've got to feel as well" he told me. 'It's possible to put feeling into a number without ever having had that feeling. But it's all the better if you feel your way through the number. I like to think about my numbers before I get down to the studios."

In fact, reverting to what Chuck said earlier about the British fans, he's so knocked out with the scene here, and the way he has been treated that he may come to live here for a time! "Could be I might move here permanently" he added. "It depends on a lot of things." Well, if it's his fans he's worrying about, I don't think he has to worry too much. His British followers, who have been waiting for the real King of R & B to arrive here, are ardent enthusiasts, and I believe that there'd always be a gap in the charts if Chuck Berry happened to be over here. A gap specially reserved for the Chuck Berry nameplate. "Apply Here For Real R & B." So if Chuck's got "No Particular Place To Go," he's always welcome to stay in Great Britain.

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As I was waiting outside the Empire, Leicester Square to see Elvis's latest and most hilarious film "Kissin' Cousins" who should I see coming out of the house before me but Doug Sheldon, another actor/singer. This just goes to show that even if you are in show business, it always happens that one great star will go to see a film of another GREAT STAR, even if it means going to a West End cinema.

Another great attraction I found when I went to the Empire was that as people were waiting to go in, the long player of the film was being played outside to the public.

A. Golowicz (London)

Cliff Is The Tons

I couldn't agree more with the letter published recently saying that Cliff was not slipping. Anyone who thinks so must be stark raving bonkers! "Summer Holiday" was the best pop film that's ever been made. He's a marvellous actor and has certainly got what it takes. And PLEASE let's have more articles on The Shadows because I for one can't have too many.

Cliff and Shadows Fan (Leicester)

What A Picture!

What a horrid, nasty pic of Elvis on the front page of 'Pop Weekly' No. 44. I just don't know how you dare print it. At first I couldn't make out who it was, the last person who I had in mind was Elvis.

Please don't print any more like it. One thing I must congratulate you on is, for the first time in months there was not a full page pic of The Beatles.

Valerie Hurst (Morecambe)

**Greatest Ever** 

Reading Margaret Bulpitt's letter in "Pop Weekly," she wants to know what Northerners think of The Rolling Stones. Well I and most of the Mods round here think they are the greatest group ever and hope they soon knock The Beatles back to Liverpool. The Stones' hair and gear is fantabulous. Hope Margaret is satisfied with my view of the fab Stones.

Jean Riley (Stacksteads)

What About A Change

Isn't it about time we had someone else besides The Beatles in the centre pages of "Pop Weekly." I (and I am sure others will agree) am just about fed up with seeing The Beatles every time I open a book or mag. So please let's have more of Dave Clark.

Dave Clark Fan (Cleethorpes)

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