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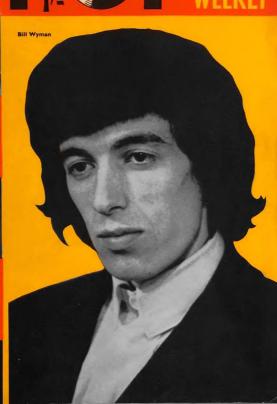


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# Pop Weekly Predictions For 1964-65

Many papers have a habit of saying what they think about coming trends. However they are generally vague until something happens that they did predict and then they go around shouting to the world that this has happened. Well, this week we're going to make some predictions. Obviously we could be wrong but maybe we'll be right. Until the end of 1964 groups will still hold the scene slightly. But it's pretty certain that American stars will take at least fifteen of the Top Thirty places by the end of the year. Artistes still in the charts from America by the end of 1964 will be Elvis, Orbison, Mary Wells, and a return of Brenda Lee.

Out of the British charts? No one!! Yes, no one. All of the artistes in the charts at present are all talented and all have an equal chance of staying where they are. The Beatles, The Dave

Billy Fury - still tops in 1965.

Clark Five, The Rolling Stones, The Hollies, Cilla Black, Billy Fury, etc. will all remain, tho' The Bachelors may find it one heck of a job to keep in the Top Ten, especially now that they are trying new songs and not revivals.

Our influence in America will die almost straight away. Only British groups to continue making the scene will be The Beatles, The Dave Clark Five and maybe Gerry and The Pacemakers. The Searchers too may last out there. Back to the British charts again. Little Richard won't survive unless

he changes from rock to ballads or tries something new.

Rock definitely out. More ballads and more mid-tempo stuff in the charts and less of the 12 bar numbers currently striving for hitdom. A hit certain for Françoise Hardy, the French girl singer. She made a big impact here on her last trip, and I predict that with the right number she'll go storming up the charts. Lulu will have a job to keep her hits in the charts unless she tries a different style, although she's a talented Brian Poole has got the hardest job of the lot. Although his discs are extremely popular he may have to search hard to find the right kind of material. If he doesn't get it, I don't think he'll be resting around the upper regions long. But one never knows with Brian.

Elvis of course will have a choice of languishing in the bottom of the Top Twenty or flying straight up to the top. I doubt very much whether he will have any No. I's for a long time, if ever in Great Britain, unless he records some different material. Expect back in the charts Mike Sarne and John Leyton. These two are working hard on new songs in between films and this could tip the scales in their favour. Girl singers will be in until mid-1965 when there will be another deluge of male singers.

Expect more male singers in the charts anyway, and less groups for the beginning of 1965. Watch out for more films in 1964. But don't be surprised to see some of the bigger artistes get bad reviews. Critics have a thing about pop



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stars turning into actors overnight. Mod styles will come in for every pop singer. This is certain. All of them are trying to turn themselves into fashion kings and queens too quickly but clothes worn by pop singers have a big influence on their popularity with their fans.

Last but not least. We hope that all British artistes do well. If our predictions are wrong—or you think they are—why not send us what you think will happen to the chart scene and the music scene in general between now and 1965?

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# **MORE FANTASTIC SALES FOR BEATLES**

One disc that was a certainty for the No. 1 slot before it even reached the market was The Beatles' newie, A Hard Day's Night. This number alone looks like providing The Beatles with at least three Gold Records. One from Great Britain, one from the U.S.A. for the single, and another one for the LP which has already sold a million in America. Isn't it amazing? The chances are, that with just the LP and the single from the film, The Beatles can pull in something like four million sales. That's little short of fantastic! In America, where the LP "A Hard Day's Night" has been rush-released, over 800,000 were ordered in advance!

That's something that's never happened before! The film too is likely to earn The Beatles a few more shekels. I estimate that from their singles, EP's and LP's from "A Hard Day's Night" the boys can safely work on about another half a million to a million coming their way. Plus of course, in America the record company have released three singles all at once!! Beatle business was once said to be so bit it couldn't get any bigger!! Don't believe it. They might have suffered slightly in Britain but in the States they are certain to go on racking up enormous money.

Over here the single is reputed to be around the million mark, with advances for the LP totalling around the 400,000 mark. Beatles slipping? Don't believe it. One of the most amazing things is that their film is virtually an ordinary black and white, fairly low-budget film. Already rumour has it that another film is already signed, but details haven't been made available yet. Every country wants them and due to the brilliant management of Brian Epstein, almost every country will have a chance of

seeing the boys, if only for a few days. From Japan to Sweden, from the Philippines to Peru, their discs are selling in tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, and eventually millions. My guess is that they must be on the verge of their first ten million sales. An unofficial estimate puts their disc sales at eight million without any of the film's releases. There are only two artistes who can equal that fantastic selling rate and they are Bing Crosby and Elvis Presley. Really the duel is between Elvis and The Beatles. Bing has had forty years or so to sell his records, Elvis just short of nine and The Beatles two years.

Beatle land, Beatle mania, Beatle

Beatle land, Beatle mania, Beatle Britain. Somehow I think the Americans are a bit ashamed to admit that they haven't got a group capable of hitting the charts like The Beatles!

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### **BRITAIN'S TOP THIRTY**

With Myself (16)

A Hard Day's Night (I) It's All Over Now (2)

3 House Of The Rising Sun (3)

Hold Me (4)

5 I Just Don't Know What To Do

6 I Won't Forget You (8) 7 You're No Good (7) 8 On The Beach (13)

Someone, Someone (6) 10 Kissin' Cousins (10)

11 Call Up The Groups (-) It's Over (5) 12 Hello Dolly (11) 13

Tobacco Road (28) 15

Some Day We're Gonna Love Again (27) The Searchers 16 Ramona (9)

Long Tall Sally (EP) (22) 17 18 Sweet William (24)

19 Hello Dolly (18) 20 Nobody I Know (12) 21 Wishin' And Hopin' (29)

22 My Guy (14) 23 Like Dreamers Do (23)

Do Wah Diddy Diddy (-) It's Only Make Believe (-) 26

Near You (-) 27 I Get Around (-) 28 You're My World (20)

29 Can't You See That She's Mine (15) A Hard Day's Night (LP) (-) 30

The Beatles **Rolling Stones** The Animals P. J. Proby

**Dusty Springfield** Jim Reeves Swinging Blue Jeans Cliff Richard B. Poole/Tremeloes **Elvis Presley Barron Knights** Roy Orbison Louis Armstrong Nashville Teens

The Bachelors The Beatles Millie Frankie Vaughan Peter and Gordon The Merseybeats Mary Wells

The Applejacks Manfred Mann Billy Fury The Migil Five The Beach Boys Cilla Black Dave Clark Five

The Beatles

#### SOLO TOP ARTISTES GROUPS Position Last Week Group Last Week Artiste Position

**ELVIS PRESLEY CLIFF RICHARD** ADAM FAITH BILLY FURY **KATHY KIRBY** CILLA BLACK ROY ORBISON JOHN LEYTON P. J. PROBY 12 **BRENDA LEE HELEN SHAPIRO** 10 **DUSTY SPRINGFIELD** FRANK IFIELD 14

Rag Doll I Get Around Memphis

**BILLY J. KRAMER** MIKE SARNE

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The Four Seasons The Beach Boys Johnny Rivers Can't You See That

Tan't You See That She's Mine The Girl From Ipanema My Boy Lollipop Little Old Lady Dang Me A Hard Day's Night Wishin' And Hopin' Dusty Springfield Don't Let The Sun Catch You Crying Gerry/Pacemakers Keep On Pushing Don't Love Away The Searchers Nobody I Know Peter and Gordon World Without Love Peter and Gordon

Chapel Of Love Try It Baby Bad To Me People
I Wanna Love Him
So Bad

No Particular Place To Go 24

Farmer John

Everybody Loves Somebody

Alone Little Children Love Me With All Your Heart Walk On By

Steal Away

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### **DISCussion**

Hello then—and welcome to another selection of the latest releases; with all the Mighty Big Ones jostling for those coveted high slots right now, any new contender has got to offer something particularly striking to stand a chance to compete. Let's see if we think any of these newcomers qualify, shall we?

The first new disc comes from the London label and is a revival of Edith Piaf's famous "Milord" by Bobby Darin. Bobby sings in the lyric's original French and there is considerable atmosphere in the backing; but I must confess to being slightly disappointed at Bobby's overall performance. I could have done with a little more of the drive and power we all know he can muster. This is a fairly light treatment which rather detracts from the song's great strength. All in all, pleasant but certainly no match for "The Little Sparrow's" unique original.

In complete contrast to his lilting I Will, Billy Fury rings the changes on his new Decca release, which is a revival of Conway Twitty's big hit of the past, "Only Make Believe." This is a driving orchestral arrangement that builds up into a big climax (with a nice, clean and strong ending!) and so it should appeal to all those to whom the driving beat ballads from Roy Orbison, Gene Pitney, Kathy Kirby, Cilla Black & Co. meant so much. The treatment here is right along those lines and Billy himself copes with this style of presentation to great effect and I can see no reason why this shouldn't be one of his bigger successes.

\*\* BOUQUET \*\*\*\*\*

release is I'm In Love With You which is fascinating because of its -Georgie maintains all the early the promise that he is an artiste of much depth and feeling; here, he makes every word, and even every thought behind the lyric, come to life. Then there is a particularly ear-catching backing, the rhythm of which is well within present-day dancing trends. A very interesting and satisfying platter with striking performances from all concerned. At 21 years of age, Georgie possesses an incredible degree of tinstinct and "feel" for a lyric as this disc goes even more to prove—and as a performer he is ahead of his time. He will be a force to be reckoned with in due course. \*\*\*\*\*\*

Entering into friendly combat in the group field of battle are The Zombies with their Decca offering, "She's Not There." This is a light beater with a rather thin, sometimes uncertain, vocal sound. The composition is not endowed with any striking originality and I'm very sorry to say that I do not think the disc quite strong enough for the intensely competitive group scene.

Dionne Warwick, on Pye International, says "You'll Never Go To Heaven (if you break my heart)." Here again is all the warmth and intensity that adds great power to all Dionne's work. A slightly more gentle arrangement than on her past hit material. Great attraction, however, with an above-average lyric and a haunting orchestral backing.

Lee Stirling and The Bruisers, on Parlophone, have a gentle lilter and a sad romance in "Sad, Lonely and Blue." Lee handles the lyric to good effect and with lots of assurance; The Bruisers' backing gives striking support but, because of all those good things, it is a pity that the melody isn't more "hummable."

Another new Parlophone platter is the one from The Fourmost who come up with a pretty powerful performance of "How Can I Tell Her," which was written by the Carter-Lewis team. The first thing to make an impact here is the almost martial quality of the beat; it gets the feet tapping (or stamping) immediately. A good, clean-cut, very definite sound. The boys are in good vocal form but the song itself lacks the immediate melodic appeal of A Little Lovin'. Its strength lies in the initial impact of the form and tempo of the beat which should be sufficient to capture the attention.

A very moving folk song is "Seasons In The Sun." This is the new Capitol disc from The Kingston Trio who always make it sound all too easy! There is great simplicity here with a well-blended vocal performance backed by effective guitar. Hardly for the present-day hit-stakes but a definite must for all those who like The Kingstons and/or the haunting quality of this type of folksy music.

The Crystals are back with us, on the London label, with "All Grown Up." Once again, the Spector mixture-asbefore which will, doubtless, please a whole host of fans. The dull pounding beat and all the now famous hazy definition is here with The Sound dominating the girls' own performance. I don't think this one is nearly as striking as previous discs from this group mainly because of the time-honoured and now almost hackneyed (but still true) view-point that the melody is not distinctive enough to allow the song to stick in the mind.

I like the hand-clapping rhythm of The Shevells on their United Artists release "I Could Conquer The World.." and the lead vocal has a personality that should appeal generally. It is a happy, bouncing affair.



BRICKBAT-

Any kind of aural comedy is always very difficult to put across and I think that to get a laugh from a funny disc the material must needs be very specially written for the medium and performed by artistes who fully understand the same medium. It is not sufficient to record just what comes and hope for the best, which is exactly how Parlophone's new strikes me. Goodbye "funny" Dolly (Gray) by The Massed Alberts uses the hit song "Hello Dolly" as its launching pad-as the bracketed title will tell vouand, after the introduction goes into what sounds like a send-up of any old smoking-room concert group singing the old 1914-1918 marching song. The comedy of the lyric is banal and the overall treatment is so heavy-handed that the whole effect is one of everybody trying much too hard to be funny. It sounds like public-bar entertainment, which can be excellent and very entertaining in its own setting; but, taken out of its indigenous environment, it can be flat and uninteresting to the point of embarrassment. I quite like the basic idea behind this disc but, to be successful, it should have had either a more tongue-in-cheek or downright satirical treatment. especially as we have only our ears to rely upon.

And there we are; how many of these platters will actually enter the arena to do battle with present chartsters? I would put my money on only two of them, and I wonder if you can guess which they are?

If you care to flip the pages next week I'll be right here with some more discs to DISCuss; so till then, 'Bye for now.



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Slow ballads create a problem for

### **READY STEADY GO!**

#### By FRANCIS HITCHING

Editor of R.S.G!

We've got problems programme!

Or at least, one problem in particularthere are too many slow ballads in the

Now as you know, "Ready Steady Go!" is based on the kind of music you're buying and putting into the charts. We like to anticipate trends-I'll be back to that subject in a moment and give you a first hearing of everything that's going to be popular in a few months' time.

At the same time, we have to show you something lively and interesting on the screen. And in the past this has always meant dancers. But what do you do when the music is slow and the dancers don't want to dance?

For the first time since the programme started, there's a big gap between what's happening in the charts and what's happening in the clubs. It is the clubs that have always given us our inspiration in the past. When the programme was being devised a year ago, we would go night after night to places like the Scene, the Last Chance, the Craw Daddy in Richmond (where The Rolling Stones started their career), the Kilt in Greek Street (for continental dancers and music)—all these and many others, so that we could find out exactly who were the right sort of dancers and what was the best sort of music.

Over a period of time we found that trends in music happened much more quickly in the clubs than they did in the charts or the shops.

It wasn't difficult to find out, for instance, that the Phil Spector sound of The Crystals and The Ronettes was knocking out the kids in the clubs; so we put it on "Ready Steady Go!" and pretty soon it caught on all over the

The same with The Rolling Stones. Nobody could be as popular as they were locally in Richmond, and not catch on all over England once they had been shown on the screen. And the same with Blue Beat, and with R & B, and with the American negro singers, and with any other trend.

If it was popular in the clubs in London, you could be pretty sure that sooner or later they were going to be swinging to it in Birmingham and points north.

(This isn't being patronising. It's just a fact. And we've come some croppers too-the system hasn't always worked!) So "Ready Steady Go!" became in

atmosphere very like the London discotheque clubs. We had the newest for our programme.



The Four Pennies, whose stage and club presentations are quite different to their discs, says Francis Hitching.

dances, the most up-to-date groups. But in the last few months we've found that the hit parade doesn't include quite so much of the material we've been used to. Of course, new groups are breaking in with wild numbers (The Nashville Teens, for example); but old favourites like Brian Poole have gone slow and ballady, and some of the most popular groups model themselves on The Four

Now surely nothing could be much slower than the current Four Pennies hit. A marvellous record-but have you tried dancing to it? It's soft and smoochy and dead right for around

Unfortunately, "Ready Steady Go!" takes place in the early evening, at a time when most people don't want to get soft and smoochy-at least in public.

And the point I'm getting to, in a roundabout way, is that The Four Pennies' records aren't played very often in just the clubs which are the model

Indeed, The Four Pennies themselves,

in their stage act, perform a high number of up-tempo songs. they're in a club, they play quite differently from the way they record.

Our dancer Patrick Kerr thinks there are two quite different record-buying publics today-those who go solidly for the Top Ten, and those who buy far-out records by people like John Lee Hooker just so they can dance to them.

I don't think there can be any question about it: "Ready Steady Go!" is a rave-up for kids who want to dance. What we'll have to do is to keep playing the sort of records that please dancers.

Of course there are great artistes who produce ballads and who must be on our programme just because they're so good. And if Brian Poole has another aberration and produces another slow record next time, then I'll go on record here and now to say that he'll be welcome.

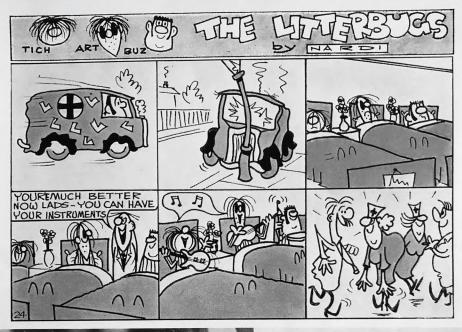
But if you notice the absence of some of the singers and groups in the Top Ten from now on, you'll probably know the reason why!

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### Buzzin' Dozen



One group currently falling over themselves with happiness are THE BARRON KNIGHTS

with Duke D'Mond, their lead singer. Their disc

Call Up The Groups is doing very well indeed and is the boys' first really big seller. They have been on the scene for a long, long time but it's only the last five or six months that things have really started to happen for them. First of all there was Beatles' manager Brian Epstein signing them to appear on The Beatles' Christmas show. Now their disci is really moving they are celebrating as much as possible. "It's great" they said when I met them at "Ready Steady Go!" One of The Searchers also echoed this. Which is a nice compliment from one member of a group to another.



THE LE ROYS, whose Chills are getting stronger every day. That's their latest disc for those who wondered what on earth I was talking about—are

warrying about their next tour with The Rolling Stones. They are getting a large chunk of the bill to themselves. Mainly because of their fantastic reviews from their last show. Then they were only doing a small spot, but one reviewer gave them the headline in his paper!!

"We're a bit worried" they told me. "With The Stones on the bill we think we may have to really go mad."



MIKE SARNE, currently "lazing" after finishing yet another film, has two things on his mind at the moment. His new book due to be published soon

is called the "Three Lives Of Nigel Kelland." The other thing occupying Mike's mind is his new passion for photography. We hear that Mike's current girlfi.ends, he always has more than one, are all getting used to being biinded by flashights whenever Mike appears. "I think it's fascinating" he told me. "When I first started I took forty shots. Not one of them came out. Now I know more about it." Sarne fans will be pleased to know that Mike has a gas new disc on the way.



BILLY FURY appears to be trying to make sure of his future finances. We hear that he is planning to sell his cottage in Sussex, buy a new house and a new

racehorse. Anselmo, his first venture into horse ownership won him the fourth prize in the Derby. New Billy's going all out to make sure of the future. He's just been signed for three films for the next two years. His latest record, a new upbeat version of the 1958 Conway Twitty smash It's Only Make Believe, should bring him in some more loot.



A disc that is the first to break the English influence in American charts. In fact, the first disc to get to No. 1 since The Beatles and other British stars

stopped the Americans, looks like being a hit here too. The disc is called I Get Around by THE BEACH BOYS. Funny thing is that The Beach Boys have been racking up hits now for over a year in the States. They've had a string of single smashes and many LP chart climbers. They are about the only American group that haven't taken a knocking from The Beatles or The Dave Clark Five. I wouldn't be in the least surprised to see them heading into our charts. So keep your eyes open.



Film star and record maker JOHN LEYTON is off again. This time to Hollywood where so many British stars try to get, but can't. John however is

more than likely to be accepted. For three very good reasons. The film he is appearing in will be with Frank Sinatra. John is one of the nicest guys on the record scene. Plus the fact that as an actor he is fast approaching world fame. No other British pop singer-actor has made such an impression on film companies as John. Without being top of the charts. But he is leaving behind at least ten new singles from which to choose his next couple of dises.



People in the business are rather puzzled that **BO DIDDLEY**, one of the greatest R & B favourites in the world, hasn't hit the charts in Great Britain.

Certainly his friend and current King of R & B, Chuck Berry, is beating a path to chartdom lately. But Bo just hasn't made it. Which is surprising, because in the last few months various singles and EP's have been issued, all of which sound to us rather like strong chances for the charts. So, R & B fans who don't normally listen to Bo, take an earful of his latest releases.



The artiste who many considered could twist his way to the top still hasn't had a hit disc. His name? DARYL QUIST—and his real one too. On one-night

stands he is believed to have had fantastic support, and on stage he really wears himself out. But when it comes to hitting the charts, it seems he can't win. His latest disc See The Funny Little Clown unfortunately had heavy competition. Quist fans wonder why he doesn't make the charts, especially as his latest disc received such good reviews. "Pop Weekly" disc tipper Peter Aldersley gave Daryl the 'Bouquet' of the week in his column. Let's hope that the next 'Bouquet' is the right one.



Many critics after seeing The Beatles' film plumped for RINGO STARR as one of the funniest. I too, thought he was great, and met him recently at Radio

Luxembourg when The Beatles were receiving yet another award, the 'Getaway' trophy. I asked Ringo what he thought their next film would be like. He gave one of the typical answers, for which he is so famous. "Don't know mate. But we're not going in for all that music and colour gear. It's alright I suppose, but people get tired of it. I enjoyed this film. All the boys did. But we don't want to turn out lots of films." The next film? "Oh, we're making that in February. We don't know much about it yet, but it should be fun." And a success.



One of the most popular groups in the country, THE HOLLIES, have just finished recording a new tune. But you won't be able to buy it. The tune

is a jingle for Shell Petrol and will be featured on Radio Luxembourg. The Hollies were knocked out when they were told about the idea. It took them two hours to get the thing recorded exactly right. Said one of the Shell men present at the session. "I've never known a group to be so careful. They made us run it over two or three times before they said it was O.K." Said manager Tommy Sanderson, "The boys are always certain of making good records. They consider an 'A' side to be no different from the 'B'. They always make good recordings."



THE BEATLES (maybe you've heard of 'em?) are back in the old No. 1 slot again. This is an amazing occasion which nobody seems to have noticed.

Look at the score. Please Please Me was a No. 1. From Me To You was a No. 1. She Loves You was a No. 1. I Want To Hold Your Hand was a No. 1. Can Buy Me Love another No. 1. A Hard Day's Night makes their sixth No. 1, which is a new record. Elvis managed it five times. I pity anyone who ever tries to break The Beatles' stranglehold on the charts. Certainly no one on the scene at the moment can possibly get seven No. 1's one after the other.



Those boys that are really going to town after The Beatles' title, THE ROLLING STONES, don't seem to have been

affected by the No. 1 success of their It's All Over Now. Said Mick Jagger. "It's a No. 1. So what's the difference? I suppose it's good, but I wish people wouldn't try to say that we are after No. 1's all the time. We couldn't care less if it didn't get to No. 1." The Rolling Stones' couldn't-care-less attitude seems to have got even worse lately. Rather than worry about tours they spend most of their time discussing new clothes.

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The latest discs from Dave Clark Five. Peter and Gordon and The Bachelors, NOT so high in the charts in this round . . . Dusty's voice always incoherent on record . . . Jim Reeves' voice good but boring, and that goes for Cliff's also . . . Adam was right about House Of The Rising Sun, on "Juke Box Jury" . . . P. J. Proby should not pull faces when he sings . .

The Stones too critical on J.B.J. . .

New Mojos disc deserves faster progress ... Susan Maughan needs big hit and deserves it . . . Carol Deene-a plea to come back soon . . . Roy Orbison best male singer in the world?—at least the most consistent . . . What about a disc from wonderful cabaret and TV star Jan Panter? . . . Linda Scott Fan Club does great job in keeping her name alive . . . Buddy Holly image will never

Billy J. the best Liverpudlian? What's happened to Brian Hyland these days? . . . The Hollies easily the best group to my mind . . . The Beatles one of the best dressed groups? . . . Don't know why Johnny Kidd and The Pirates' great disc Always And Ever never hit the charts . . . The Swinging Blue Jeans have their hair too short . . .

Flip of Kissin' Cousins proves Elvis is still the world's best singer . . . Dionne Warwick is in a class of her own-Fab! . . It's about time that John Rostill was stopped being called "the New Shadow" . . . Are The Rolling Stones Jimmy Savile's favourite group? . . .

interest in light bulbs? . . . Soho's La Discotheque Club not as bad as some papers make out . . . On their J.B.J. appearance, Rolling Stones weren't all that good, only Mick was worth listening to . . . Georgie Fame very underrated . . . Pretty Things-Are they? ... How about Roger Moore recording 'Halo' Young Lovers . . . Palladium Singers, The Square Pegs rightly named . . Is Heinz just a has-bean? . . . Peter Jay used flashing lights in drums before Dave Clark did . . . People who say

"Blue Beat will replace Beat" should think back to those who said "Calypso will replace Rock," and look what happened to that . . . Will P. J. Proby record Scarlet Ribbons? . . . Who shot down B. Bumble and The Stingers? . . . Billy Fury film news wonderful .

The Barron Knights' TV act with Call Up The Groups funniest ever . . . Best instrumental group on scene, Sounds Incorporated . . . Time for another disc from fabulous John Leyton . . . Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night" best pop movie ever . . . Was Rolling Stones' latest really No. 1? . . . Will Elvis Presley's Christmas album be reissued here this year? . .

Cliff Richard's "Wonderful Life" movie rather old-fashioned . . . Billy Fury's latest his best ever . . . Merseybeats' stage gear fabulous . . . Will Animals become Britain's top group?
... New look "Thank Your Lucky
Stars" not an improvement ...

Pleased to hear The Ronettes have another disc out at last . . . Nashville Teens best newcomers to charts . . . Millie's latest too similar to Lollingo . . . Yardbirds play best R & B in Britain . . . What happened to the Rock revival? . . . Will Adam Faith find the right style to top the charts? . . . Johnny Cash revival on the way . . . P. J. Proby could be very big here . . . Dave Clark Five should go back to their original recording style . . . Richard Anthony should top British charts soon . . . Kathy Kirby best girl singer on scene, and best-looking . . . Billy J. Kramer's From A Window not his best . . .



El's version of Long Tall Sally much better than Beatles' . . . It Hurts Me should be 'A' side of Kissin' Cousins .

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# **HEINZ IS HOPING** FOR A **SMASH HIT!**

the charts but didn't, Please Little Girl, is causing the singer some anxiety. last three Heinz records have scraped in the Top Thirty or gone into the Top Ten. Heinz had high hopes for this one. Another person who also tried to will the record into the charts is Chad Christian who wrote the song. It's one of the best songs she's written, and as only an amateur song-writer and a fan of Heinz's she naturally hoped for a hit. It's not my idea of Heinz's best singing, and personally I think there's too much guitar work and not enough clear singing for the record to be a chart

Heinz however is determined to show everyone that the still-current craze for groups doesn't mean that he will be forgotten. At present doing a summer season in Rhyl and then off to Australia and New Zealand, Heinz is trying to build up as big a following as possible in Great Britain, but whilst the groups are having most of the publicity at the moment, Heinz is showing everyone that his talent alone is fixing him tours Between in the bigger countries. dashing down to Rhyl and doing TV shows, Heinz has been busy in the studios cutting more and more singles.

I asked him whether or not he was going to record any more of Chad Christian's numbers. His reply, "I don't think so. I feel rather sorry for her. She's talented but unless Please Little Girl had been a hit we wouldn't have recorded more. That's just the way things are. If a songwriter does write a hit, he or she usually gets first chance at writing the follow-up. But if the number isn't a hit then it's anybody's guess who will write the follow-up.

Added Heinz, "Still, I've got plenty of problems at the moment. I've got stacks of letters to write to people. I've got plenty of dates to do. I've also got to get another new act worked out. Things aren't easy at the moment. don't want to make another record that people say may be a hit. I want to make a record that's going to be a hit from the word go. One that will also start people talking. I want a new style and a new sound." Judging by the way Heinz is being received at Rhyl and the way he gets mobbed every time he appears, it's unusual for him even to worry about a new style. 25/7/64





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**Deserve Publicity** 

After seeing The Beatmen first on 'Oclock Club' and then on "Thank Your Lucky Stars" I have decided that they are one of the best groups out. The 'A' side of their disc You Can't Sit Down is a great number and the flip is another good number. I think they deserve twice as much publicity as they are getting. What about a huge picture of them in "Pop"?

David H. (Nottingham)

#### **Quiet Flops**

There can only be one answer as to why you always pick on Adam, when his discs don't reach the top ten—and that's because he's the greatest. All his discs go straight into the charts which is more than can be said for Heinz, John Leyton, Mark Wynter etc., etc.—yet nothing is written about their FLOPS.

Joyce Martin (Harrogate)

#### **Pass That Crown**

So Miss Jenny Powis thinks Helen Shapiro is still "Queen of Pops." Well, it's about time Jenny and other people realised that Helen has been "dethroned." Once she was the Queen, but now that position has been taken over by CILLA BLACK, and in my opinion it will stay that way for a long time.

Sue Drew (Coventry)

#### What's So Fantastic?

I read with disgust what two of your readers in 'Pop Shop Talk' had to say about The Beatles.

One reader had the audacity to ask what was so fantastic about The Beatles. Well let me enlighten him (or her!).

The Beatles have broken just about every possible record and will certainly go down in musical history. Also at one time they had records at Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 9 in the American Hit Parade. (Top Ten only). They have written over a hundred songs and are fêted all over the world. The reception The Beatles received on their return from America was too marvellous for words. They should be knighted! Their shows are always sell-outs.

Now for reader number two. He or she said that The Rolling Stones are better than The Beatles. The Beatles do not need to pull ridiculous facial contortions and dress slovenly and outrageously or wiggle their hips to gain fans. Their musical talent is enough. Also The Beatles produce the same sound on stage as on record which is more than I can say for The Stones.

Jill Denoon (Bromley)

#### A Knockout

The latest record by Sounds Inc. is 'knock-out.' As many of "Pop Weekly" readers will have gathered by now, it is called Spanish Harlem. It has been recorded by many a fine artiste, but never has it been recorded instrumental-wise. The boys have done a terrific job of it, and if it doesn't click for them, I honestly don't know what will! These lads haven't had a sniff at the charts yet! Anyway I'm hoping it will do the job for them, because they deserve it! There will never be another instrumental group to rival "Sounds" - NEVER! - they're the greatest! Good luck boys! David A. Shore (Manchester)

#### A Good Year For Girls

As this has been a good year for girl pop-singers I have compiled a chart showing the total Hit-Parade merit of all the girls to get into the Top-Thirty during the first 45 issues of "Pop Weekly's" second year. I have given 30 points if a girl was No. 1, 29 points if she was No. 2, right down to 1 point if she was No. 30. Here is the chart:—

1	Kathy Kirby	477
2	Cilla Black	463
3	Dusty Springfield	377
	Crystals	295
4	Millie	295
6	Ronettes	290
7	Shirley Bassey	235
8	Brenda Lee	198
9	Dionne Warwick	181
0	Singing Nun	174
1	Doris Day	151
2	Caravelles	149
3	Mary Wells	126
4	Lulu	90
5	Gigliola Cinquetti	88
6	Dora Bryan	40
7 <	Lesley Gore	2
14	Dixie Cups	2 2
	Regular Reade	

#### Seeing Them Off!

I'm fed up! Why does everybody keep complaining about The Beatles? They ARE the best group, and always will be in my mind.

Going out! What utter rubbish! People say that not many fans were there to see them off. Well, how can we all (and there's millions of us) get up to see them off at London Airport.

Although we might not be there to see them, we are with them ALL the time. Patricia Hill (Chobham)

The Editor does not necessarily agree with the views expressed by readers in their letters printed on this page.

# STONES HIT TOP

Rather like a game of chess, or the wall chart of a big company's expansion scheme. That's the way The Rolling Stones are working out their chart success. First they started off with Come On and made their way into the Top Twenty. Then followed the slightly more successful I Wanna Be Your Man which made the Top Ten. Not Fade Away came out with the backing of many thousands of new fans and roared into the Top Five. Now their latest It's All Over Now has made the coveted No. 1 slot. How's that for planning?

In America they didn't fare too well with their records. They started off slowly with Not Fade Away which after their tour shot up to the No. 44 slot in the Top 100. Their second release Tell Me (taken from their first LP) sold 130,000 and moved into the Top 100 fast and then slowed down. Gradually however they are breaking ground there too. Their LP is zooming into the Top 100 LP charts and looks like being a

best-seller of some renown.

Recently I spoke to The Stones manager, Andrew Oldham. He told me that he couldn't really care whether the group got to No. 1 or not. "Everyone's just so crazy about having No. 1's" he said. "Why they are I don't know. It doesn't make any difference to how much the group gets moneywise for a booking whether they're No. 1 or No. 5." The Stones recently became the subject of a great deal of controversy about their "Juke Box Jury" debut. Many people, mainly anti-Stones and adults slammed The Stones for 'wasting the public's time."

The Stones as usual took it all in good part and didn't let on that they were the slightest bit interested in the programme. Personally, I thought they were terrible, and I'm a fan of theirs. This couldn'tcare-less attitude is getting a bit irksome and I'm not the only one in show biz to think so. Still, that's up to The Stones. On the other hand they turn out good R & B, and have proved that when it comes to making records they are among the tops in this country. One point not too many people have realised is that instrumentally The Stones are streets ahead of most of the other groups in this country.

In It's All Over Now they have an instrumental break that must be one of the longest on a pop vocal disc. They're certainly one of the most versatile groups we have in this country. Funny isn't it too, how everyone is complaining about The Animals' record being too long when The Rolling Stones' record lasts almost as long? Well, as The Stones might say (when they say anything) "I suppose that's show business!"

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