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# Disc bargains OK say Prices Board

partment of Prices and Consumer Protection has exempted the record retail trade from controversial legislation banning the use of rrp as a basis for bargain offers This means that record dealers can

continue to display such signs as "£1-off"

An order was passed by Parliament last week banning various types of misleading or bogus bargain offers, however, numerous retail sectors-inding records and tapes-are not to be prevented from making comparisons with rrp. A spokesman for the Department

told Record Business: "The Government has not put a total ban on rrp as in some sectors they may play a useful part. At present there is no evidence to suggest that rrp is being used artificially in the record industry."

The misleading offers prohibited from July 2 include such claims as "worth £5—our price £3", "our price £3—price elsewhere £5" and 'reductions of up to 50 per cent" Retailers can be fined up to £1,000 for breaches of these regulations.

Apart from comparison with rrp, retailers will be allowed to make such genuine claims as comparisons with previous or future prices and prices charged by another named retailer. The sectors where rrp comparisons are being banned include beds, consumer electronic goods, household electrical goods, carpets and furniture.

The whole issue of the ban on "£1-off" signs had split the record retail trade with heavy discounters angrily opposing the expected ban and support coming from certain small, independent retailers

Price Records, told Record Business: "I naturally welcome the decision which shows that the Government had done some sensible thinking over the matter. We have always said there was no abuse of rrp in the record industry."

Both the GRRC and MTA were reserving comment until a full study of the new regulations had been carried



Rock Around The Clock on Pickwick's Hallmark label. Pictured left to right: Patrick Malynn, manager; Bill Haley; Alan Whaley, Sonet director; and Alan Friedlander, Pickwick sales director.

# Pic disc avalanches EMI & Pye catch up

hitting the market in ever-increasing numbers from next month as EMI and Pve Records master the manufacturing technique which has given WEA a clear lead in the field through its Damont plant.

And more companies than ever are importing the picture discs in a bid to secure quick chart places. Despite rrps of up to £1.50 the singles are selling, although picture albums interest appears to be dying.

EMI goes with a 40,000 limited edition picture disc by No Dice to launch its new Haves facility on April 6. It will retail at 99p and the company claims that no money will be lost on the venture.

There are plans for further picture projects, possibly a Racey album, later in the Spring.

Pye is nearing completion of its picture presses at its Mitchum factory. May will see two singles retailing at around £1.25 in editions of 20,000, single, and marketing director Gary Luddington assured dealers the discs would be available on the usual nonconditional purchase terms.

The company will also be pressing 10,000 45s for Ariola by Andrew Mathieson called 'True Romance' which will retail at £1.50.

Ariola has lined up three picture discs, including the one pressed by Pve and the already-announced Rogue single, there is an Amanda Lear LP called Never Trust A Pretty Face with 10,000 copies imported for sale at £5,99. Dealers must order a standard copy for every picture piece.

Cube's 12-inch picture disc single for Gordon Giltrap has hit import snags but is expected to be available next week, while CBS has been bol-stering sales of Toto's 'Hold The Line' with picture 45s from Holland.

Meanwhile Damont has stockpiled 250,000 singles for WEA in the oldies 'Cruisin' package.

#### Baird plan for TVco-ops ALREADY BREAKING new ground

in ty-promoted compilation albums with the 16-track combined Phonogram and Polydor-disco album Boogie Bus (see separate story p. 19), Polygram plans further heavily promoted collaborations between companies.

Brian Baird, general manager of the newly created Polygram television merchandising department, told RB: 'I feel that the major record companies have not only a sort of duty but should also have the inclination to make more and better use of topical records or material which has just dropped out of the charts.

Therefore I am actively seeking major collaboration with other major record companies on the same sort of project as Boogie Bus." Advertising on the disco album,

released next week, starts on Granada with 24 slots booked over two weeks. Baird said he had options for advertising "all over the place" but these wouldn't be firmed up until reaction on the first campaign could be assessed

The 2nd coming

# Spring at Rediffusion means new RIM label

A SPRINGTIME burst of activity at Rediffusion International Music centres on the launch of a new easy-listening label, the recording comeback of 1960's hitmaker Carol Deene, and the release of five classical music singles.

The easy-listening label, RIM bows with a 3LP boxed set entitled Beautiful Music, Beautiful Words (RIM 7001/3, Texaling at 55.75. The 40 tracks have been drawn from the Rediffusion background music library and features orchestras led by such musical directors as Piete Moore, Tony Gambier standard eventures with the proposed familier standard eventures. Vocals are by Barry Kent.

Carol Deene's return to disc, after two serious car accidents nearly wrecked her career, is for the Hull-based Kola label, distributed through Rediffusion. She has recorded 'Angel In Your Arms' (KOA 101), a song which was a hit in the US for Lyn Anderson. Strong radio support, particularly from Radio-2, has

been lined up.

The 85p classical pops, in distinctive red bags, comprise five singles, each featuring two familiar classical themes played by the Prague Symphony Orchestra. Titles are 'ln The Hall Of CLA1), 'Ingals Cave'/New World Symphony' (CLA2), 'Ingals Cave'/New World Symphony' (CLA2), '1812 Overture/Tchalkowsky Piano Concerto' (CLA 3), 'Tchaikowsky Romeo & Ujulet'/Clar de Lune' (CLA4) and

#### Deals

PHONOGRAM HAS signed Gallagher and Lyle on an exclusive worldwide deal. The duo is currently working on material for an album which will be recorded this month and next and released later in the year.

PATSY GALLANT has signed to Miracle Records. First release is the LP Patsy, out on April 6, which features her debut Miracle single 'O Michel' (M7).

# Merchandising

'Barber of Seville'/Eine Kleini Nacht Music' (CLA5). The releases have been winning local radio exposure and advertising is scheduled for April in Gramophone and MM.

Final new release from Rediffusion is by actress Virgina McKenna, recently chosen to play opposite Yul Byrnner in the London staging of The Kind And I. In response to consumer and radio interest following a recent two appearance on Saurday Night At The Mill, her is being reissued, together with a single "The Love That I Have' (RIMO02), which she performed on the show.

☐ A FIFTY-pence shaped single on Sale for 50p is the launch gimmick for a new label called Mixcrest distributed by Selecta.

Released on April 6, the first 10,000 copies of the silver-coloured seven-sider will retail at 50p, although subsequent pressings will be priced more realistically, according to the label. The 45 is 'Girl (How Am I Going To Win You)' (MIX 1) by T.J. Thorpe and the C.B.

Said Mixcrest boss Tony Wolbrom:
"The object fo the Mixcrest operation
will not be to sign acts but to pick up
masters. We will adopt different promotion and marketing tacties for each new
release we decide to handle.

Band

"We are interested in acquiring material from abroad and our consultant in

this area will be Peter Knight."

Mixcrest is backing the fifty pence

single with several thousand window posters for dealers.

STIFF RECORDS is running a full scale promotion for the new Rachel Sweet single 'I Go To Pieces' (BUY 44).

scale promotion for the new Rachel Sweet single ! Go To Pices? (RIV 44). Lined up is trade and consumer press advertising, extensive dealer mail-out plus possible radio advertising in the near future. Parts of the Lene Lovich album Stateless have also now been remixed and the LP is now available as a causette – the first cassette from Stiff in 18 months.



GEOFF GOV, former head of promotions at Chrysalis Records has left the company to take up a new post as general professional manager at Chrysalis Music, where he will be responsible for finding and developing new talent both in the UK and abroad. Pictured above are (left to right): Andy Jackson, Roger Bell, Phil Long, Chris Stone and Steve Howard parading their new actach.

CHRIS MARSHALL has joined Motown Records as promotions manager. He was previously Harvest Records promotions manager.

MARK CELLIER, WEA's business development manager whose name was associated with the Nolan Sisters' hit va album last year, has left the company to work with Zomba Management and Publishers from April 1.

JACK STEVEN and David Barnett have been appointed assistant professional managers at DJM. Steven, formerly with Essex Music, will be

□ POLYDOR IS supporting the release of the new James Last double album Last The Whole Night Through (Polydor Deluxe PTD 001) on April 8 which a major television advertising campaign. Advertising starts in the Granada area tomorrow (April 3) and goes national in three weeks time.

Last and his orchestra start a British tour on April 8 and the previous day they appear on BBC-1's Saturday Night At The Mill featuring the new single Summertime (POSP 45). On April 19 Radio 2 records a one hour show starring Last at the Royal Albert Hall.

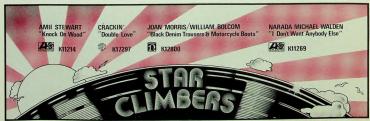
☐ CONSUMER AND trade press advertising plus a dealer mail-out is planned by RCA Records for the new Cherry Vanilla single 'Moonlight' (PB 5145), released on April 6 in a full colour bag. A Spring tour is to be announced shortly.

## Ins&Outs

responsible for international liaison, and Barnett, who recently left Hotlips Music, will have additional responsibility for promotion. FOLLOWING THE resignation of

Michael Gray, Geoff Deane has been appointed senior press officer at United Artists Records and Pat Stead, previously assistant press officer, has been appointed press officer.

☐ CHRIS REA'S new album, Deltics (Magner MAGL 5028), released this week is advertised in the trade and consumer press. A track from the album, 'Diamonds' (MAG 144) has just been released as a single and both album and single will be followed by a 12-date tour. Rea also appears on BBC-2's Old Grey Whitel Test tomorrow night.



#### MITTINGS

NEGOTIATIONS FOR an autumn UK tour by Abba - whose new album will be out at any moment - now practically complete, but the who-promotes-what situation is a smidge complex with Harvey Goldsmith, Barrie Dickins, Alec Lesley, Cowbell and Kennedy Street each putting their names to a couple of shows as part of a management plan to keep everybody happy, a ambition which we sincerely hope will be blessed by a high degree of peaceful co-existance after bravely continuing to fly the Chinnichap flag in the UK, Nicky Chinn has finally given up paying the bulk of his income to the taxman and will follow partner Mike Chapman to America . . . also becoming tax exiles, Chinnichapproduced hitmakers Smokie, due to become residents of the Isle of Man . . . after recent Tony Morris outburst over high level of phoney returns, will Phonodisc be renamed Faulty Towers? . . . not only Barn but also Rediffusion could be looking with interest in the direction of pulsating downtown Orpington . many industry friends who sent greetings and medicinal bottles of bubbly to mark our first birthday . .

MEMO TO the directors of Zima Records, one of whom appears to be a likely lad called James Bolam; Apologies for not accepting your invitation to meet the Dixielanders last Wednesday at The White Mare Pool, Wardley, Felling, but we haven't the faintest idea where the place is and you didn't enclose an RSVP address or telephone number . . . at Rak, staff don't get LVs (no, not those WEA singles), but a cordon bleu service from headchef Mickie Most - last week a tasty steak au poivre was among the dishes he prepared for appreciative employees . prepared for a Rod Stewart Greatest Hits package later this year from Riva MCA's splendid 6LP Buddy Holly Story set, lovingly annotated by John Beecher and Malcolm Jones, the booklet contains a vintage NME feature by then staffwriter Keith Goodwin to whom the bespectacled one confides that at a Kilburn State concert he broke a string for the first time - upon such momentous scoops were publishing fortunes made . .

MUSIC FREAK, former JWT account executive and sometimes RB contributor Bob Payton moving his Chicago Pizza Pie Factory restaurant to a 200-seater premises in Hanover Square, with the menu supplemented with disco music courtesy of Chappell and tapes of Chicago radio station, all played over £13,000 worth of stereo equipment. Incidentally their powder rooms are known as Elton John and Olivia Newton John. If anybody feels they can do better (Loolu is not permitted), Mullings will forward replies and a free pizza goes to the winner . former Logo joint md Olav Wyper moving into legit theatrical production - he has One Of Our Howls Is Missing by Some Mothers Do Have 'Em creator and writer Raymond Allen opening in Leicester on April 25 for three weeks before doing the provincial round for 10 weeks - Christopher Beaney and Carol Hawkins star . meanwhile wife Carolyn leaves Andrew Heath Music to start firm making new trendy fashion accessory - coloured satchels . . . after 16 years as general manager of Bourne Music, Len Taylor retired at the end of March and would like to hear from old friends on 670-3547. Alan Paramor m.d. of Lorna Music since 1958 replaces Taylor .

UNEXPECTED ABOUT-FACE by Bob Dylan means that as soon as the retail price is decided, his hot import Live At The Budokan album will be released here Ensign marketing manager Elaine Shaw leaving shortly to get married and live in wilds of Yorkshire, but hopes to find work in the record industry (are you listening Zima Records?) . . . former Darts frontman Den Hegarty was in eubullient form at preview screening of his Tyne Tees show Alright Now - asked a question by an intrepid RB reporter, he responded by thrusting a thumb up our lad's nose and making his exit in the resulting confusion . . . psst - wannaspotachartshop, then look out for those RCA-supplied diary clipboards.



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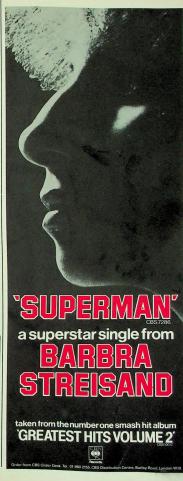
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#### No let-up on Spring TV LPs THE RECORD industry's television

spending spree continues unabated with over 20 albums so far scheduled for advertising during April Many of the March campaigns have

been carried through to April. However Arcade has lined up Love And Affection by Peters and Lee for ty advertising in Anglia from April 9, and Warwick has booked The Spinners' Meet The Spinners for Granada Trident and Anglia from April 25. To coincide with the Wembley

Country festival, K-Tel is to repromote nationally Don Williams' Images and Dolly Parton's Both Sides Of Dolly Parton, from April 16, Also scheduled for national ads from April 16 by K-Tel is Faron Young's 20 Greatest Hits. K-Tel is also readying a Klaus Wunderlich tv album.

Full details of all April's tv albums will appear in chart format in next week's Record Business.

## S.E. film L.Ps WITH THE new space fantasy film

Battlestar Galactica opening in the West End at Easter, MCA Records is mounting massive marketing campaigns for two spin-off soundtrack albums Both released on April 6, they are

the original soundtrack Battlestar Galactica, composed and conducted by Stu Phillips, and The Saga Of Battlestar Galactica, which features dialogue from the film.

In addition to television and radio advertising by film distributors CIC, MCA is planning 500 window displays and heavy advertising in the trade and consumer press, for both LPs and

## HMV by bus!

HMV's OXFORD Street flagship store is to take part in London Transport's shoplinker scheme-a promotion campaign which will cost at least For 12 months, beginning on April

7, an HMV bus will run on the route from Regent Street through Knightsbridge to Notting Hill advertising the store and featuring special promotions. Music will be played on the bus and

HMS is at present looking into the possibility of using the bus for personal appearances by various artists.

HEATH LEVY Music has acquired

a 50 per cent interest in Shapiro

Bernstein UK-a partnership marked

by new recordings of two of SB's

standard copyrights, 'I Who Have

Nothing' by Sylvester (Fantasy) and

'My Way' by St. Paul's Cathedral

following negotiations between Geof-

The deal was completed last week

Heath Levy take 50 per cent

partner Eddie Levy with Leon Bretter and Dick Voltte of Shapiro Bernstein Inc. Mike Fletcher, SB's UK manager has been appointed a director and will be based at Heath Levy's offices.

The deal gives us access to some important standard copyrights and we hope now to be able to breathe new life into the company," Eddie Levy told Record Business.

# Customs' go-slow hits Tribunal to

sands of pounds and record companies are suffering disruption of release schedules because of the civil service union dispute which is causing backlogs of up to three weeks on airport customs clearance of deliveries rom the USA.

According to Chris Rvan, operations manager of Walker Air Freight, which services a dozen stores and distributors, there is no end in sight to the problem and in fact it will be worsened by the union's plans to hold a 24-hour all out strike today.

One major album affected by the dispute is Sylvester's Stars, due for release originally this month. Fantasy label manager Bob Fisher told RB

## Spring promo burst from UA on TV

APRIL SEES a heavy burst of promotional activity from United Artists Records centred on television campaigns for Shirley Bassey and Billie

After a successful test in Tyne-Tees, the new Shirley Bassey LP The Magic Is You is available nationally on April 13, backed by three weeks of tv ids in Granada, ATV and Yorkshire from April 18 and 350 nationwide window displays. A single from the LP 'This Is My Life' (UP 36502) is

released on April 27. The Billie Jo Spears LP The Billie To Spears Singles Album is scheduled for tv ads during April in Tyne-Tees, Scotland, Anglia, Westward, Border and Granada, backed by a window

display campaign (RB March 12), United Artists also releases a new Dr Feelgood single 'As Long As The Price Is Right' (UP 36506) on April 27, backed by extensive advertising in the press. It comes in three different coloured vinvls-25,000 blue, 25,000 brown and 25,000 mauve.

Other April UA releases include Turner's single 'Sometimes When We Touch' (UP 36513) on April 16 and the single 'Women In Uniform' (UP 36508) by new signing Skyhooks, out on April 27 in yellow and green fluorescent vinyl.

# majors and importers

IMPORT STORES are losing thou- delays in delivery of artwork and other production materials for the album has meant the release date has been put back and he is now unsure of when it will actually be issued and he is having to re-think his entire marketing campaign. In addition Fisher said his plans to import copies of a Salsoul Orchestra album and a Philly Cream single had been severely disrupted. 'We were going to bring them in and re-sticker them but because of the backlog at Heathrow there are now, for example, 10,000 copies of the Philly Cream record sitting in New York waiting to be shipped

Tony Monson, who runs import store Disc Empire, complained customs' men were unaware of the need for urgency in clearing records. "To them records are not urgent, not perishable so therefore they are at the bottom of the list of priorities, But speed is the most important thing to me in my kind of business. This dispute is costing us all a lot of money and putting a lot of small businesses out of joint."

# hear ILR on needletime

COMMERCIAL RADIO'S longrunning battle to reduce its needletime bills took one of its ponderous steps forward last week when a Performing Right Tribunal agreed to hear the case . . . but probably not until November at the earliest Three and a half days of complex

legal argument between counsel for the AIRC (Association of Independent Radio Contractors) on behalf of the radio stations and counsel for the PPL (Phonographic Performance Ltd), ended at lunchtime on Friday. The battle revolved around an

AIRC assertion that the PPL's 7 per cent needletime levy is a serious monopoly abuse of its position, when the BBC pays at a smaller rate, and the PPL's case was that the radio stations freely entered into a contract that it agreed was fair at the time.

The matter will now go back to lawyers who will spend the next few months preparing the case in detail ready for a November hearing-at the

# **EMI-BBC** publishing link

tions, BBC Enterprises, the section of the Corporation which controls BBC Records, has signed a worldwide publishing agreement with EMI Music Publishing for the newly-formed BBC Music.

## Heavy Metal Contest Winners

WINNERS OF the competition run in Record Business' special Heavy Metal supplement, published on February 26, are: Norman Johnson, 18 Ferriby Road, Hessle, near Hull, Yorkshire; Vivienne Ashmore, 75 Heather Road, Binley Woods, Coventry; Ted Landon, 23 Cock Lane. High Wycombe, Bucks; Ian Paterson, 4 Raymond Way, Noctorum, Birkenhead, Merseyside; Peter M. Rayner, 53 Carisbrooke Road, Mitcham, Surrey; Nick Rankin, 34 Park Road, Ballachulish, Argyll; Roy Davies, 4 Coegnant Road, Caerau, Maesteg, Mid-Glamorgan; John Henley, 58 Forest Grove, Prescot, Merseyside; Gary Turner, 50 Albert Road, Lvtham, Lancashire; David I. Houlden, Jessamine House, Thornton-le-Fen, New York, Lincoln; Jeff Warner, 35 Chaplin Road, Wembley, Middlesex; S. J. Bonnick, Flat 6, 31 Amhurst Park, London N16.

They will each receive a copy of the new Thin Lizzy album Black Rose released by Phonogram later this cured by the BBC will be licenced to EMI for five years. Then for a further 10 years, EMI will be able to exploit material and administer copyrights internationally. BBC Music will be handled at EMI by Kay O'Dwyer's standard and MOR department, with Harold Franz as liaison manager with Alan Bilyard, head of BBC Records.

The contract follows increasing promotion of tv theme music-most recently successful was the Who Pays The Ferryman? music-by BBC Records which has seen the publishing income benefiting other music publichers

A further development at BBC

Records will be the launch in May of the Artium label. This will largely be used to feature archive material never previously available commercially. First two releases will be a commemorative centenary LP of Sir Thomas Beecham and an album by Sir John Gielgud celebrating his 75th birthday.

#### Choral 'My Way' to Different THE CHORAL version of 'My Way'

much remarked upon after being featured in the recent BBC2 documentary on the song and its many recordings, is being released this week by Different Records, Recorded by the Choir of St. Paul's Cathedral in the cathedral itself, the record features the 11-year-old soprano Paul Phoenix. Catalogue number is HAVE 15.

Produced by Matt Royd's Mystic Bird company, the record will be

available through Selecta distribution. RECORD BUSINESS April 2 1979

## frey Heath, a former SB UK md, and

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TONY MORRIS

THE STORMY Industry Forum of the MTA's Discatex '79 conference not only about faulties and the selling of returned gave dealers the chance to cross-examine managing directors, Tony Morris of Polydor and Ken Maliphant of Phonogram, but provided Leicester's Jack Ainley with an opportunity to attack the leadership of the GRRC.

It was Ainley who kicked off the discussion by charging the GRRC with being "A rubber stamp for the major record companies with no teeth of its own. I have never known them come out of a meeting with a major company with anything for us dealers.'

Tony Morris quickly came to the GRRC's defence: "I would like to say I am amazed by this question," he said. "The good work Harry Tripple and Laurie Kreiger do is quite anti-us and pro you. There is certainly no rubber stamp as far as the manufacturers are concerned."

Harry Tipple went on to outline the achievements of the GRRC since 1971. "At the end of the day, the companies will only be persuaded by the sanity of our arguments," he said. "There might be more success if more people were to attend the MTA conference.

The discussion moved on to five per cent returns, with Jack Ainley criticising the system, David Fox enquiring about the final destination of five per cent returns, and several delegates asking why Phonodisc couldn't give the option of either extra discount or returns.

Tony Morris turned the tables on delegates when he accused many dealers of deliberately setting out to swindle Polydor with false faulty records claims. "My company has taken back more

than £250,000 worth of 'Faulty Product'so far this month. Every manufacturer makes faulty records, but we have a very shrewd idea that it is nothing like that many. It may be £2,500 worth but not £1 million." He added that his company had to

give a standard deal to everybody on returns and it was not possible to give dealers an option on discounts or returns

Phonogram managing director Ken Maliphant revealed it was technically possible to give the option, but ruled it out for his company on the grounds that standardisation was the only way to keep record distribution cost effective.

Sid Booth of Mansfield pressed on with his complaint that five per cent returns were finding their way back on to the market through market stalls and were thus undercutting the High Street trader.

# DISCATEX

# Dealers attack at forum

Replying to further stiff questions stock, Tony Morris invited two GRRCselected dealers to inspect the procedure at Phonodisc. He admitted that returns were sometimes re-sold. "Where we do sell returned product, we don't make any money," he sadded, "We just lose

Moving on to special premium offers through non-record dealer outlets, CBS came in for some stick for its Heinz soun scheme. Several delegates asked for similar schemes to be organised for GRRC dealers, but Morris replied that although he would consider a viable scheme, similar ideas tried in the past

GUEST SPEAKER on the second day

of the conference was John Cope. Tory

MP for South Gloucestershire and vice

chairman of the Conservative Small

lation effecting record retailers which

might be made if a Conservative Gov-

ernment was voted in at the next elec-

Cope said that the Conservatives were

He outlined various changes in legis-

Businessess Committee.



KEN MALIPHANT

had been disastrous. Finally, Phonogram's Ken Maliphant was confronted with questions about his 'going for a song' back catalogue offer, which has been criticised by dealers.

"I am still watching 'going for a song', it is very patchy," said Maliphant. "It is clearly stimulating a great deal of interest. Before I do anything about the scheme, I will be talking to Harry Tipple. But I can assure you that if we discontinue it, we will be going back to bulk discounts.'

To conclude the meeting, Morris urged dealers to put pressure on Tory guests Keith Joseph and John Cope about a home taping levy.

concept of a "proprietor company" into

the new Companies Bill - a move that

would reduce the legal workload on

small businesses. However he conceded

success was unlikely unless the next

He also claimed that a future Tory

election saw a change of Government.

Government would look at tax reduc-

tion, the creation of a single positive

VAT rate and he added that on a per-

sonal basis he saw some benefits in the

# One-stops future in the balance

RECORD MANUFACTURERS refusals to grant workable discounts has made the future very uncertain for British one-stop operations, Ray Laren, managing director of Lightning Records, claimed at the Discatex '79 conference.

Laren, Charmdale Records' Brian Smith and Warren Goldburg, of Warrens Records, were appearing on the panel for the session - "One-Stop Operations - The Advantages Of This Form Of Buying

UK one-stops had always hoped to receive good discounts from manufacturers, Laren explained: not necessarily full wholesale discounts of 171 per cent, but something in the region of ten to twelve per cent.

He told delegates: "Unfortunately this has not happened. We have not received the endorsement of the manufacturers and this means that the future of one-stops in this country is now very uncertain.

Referring to EMI Records' six month trial with four selected one-stops. Laren said that the experiment had been dropped when only one of the four companies managed to achieve the sales target set by EMI

Both Laren and Goldburg emphasised the benefits to record retailers of making use of one-stops. Dealers were able to collect stocks on Sundays and during the evenings and most one stops had a good delivery system. A mass of product from specialist independent labels was available and one-stops could service many of the smaller accounts far better than the major distributors

Brian Smith said that his company concentrated far more on import material because UK manufacturers had not given workable discounts. And he added: "A lot of dealers have vet to capitalise on the potential sales of imports."

Delegates acknowledged the invaluable service offered by one-stops, and a motion calling on the GRRC to urge manufacturers to grant larger discounts for the companies was passed unani-

# Insure against ACAS

currently attempting to introduce the US Robinson-Pactman legislation

Tory Government could

affect record dealers

WITH AN estimated 60,000 bosses probably going to appear before industrial tribunals in the next 12 months ranging from major industrial giants to shop-owners - to answer claims for unfair dismissal, it makes sense to take steps to avoid the possible pitfalls of the Employee protection legislation.

That was the message from Brian Skeet, at the MTA conference. His insurance brokerage Norton Cudlipp formed Employers Protection Insurance Service in 1976, and now operates a

highly successful scheme which provides cover against employee compensation and reinstatement awards given by industrial tribunals for around £10 per employee per year.

The scheme also covers 90 per cent of any legal fees incurred and 90 per cent of all ACAS awards settled out of court. And Skeet added he was prepared to negotiate an all-embracing fee for com plete employer protection for all MTA members.

#### Stock system aids sales A NEW stock control system designed on show with a 'light wand' - could

reducing breadth of catalogue carried in record stores was premiered by David Meyrick at the MTA Conference. Now operating as DMD Systems

Ltd. Meyrick outlined how special tills allied to the latest methods of electronic price labelling and reading - in the case

furnish a retailer with an exact stockimprove sales turnover without in-hand figure. As the system built up subscribers at £8 per week for the hardware lease and a further £10 or so for weekly reports back from the survey firm on store-performance and general market research, it would become more and more important to the dealer.

#### Don't ignore the add-on market THE ADDITIONAL profit record

dealers could obtain from the sales of accessories was emphasised during the conference by Ray Everett of Bib Hi-Fi Accessories, a company based in Hemel Hempstead. He said: "Nine times out of ten acces-

sory sales are impulse buys. But this additional business is very important bearing in mind the many problems faced by retailers. And there is also no need to discount on accessories."

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#### RETAILING

'TEESSIDE SMELLS' is a new wave duplicated fanzine whose first issue has just appeared. Its title is an ironic reference to the widely-held image of the area as an unlovely industrial conurbation But whatever its environmental deficiencies. Teesside is an important music market with two radio stations (Radio Tees and BBC Radio Cleveland) and a variety of energetic independent retailers.

The fanzine is edited by John Hodgson, who works at the Stockton HMV shop and a member of Blitzkrieg Bop, one of three local bands to have made picture sleeve singles. Alan Swires, the HMV manager, reckons to have sold near to 1000 copies of the band's first single, released by Lightning. In contrast, the other local records have sold less than 100 at HMV.

Although part of a nationwide chain Swires tries to give an individual character to the store. One main way he achieves this is through the variety of records played in the shop. He will sometimes go out into the store to see what kind of people are in and match the style of music to them. Additionally, he likes to 'push' lesser known records by this method. A recent example was the 'Black Noise' album, an American import by FM on the PVC label. As a result of hearing it in the shop, a fair number of customers bought the album.

Equally important is the servicing of particular local musical tastes. According to Swires, Stockton kids tend towards punk while the neighbouring city of Middlesborough has a larger Northern Soul following. "I try to pull everything in. We take a lot of rock 'n roll singles and obscure jazz items", he says. He finds difficulty in recruiting specialist staff locally, but does, however, try to provide training for assistants.

The emphasis on providing for particular local demands is an important part of the approach of Austin McLaughlin, manager of Hamilton's, Middlesbrough's largest independent retailer. With local folk artists like Vin Garbutt and the Fettlers, he sets up a special section in the browsers, with a display above. A recent success in this area had been an album by Geordie comedian Bobby Thompson, with over 150 sold in six weeks. For the various pop singles markets, McLaughlin has his own up-to-date lists of items in stock covering new wave, northern soul, reggae and rock 'n rool. He takes particular pride in the number of singles titles kept in stock. Behind the counter are shelves full of about 7,000 different records. Like HMV, he is happy to stock self-produced records by local groups, "It helps the bands and it helps the shop if they can tell people, 'Hamilton's have got it", explains McLaughlin.

Cash flow can be a problem for an independent dealer, and McLaughlin has adopted a policy to avoid any such difficulty. "We do our returns every ten days or two weeks, rather than leaving them for months," he explains. "I also buy titles in smaller amounts and invest in selection, in a very wide range of items in every category". Hamilton's does indeed have an impressive stock in everything from comedy to country to



AUSTIN MCLAUGHLIN, the singles specialist who also promotes records by local talent.

# Teesside sells

by Dave Laing

specialises For a retailer who prides himself on the breadth of his stock and his ability to fulfil customers' special orders, the policy of record companies on the availaility (or lack of it) of back catalogue can be frustrating. McLaughlin believes many companies take a short-sighted view of the issue and states that there is great potential in re-releasing relatively small quantities of many deleted albums. As it is, he has had to order albums from America of artists like Eddie Fisher and the Four Aces who have nothing in catalogue in this coun-

McLaughlin has criticisms of the record companies on two more familiar topics: faulty pressings and the price of singles. Top of the faulty pressing chart with all the dealers interviewed was Blondie's 'Heart Of Glass' and McLaughlin feels that the situation is getting worse as more and more customers acquire really good equipment. Another dealer thought that the only

classical, an area in which one of the staff way to get something done about the problem was to get customers to write letters of complaint directly to the companies. Chart singles is the only area in which Hamilton's discounts, but with recommended prices of 99p. McLaughlin feels the independent dealer is bound to lose ground to the bigger discounts of the multiples. As Alan Swires at HMV had noticed, many record buyers on Teesside are "penny conscious, shopping around for the best price when they want a particular record'

Dean Wycherley, of the Record Shop in Middlesborough town centre, is that rarity among independent retailers, an enthusiastic believer in discounting, but even he is dismayed by the price of singles. His view is that "the basis of the industry is a healthy singles market" and he doubts that current prices con tribute much towards that. Wycherley. rather like another Teessider now doing well in Nottingham, is ebulliently modest about his achievements during 18 years as a retailer. He reckons that he



was the first independent to discount, when Resale Price Maintenance was abolished. "RPM was too strict", he says, "What we need now is a happy

medium in pricing." Dean Wycherley's version of that happy medium is what he calls his "52 weeks a year sale", a discounting policy based on the charts and on more personal decisions. He has also been known to indulge in the occasional on-the-spot discount for a regular customer: "If someone comes in and wants something marked down to £2.99 and says to me, 'Dean, I've only got £2.50', I'm likely to give it to them for that. It means there's £2.50 more in the till than there would have been otherwise.

The one item Wycherly does not extend his discounting philosophy to is blank tapes. He believes that hometaping represents the biggest worry for the independent dealer as album prices keep rising: "On Saturday a lady wanted to buy a box of 15 C90s. A stupid dealer would think, 'there's a £15 sale.' But it's really a loss of income.

A very different view of discounting came from Peter Bone of Peter's Records at Eston, a small town a few miles out of Middlesbrough. He used some fairly colourful language to describe the operations of the multiples, which left the independents a "cat in hell's chance" of competing, especially in singles. Opened six years ago by an ex-steelworker, the shop was Eston's first specialist record retailer and quickly displaced its only competitors, a cycle shop and a hardware store. Here, as in Middlesbrough, there is a

significant local country music following, with a club down the road. The shop has imported Hank Williams boxed-sets from Japan for customers. Otherwise the stock covers mostly pop and rock, with a fair amount of m-o-The day of the big-selling TVadvertised album is past as far as Peter's is concerned. With so many albums on the screen, the 25 copies when K-Tel began has shrunk to half-a-dozen or so. Nevertheless, Christmas trade was up on the previous year, in some weeks by 40 per cent despite the fact that many of citizens of Eston travel into Middlesbrough for their weekend shop-

The Teesside retailers were asked for their estimate of the effect of local radio on the record market. Both Alan Swires and Dean Wycherley thought that while Radio Tees did not often break records itself, it could affect the rate at which sales grew and declined locally. Leif Garrett's last single was quoted as an example of a record whose sales held up locally when it was going down the national chart, because Radio Tees was still featuring it strongly. One criticism of the station was that its policy was too much in the MOR direction and that even its rock show was slanted to the Yes/Genesis type of music, even though shop sales showed a sizabele Teesside following for new wave styles.

The area possesses several other independent dealers, including respected soul specialist, Alan Fearnley of Middlesbrough. The general impression is one of a thriving, innovative retail trade, with the rising prices of singles the only cloud on the horizon.

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#### \* RADIOACTIVE: Strongest Airplay Gains

DIAMONDS/Chris Rea (Magnet) LIVIN' IT UP (FRIDAY NIGHT)/Bell and James (A&M) UNTIL THE NIGHT/Billy Joel (CBS) TAKE ME HOME/Cher (Casablanca)

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15 BOOGIE TOWN FLB \* 15 SWINGIN' LIGHT OF THE WORLD

ONE WAY TICKET ERUPTION 12 # 15 THIS IS THE END LEESON & VALE 15 ANGEL IN YOUR ARMS CAROL DEENE

15 MULBERRY DOWN PETER SARSTEDT

15 ROOT TOOT UNDISPUTABLE ... TINA TURNER

16 WHAT YOU WON'T DO FOR LOVE BOBBY CALDWE 2 \* 16 BLACK DENIM TROUSERS... JOAN MORRIS 16 I (WHO HAVE NOTHING) SYLVESTEE 16 WHEELS OF LIFE GINO VANNELLI 16 TRASH BOXY MUSIC

15 IF I DON'T BE THERE BY MORNING ERIC CLAPTON

OUR LOVE IS INSANE DESMOND, CHILD & ROUGE



GEORGE BENSON

Basic Key (see foot of page for details)

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9	14	FEAR OF THE DARK GORDON GILTRAP BAND	E
20*	14	SOMETHING'S COOKIN' IN THE KITCHEN DANA	
21	14	GIVE ME BACK ME BRAIN DUFFO	18
22	14	WHEN YOU'RE IN LOVE DR.HOOK	
23	14	GIRL OF MY DREAMS BRAM TCHAIKOVSKY	
24	14	READY TO TAKE A CHANCE AGAIN BARRY MANILOW	
25	14	RIKKI DON'T LOSE THAT NUMBER STEELY DAN	E
26	14	NEVER HAD A LOVE LIKE THIS BEFORE TAVARES	E
27	13	SHE'S NOT A DISCO LADY D.D.SOUND	1
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29	13	HEAVEN KNOWS DONNA SUMMER	E
30	13	MYSTERY DANCE DYAN DIAMOND	E
31	13	SO MUCH TROUBLE GEORGE THOROGOOD	18
32	13	TONIGHT STUMBLEBUNNY	1
33	13	MY GUNS ARE LOADED BONNIE TYLER	
34*	12	GUILTY MIKE OLDFIELD	
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36	10	DANCE LADY DANCE CROWN HEIGHTS AFFAIR	
37	10	THE LAST TIME I FELT LIKE THIS MATHIS & OLIVOR	
38*	10	I WILL LOVE YOU TOMORROW KC & SUNSHINE BAND	
39*	9	BORDERLINE ROGUE	
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41	9	LOVE KEEPS GETTING STRONGER NEIL SEDAKA	П
42*	9	IT MUST BE LOVE ALTON MCCLAIN & DESTINY	
43	9	WHENEVER I'M AWAY FROM YOU JOHN TRAVOLTA	
44*	9	TIME AND SPACE DAN HARTMAN	
45*	9	LOVIN' IS REALLY MY GAME BRAINSTORM	
46	8	TURN THE CORNER SINGING CATHERINE HOWE	
47	8	LOVE IS LIVING IN YOUR HEART KAI OLSSON	
48	8	PARTY DOWN GEORGE DUKE	
49*	8	ATLANTIC AVENUE AVERAGE WHITE BAND	

8 DON'T IT MAKE IT BETTER RILL WITHERS

8 WE'LL MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE GOLDIE

LOVE VIBRATION JOE SIMON

BODY HEAT ALICIA BRIDGES

7 ANIMAL HOUSE STEPHEN BISHOP

Record of the Week

TOUCH ME WITH MAGIC MARTY ROBBINS

TALK TO ME SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY - ASBURY JUKES

MOVING IN THE DIRECTION OF LOVE CRAIG PRUESS

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7 I'D BE SURPRISINGLY GOOD FOR YOU LINDA LEWIS

I DON'T WANT NOBODY ELSE MICHAEL WALDEN

6 TOUT PETIT LA PLANETE PLASTIC BERTRAND

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ACTION FOR THE COMING WEEK

# GUIDE PLEASE NOTE: For reasons of

space all records in the Top 30 of the Singles Chart are automatically excluded from this guide.



# TOP NEWSPINS: Strongest New Entries

LOVE INSIDE OUT/Bee Gees (RSO)
YOU CAN'T CHANGE THAT/Raydio (Arista)
GUILTY/Mike Oldfield (Virgin)
TILL IT SHINES/Bob Seger (Capitol)
ROXANNE/Police (A&M)
PARISIENNE WALKWAYS/Gary Moore (MCA)

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PLAYLISTS used in this guide are in force in the current week and contribute to next week's RB Singles Chart.

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# New peak in April

AN EXCEPTIONALLY high level of television advertised albums have been scheduled for April by tv merchandisers and record companies. The vast majority of the LP's - 20 at the latest count - are already available from West London wholesaler, Relay Records

In addition to the tv albums announced in recent editions of Record Business, the titles now on the shelves at Relay include The Spinners Meet The Spinners on Warwick and Love And Affection by Peters and Lee on Arcade Central London operation 1-Stop

has just released the second LP on its 1-Stop label - Unity Is Power by Joe Higgs, carrying a dealer price of only 1-Stop also has a good selection of

US imports now available. They include 12-inch singles from Jim Grady, Taste Of Honey, The Wonder Band and Tanya Gardener, plus albums from Moulin Rouge, Gino and Croydon's Bonapartes is currently

offering two compilation ablbums Peebles Vol 1 and Vol 2 at a dealer price of £3.00 and a batch of US new wave singles from Middle Class, The Simpletons and B 52's In addition to the Sky LP After The

Heat by Eno, Moebus and Roedelius. Projection Records, based in Leighon-Sea, Essex, is now offering the Roedelius solo album Durch Die Wuste, also on the Sky label Projection is also now handling dis-

tribution in the UK for Adelphi, Arhoolie, Old Timey, Blues Classics, Folk Lyric Philo, Green Linnet Yazoo and Bluegoose, Projection has also concluded a distribution deal on non-licensed product from Flying Fish Records Specialist reggae one-stop, Mojo

Records, has two 12-inch singles on the Warrior label - 'Never too Young by Sugar Minot and 'Barbra Saloon by Mikie Dread, plus the new Revolutionaries LP Gold Mine Dub on the Greensleeves label. North London wholesaler,

tons, has a strong range of 12-inch singles on sale - at an average dealers price of £2. Product includes Dennis Brown's 'Children of Israel', 'Jah Jah Bless the Dreadlocks' by The Mighty Diamonds and Jah Stitch, 'Book Of Rules' by the Heptones and Lord Kitchener's 'Sugar Bum Bum'

Finally, Record Corner, based in Balham, has the new Joe Jackson LI Look Sharp on US import as a double 10-inch album, at a dealer price of £3.40. Record Corner also has new albums from Manthus and Whispers

Let record dealers know what's hap-pening in the Record Business weekly, one-stop, wholesaler and import col-umn: contact Tim Smith 01 836

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# Beacon promote rock concert by local band

BEACON IS breaking new ground this week by promoting a rock concert local band Jameson Raid.

The show, under the aegis of rock show Stick It In Your Ear, is the first backed by the station which promotes a local band and promotion manager Austin Powell told RB he hoped that the trend would continue

## Steel show

Steel has been drafted in to present a weekly record show for Radio Newcastle Steel hosts a 50-minute Saturday lunchtime programme concentrating on Top Forty records, but also including golden oldies.

In addition the station has restored its Sunday afternoon jazz programme, Jazz North East, hosted by freelance presenter David Bell. Finally Andy Craig's Take One record review show moves from Saturdays to Fridays at 9am - to replace the Backtrack, which was presented by Iim Gibbons who is leaving to ioin Radio Tees.

Powell said that Beacon had promoted shows by bands such as Cado Belle and Charlie in the past but the Jameson Raid gig was the first to feature a local band. He added "In the past when we've done these kinds of shows we've found that we've reached a new kind of audience and hopefully the effect will be same, if not stronger, with Iameson Raid."

In addition the concert will be recorded for transmission in the near

## Cilla makes a radio choice

CILLA BLACK, Burl Ives and Nelson Riddle are all set for the Radio 2 series Star Choice in which, as the name implies, artists make their own selection of favourite music. The shows are broadcast on Saturdays

at noon and first to be heard will be Riddle on April 7. Ives stars on April 14, 21 and 28 while Cilla Black appears on May 5, 12, 19 and 26.

# Airplay analysis

AT LEAST once a week a puzzled record executive will call the RB research department with a question that goes something like: "Why is my record lower than record X on the Airplay Guide when I'm on three more playlists than he is?" or, even more frustrating for him, "Why is my record not showing when it's on five playlists?"

The answer is simply that RB's airplay chart is based not on the number of playlists a record has but on the number of people who are likely to hear it during the week. The point may be obvious but it's often missed within the business

In these terms it's more or less true to say that five small commercial stations make up one major, and five major commercial stations make up Radio 1. The point was made plainly on a recent Airplay Guide. Among half a



presented with a silver disc of '5.7.0.5. by members of City Boy to mark the stations support for the single.

dozen major radioactive singles, Elkie Brooks picked up an outstanding 18 playlists (missing only Luxembourg Beacon and Trent) yet only earned a 40 percent airplay rating

Dean Friedman collected 11 playlists but scored a healthy 58 percent. The difference lies in Radio 1 putting Friedman on the featured 40 while Brooks picked up only occasional plays from the Radio 1 'Additional' list

The gap between Radio 1 and the smaller ILR stations is made even clearer when a record only on the Featured 40 can be guaranteed a Top 60 Airplay Guide placing while a disc playlisted on Plymouth, 210, Swansea, Orwell, Trent, Tees, Pennine, Victory and Forth would just scrape in with a 7 percent rating.

What a large number of playlists does show is that a lot of programmers are behind the disc, which is a different matter altogether. The support of the influential few may be far more valuable in the long run than the hearing of the uninformed many. DUSTY SPRINGFIELD appears on

BBC 1's Saturday Night At The Mill show on April 7 as part of the campaign to promote her new album Living Without Your Love. Phonogram is seeking further television exposure.

#### The Rockshow Chart (3) SQUEEZING OUT SPARKS Graham Parker & Rumour -

(5) BREAKFAST IN AMERICA Supertramp - A&M

(8) TRB TWO Tom Robinson Band - EMI

(1) MANIFESTO Roxy Music - Polydor

VAN HALEN II Van Halen – Warner Bros

ALIVE ON ARRIVAL Steve Forbert - Epic

(6) SCARED TO DANCE Skids - Virgin

(12) EVEN SERPENTS SHINE Only Ones - CBS (2) FROGS, SPROUTS, CLOGS & KRAUTS Rumour -

10 (15) COOL FOR CATS Squeeze - A&M

11 (7) HEAT IN THE STREETS Pat Travers - Polydor

12 (-) SHEIK YERBOUTI Frank Zappa - CBS

13 (11) OVERKILL Motorhead - Bronze

14 (-) DIRE STRAITS Dire Straits - Vertigo

15 (-) No. 1 IN HEAVEN Sparks - Virgin

The Rockshow Chart is compiled from the top ten most-played albums on each of Birtain's leading rock radio programmes. For reasons of space only the top live or six from each coefficient are guidelisted.

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Luxembourg/Stuart

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# The longest journey begins with a single step...



M 4 Motor Heathrow Airport (Staines Slough

The man freezing his ass off in this picture is ex Stealers Wheel man, Joe Egan.

We wanted a picture that would tie in with his latest single called 'Back on the Road'. So we suggested he stand at the London end of the M4 with his thumb out, and when someone stopped we'd bang off a few shots and go home.

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After about half an hour it started to rain. By the end of the first hour it became obvious that no one was going to stop. The guy taking the pictures muttered words to the effect that maybe Joe would be better off walking.

Joe agreed and tramped off in the direction of a café for a tea. So there you have it. Joe Egan back on the road again to publicise his single, **Back on the Road**.

(incidentally, for those of you interested in such things, the temperature never got above 2 degrees and everyone got cold except the photographer.)

Joe gonew single BACK ON THE ROAD



## Walter Legge

WALTER LEGGE, who died on March 22 aged 72, was undoubtedly one of the most creative figures in the record industry. Never a man inhibited by modesty, he regarded himself as "the successor in the recording world to Fred Gaisberg", and in his almost 40 years' dedicated work for the Gramophone Company and, as it was renamed in 1931, EMI he proved the validity of this

"I decided." he once explained "that recording must be a collaboration between artists and what are now called 'producers'. I wanted better results than are normally possible in public performance: I was determined to put on to disc the best that artists could do under the best possible conditions,'

He first made his mark in the early 1930s with the now legendary 'Society and subscription issues, notably with the Hugo Wolf Society recordings featuring the greatest exponents of German song, Subsequently he was to initiate a variety of developments in the classical side of the industry which changed its face completely.

It is often forgotten, for instance, that Legge was responsible for the first com-ARENSKY: Violin Concerto, Aaron Rosand chestra (Tumabout) TVS 34629. BACH: Suites for Cello, Maurice Gendron (Philips) 6770 005 (3-I P set)

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oists, English Concert/Pinnock (Archiv) 2533 BACH: English Concert (Archiv) 2533 411

BACH: CANTATAS NOS.106 & 140. Stockholm Bach Choir & Baroque semble/Ohrwall (Meridian) E77016. BACH: Cantata No. 80; Motet. Stuttgart Hym-nuschorknahen & Rach Choir, (Turnahout) TVS

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BEETHOVEN: Piano Sonatas Nos 1, 20 & 26. Alfred Brendel (Philips) 9500 507.

BEETHOVEN: Piano Concerto No. 3. Maurizio Pollini, Vienna Philharmonic/Böhm (Deutsche

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BEETHOVEN: Septet. Berlin Philharmonic
(Privilege) 2535 328.
BEETHOVEN: Symphony No 7. Philadelphia
Orchestra, Mutl. (HMV) ASD 3646.
BEETHOVEN: Mass in C. Soloists, Beecham
Choral Society, Royal Philharmonic/Beecham
(MMA) SVIP 8 20224.

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ssia, Paul Badura-Skoda, Collegium Aureum (Harmonia Mund) 065 99657. BRAHMS: Plano Works - Vol 4. Julius

Katchen (Decca) SDD 535.

BRAHMS: Plano Works - Vol 5. Julius Katchen (Decca) SDD 536 BRAHMS: Piano Works - Vol 6, Julius Katchen

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SYLVIA SASS, the Hungarian sop rano currently appearing in Verdi's Don Carlos at Covent Garden, is the most controversial artist to appear on the opera scene since Maria Callas. Her new album of dramatic arias (Decca SXI, 6921) in fact covers what might well be called Callas territory, with roles ranging from Bellini's Norma to Verdi's Lady Macbeth. A singer with a tiger in her larynx, she sings with tremendous dramatic involvement, sometimes at the expense of beautiful sound - hence the controversy.

with the Glundehourne Feetival Opera at a time when its standards of Mozart performance were unequalled anywhere else in the world - and others with Sir

Thomas Beecham in Berlin.

It was in Berlin that he first worked with Flisabeth Schwarzkopf, who became his wife in 1946, though at the time he did not notice her. She was singing in the chorus' in the Beecham recording of Die Zauberflöte. 'I must have been blind!" was his later comment

In 1945 he founded the Philharmonia. the first major orchestra ever formed primarily to make records, and continued to rule it with an iron hand for almost 20 years. Herbert von Karajan was its first principal conductor, while other maestros who made historic recordings with the Philharmonia include Otto Klemperer, whom Legge rescued from relative obscurity, and Carlo Maria Giulini

Legge was also responsible for signing up Maria Callas exclusively to EMI, a move which resulted in recordings which will probably remain definitive for all time, and he was the first to record Soviet artists in the West, among them David Oistrakh. No less important. though in lighter vein, are the recordings of Viennese operettas which pro-vided Elisabeth Schwarzkopf with a

succession of artistic triumphs. He summed up his dedication to

recording better than anyone else could ever do. "My first and favourite toy, confessed.

"was an ancient cylinder phonograph. I learned to read from record labels and catalogues." He went on to create a new chapter in the history of the gramophone.

#### Bolt tributes

TRIBUTES WILL flow in thick and fast this week to Sir Adrian Boult, who celebrates his 90th birthday on April 8. The BBC, which had to pension him off in 1949 in accordance with bureaucratic practice only to see him continue an active conducting life, is starting in good time to wipe the egg off its face.

Its TV Tribute to Sir Adrian Boult goes out on BBC2 on April 6, followed by his Desert Island Discs on Radio 4 the next day with a repeat on April 10, and then a broadcast of his Birthday Concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Radio 3 on the day EMI is marking the occasion with a new album of Holst's The Planets (HMV ASD 3649), Sir Adrian conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The company already has a recording which he made 12 years ago in the current catalogue, but felt it was time to issue a new one by him. It had been sponsored, incidentally, by KEF Electronics

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# It's finger-pickin' good - and it's broken through at last! used massive tv advertising to promote

ONE YEAR ago, a survey of the state of country music in Record Business revealed that many record industry people were catching on to the wider potential of the music but that few were yet exploiting it to its full potential.

The breakthrough has come this year - but from an unexpected direction. Advertising albums on tv has in the past normally been reserved for golden oldies' compilations or at least for pop and ballad singers of an absolutely surefire popularity.

The hint that country might be much more popular than everyone suspected came when K-Tel saw its Don Williams' tv-advertised Images compilation zoom into the charts last summer - and stay there and stay

these organisations now followed by some orthodox record companies -have discovered that there is definitely gold in them thar hills with country music. The country market has been opened right up - simply by making the High Street shopper aware of the

their albums but it is a dodgy business in

which one has to be sure of re-

couping, say, a £200,000 outlay fairly

quickly. Specialist companies like

K-Tel, Ronco and Arcade sprang up in

order to work exclusively in this field,

licensing tracks from the record labels and using detailed market research to

What has happened this year is that

ound out each musical project.

It has been done by concentrating on the more melodic, easy-listening side of country. And luckily, artists Some record companies have long like Don Williams, Crystal Gayle and

Dolly Parton have had so much exposure this year in the media that the public has increasingly been 'softened up' to country music - via its more accessible side.

K-Tel's general manager Tony Johnson freely admits: "You've hit the nail on the head when you mention easy-listening." And he says that his company's tv advertisements, which are carefully prepared and tried out in just one region of Britain first, are definitely "a smoother presentation" and that the hard-core hillbilly image is out as far as they are concerned.

And Warwick Records' managing director Ian Miles recently commented on how his own company had changed its mind about country. "It was believed that it appealed to a limited market. This is now obviously not true." As a result, both Warwick and K-Tel are stepping up their country LP projects.

But why don't the record companies themselves, who after all own the tracks anyway, compile their own tv-advertised country albums?

Jack Florey, who is in charge of special projects at CBS Records, admits that it's partly to do with expertise and partly with time, "Usually mainline marketing people in the record companies have their priorities in new acts or in building the careers of new acts. Because of the sheer volume of new product, unless you are carrying an army of promotion people, that's where your priorities have to be."

The tv companies such as K-Tel usually come forward with a project and the idea is then thrashed out between them and the record company which owns the tracks. After the complicated business of licensing artists for the projects (clearances often have to be obtained from America and some artists are simply too expensive in royalty terms) and making sure that the record company will not be using or licensing out the same tracks itself in the near future, a final concept may

Florey says that CBS itself would press the discs but the sleeve production, design, and the tv ads are left to the tv-company. "We largely allow them to do it in their style - because they've proved that they're very suc-cessful."

Marty Robbins and Charlie Rich are two CBS artists who will get the tv boost this Spring. But the record companies themselves are beginning look again at this phenomenon. EMI has now weighed in with a cool £250,000 tv campaign for a contemporary country sampler (it features artists such as Linda Ronstadt, Olivia Newton-John and Crystal Gayle) and United Artists is putting out The Billie To Spears Singles Album with tv sup-

But country hasn't just broken through because of tv advertising. Our national press, after years of pooning country music as a hick, minority taste, this year ran huge amounts of space on Don Williams, Dolly Parton, Crystal Gayle and even such items as a country promoter in Tulsa (Jim Halsey) and a Western-Swing ballroom in that region (take a bow Dave Gelly of The Observer for : neat, left-field feature on a neglected and interesting regional culture)

But where does all this sudden popularity leave the real, ethnic country which many British fans so love? Well it must be admitted that Dolly Parton and Crystal Gayle are some way from many people's idea of country these days. But there's always an alternative. The return of Moe Bandy to Wembley this year, Merle Haggard's success last year, proved that real country is still alive and kicking. There's just much more variety now. And the increased public awareness of country must surely benefit the music as a whole

## Cutting the cost of your country LPs

FIVE YEARS ago, there were many in the record industry who saw no future in country music. It was cornpone stuff with an audience that was supposedly numbered in hundreds rather than thousands.

Yet this April Pickwick Records, which specialises in budget albums sold through outlets like Woolworths, feels able to announce to the British industry "There's A Fortune To Be Made In This Country!"

Their slogan is aimed at the fans, at record retailers and at big stores throughout the land. And, surprise surprise, they are even advertising in The Sun and the Daily Mirror to say nothing of ads on all the major commercial radio stations In fairness to Pickwick, their

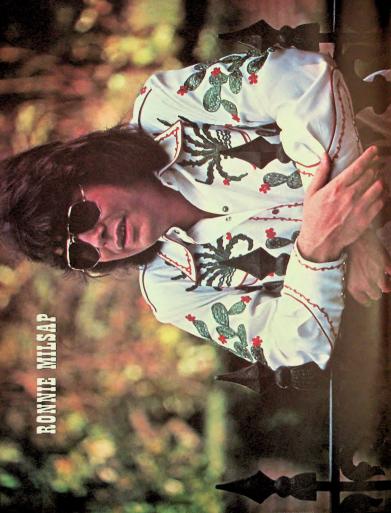
apparent obsession with profits is only one tip of the iceberg. This budget company has for years made country music available at reasonable prices. The 'Pickwick Big Country Super

Stars Promotions', which starts on April 9, offers a host of top names on album for the modest sum of £1.49 per record (tapes £1.95 and double albums

Pickwick is promoting a catalogue of over 40 albums and much of the material is either good catalogue stuff or else fills gaps in the real fan's collection. A prime album on Pickwick's Camden label must be Dolly Parton which includes such favourites as 'Love Is Like A Butterfly', 'My Tennessee Mountain Home' and 'Joshua' - to say nothing of

a busting-out-all-over sleeve picture of the Pneumatic One. Other new release goodies from Camden include collections by Jim Reeves, Elvis Presley, Slim Whitman, Johnny Cash and Marty Robbins - to say nothing of a top notch sampler. And Music For Pleasure is no slouch

in the country stakes either. Glen Campbell's Wichita Lineman LP must rank as one of MfP's star offerings but albums such as The Great Merle Haggard Sings, This Is Loretta Lynn and another Campbell set By The Time I Get To Phoenix catch the eye. And at £1.49 each you can hardly go wrong.



three-day event. Conn's investment has grown too. "This year's involvement is to the tune of about £200,000" says Conn. casually

Country has grown too, of course, over the years not only among the public but also the media and Conn has a sharp eve for television coverage. Last year, he says, the BBC ran seven 40-minute programmes based around the festival and this year it is committed to six one-hour shows In addition Conn promotes tours by

artists who appear at his festivals. This year he has a Marty Robbins tour, one with George Hamilton and a total of about 100 other live concerts on his books. He puts a barring clause in their contracts covering the whole of Europe to ensure it is he who promotes the In the past Conn has had his problems with artists booked to appear at the festival. "We've had them sign contracts

and not show up and we've even had them show up and not even appear they've just gone straight home again. But the vast majority have been great no probleme But like the good businessman he is

Conn makes sure he takes out "noshow" insurance every year at what he implies is a fairly hefty premium, "This is an essential" he says

However, such is the esteeem in which his festival is held that each year masses of tickets are sold even before the bill of artists has been announced. "This shows the strength of the festival itself and the credibility of this company - the respect that the public has for us and the

"The public know they are going to get value for money and they trust us' Conn has two favourite memories of

the festivals over the last ten years. "First was when dear old Roy Acuff was appearing. There was a tremendous round of applause at the end of his set, so huge in fact that all the dust fell out of the rafters. That was a really emotional

"The other is one that gives me great personal satisfaction. That was when we first introduced Don Williams to this country. I heard a record of his in the States and thought he was excellent. But back in this country his own record company hadn't even heard of him. We brought him over and how the public took to him! Before that I was the man who brought Johnny Cash back to the public's attention again but the Don Williams success story was tre-

Nonetheless, despite all this Conn still has his critics - although he rec-

ognises them and doesn't appear to lose much sleep over them. "This is the most extraordinary bus-

iness for attracting the knockers. Anybody that becomes successful is just written off as lucky, anyone who does anything out of the ordinary seems to be someone to be looked down on - amaz-

"But I know what I've done and I'm proud of it. The festival brings great joy and pleasure to thousands of people and I think we've helped to create a tremendous industry in what had been a neglected field of music"

### Conn's confidence scores at Wembley all times. Shorter than average in height,



MERVYN CONN: starts planning for the next Wembley festival almost before it finishes

of thanks for efforts on behalf of coun-The ultimate accolade to Conn is a more intangible thing. The city of Nashville in Tennessee has declared that for the rest of recorded time, April 18 will be known as Mervyn Conn Day.

MERVYN CONN has all the appear-

ances of a tightly coiled spring. To see

him relax is to see a man fighting against

his natural state of bounding energy. He

seems tightly wound and ready to go at

he looks muscular and fastidously neat

can't help feeling that you've seen him

before. Two days later it occurs to you -

he looks like one of the central charac-

ters in one of those Magnificent Seven

spin-off movies. A dark stranger with a

penetrating look, a certain steely appearance around the eyes, someone to

be relied on when the entire Mexican army is attacking and there are just six of

you and Conn to take them on. He looks

like a man who can, to use an Ameri-

Conn's been taking care of business

for country music in Britain for ten years and there's a good case to be made for his

being the single most consistent sup-

porter and propagator of the country

faith in Britain over the last ten years.

London's Covent Garden bears taciturn

testimony to his involvement with coun-

try. There are pictures of Conn standing

next to, or shaking hands with, various musical stars and, notably, one political

star from Dixie - President Jimmy Car-

ter himself. Incidentally Carter's bow tie

is crooked. Conn's is perfectly placed.

On the wall is an illuminated tes timonial from the Country Music

Association, all gothic script and

"whereby, hereby and thereby", bas-

ically saying the CMA owes Conn a vote

His compact office on the edge of

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And yet, even on first meeting, one

Conn is the organiser and promoter of the annual Wembley Country Festival which is the most important regular event on the UK's country calendar Needless to say an event of this size takes some organising

"As you finish one," says Conn "you are virtually starting work on the next one. But these days Wembley is just a part of what we do here, albeit a big part. Promoting country festivals has turned into a major industry for this company. Apart from Wembley we do festivals in Sweden, Finland, Norway and Holland and we are introducing Germany this "So we have six festivals spread across

Europe and if you think Wembley is a lot of work just multiply that by six. We have to organise things like a military operation "And next year we'll be introducing

Switzerland and France. I'm in the strange position of being an Englishman who has turned American country music into a major export from this country into Europe.

But back to the Wembley Festival. As Conn said plans for next year's event are now afoot and he will be jetting to the States in May to book next year's

"The factors involved in organising the event are enormous. There's the negotiating for people who want to take part in the exhibition, collecting artists

from various points all over the United States and arranging hotels over here "We always arrange a banquet for the

participants which usually involves organising for between 700 and 1000 people. Then there are the limousines and coaches to get together there's the sound, the lighting, advertising, food and hundreds of other things. Conn's first country festival was at

Wembley Empire Pool in 1969, as it was known then, but his original idea for an event of this sort came to him the pre-

'It struck me that country was an area in the music industry that was completely undeveloped. I saw the opening and felt that it would be a good idea to step into what was obviously a vacuum. But I had to think of something dynamic to get country off the ground - something that would convince the public, the record industry, the press, radio and television that there was a market for country music here.

"There was no-one to advise me on what to do because I was treading com

pletely unknown territory but, being an entrepreneur, I decided to take the bull by the horns and book the biggest venue in the country and organise a festival. "It was only my second year in bus-

iness on my own and I virtually put everything I had on the line for the festival. I suppose I might shudder a bit now looking back on it but at the time I didn't worry about the festival at all. If I hadn't thought it would work then I wouldn't have done it. You have to be confident

Conn booked the Empire Pool for Saturday, April 5, 1969, and put tickets on sale for between the pre-decimal equivalent of 521p to £2.10. He got David Allan and Murray Kash as comperes and presented to the British public such names as Tammy Wynette, Hank Snow, George Jones, Loretta Lynn, George Hamilton, Conway Twitty, Merrill Moore and Wanda Jackson. 'We had about 7,000 people turn up.

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### ALBUM REVIEWS

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son's top material ('Whiskey River', 'Crazy', 'Night Life' etc, etc), recorded 'Crazy', 'Night Life' etc, etc) live at Lake Tahoe, Nevada

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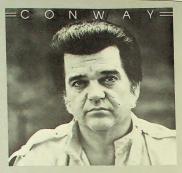




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#### Crystal Gayle

TO MANY, country means nasal voices and whining steel guitars. Crystal Gayle has this year proved how to sell country music without possessing all the country cliches. Her songs have been a familiar sound on the airwaves of Britain these past 12 months yet many listeners hardly see her as any more country than, say, Bonnie Tyler.

Sister of top country star Loretta Lynn and one of the eight children of a Kentucky coalminer, Crystal was born in the small Kentucky town of Paintsville and grew up in Wabash, Indiana, very much involved in music events

Crystal really started to forge her own identity when she moved to UA in 1973 and finally got teamed with producer Allen Reynolds. Reynolds was an up-and-coming Nashville producer who had already created a new sound for Don Williams and launched the laconic singer's career. With Crystal he pursued a similar path and the resulting sound, less ostentatiously country than would be normal for a Nashville artist, soon began to register with a wider audience

Although she initially toured in sister Loretta's package show she was scoring country hits on her own in 'Wrong succession, 'Restless', Road Again' and 'This Is My Year For Mexico' were establishing her name in Nashville. With 'Somebody Loves You', she became more recognised by music fans in general and the album of which that single is the title track was her first to be released in both America and Britain.

The next album, Crystal, contained the big country hit 'You Never Miss A Real Good Thing' and resided in the American country album chart for well over a year. Crystal meanwhile played live in

Britain, first at the Wembley Festival and then on a touring double bill with Kenny Rogers. But it was the single 'Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue and the album from which it came We Must Believe In Magic that really broke things for Crystal. The album registered in the American pop 100 as well as the country The single was Crystal's turning

# THE COUNTRY **SUPERSTARS**



DON WILLIAMS

THE BIG interest in country music this decade has undoubtedly been sparked off by the success of Don Williams, a laconic, retiring man who, in his time off, runs a farm in Tennessee.

Williams gradually spread his appeal from the strict country market so that, as of this year, just about every album he makes reaches the pop album chart.

Williams first registered in Britain at the Wembley Festival in 1976. He was already known to the country fans by his melodic, appealing songs and warm voice but that Wembley gig had him demonstrating the last word in simplicity - Don with his voice and guitar plus a drummer and bassist. It was a change from the Nashville Sound and the audience went wild.

Since that day Williams has been an unparallelled favourite with the British fans. They've even developed a kind of relationship - he is well-known for saying practically nothing on stage so it's usually from the audience that the quips come, generally on the subject of ne singer's cowboy hat.

Williams was born in Texas and actually first saw fame with a hybrid folk group of the type that was popular in the mid-60s - the Pozo Seco Singers. His work with them was very different and a listen to those records now gives no idea of the distinctivelyvoiced country superstar that would emerge

In 1972, with his future very uncer-Williams began recording in Nashville, his first album coming out

point in Britain. The soulful ballad was a very familiar sound on the air waves last year and it made Crystal Gayle's name. It's difficult to miss such a distinctive voice and she registered in the lower reaches of the chart again recently with 'Why Have You Left The One You Left Me For', a re-release of a track that didn't make it Selected Albums:

Somebody Loves You (UA UAS 29937) Crystal (UAS 29973) We Must Believe In Magic (UAG 30108) When I Dream (IIAG 30169) Pve Cried The Blue Right Out Of My Eyes (MCA Coral CDL 8059)

on Jack Clements' JMI label. His first single in his new, country style was 'Don't You Believe' and although it was a modest country hit,

the Williams' style was really forged with 'The Shelter Of Your Eves' He had now teamed up with that soon-to-be-successful young producer

Allen Reynolds and the sound that emerged from Reynolds' magic board was warm, melodic and late-night. But at the same time it was lacking in excess lushness and thus had the possibility of appealing to the country fan's simple taste and the MOR listener's love of melody. Williams subsequently signed to

ABC (Anchor in Britain) and has scored such well-played hits as 'You're My Best Friend', 'Amanda' and 'I Recall A Gypsy Woman'. Over the last two years Anchor Records has engineered an awful lot of coverage for the artist with Williams becoming almost as familiar a figure as Blondie on the pages of Fleet Street's tabloids. As a result, he has entered the main-

stream of musical entertainment and gave his more down-home country fans a fright last year at Wembley when he appeared with a string section backing him. The latest accolade came this year when he was selected by K-Tel to be marketed via tv advertising. Selected Albums:

You're My Best Friend (ABC ABCL 5127) Greatest Hits (ABCL 5147)

Harmony (ABCL 5177) Visions (ABCL, 5200)

A FEW years ago the writer submitted an article to New Musical Express about how Dolly Parton was leaving the Porter Wagoner Show and striking out in new directions. "Do you think Porter Wagoner and

Dolly Parton are really the sort of thing our readers want to know about?" asked a doubtful sub-editor. The writer demured that the twosome were definitely of interest - partly because they represented a good example of what had become known as The Nashville Sound, partly because of a feeling that whichever direction Dolly decided to go in, she would probably



Dolly Parton

because she had a bust that seemed to measure at least 40 inches Although Dolly had drummed up something of a local singing reputation by her early teens (she appeared on the Grand Ole Opry at age 13 and cut some sides for a Louisiana record label) it wasn't until she arrived in Nashville after leaving school that she

started to make waves At first writing with her uncle Bill Owens she had two hits on the Monument label ('Dumbe Blonde' and 'Something Fishy') and then joined Porter Wagoner's travelling show. The next six years saw a fertile songwriting partnership with Dolly 'n' becoming regulars on the country charts via such marvellous Nashville productions as 'Last Thing On My Mind', 'My Tennessee Mountain Home' and 'Burning The Midnight Oil'.

But Dolly's talents were rapidly becoming the main focal point and in 1974 she split from the Wagoner camp and had her first hit with 'Jolene'. The new Parton sound was less aggressively country and worked in the pop field because of Dolly's ability to write beautiful, singable songs. 'I Will Always Love You' was a following hit 'Love Is Like A Butterfly' was

another singles hit for Dolly and she was also moving into the pop/country field on her albums. The first few of her solo albums were hailed by country and pop critics alike but lately, although sets like First Harvest- New Gathering have received massive publicity from RCA, critics and fans have been less sure about whether the lady has yet found the kind of crossover niche into which Linda Ronstadt, for instance, has so easily settled. Even so, Dolly has become a famil-

iar voice on British airwaves via singles and certain tracks from her albums and her recent 'Baby I'm Burning' soul stormer was even re-mixed for the disco market

Selected Albums:

The Bargain Store (RCA LSA 3217) Jolene (AFLI 0473) New Harvest . . First Gathering (PL 12188) Here You Come Again (PL 12544) Heartbreaker (PL 12797)

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#### Merle Haggard

PERHAPS THE biggest star currently working on the country scene (OK, let's split that with Johnny Cash!) Merle Haggard's life could have been written by Steinbeck. The son of a depression Okie, Haggard ran wild as a youth and spent some time in local prisons, finally getting well and truly put off prison life when he was jailed for attempted larceny in the notorious San Quentin penitentiary and got talking to some of the condemned men on Death Row. Haggard has since put these problems down to "wild hair". And he has subsequently been able to use them in his songs. Hag has lived the life that most country stars only sing about. Songs like 'Hungry Eyes', 'Mama Tried' and 'Branded Man'

In 1970 Haggard made a stand against the campus riots of he day. It was the time of Vietnam, of alienation among different sections of American society and Haggard appeared to plump down in favour of the tradtional, conservative values. His two 'redneck' anthems, 'Okie From Muskogee' and 'Fighting Side Of Me' were wildly received by those who believed



Merle Haggard

that it's only possible to be patriotic on the right-wing of politics. Haggard was greeted warmly at a reception by Persident Nixon but

Tammy Wynette and Billy Sherrill's careers run parallel in many respects. Both were born within a few miles of

apparent that he had no particular ave to grind. Rather, it seemed that he was one of those fiercely proud, self-made men with little time for those who griped about the system and had had it easier than he. His rather simplistic verdict about the Vietnam protesters was that "they were pulling things down but didn't seem to have any answers".

Oddly, Haggard has become embraced by those who might have been expected to oppose his opinions. Like many great writers – whether of literature or songs – his honesty and lack of bile seem to come through.

fluggard now stands at the head of the country music crowd. His music has changed little over the years. He has made few concessions to commerciality but has used his position to experiment with musical forms that he loves – such as western swing and discieland jazz. Many felt that his trival was a peak which Merryn Com will never again be able to match.

turned down an invitation to endorse Selected Albums: one of George Wallace's political camThe Very Best Of Merle Haggard paigns. When I spoke to Haggard on (Capitol EST 23234) A Working Man his British visit last year, it became Can't Get Nowhere (EST 11693)

THE COUNTRY

GEORGE HAMILTON IV

GEORGE HAMILTON is that rarity, a country singer who has found more popularity outside America. Indeed he is generally known as The Country Ambassador because his quiet good humour and regular touring of Britain have done much to forward the cause of country senerally.

Raised in Carolina, Hamilton has Scottish ancestry and, over the years, has cultivated a great interest in British traditions, even giving school lectures on the subject of folklore and musical connections between America and the UK. It's an interest that he's brought into his music too – both his albums and his tv shows have in the past seen a good deal of lofk music influence.

Oddly, Hamilton started life as a teeny idol. He'd travelled to Nashville in search of country stardom and was introduced to songwriter John D. Loudermilk who gave him his first hit -'A Rose And A Baby Ruth'.

But after playing a few rock 'n' roll package shows with people like Gene Vincent and Buddy Holly, Hamilton decided that his original love, country, would provide him with a more ful-filling living and in 1959 he was accepted onto the Grand Ole Opre, at the same time signing to RCA Records, for whom he has recorded such big country hits as "Canadian Pacific," 'Abilene' and 'Break My Mind'.

The late 60s saw Hamilton making a dent in Britain and Canada and pushing country music in newer, more thoughtful directions by recording the songs of Ralph McTell and Gordon Lightfoot. "I think that if you don't change you just become like a jukebox" he once said.

In this last couple of years his changes have embraced top producer Allen Reynolds who has given him a new and identifiable sound for his new label, ABC Records. And this year Hamilton has been accorded that rare commercial accolade for a solo artist, he has been marketed on ty by K-Tel Records, a compilation of his work down the years.

Selected Albums: Hits Of George Hamilton IV (RCA

PL 42335) Fine Lace And Homespun Cloth (Anchor ANCL 2022) Feel Like A Million (Anchor ANCL 2026)



#### Tammy Wynette

COUNTRY LYRICS often deal with divorce, broken marriages and drinking but Tammy Wynette has had the ordeal of living the song. Her on-off, on-off marriage to country star George Jones has been well enough chronicled to provide the basis for a classic country weenje.

It was summer of 1975 when Tammy's big hit 'Stand By Your Man' took off in Britain. It quite inexplicably happened just before the singer came over for a major headlining tour that year.

It was one of the rare country hits to make it big in Britain. In the mean-time Tammy got divorced from George and CBS chose the moment to put out a very old American hit of hers, 'D.I.V.O.R.C.E'. Suddenly Tammy was no longer an obscure country singer.

To date. Tammy has remained true

to the modern country style. This would have sounded silly a few years ago when many felt that Billy Sherrill's way of producing records was already too far removed from the hillbilly roots. But Sherrill's style has gone down in the history books as 'The Nashville Sound', a smooth, sometimes-orchestrated, weepie sound.' The Nashville Sound was devised at

a time (the mid-60s) when vast droves of Americans had moved to the towns and were losing touch with country music in its cornpone form. Tammy Wynette seemed to speak

for many suburban housewives, for women perhaps contented by increased wealth but perhaps also a little alienated by the emptiness of modern, left-at-home life. Where Porter Wagoner and Dolly Patron were hymning the po' folks rural struggle with the song We'll Get Along Someday', Tammy showed the other side of the coin. Now we've got it, what do we do with it?

anmy wynette and biny Snerriis careers run parallel in many respects. Both were born within a few miles of each other in Alabama – Tammy in Redbay; Sherrill in Haleyville. Years later, Tammy would walk into Sher-rill's Nashville office, shortly after she



TAMMY WYNETTE

had signed with him for production, and find him throwing darts at a map of America on the wall. "We're gonna put Redbay and Haleyville on the map" he explained laughingly. Tammy was an up-and-comer when

Tammy was an up-and-comer when she married George Jones. By contrast, the man whose name was synonomous with the plain, unadorned, bar-room dance music of the 50s era was on a downward swathe in the 60s.

Billy Sherill teamed them up. Tammy's crying, subtrhan-soul voice was the coming thing in the newer, uptown country style of the day. George slotted in like an anchor alongside her, the knowing crooper to her aching, held-in neuroticism. It was the period when country started making inroads into the mass recorddelying audience. It was smoother than and Tummy typified it. Although Dow Williams and Crystal

Gayle have had more commercial success of late, Tammy is perhaps still everyone's idea of the archetypal country singer. And since parting company (socially and professionally) with George Jones, she's found that the star role has brought out new perspectives.

"I have tried to do things on the show that I didn't have time to do before. It's been difficult. I depended a bot on George onstage. I'd never been one to talk much onstage and I'd just depended on George to do that. So now that's changed. I've had a lot to get adjusted to but I've been talking a lot more, making myelf get into mortion of talking to the control of the district of the control of the control I find. I'm closer to them by talking more."

Selected Albums:
No Charge (Embassy 31532) Stand By
Your Man (Epic EPC 69141) We're
Gonna Hold On (EPC 80010)
Womanhood (EPC 82972)

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#### COUNTRY MUSIC

#### Vernon Oxford

COUNTRY MUSIC is not solely the property of the major record labels in the British Isles. Some areas are more country-minded than others and Ireland is a case in point. It has its own artists who are stars in their own right, its own record labels and there is very definitely an Irish Country Sound - a more easygoing, sentimental type of music than that found in the bars and dance halls of America.

Release Records of Dublin specialises heavily in Irish country and its knowledge of the local scene (which includes the areas of England and Scotland where there is a heavy Irish contingent) has meant that it has built up a flourishing career here.

roster of local artists headed by Ray Lynam and Larry Cunningham - two artists whose professionalism is admired by many on the American scene.

Recently, Release scored a notable coup by picking up the contract of Vernon Oxford. Oxford was, until recently, somewhat obscure American singer whom his detractors said sounded too much like a Hank Williams copyist. British fans though have always liked the authentic spartanism of artists such as Oxford and it was the performer's British fan club which pressured ou record companies into having a look at their man earlier this decade - pressure which resulted in RCA signing Oxford and the consequent resurgence of his

When RCA decided not to renew Oxford's contract recently, Release moved in and signed him, proving that British and Irish labels perhaps now feel they have something to offer an American artist who is not big enough for the top selling country market but still has a following in the British Isles. Big R Records in Scotland made a simil move in signing Texan artist Boxcar

Willia Vernon Oxford's music remains basically the same stone country style that he has played for years. Guitars, steels and fiddles - this is the sound that Oxford likes behind him. And if he does sound like Hank Williams when he sings, well, there are many who think

that to be no bad thing.



have a great love of pretty melodies, and that if he could have a song with a great

melody he could get off to it and he probably would not know why he got off

Selected Albums: Before The Next Teardrop Falls (ABC ABCL 5132)

#### THE COUNTRY SUPERSTARS

#### Tanya Tucker

THESE DAYS it's nearly every country inger's hope to achieve recognition in the wider field of pop or rock. Tanya Tucker is the latest in a line that includes Linda Ronstadt, Dolly Parton and Crystal Gayle.

It's six years since her distinctive quavering but powerful voice burst onto the American country seen with a huge hit single 'Delta Dawn'. She was 13 then, but looked well beyond her years.

Now she has matured into a top country voice. Gone is the Larry The Lamb quaver. But Tanya is determined to break out into the wider country rock

"Now it's time to branch out and do other things" she says. "I want to sing music that involves different styles. Look at Streisand, Ronstadt and Presley for example. They were all able to start in one place and move into a large area of music where they could communicate with audiences that fit into just about any category." Tanya spent the early years of her life

in Wilcox, Arizona but her family later moved to Phoenix. She's the youngest of three children and an older sister is La Costa, also a country star in her own right on Capitol Records.

The wider open spaces in which she grew up have given Tanya an appreciation of nature. She raises cutting horses, which are used in competition to herd cattle and she also attends rodeos whenever possible because "I just love that entire world of people who think and live nothing but horses."

Selected Albums: Ridin' Rainbows (MCA MCF 2796) TNT (MCG 3530)

#### John Denver

PERHAPS THE most successful of the artists who started out in country and took it to the mass market. Denver these days could by no stretch of the imagination be called a purely country singer but his mountain-pure, soaraway style of singing has always ensured him a big following among country fans, and of course he has penned some huge country hits, notably 'Country Roads'. Born John Henry Deutschendorf in

New Mexico, Denver grew up in an air force family and was thus constantly on Best Of - Vo. 2 (PL 42120) I Want To the move. He had early flying ambitions Live (PL 12521)

Presley although he first made some kind of name in the folk clubs of America's West Coast. Denver has since settled in the mountain country of Aspen, Colorado, an area now indelibly associated with his name since he immortalized it in songs. Denver is currently one of the richest performers in America and plays many of his gigs on the Vegas cabaret circuit.

but succumbed to the influence of Elvis

Selected Albums: Best Of - Vol. 1 (RCA APLI 0374)

#### Freddy Fender

IF BOTH Freddy Fender and his producer Huev P. Meaux had not done time in jail, they might never have met up and devised the Tex-Mex artist's first big hit Before The Next Teardrop Falls

Fender had served three years in a Louisiana penitentiary in the early 60s for possession of dope while Meaux had been imprisoned in 1966, charged under the Mann Act, for allegedly transporting girls across a state line to perform 'hostess' duties at a Nashville convention

Both men emerged very bitter about the experience. Fender had been set up for his bust by a paroled informer while Meaux fought his own conviction in the courts but lost and had to serve 14

As Huey tells it: "I met Freddy in 1964 and again in 1969. He walked in the second time right after I got back from doing time. I was going through a lot of head changes and I couldn't understand why a guy would want to sign up with me 'cause I just got out of the penitentiary. And he said: 'Well you've been through the same changes that I have and I think you'll understand me better than anybody else'.

Freddy had grown up Baldemar G. Huerta but changed his name to Fender when he found himself becoming popular among the Texas pop audiences. At that time he was playing mainly rhythm & blues with the occasional country number like 'Wasted Days And Wasted Nights' (actually penned in 1959 but not destined for hitdom until years later) thrown in

first big LP seller for Meaux was the My Ring (MCF 2845)

definitive Before The Next Teardrop Falls, on which Meaux pioneered a beefier-than-usual country sound with Fender providing a hurting, lisping

"I had to try and do something different that he had never done before"

remembers Huey "He didn't really know he could sing that kind of stuff and I didn't either. But I knew that he had feeling 'cause I'd heard him sing that stuff (country). And his being Mexican, they

#### Conway Twitty

ONCE A rock star because of his masve 'It's Only Make Believe' hit. Conway Twitty has since settled into country music and is in fact considered to be one of the staunchest, mainstream country artists. He has not strayed into rock or easy-listening and his albums, whether solo or with Loretta Lynn, have given countless hours of pleasure to lovers of what is generally called The Nashville Sound.

By 1960 his rock period was behind im and he had started writing country. He recorded with top producer Owen Bradley in Nashville and quickly became a regular on the country charts with his smoothly soulful, wellproduced modern country. Together, Conway and Loretta Lynn have several times won the CMA Vocal Duo Of The Year award.

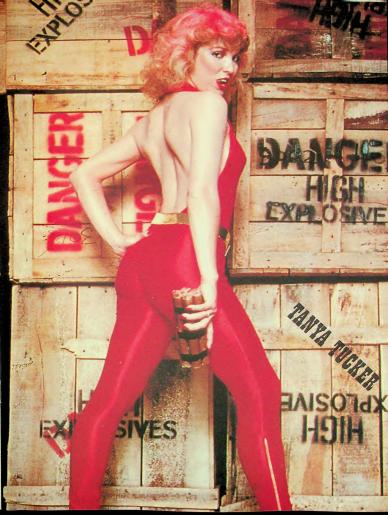
Selected Albums: Fender's catholic taste in music has The Best Of Conway Twitty (MCA

since been reflected on album but his MCF 2737) Georgia Keeps Pulling On





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#### Moe Bandy

MOST COUNTRY stars are eventually tempted to join the move to rock or easy-listening. But Moe Bandy, over the years, has remained a loyally unreconstructed hard-hat. He comes from the tradition forged by George Jones and for that the British fans love him.

Beer, honky-tonk tayerns and the everyday life of the working man are the subjects this Mississippi-born artist sings about. His music is simple, unadorned country and he relies just on the hurt in his voice to get his

A one-time rodeo rider, Bandy has since named his band The Rodeo Clowns. His big 1976 hit 'Hank Williams You Wrote My Life' gives another clue to his purist country influences

Selected Albums:

Hank Williams You Wrote My Life (CBS KC 34091) Pm Sorry For You My Friend (82003) Cowboys Ain't Supposed to Cry (82295)

#### Ronnie Milsan

COUNTRY-SOUL is a term often used to describe the voices of certain singers but Ronnie Milsan is one man who can justifiably lay claim to the tag. He once sang in a rhythm & blues band and the results are clearly evident when one hears him sing country

Milsap is always being dubbed The Country Ray Charles, and certainly there are more than a few similarities. Both are blind (a handican Milsan makes fun of by telling photographers not to blind him when they pop their bulbs), both have an incredibly soulful feel for music, and both are apt to borrow from musical forms other than

their own

In 1969 Milsap was in Memphis, having become something of a name on the r&b touring circuit but looking still for a definite identity. He found this in the 1970s when Charley Pride's former manager Jack Johnson took him under his wing and got him applying his black-styled tones to country music. The result has been a very successful string of hits for Milsap in the American country charts, 'The Girl Who Waits On Tables', 'Pure Love', Please Don't Tell Me How The Story Ends' and 'A Legend In My Time' are just some of his singles successes. He's likely to be one of the stars of this year's Wembley Festival.

Selected Albums: A Legend In My Time (RCA LSA 3209) 20-20 Vision (LSA 3278)

#### Ronnie Prophet

COUNTRY MUSIC is usually associated with dour, three-chord music about life's hard realities. Yet one of the biggest successes with British audiences these last 12 months has been Ronnie Prophet, a country comedian of a distinctly off-the-wall nature.

Prophet appeared on last year's Wembley Festival and took the event Selected Albums: by storm. His act is a mixture of music, impressions, stand-up gags and monologues - of which 'Harold and Gertrude', a saga featuring Harold the Horny Toad, has become legendary.

So impressed was promoter Mervyn (CBS 69200)

#### THE COUNTRY SUPERSTARS

Conn with Prophet's performance that the artist was one of the first people to be signed up for this year's event - as

Prophet is actually Canadian. He was signed to RCA in the States for over three years before his unusual style of country entertaining found a market and then it was as much on the Vegas circuit as the country. Then, last year, he was given his own American tv show - to run for 24 weeks.

Like Britain's Max Boyce, he is an artist whose ability is best gauged via albums and live appearances. This year's Wembley, on which Prophet will undoubtedly be a totally uncontrollable compere, should help his cause further.

Selected Albums: Ronnie Prophet (RCA PL 10164) Country (PL 40677)

#### The Outlaws

BEFORE THE Outlaws came along, country music was still recognisable as a breed on its own. Most country stars then did not in fact wear rhinestone suits and suchlike but they did tend to have short hair, neatly pressed trousers and big grins. In short, country then was very much a branch of showbusiness as distinct from rock.

The Outlaws - Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Tompall Glaser and others - got their name because of a new insistence on doing things their way. They demanded a part in record company decision-mking. Wanted to write or at least pick their own songs. Wanted to get away from being told by a record company 'house' producer to record a succession of like-sounding, three-minute songs.

Willie Nelson was first, breaking from RCA in order to sign a contract more to his own liking with Atlantic Records, then just breaking into country music. His first album for them, Shotoun Willie, was recorded in New

Waylon Jennings did stay with RCA but used Nelson's departure to lever more freedom for himself. His Honky Tonk Heroes album was earthier than anything he'd recorded previously, most of the songs having been written by taciturn newcomer Billy Joe

Shaver The Outlaws' achievement was that they proved you could have an alternative to the Nashville way of business, Waylon, Willie, Guy Clark, Doug Sahm, Joe Ely and others have shown that you can write country music any old way you want - that it can be more than just 'product' and pretty tunes.

Waylon And Willie (RCA PL 12686) Hits Of Waylon Jennings (RCA PL 42211) Honky Tonk Heroes (Waylon Jennings) (RCA AFL 10240) Red Headed Stranger (Willie Nelson)

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1 Which artists are these the real names of? (a) Harold Jenkins? (b) Wynette Pugh? (c) Baldemar G. Huerta?

a).....

b) .....

3 Which contemporary country star used to play bass with Buddy Holly?

country singer?

- 4 Willie Nelson's old composition 'Night Life' was once taken up and used as a theme tune by a band with which Nelson used to play. Give the full title of that band.
- 5 Don Williams used to sing in which 60s pop/folk group?
- 6 Which pedal steel guitar player is a member of the high-i/q organisation MENSA?
- 7 'Harper Valley PTA' was a huge hit for Jeannie C. Riley. Which male artist

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wrote this song about small-town hypocrisy?

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- 10 Tanya Tucker has a sister who is also a star in her own right. What is this sister's professional name?
  - 11 Which country music family is associated with Maces Springs, Virginia?
- 12 Which famous country picker went on to become vice-president of RCA Records?
- 13 In 1974 The Grand Ole Opry moved to Opryland. What was the name of the building in central Nashville which previously hosted The Opry?
- 14 Jerry Lee Lewis is reckoned to have been influenced by which honkytonk country pianist?
- 15 Who was the lead vocalist with Bob Wills' Playboys during the band's golden 30s period?

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## Change to Flamingo

Part NEW disco label formed by mussc publishers Carlin, originally to be named Paradise Records, has undergone a name change to Flamingo Records.

The change for the label, set up by president Freddy Bienstock and director Mike Collier, has come about because it has recently been discovered



JACOB MILLNER, lead singer with Inner Circle, who release a new single this week titled 'Stop Breaking My Heart' (Island WIPS 6488) culled from the album Everyshing Is Great, from which the single of the same names is taken and which has enjoyed six weeks in the RB charts.

## Polydor discs

POLYDOR HAS followed the lead given in this country by CBS with its release of its two Disco Pool albums with the new Steppin' To Our Disco album which features 11 segued tracks.

A limited edition of 1200 copies it is being mailed out to dis on the Polydor mailing list, media personnel and selected retail outlets.

The album was segued by Studio 54: Rich Kaczor and tracks featured 4re: Rich Kaczor and tracks featured 4re: Gloria Gaynor ! Will Survive, Gregg Diamond Bionic Boogie \*Cneram Glovay Rises to The Top!, Alicia Bridges ! Low The Nullifie! Andquel Low The Music Play!, Joe Simon ! Lowe Vibration, Don Ray 'Got To Have Lowring, ! Isase Hayes 'Shaft II', Kikrokos Jingile DJ' and Peaches And Herb \*Shake Yout Grovow Thing!

## TK in Europe TK RECORDS, rated as one of the

originators of disco and still one of the hottest disco labels around in the States, hottest up its own European office in London. In charge is Phil Holmes, formerly

CBS custom label promotion boss. CBS will press and distribute TK product in the UK while the TK London office will form a link between the States and Europe while at the same time searching for European product to release.

for European product to release. Holmes can be contacted at TK, 42, Hanway Street, London W1 (telephone 636 1050/1042). hat there is already a label called Para

Flamingo has concluded a licensing deal with Magnet and the first product under the deal will be 'Get Dancin' 'by the Bombers which is already high in the American disco charts and has spent six weeks in the RB Disco Chart on import.

weeks in the RB Disco Chart on import. It will be released on Friday on 12inch orange vinyl at £1.99 (12FM1) and also seven inch (FM1).

## Companies team-up for Boogie album

POLYDOR AND Phonogram have teamed up to issue a segued 16 track album titled Boogie Bus, scheduled for release on Friday, April 13, and supported by an extensive television advertisine cameraien.

The album will be on the Polystar label (998174) retailing at £4.35 and in cassette form at £4.50. It was segued by Graham Canter with advice from Polydor and Phonogram disco promotion managers Theo Loyla and John Waller.

It will initially be advertised on Granada to the tune of 24 separate slots and could go nationwide depending on the response.

Tracks on the album are Crown the Leights Affair Galaxy Of Love 'Rahni Harris 'Six Million Steps', Miquel Brown 'Symphony Of Love', Solidae Front Symphony Of Love', Solidae Foogle 'Who 'All Carlon' (Laborate Managara, 'Banilion Bohannon Diamond Bionic Boogie 'Cream Calways Rises To The Top), 'Charles Earland 'Let The Music Play', Gloria Gaynor 'I Will Survive', Alica Bridges 'I Love The Nightlife', Peaches And Lethon' Shake Your Groove Thing', 'How The Nightlife', Peaches And Have', 'Kon Grown Charles', 'Ronnie Jones 'Wac And Myself', Roy Ayers and Wayne Henderson 'Heat Of The Beat' and Light Of The World 'Swingin' 'and 'Light Of The World 'S

## Disco from RCA

RCA IS the latest of the major record companies to lay plans for a specialised disco label - Solar Records.

Newly appointed disco product manager David Yeats, while seemingly unclear about plans for Solar and apparently unwilling to reveal his intentions, admitted that Solar will become a separate entity in the UK.

First product under the Solar banner will be the Carrie Lucas single 'Dance With You' which features the chant "Solar funk will make you jump" – a slogan which will be used as a tag line for the whole Solar advertising campaign in this country.

That single is scheduled for mid-April release and other product will follow from artists such as Shalamar, Lakeside and the Whispers.



Artists: CULTURE/Tribesman Venue: London, Rainbow (2,890) Current product: Album Cumbolo (Front Line 1040) (C)

TRIBESMAN, A young, Londonbased band warmed up the audience nicely with trombonist Rico adding some brass fire, but it was for Culture that the audience had come.

Backed by The Revolutionaries, that aggregation of star Ja sessionmen whose presence can transform a gig and who opened the main set with an audience-erupting burst of instrumental dub, Culture stored into its act with some opening numbers from the new album.

A vocal trio whose music draws on rasta roots but those songwriting and harmony appeal gets to a large audience. Culture quickly had the audience in dancing, chanting mood with such classics as "Two Sevens Clash", Fussing And Fighting" and "Down In Jamaics".

Culture has been threatening to reach the big audience hitherto enjoyed by Marley, Tosh and The Diamonds. With a top backing band adding extra dimensions to the proceedings, the group which became a cult with the punks last year showed that there are indeed great possibilities for regae to stand on its own merits the year. GARY DIXON

AINT MISBEHAVIN' (fer Majestry )
TIME WAS when the basis for a musical was a storyline, dialogue, songs and dancing. But threas change and in line with economic necessity, Airri the exception of the songs and a modicum of choreographed movement. It arrives with a high reputation from Broadway, but shapes up largely as a pleasantly relaxing after-dinner extra lamment which would have been as Time of the property of the property

Ain't Misbehavin' stands or falls by the quality of its music and five black singers and since all the songs are those written or performed by Fats Waller it has a lot going for it. But it is ultimately disappointing in that it tells us absolutely nothing about Waller the man, a larger than life character in all respects. The show itself has a token Waller lookalike, amiably played by Evan Bell, but he takes second place in the personality stakes to Andre de Shield who handles his role as a supercool Harlem dude with great style, particularly in a sinuous interpretation of 'The Viper's Drag'

The show is elegant rather than dynamic, but thankfully doesn't seek to duplicate the watermelon energy of Bubbling Brown Sugar. Performed

# Culture – growing from the roots

in-front of a handstand set which houses a white Dixieland band and eatly evokes the era, there are some delightful moments, notably a version of 'Honeysuckle Rose' which gives the lyrics a whole new depth of meaning, a tingling 'Squeeze Me' by Josella Reed and a lightly swinging 'Lounging At The Waldorf." Although, individually there isn't a memorable voice on stage, the harmony work and part singing is impeccable and marvellously arranged by William Elliott. There is nothing better in the whole show than the vocally and physically sensuous Jitterbug Waltz'

The cast album is being released this month by RCA (RL 02965 (2)).

BRIAN MILLIGAN

Artist: DUFFO
Venue: The Venue, Victoria (600)
Current product: LP *Duffo*, Single
'Give Me Back Me Brain' (Beggars
Banquet BEG 15) (W)
DUFFO. TO a large extent, is the ulti-

DUFFO, TO a large extent, is the ultimate gimmick spawned by an increasingly gimmick-obsessed industry. On the basis of pure freak appeal, he has mented the attention of Russell Harry, to the purpose of the purpose of the tens of the consumer press - not to mention the Metropolitan Police. If last week's singles charts are anything to go by, it might work for Beggars Banquet.

The general impression from last week's Venue gig was that Duffo is more concerned with putting over Duffo than the limited musical talents he possesses. Emerging in a straightacket, he gradually stripped down to plastic, leaping about with an inflatable doll and indulging in painful attempts at audience participation.

The music itself was almost exclu-

sively taken from his album Duffo among the numbers' Rise In My Levis', 'Record Jerk', 'Duff Record', Tower Of Madness' and his new single 'Give Me Back Me Brain' — the lyrics providing the necessary shock/horror effect for the short-sighted and all tracks being given far heavier treatment than on the album.

His attempts at Bowie/Iggy Pop imitations may well amuse or take in enough people for long enough to see some commercial return, but Duffo's unlikely to last longer than most gimmicks.

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#### Dealer action

WITH SO many UK record com- column to Casino Classics as I think panies watching the imports and read- the company does a good job in satising the American trade magazines to fying a very sizeable audience. Anyway find their next release it makes a some of my all time favourite records change to find a British record com- are Northern. I can't currently think of pany creating its own audience and any record on the disco chart that is in playing its own records. Wigan Casino has been well known for years in the Northern Soul scene and has been responsible for notching up some incredible local sales. I think everybody is aware that Northern Soul was the basis of the film Saturday Night Fever. Although Wigan seems a far cry from the United States of America and the chic gay scene your Disco Duck can assure you after taking his holiday there four years ago (in Wigan) that musically the Casino kids are possibly more intelligent.

I have always given space in this

the same league as Robert Knight's 'Love On A Mountain Top'

The new Casino Classics single, out on March 30, is 'I'm Gonna Share It With You' by Diana Foster with ar instrumental B-side called 'Time Out' by Autumn. The first 10,000 are in white vinyl and a special bag. If you're lucky enough to be on the disco di mailing list you could receive a limited edition 12-inch of which there will only be 500 copies. The following release will be 'Stone Soul Loving' by Nikki Wilson on April 27, with, 'I Can't Seem To Hold You' by the Allnight Band coming in May.

Recently live at the Casino Were Martha Reeves and the Vandellas who, I'm told, were brilliant. Also on the northern scene due to debut soon. via Pye, will be Neil Rushton's label which may be called Inferno Records. He already has some classic northern hits including the Sandy Winds Fontana hit 'A Touch of Venus' and also Gloria Jones' 'Tainted Love

One of the hottest import albums at the moment is Alphonse Mouzon's Poussez. The top tracks include 'Come On Do It With Me' and 'Boogie With Me'. The album certainly is excellent and won't be long before, it's released here on Pve. I will be amazed if Mike Collier at Carlin doesn't have something to say about the best track on the album - listen to it and see what I

I mentioned after Midem the song Dario, Can You Get Me In The Studio' and there are now copies on US Midsong International by Dana and Gene. It is moving well but is unlikely to see IIK release

mean.

As is the wont of most dis here's a tasty B-side - 'Rock On', the flip of the new Raydio single 'You Can't Change That' on US Arista. It's tailor-made for the current disco-rock boom The new US Epic label, in dark and

light blue, sees the debut of the Chocolate Jam Company with a single entitled 'A Chocolate Jam' with B-side 'Looking Glass'. This hunk of funk is getting particular attention in the North West. Another CBS record from the States is Splendor's 'All Night Long' and it's also starting to break quite big in the North.

In the purest form is the new album from Mass Production on Cotillion Records which includes the new single 'Can't You See I'm Fired Up' and the trumental B-side 'Our Thought'. Although Mass Production has never notched up UK sales the band always goes well on import.

Certainly my album of the week this week, on US Tamla, is Try My Love by Tata Vega. There are several tracks that are scoring big but the album should be stocked as quite a few clubs are going with different cuts.

Peter Waterman

## THE DISCO CHART

The UK's only weekly sales-based Disco/Soul Chart - with Beats-per-minute' ratings

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,	,	4	TURN THE MUSIC UP PLAYERS ASSOCIATION	Vanguard VS/VSL 5011	A	115
*2	9	9	HE'S THE GREATEST DANCER SISTER SLEDG	F Atlantic K11257	w	116
*3	5	3			F	127
4	3	10	I WILL SURVIVE GLORIA GAYNOR		F	
5	2	7	I WANT YOUR LOVE CHIC	Adianie C4 TOTALLE-0	W	116
*7	30	7	CAN YOU FEEL THE FORCE? REAL THING THE RUNNER THREE DEGREES		A	132
- 8	8	13	KEEP ON DANCING GARY'S GANG	CBS 12-7109	C	126
9	8	9	DISCO NIGHTS (ROCK FREAK) G.O.	Arista ARIST 12-245	F	123
*10	15	6	KEEP YOUR BODY WORKING KLEEER		w	129
11	7	6	MONEY IN MY POCKET DENNIS BROWN		w	Reggae
12		4	CUBA GIBSON BROTHERS		E	122
*13	60	3	DANCE LADY DANCE CROWN HEIGHTS AFFAIR		F	113
14	13	-6	EVERYTHING IS GREAT INNER CIRCLE SHAKE YOUR BODY JACKSONS		E	122
*16	35	2	LOVE AND DESIRE ARPEGGIO		E	130
17	11	15		th Century BTC/BTCL 2396	A	134
18	14	23		th Century BTC/BTCL 1040	A	112
19	19	4		Casablanca CAN/CANL 144	A	127
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21	17	4	HAVEN'T STOPPED DANCING YET GONZALEZ		3	135
<b>*22</b>	62	4	HERE COMES THE NIGHT BEACH BOYS	Caribou CRB 12-7204	C	134
*23	29	4	FIRE POINTER SISTERS		W E	119
25	10	12	YOU BET YOUR LOVE HERBIE HANCOCK		C	126
#26	41	2	SWINGIN' LIGHT OF THE WORLD	Ensign ENY 22-12	F	132
*27	32	3	LOVE BALLAD GEORGE BENSON		w	112
28	28	2	SHA LA LA MEANS I LOVE YOU BARRY WHITE 2		A	138
29	24	3	HIGH ON YOUR LOVE SUITE RICK JAMES	Motown TMG 1137	E	132
30	25	5	LIVIN' IT UP BELL AND JAMES	A&M AMS/AMSP 7424	C	119
31	20	6	PAINTER MAN BONEY M	Atlantic K11255	W	129
32	16	8	TRAGEDY BEE GEES	RSO RSO 27	F	118
33	27	3	PARTY DOWN GEORGE DUKE	Epic EPC 7149	С	128
34 *35	34	2	TURN ME UP KEITH BARROW  CHOLLY FUNKADELIC*	CBS 12-7090 Warner Bros K17321	C	117
36	23	2	HEY LITTLE WAY OUT GIRL DEL CAPRIS	Grapevine GRP 112	R	144
37	39	3		Mercury 6167 774/9189 082	F	114
38	26	9	AT MIDNIGHT T-CONNECTION	TK TKR 12-7517	С	118
<b>*39</b>	71	2	KNOCK ON WOOD AMII STEWART	Atlantic K11214	W	
40	38		DANCIN' GREY & HANKS	RCA PB/PC 1458	R	122
*41	65	3	NANU NANU DADDY DEWDROP	Pye Int. 7N/7NL 25803	A	122
*42	52	3	LET'S FLY AWAY VOYAGE STRAIGHT TO THE BANK BILL SUMMERS	GTO GT 245 Prestige PRS/PRC 101	C	116
*44	36	8	THE DANCER GING SOCCIO		Imp	116
45	37	2	HOT NUMBER FOXY	TK TKR 12-7532	C	135
46	31	7	POPS, WE LOVE YOU DIANA ROSS ETC.	Motown TMG 1136	E	116
*47	59	2	THE NUMBER ONE SONG IN HEAVEN SPARK		С	
48	43	15	(DANCE IT) FREESTYLE RHYTHM MANTUS	Atlantic LV 19	W	132
49	49	10	SHAKE YOUR GROOVE THING PEACHES AND		F	136
50	44	7	BRING YOUR OWN FUNK FANTASTIC FOUR	Atlantic LV 14	W	123
±51 52	46	1 1	CRAZY GLASS FAMILY LIFE IS A DANCE CHAKA KHAN	Miracle M3/M3-12 Warner Bros K17320	A	103
52	50	4	THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD GO I		R	134
54	33	8	HEAVEN KNOWS DONNA SUMMER	Casabianca CAN 141	A	132
55	54	8	FIFTY-FOUR SEA LEVEL	Capricorn POSP/POSPX 28	F	120
56	21	12	HEART OF GLASS BLONDIE	Chrysaks CHS 2257	F	117
57	63	3	TOE JAM CREME DE COCOA		Imp	
58	58	14	GOT TO BE REAL CHERYL LYNN	CBS 12-6967	C	118
<b>*</b> 59	MAY	2	MAGNETISM EUGENE RECORD YOU'VE GOT IT ALL PEGGY SCOTT	(Warner Bros WBSD 8774) Pinnacle PIN 73	Imp	126
60	70	2	SINNER MAN SARAH DASH	Kirshner KIR 12-6973	C	122
62	45	3	PICK ME UP I'LL DANCE MELBA MOORE		Imp	
63	53	7	PEG MIKE MANDELL	Vanguard VS/VSL 5010	A	122
42	22	8	WEEKEND MICK JACKSON	Atlantic K11224	W	116
65	MAN	1	ONE COLD VIBE THIRD WORLD	Island WIP 6485	E	
66	MAN	1	DISCO JUNCTION SIDE EFFECT	Fantasy FTC/12FTC 170	E	-
67	67	4	BLACK IS THE COLOUR WILBERT LONGMIRE	(US Columbia 23-10923)	lmp	
68	55		YOU BET YOUR LOVE (REMIX) HERBIE HANC			
69	40	13	SING SING GAZ	Salsoul SSOL/12XSSOL 116	E	114
70	57	9	I'VE GOT MY MIND MADE UP INSTANT FUNK I DON'T WANT NOBODY ELSE MICHAEL WAL	Salsoul SSOL/12SSOL 194 DEN* Atlantic K11269	E W	126
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- Warner Bros THE GAP BAND Gap Band -8 (9) FIRE NIGHT DANCE Peter Jacques Band - Prelude 9 (14) MONUMENTS Jackie Mclean -
- 10 (11) RICHARD EVANS Richard Evans -
- (5) BREAKWATER Breakwater Arista (6) WE ARE FAMILY Sister Sledge -
- (8) HILARY Hilary U.S. Columbia (-) SHOTGUN 111 Shotgun ABC (-) DISCO NIGHTS G.Q. Arista
- 18 (20) MIDNIGHT IN MANHATTAN Sever
- 19 (-) BUSTIN LOOSE Chuck Brown & The Soul Searchers Source 20 (10) SWEET TALKS Sweet Taks -

## Top Selling 12" Singles

1 (1) TURN THE MUSIC UP Players Association - Vanguard
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1	3	10	72	76	I WILL SURVIVE GLORIA GAYNOR	-	POLYDOR 2095 017	F	OIL
-2	2	5	58	34	SOMETHING ELSE SEX PISTOLS		VIRGIN VS 240	C	-
*3	7	4	51	88	IN THE NAVY VILLAGE PEOPLE		MERCURY 6007 209	F	_
*4	24	3	45	65	COOL FOR CATS SQUEEZE	_	A&M AMS 7426	C	_
5	5	7	37	79	I WANT YOUR LOVE CHIC	-	ATLANTIC LV 16/K11245	W	-
6	4	8	34	67	LUCKY NUMBER LENE LOVICH			E	-
*7	25	8	33	52	BRIGHT EYES ART GARFUNKEL	V	STIFF BUY 42	C	_
8	3	9	32	64	OLIVER'S ARMY ELVIS COSTELLO & THE ATTRACTIONS	-	CBS 6947	w	_
★9	12	4	30	76	TURN THE MUSIC UP PLAYERS ASSOCIATION	•	RADAR ADA 31	-	
10	6	7	30	80	CAN YOU FEEL THE FORCE REAL THING		VANGUARD VS 5011	A	_
*11			28	34		$\triangle$	PYE 7N 46147	A	_
	15	9	-		DON'T STOP ME NOW QUEEN		EMI 2910	E	-
★12 13	9	7	27	67	SULTANS OF SWING DIRE STRAITS	_	VERTIGO 6059 206	F	_
					KEEP ON DANCIN' GARY'S GANG STRANGE TOWN JAM	_	CBS 7109	С	
14	10	4	23	28			POLYDOR POSP 34	F	
15	11	8	23	25	INTO THE VALLEY SKIDS		VIRGIN VS 241	С	
16	16	6	22	74	MONEY IN MY POCKET DENNIS BROWN		LIGHTNING LV 5/LIG 554	W	
★17	19	3	22	53	QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SHAM 69		POLYDOR POSP 27	F	
18	13	6	20	62	WAITING FOR AN ALIBI THIN LIZZY		VERTIGO LIZZY 003	F	-
★19	32	3	20	85	HE'S THE GREATEST DANCER SISTER SLEDGE		ATLANTIC K 11257	W	
★20	30	4	20	80	WOW KATE BUSH		EMI 2911	E	
★21	35	2	20	79	THE RUNNER THREE DEGREES		ARIOLA ARO 154	Α	
22	8	8	20	52	TRAGEDY BEE GEES	•	RSO 27	F	
★23	97	2	19	3	THE STAIRCASE (MYSTERY) SIOUXSIE & THE BANSHEES		POLYDOR POSP 9	F	
★24	33	3	17	70	SHAKE YOUR BODY (DOWN TO THE GROUND) JACKSONS		EPIC EPC 7181	C	
25	23	7	16	44	CLOG DANCE VIOLINSKI		JET 136	C	
26	22	10	13	47	HOLD THE LINE TOTO		CBS 6784	C	
27	27	7	14	47	JUST WHAT I NEEDED CARS		ELEKTRA K12312	W	
28	29	7	14	74	FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS NEIL DIAMOND		CBS 7047	C	
29	21	5	13	62	EVERYBODY'S HAPPY NOWADAYS BUZZCOCKS		UNITED ARTISTS UP 36499	E	
30	17	9	13	24	GET DOWN GENE CHANDLER	$\nabla$	20TH CENTURY BTC 1040	Α	
★31	36	5	11	75	FIRE POINTER SISTERS		PLANET K12339	W	
★32	64	2	11	62	SOME GIRLS RACEY		RAK 291	E	
★33	52	3	10	75	IMAGINATION ROCKY SHARPE & THE REPLAYS		CHISWICK CHIS 110	E	
34	26	10	12	36	YOU BET YOUR LOVE HERBIE HANCOCK		CBS 7010	C	
★35	65	2	10	54	THE LOGICAL SONG SUPERTRAMP		A&M AMS 7427	C	
36	20	2	11	8	HEART OF GLASS BLONDIE	*	CHRYSALIS CHS 2275	F	
37	34	9	10	26	WHAT A FOOL BELIEVES DOOBIE BROTHERS		WARNER BROS K17314	W	
★38	59	6	8	70	I DON'T WANNA LOSE YOU KANDIDATE		RAK 289	E	
★39	55	2	9	47	REMEMBER THEN SHOWADDYWADDY		ARISTA ARIST 247	F	
40	39	6	9	44	IMPERIAL WIZARD DAVID ESSEX		MERCURY 6007 202	F	
41	28	6	8	61	PAINTER MAN BONEY M		ATLANTIC HANSA K11255	W	
42	18	10	11	4	CONTACT EDWIN STARR	$\nabla$	20TH-CENTURY BTC 2396	A	
43	42	4	9	39	CUBA GIBSON BROTHERS		ISLAND WIP 6483	E	
★44	51	3	9	21	KEEP YOUR BODY WORKIN' KLEEER		ATLANTIC LV 21/K11268	W	
★45	48	4	9	25	CHASE GIORGIO MORODER		CASABLANCA CAN 144	A	
46	37	5	9	25	DISCO NIGHTS (ROCK-FREAK) G.Q.	_	ARISTA ARIST 12245	F	
47	50	6	9	20	EVERYTHING IS GREAT INNER CIRCLE		ISLAND WIP 6472	E	
★48	53	7	6	62	YOU ANGEL YOU MANFRED MANN'S EARTH BAND	_	BRONZE BRO 68	E	
★49	NEW	1	6	76	GOODNIGHT TONIGHT WINGS		PARLOPHONE R6023	E	
★50	57	3	7	45	SHA LA LA MEANS I-LOVE YOU BARRY WHITE		20TH CENTURY BTC 1041	A	
51	41	8	7	49	BRISTOL STOMP LATE SHOW		DECCA F13822	S	
★52	58	4	6	46	HAVEN'T STOPPED DANCING YET GONZALEZ	_	SIDEWALK SID 102	E	
★53	63	5	5	69	LET'S FLY AWAY VOYAGE		GTO GT 245	C	
★54	78	2	6	50	HERE COMES THE NIGHT BEACH BOYS		CARIBOU CRB 7204	С	
55	46	6	8	4	ENGLISH CIVIL WAR (JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME) CLASH	-		C	
56	38	9	7	6	GET IT DARTS	_	CBS 7082	E	
57	43	6	4	66	BLOW AWAY GEORGE HARRISON		MAGNET MAG 140 DARK HORSE K17327	w	
★58	NEW	1	6	*				F	
59	54	4	6	23	SHOOT, SHOOT UFO BOOGIE TOWN FLB		CHRYSALIS CHS 2318	E	
★60	92	2	4	65			FANTASY FTC 168	E	
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<b>★62</b>	96	2	6	8	I (WHO HAVE NOTHING) SYLVESTER	FANTASY FTC 171	F
63	60	6	6	21	TRASH ROXY MUSIC	POLYDOR POSP 32	F
64	40	9	6	15	HONEY I'M LOST DOOLEYS	GTO GT 242	C
65	47	4	6	2	OVERKILL MOTORHEAD	BRONZE BRO 67	F
66	31	10	6	3	THE SOUND OF THE SUBURBS MEMBERS	VIRGIN VS 242	c
67	67	4	4	30	GREEN LIGHT CLIFF RICHARD	EMI 2920	E
★68	71	2	5	16	LOVE BALLAD GEORGE BENSON	WARNER BROS K 17333	W
★69	TING	1	5	9	DANCE LADY DANCE CROWN HEIGHTS AFFAIR	MERCURY 6168 804	F
70	45	8	5	13	HEAVEN KNOWS DONNA SUMMER	CASABLANCA CAN 141	A
71	44	10	5	6	CHIQUITITA ABBA		C
★72	76	3	3	48	LIVIN' IT UP (FRIDAY NIGHT) BELL & JAMES	A&M AMS 7424	C
★73	80	2	- 4	17	GIVE ME BACK ME BRAIN DUFFO	BEGGARS BANQUET BEG 15	
74	66	2	3	37	I GO TO PIECES RACHEL SWEET	STIFF BUY 44	E
75	56	4	3	29	BULLY FOR YOU TOM ROBINSON BAND	EMI 2916	F
★76	95	2	4	8	LOVE AND DESIRE ARPEGGIO	POLYDOR POSP 40	F
77	70	3	2	36	THE NUMBER ONE SONG IN HEAVEN SPARKS	VIRGIN VS 244	C
★78	NEW	- 1	2	39	POP MUSIK M	MCA 413	F
79	79	2	1	46	THE RUNAWAY ELKIE BROOKS	A&M AMS 7428	C
80	62	8	3		SATURDAY NIGHT (BENEATH THE PLASTIC PALM TREES) LEYTON BUZZARD	CHRYSALIS CHS 2288	E
★81	88	2	2	33	MUSIC BOX DANCER FRANK MILLS	POLYDOR 2121 370	
82	73	4	2	34	GOOD TO SEE YOU FRANKIE MILLER	CHRYSALIS CHS 2299	E
★83	NW	1	3		SILLY THING SEX PISTOLS	VIRGIN VS 256	c
84	82	2		57	ROCKING CHAIR (IT'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT) DEAN FRIEDMAN	LIFESONG LS 405	C
85	85	2	2		HEY LITTLE WAY OUT GIRL DEL CAPRIS	GRAPEVINE GRP 112	B
86	86	3		61	IN MY LIFE PHOEBE SNOW	CBS 7175	C
87	87	2	1	8	PARTY DOWN GEORGE DUKE	EPIC EPC 7149	C
88	93	2	1	44	KNOCK ON WOOD AMII STEWART	ATLANTIC K11214	w
89	61	4	2	26	KEEP REACHING OUT FOR LOVE LINER	ATLANTIC K11235	w
<b>★90</b>	MEW	1	2	13	SWINGIN' LIGHT OF THE WORLD	ENSIGN ENY 22	6
91	NEW	1		47	I JUST FALL IN LOVE AGAIN ANNE MURRAY	CAPITOL CL 16069	F
92	NEW	1	1	24	THE ADVENTURES OF THE LOVE CRUSADER SARAH RRIGHTMAN	ARIOLA HANSA AHA 538	A
93	MEW	- 1	2	3	OFFSHORE BANKING BUSINESS MEMBERS	VIRGIN VS 248	C
94	NEW	1	1	23	SOMETHING'S COOKIN' IN THE KITCHEN DANA	GTO GT 243	C
95	NEW	1		26	UNTIL THE NIGHT BILLY JOEL	CBS 7242	C
96	89	4	1	19	READY TO TAKE A CHANCE AGAIN BARRY MANILOW	ARISTA ARIST 242	E
97	100	2	2	3	TURN ME UP KEITH BARROW	CBS 7090	C
98	99	2	2		CUT LOOSE HAMILTON BOHANNON	MERCURY 6167 774	
99	77	3	1	- 5	HIGH ON YOUR LOVE SUITE - ONE MO HIT (OF YOUR LOVE) RICK JAMES	MOTOWN TMG 1137	F
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#### FEATURE



The average life-span of a chart record is seven weeks, but in 1978-9 four titles more than trebled that with Bonev M surviving over nine months with three senarate chart peaks. Longest ninners

40 weeks RIVERS OF BABYLON/BROWN GIRL

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THE SMURF SONG Father Abraham

FOREVER AUTUMN Jeff Wyanes 'War Of The MY LIFE Billy Joel

NORMALLY WHEN you review what the charts have had to say about the year just gone, the main interest is in the records that were in them. But with RB's Top 100 celebrating its

first birthday it's worth a quick summing up first of the performance of the chart itself. For there is no doubt that it has made some impact in the troublesome business of understanding the state of the weekly market.

By publishing a Top 100 (and since July the Top 120) RB I has opened up the critical 'breakers' area outside the Top 60. It has meant chart runs for new wave acts (like Stiff Little Fingers or the Ruts), oddities (like Marily Monroe or James Cagney), re-promoted oldies (like the Velvelettes), regional sellers (like the Bells) and seasonal product like the plethora of Christmas or Scottish football songs suffered in 1978.

The sales/airplay mix has created a whole new pattern of chart per-formance. Hit after hit on the RB chart has followed the American pattern of a low entry with heavy airplay turning eventually into a solid seller. Just a few who benefitted from an airplay-based early chart placing are Andy Gibb, Barry Manilow, Alan Price, Yvonne Elliman, Meat Loaf, Elkie Brooks, Lindisfarne, Heatwave, Goldie, Clout, Marshall Hain, Sine, Jeff Wayne, Jackson Browne, Andrew Gold, Renaissance, Earth Wind & Fire, Exile, Kandidate, Racey . . . the list goes on. Many appeared in RB up to a month before anywhere else

Strangely enough, records that reach Number One get there slightly quicker than those which only reach the Top 20. The average times from entry to peak

Too 100	2 weeks
Top 60	3 weeks
Top 40	4 weeks
Top 20 Top 10	6 weeks
Number one	6 weeks
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18 records have topped the RB chart since it began a year ago - yet four of them held

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10	BAKER STREET Geny Rafferty (UA)	1 week
17	MATCHSTALK MEN Brian & Michael (Pve)	1 week
24	NIGHT FEVER Bee Gees (RSO)	2 weeks
15	RIVERS OF BABYLON Boney M (Atlantic/Hansa)	5 weeks
19	YOU'RE THE ONE THAT I WANT John Travolta & Olvia Newton-John (RSO)	9 weeks
21	THREE TIMES A LADY Commodores (Motown)	5 weeks
25	SUMMER NIGHTS John Travolta & Olivia Newton-John (RSO)	7 weeks
13	HOPELESSLY DEVOTED TO YOU Olivia Newton-John (RSO)	1 week
20	RAT TRAP Boomtown Rats (Ensign)	2 weeks
4	DA'YA THINK I'M SEXY Rod Stewart (Riva)	1 week
11	MARYS BOY CHILD Boney M (Atlantic Hansa)	3 weeks
8	Y.M.C.A. Village People (Mercury)	2 weeks
22	HIT ME WITH YOUR RHYTHM STICK Ian Dury & the Blockheads (Stiff)	1 week
29	HEART OF GLASS Blondie (Chrysalis)	5 weeks
5	TRAGEDY Bee Gees (RSO)	2 weeks
19	I WILL SURVIVE Gloria Gaynor (Polydor)	

## Sales/airplay mix proves a winner

COINCIDING WITH the launch 12 months ago of Record Business was the introduction of the UK's first Top 100 singles chart based on a sales-airplay mix. Patterned on a system utilised by the American trade magazine Record World, the RB singles chart sought to illustrate marketplace activity, rather than merely sample sales, and by so doing provide an early-warning guide to future hits. In this survey of firstyear performance, research manager Godfrev Rust examines the chart's contribution to a better appreciation of the singles market, analyses facts and figures, details individual performance and draws some conclusions about hit potential.

Not all turntable hits sell, of course, and the 80s and 90s have had their share of Linda Ronstadts and Billa Jo Spears' that have been played to death while hardly moving a copy, but it doesn't take much acquaintance with the pattern of RB chart action to learn how to read the signs.

In its first year the chart has been increasingly dominated by disco. A year ago just 19 percent of chart singles could wear that tag. By July it had risen to 30 percent, by November 34 percent and by March 1979 it had reached 45 percent with the tide still rising.

Even more telling is disco's recent stranglehold at the top. More than 40 percent of sales come from the top ten records, and twelve months ago only three of those could even tentatively be tagged disco

Since Christmas every Number One has had strong disco support and in RB's birthday issue only Costell, Lene Lovich and the Sex Pistols were preventing a disco clean sweep of the top

Yet ironically, new wave is currently at its most successful. Despite the enormous publicity that attended the punk and new wave outbursts in 1977/78, only since last summer has the

music made real top ten impact. Elvis Costell, Jam, Siouxsie & The Banshees, Sham 67, Skids, Members and the Boomtown Rats (the first and as vet only new wave chart-topper) have all followed where the Sex Pistols led. As sales boomed platinum discs - a

threatened species since the late Sixties - became commonplace for any strong number one with Boney M (twice), Travolta & Newton-John (twice), Village People and Blondie all collecting. Amazingly 'Night Fever' - winner of so many awards and the definitive '78 disco sound - has not sold a million, and spent just two weeks at the top.

Among the year's oddities was Boney M's double-A-sided monster which sold almost two million and surely begs the question of how many unsuspecting punters bought it twice without realising (perhaps they still don't - does

If output carries on as it has in 1978-79 3400 singles will be released this year. Of these approximately

1 in 5 will reach the RB Top 100 1 in 7 will reach the RB Top 60 1 in 10 will reach the RB Top 40 1 in 20 will reach the RB Top 20 1 in 30 will reach the RB Top 10 1 In 50 will reach the RB Top 5 1 In 200 will reach Number One



As a partnership and as individuals John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John scored seven hits and a mammoth 101 chart weeks between them - an a age of one hit each on every chart of the years. But the most consistent individual acts were

vidual active were:

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no-one look at the B-sides any more?) Evelyn 'Champagn' King earned the distinction of enjoying six months of 12-inch chart life without ever breaking the Top 40.

12-inchers, coloured and picture vinyl have, of course, drastically and probably permanently altered chart behaviour. At the extreme is Alan Price, whose heart-shaped 'Baby Of Mine leaped 98-21-38-78 before vanishing with an abruptness only matched by the departure of Rod Stewart's 'Ole Ola' and Boney M's 'Mary's Boy Child' once their respective seasons were over

In all 828 records featured in RB's Top 100 in its first year. 100 of course were there to start with and since then there has been an average of just over 14 new entries each week, with the least being 7 with one re-entry (August 14) and the most 20, on several occasions.

The highest new entry was the Sex Pistols' 'Something Else', charting at 6 on March 5 this year, but entry positions have more to do with the timing of the record company marketing schedules than with actual immediate demand so no analysis has been published

The fastest Number One was Blondie's 'Heart Of Glass', just seven days after its official release date. Ian Dury, Village People and Gloria Gaynor all took 8 weeks.

The longest time taken to climb the chart was the 14 weeks spent by Billy Joel's 'My Life' reaching 15 and Lindisfarne's 'Run For Home' reaching 9. Crystal Gayle's 'Talking In Your Sleep' peaked at 11 fifteen weeks after first charting but had spent five weeks out of the chart in between.

One record spand even farther than 'Rivers of Babylon'. The 'Sultans of Swing' first gave Dire Straits a chart placing in June 1978, when they reached 74 before sliding into apparant oblivion. They are neither the first nor the last outsiders that RB's charts has been pleased to serve.

able to do

### How Dana beat her crisis of confidence

AFTER A break of almost three years due to a nagging throat complaint which necessitated two operations, Dana is back on record with a new GTO album appropriately entitled The Girl Is Back (GTLP 037).

The most immediate impressions of her comeback are of a greater maturity in the choice of repertoire and an improvement vocally. A more worldly, finger-snapping singer has emerged, a distinct change from the girl next door who won Eurovision nine years ago with 'All Kinds Of Everything' and has been stuck with an image of demure sweetness ever since. The new-style Dana has triggered the enthusiasm not only of GTO, but also her American label Epic which has been proclaiming the album's sales potential.

Her change of style she credits to producer Barry Blue and GTO managing director Dick Leahy. When she was not exactly bubbling over with confidence about her ability to tackle new material at the album sessions back in April last year, they encouraged her to sing more adult songs and convinced her that vocally she was fit to do so.

Those sessions marked her first serious attempts to sing new material since September 1976 when a relaspse following an earlier operation for a trouble-



THE NEW adult Dana as she appears on her promotional video

some vocal chord put her back into hospital. After treatment she was not allowed to speak for three months. Something of a crisis of confidence

followed and she even found herself afraid to talk during the 30 minutes morning and afternoon periods allowed by the doctors. A 13-week stint as host of a BBC Radio Sunday morning show I Believe In Music helped her on her way, as did a restricted number of live shows, during which she sang only familiar material

The vocal instrument had changed and by the time we started work on the album I didn't know what I was able to do. There were some songs I didn't

think I could sing, but Dick and Barry inspired me to try. In the end I surprised myself," she says.

Vocally, she says she is now in good shape and by taking lessons is treating her voice with proper respect, something she admits she failed to do previously. Her marriage last year to a Newry hotel owner and the fact that she has a lakeside home just outside the town have changed her priorities. She is not planning any live work to promote

the album, although there has been no shortage of opportunities.

"I may do some promotion in America, but so far as Britain is concerned I don't want to be rushing up and down the country at the moment. Before I had to try to fit my recording in with live work and it suffered as a result. Now for the first time I am able to concentrate on recording and that's what I hope to be

BRIAN MULLIGAN

#### Thorogood builds hip following

THE SECOND visit to Britain of George Thorogood and The Destroyers showed that the success of first visit (last summer, on which occasion the 28year-old white Delaware R&B artist was seen by the also-touring Bob Dylan) was no fluke. Thorogood attracted lead live reviews

in NME and Melody Maker and a recent showing on BBC-2's Rock Goes To College will also have done him no harm. The surprise is the youth of some of Thorogood's audience. He appears to be attracting the kind of wider punk element who are not only aware of their own bands but also of Lew Lewis, The Bishops and that whole 60s throwback movement which was somehow intwined with the punk movement two years ago

Thorogood has had no lack of press coverage and even attracted a front page



on The Observer. Released through the Sonet label which is well-known for its ethnic back catalogue. Thorogood looks poised to give Sonet a much-need boost in the new-talent area. His flashy, good-time roots music can be heard on his latest album: Move It On Over (Sonet SNTF 781)



PETER TOSH - I'M THE TOUGHEST (ROLLING STONES RSR 103) Avery belated follow-up to 'Don't Look and lacking both the commercial and immediacy and the overt Rolling Stones involvement which gave the earlier single its head start. Undoubted specialist sales, though. Pic sleeve

MEMBERS - OFFSHORE BANKING BUSINESS (VIRGIN VS 248) 'Sound Of The Suburbs' is a straight a moderate seller.

reggae production, though an extremely commercial sounding one. Pic sleeve and extended 12" versions, plus the group's currently hot status, will sell it.

SARAH BRIGHTMAN & THE STAR-SHIP TROOPERS - THE ADVEN-

(ARIOLA HANSA AHA 538) Brightman follows her Top 5 debut without her naughty bits. Snippets of previous disco and Motown smashes cannot save this uninspiring and tedious cut, even more so on the red vinyl 12". A hit, but next time probably not so lucky.

UFO - SHOOT, SHOOT (CHRY-SALIS CHS 2318) A predictable but strong and immediate blitzkreig bash from UFO, who are currently riding their highest peak ever in terms of mass sales and acceptance. Clear vinyl, 331 rpm playing speed and coloured pic sleeve - but fans will flock to it anyway.

DAN HARTMAN - TIME AND SPACE (BLUE SKY SKY 7221)

Third single from Hartman's Instant Replay album, and it may well have milked the package too far, lacking the sparkling freshness and extreme commerciality of either 'Instant Replay' or 'This Is It'. Some airplay on the Startling change-of-pace follow-up to strength of his name, but no more than



GENERATION X - VALLEY OF THE DOLLS (CHRYSALIS CHS 2310) Pic sleeve and stewed rhubarb coloured vinyl adorn this, the title cut from the band's current album. An energetic rocker with a fair amount of hook, it should have little trouble achieving respectable chart status

SEX PISTOLS - SILLY THING (VIR-GIN VS 2561

A juddering wall of guitars and suitably staccato vocal on this rapid-fire follow-up to 'Something Else', taken like its predecessor from the Great Rock'n'Roll Swindle album set. A strong commercial bet for sales if not (predictably) airplay.



M - POP MUSIC (MCA 413) The first double groove single is an electronic piece of wizardry from a mysterious European gentleman. Stands up on its own right, but the aimmick will obviously be its selling point. The 'b' side is in fact the 'a' side, which is no doubt aimed to help radio programmers

RAYDIO - YOU CAN'T CHANGE THAT (ARISTA ARIST 249)

A catchy, flowing mid-tempo item much in the style of Raydio's chart successes of last year. Amid the welter of current disco-angled material which could threaten to swamp it, the lively vocal blend is likely to score it strong airplay. A chart maybe.

THIRD WORLD - ONE COLD VIBE COULDN'T STOP THIS BOOGIE) (ISLAND WIP 6485)

rom the album Journey To Addis, this lightly grooving reggae cut perhaps lacks the impact to follow the band's two earlier hits to similar success, although their name and the attractive pic sleeve will both work for it.

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#### Best of the rest

#### VARIOUS ARTISTS: 15 Heartbreakers (Pickwick Star Trax SHM 976)

A tenuous title theme to link a collection of slow or medium-paced oldies. Notable in the collection are The Marcels' 'Blue Moon', The Crystals 'Da Doo Ron Ron' and 'One Fine Day Del Shannon's 'Hats Off To Larry' Bobby Vee's 'Run To Him' and 'The Night Has A Thousand Eyes' and B. J. Thomas's 'Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head'.

GRACE KENNEDY (DJM DJF20534) Prod: Irving Martin/Stephen James

Tipped in this paper last year as a name to watch in 1979 Grace Kennedy with her first album gloriously confirms her potential to reach the top. Her voice has a beguiling tonal quality about it, and she can switch from hushed intimacy to full power without the slightest signs of strain or coarseness. She's been given the range of musical styles to tackle, but it is on ballads like 'Home', 'The Best Of The Woman In Me' and 'Play It Again' that her quality is most evident. Recording and career direction will now determine whether Grace Kennedy's natural talent will reach the audience it deserves

#### **DUSTY SPRINGFIELD: Living With**out Your Love (Mercury 9109 617) Prod: David Wolfert

Dusty's last album, It Begins Again, was supposed to have been the one that revitalized her career. This time Dusty will be touring which should give this set a boost but musically it's inferior to the last outing, if anything Her old vocal power is still proudly evident, no problems there, but it's a combination of limp production and poor choice of songs that let her down. Nevertheless there are a few fine tracks here - notably 'I Just Fall In love Again' and a superb rendition of 'You've Really Got A Hold On Me', But overall a disappointment.

ROGER WHITTAKER: Love Lasts Forever (EMI Columbia SCX 6592) Prod. Tembo

Given material that has a melodic. folksy feel, then Whittaker has a homespun charm that is hard to resist. On this album songs like the lilting 'Marriage' and the lusty 'Yarmouth Quay' are particularly good examples of Whittaker at his best. He's less satisfying in more overtly commercial efforts, but in general the repertoire mix is quaranteed to satisfy the requirements of his more than useful MOR sales following

#### VARIOUS ARTISTS: Memories - 15 Golden Hits (Pickwick Star Trax SHM 987)

No particular theme to this album but it does feature some material which doesn't always get a showing in the compilation stakes, for instance Jimmie Rodgers' 'Kisses Sweeter Than Wine' and The Crew Cuts' 'Sh-Boom'. Bigger hits include Chubby Checker's 'Let's Twist Again', The Platters'

## Top 40

#### VAN HALEN: Van Halen Two (Warner Bros K 56616) Prod: Ted Templeman

Will enhance the American metal band's reputation and race up the album charts. As the debut album suggested last year, Van Halen is the more acceptable face of heavy metal with a melodic edge and even a mid-60s touch at times. It's heads-down heavy music all right but there's more 'snace' than is common and even a sense of humour. A free colour poster comes with the LP



#### VARIOUS ARTISTS: Disco Inferno (K-Tel NE 1043)

Top tracks by Village People ('Y.M.C.A.'), Sheila B. Devotion ('Singing In The Rain'), The Trammps ('Disco Inferno'), Gene Chandler ('Get Down'), Patrick Juvet ('Got A Feeling') and Cerrone ('Give Me Love') are included in this commercial tyadvertised disco compilation. Also featured are Leif Garrett, Edwin Starr, Karen Young and Rose Royce, plus Boney M's 'Sunny'



#### and The Coasters, so the collection has a good pop rather than rock value. DANNY KIRWAN: Hellow There Big Boy (DJM DJF20555) Prod: Clifford Pleasant West-Coast-Sounding soft

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes' and The

Kingston Trio's 'Tom Dooley'. Also

showcased are hits from Johnny Ray

rock from the former Eleetwood Mac quitarist who was hailed as a boy wonder and has been trying to live it all down ever since. Along with eight sub Crosby. Stills and Nash well arranged but unremarkable work-outs, there's a good version of Randy Edelman's 'You', but mostly the album looks a little too laid back for the British climate, although it may well fare better in the USA, where his old Mac sparring partners and Bob Welch have all done quite nicely

#### THE GLADIATORS: Naturality (Virgin Front Line FL 1035) Prod: The Gladiators

Already high in the reggae charts, this must establish the group as a real force-to-be-reckoned with. A gently bopping dancebeat with an undertone of 60s ska-style, the production is free of gimmickry and features just hard 'n' steady backing from the usual star mafia plus the trio's high and lonesome harmonies. A potent blend of roots attack and lover's lyricism. Recommended, especially to those who already buy acts like Culture and The Diamonds

#### FRANCK POURCEL: Plays Abba (EMI Studio Two TWOX 1077) Prod: Claude Michel Schonberg The melodic strength of Abba's long

line of hits lends itself neatly to Pourcel's instrumental arrangements. The noted French musicman has charted iar songs as 'Dancing Queen', 'Fernando', 'Name Of The Game', and always manages to introduce the unexpected to give the songs new life. His rearrangement of 'Summer Night City' really pounds along and might well have some potential as a disco

#### PEPE JARAMILLO: Just For You (EMI One Up OU 2224) Prod: Alan Lockey A collection of slightly Latin piano

instrumentals from Jaramillo, who has many years of steady catalogue sales to his credit. Repertoire is chosen from the Top 40 of recent vintage and covers such singalong material as 'I ove le In The Air', 'How Deep Is Your Love', 'Rivers Of Babylon' and 'My Love' One for the browser where the stunning lady pictured on the sleeve should provide more than a passing interest in the contents

#### RICK JAMES: Bustin' Out Of L Seven (Motown STML 12104) Prod: Rick James/Art Stewart

The second album from the Mayor of Stone City is another impressive mixture of funky disco cuts and gentle soul workouts. James shows an intelligence and musical sense lacking in many of Motown's other recent signings, and on this showing the label look as if they could have signed one of the more influential black artists in the years to come. The tracks tend to be on the long side with only three per side plus the short instrumental 'Love Interlude'. With the single 'High On Your Love' looking set to take off, this could be a reasonable seller

BOBBY BARE: Sleeper Wherever I Fall (CBS 83553) Prod: Kyle Lehning

Bare is a long-standing country figure

who has lately gained artistic credence by becoming loosely associated with the so-called outlaw style rather than plumping for Nashville MOR, His spare style is a refreshing change from much country product but unfortunately most of these songs are just too downbeat and desperate to help the singer's cause. Only very limited sales likely within the country market.

#### BLUE: Fools Party (Rocket TRAIN 4) Prods: Blue/Clive Franks/Elton

After 18 months without product, Blue returns with a much more positive approach that is not quite as reliant on Radio-1 play as its Rocket debut. Chief songwriter Hugh Nicholson has obviously been listening to a lot of American rock and toughened up the sound, especially on 'Victim' and 'Mona', but the band has hung on to its pop leanings too with the bouncy pop tune 'Love Sings' - destined to be a single. A gatefold sleeve and big campaign indicate Rocket's faith in the Scottish rock-harmony outfit.

#### RAY CAMPI & HIS ROCKABILLY REBELS: Wildcat Shakeout (Radar RAD9) Prod: Ron Weiser/Ray Campi

Campi, as any self-respecting rocker will know immediately, is a genuine original, who has been rockabilly these last 30 years. He's been recording again since 1972, and this is his first UK release. Campi slaps acoustic bass, alternates on lead quitar and shares the vocals, but the overall impression is of a highly competent band, boasting above-average instrumentalists, thoroughly and con vincingly steeped in the idiom. An essential stock item in shops with a golden oldies trade, particularly since the hand has a March-April tour planned

#### PETER ALLEN: I Could Have Been A Sailor (A&M 64739) Prod: Marvin Hamlisch/Mike Post

Allen remains an under-appreciated talent in the era of singing piano players, yet he rates with the best of them. He's an engaging singer with a friendly, under-played style that gets the message across powerfully on this elegant collection of songs which reflect on human relationships. He has all the sales potential of Manilow and Joel and with the title track picking up strong commercial radio airplay, his time may be near.

#### CLOVER: The Clover Chronicle (Fantasy FT 550) Prod: Ed Bogas Now defunct, Clover was a band which

anneared to have everything going for it - musically at any rate. Excellent musicians with a high variety quotient Clover should have cracked it, certainly on the strength of the two albums recorded for Phonogram. This album is a compilation of tracks from the band's first two Clover and Fourty Niner, both recorded for Fantasy in country-rock vein. Compiler Bruce Walford has done an excellent job in gathering together twelve gems from the early Clover days - notably 'Southbound Train', 'Chicken Butt', 'Keep On Trying' and 'Could You Call It The Album Chart is compiled by Record Business from sales information supplied by the RB Dealer Panel.

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