

## Orksters Quit Due To Heavy Road Schedule

NEW YORK—Following on the heels of the recent announcement by Jimmy Dorsey that he would disband his orchestra temporarily, Glen Gray and Tony Pastor likewise disclosed this past week that they too would disband their units due to the heavy road schedule.

The difficulties of working the road, which begin with long jumps between dates and involve a great many personal appearance shots with music machine operators, disc jockeys and flack hounds have caused the pair to split.

Tony Pastor quits this week and will enter a Hartford, Conn. hospital for a thorough check-up. Glen Gray follows suit and will enter a Boston Clinic for examination.

It was learned that the Glen Gray orchestra had been on the road for almost a year. Dorsey and Gray experienced practically no difficulty in cancelling their engagements; whereas Tony Pastor, it was learned, is undergoing complications.

It was the same sort of schedule that forced maestro Stan Kenton to break down this past summer and disband his unit for well over four months. In all cases, the bands were completely inactive and only the juke boxes of the nation kept their names in the forefront of the industry.

## King Records Sign Folk Artist Team

CINCINNATI, O.—Syd Nathan, president of King Records, this city, announced the signing of Curly Fox and Texas Ruby, widely known folk music team.

The couple who formerly recorded for Columbia have already cut a number of sides in King's Cincinnati studios. The discs are scheduled for early release.

Both artists were signed to a long-term recording contract, Mr. Nathan disclosed.

The signing of the popular folk team, marks another step King Records have taken to firmly establish themselves in the folk and western music field. King, long known as one of the major and more successful recording companies in this field, have continued to hold a prominent position in the industry.

King recently entered the race record field in addition and have shown with its current hit recording "I Love You Yes I Do" by Bull Moose Jackson. The tune currently is a featured record on automatic music machines throughout the nation.

## Apollo Records Prep Heavy Barnet Waxing

NEW YORK—Apollo Records, Inc., succeeded this week in scheduling an additional Charlie Barnet recording session in New York City, and will cut six Barnet sides this Christmas eve, the plattery disclosed this past week.

Previous to the bands current appearance at the New York Strand Theatre, Barnet waxed a double session of platters for Apollo, following dates set several months ago in Los Angeles, under the direction of Jerry Jerome.

Barnet numbers already released on the Apollo label include "Bunny", "Caravan", and the latest click "East Side, West Side". The latter tune is a current hit for the Apollo label, with music operators throughout the nation reporting peak play.

Also slated in the diskery's heavy recording schedule are The Four Blues, Cy Walter and several albums.

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