NEW YORK:
Orkster Lawrence Welk opened this past week at the Roosevelt Hotel in a ballroom show. Lawrence starts his new network show via ABC Jan 1st, for Hi-Life Beer, and has his first Mercury platters slated for early release ... Look for "Brother Bill," the platter that skyrocketed the Charlie Spivak band years ago, to be among one of the hot reissue items ... Sylvia Langler, sparkplug at National Records, back at her desk after being hospitalized for the past two weeks ... Apollo Records sales chief Irving Katz informs us that the platter will have complete distribution in Canada via Monarch Records in Toronto. The latter will press and distribute Apollo on their own label. Apollo has also added Belknap Distributors in Newark, and Delson-Stoken in Los Angeles ... Ed Levy of Major Distributors passing out copies this week. Ed's wife gave birth to a 6 lb. 10 oz, girl, named Candis Jill. Congratulations, Ed! Spike Jones opening at the City Center, White Plains, this past week, pulled some of the biggest crowds who were simply amazed at the way those Westchester folk jammed the place ... Gene Austin and Joe Musella doing a grand job at the Raleigh Room. Dick Bradley of Tower Records, and the very charming Mrs. Bradley, in town. Dick's hotel suite jammed all night and day with music biz figures ... Jimmy Dorsey opening at the Cafe Rouge, Hotel Statler brought brother Tommy down, with the pair turning in a bit of jam on that old time cake ... George Lisen in town visiting ... The Mears, BVC wild about their new acquisition, "You're Always There" ... Paul Cohen of Decca, caught dancing with his lovely daughter at the Dorsey opening at the Savoy. Harry Link looks forward to becoming a grandaddy mighty soon ... Mary Louise, former Cab Calloway chimp, now featured on Gotham Records, thrown when making her debut at Cafe Society ... Jimmy Durant and Aafte Schiødte at Last King of America by the National Law Founda- tion ... Gloria Friedman, well known disk figure in the city, has a big deal on the one of the major platteries ... It's "What's My Name Week" in New York for Frank Warren's great RCA Victor cookie.

CHICAGO:
Lots of luck to Myron Barg who started his new disk jockey show over WMOR this past week ... Jack and Sid Mills of Mills Music in town recently to get a line up on the Midwest setup ... Archie Livingston of Leeds Music here was visited this past week by Al Gallich of Leeds’ New York firm ... Jack Fulton’s Tower waxing of “Sunflower” selling like mad. Sales have already topped the 50,000 mark ... Andy and Della Russell boxed out of the Mayfair Room of the Blackstone, March 21, after a very successful run. We hear that Andy and Della are negotiating with NBC for a “Mr. and Mrs.” air show ... Orkster Al Trace has added a barber shop quartet singing contest to his Monday night Dance Foilics with the winning quartet featured later in the evening on the Foilics broadcast ... Norman Grang presents another of his “Jazz at the Philharmonic” concerts at the Civic Opera House March 25. Ella Fitzgerald was featured as a solo star ... Joe Welly, all hopped up over his new tune “Downhearted” which will be released shortly by Al Trace on the Damon label ... If you like rhumba music, be sure and give a listen to Joe Murand’s RCA-Victor disk “Rumba Cocktail,” a sure fire winner ... Maestro Eddy Howard ended his run at the Aragon Ballroom March 22 with Chuck Foster and his orchestra in the band spot ... Nate Platt, booker for the Chicago Theatre, has lined up a new on Monday night act for Eddie Canatar set for Eddie Canatar set for the club on Monday night. Dei Armas taking over on April 22, Frances Langford inked for May 6, Guy Lombardo coming in June 5, and Peggy Lee and Dave Barbour potted for a two-weeker starting June 24 ... Look for Don Bold’s Peak disking of “Hurry, Hurry, Hurry” to be among the nation’s top ten tunes shortly. Really picking up in popularity in the Chi area.

LOS ANGELES:
Syd Nathan of King Records really getting around while out here. Sid went all the way out to the wilds of Pasadena where he visited with Bill McCull and told the 4-star topers what a good time Bill had in the forthcoming release of Nick Esposito’s “Empty Bedroom Blues.” ... Nathan’s own outfit, headed locally by Al Sherman, doing a fine job on the Deluxe version of Boy Brown’s “Rockin’ At Midnight.” ... Nat Cole’s version of “Portrait of Jenny” has given that pretty tune just the shot it needed, with the Capitol disk finding its way to the most jive boxes in this area. Discovery Records, the Al Capone of the industry, looks as if it could have a real hit in the jive field after doing a nice job entering the disk biz with the progressive jazz of maestro Phil Moore. The discovery platter now comes up with Martha Raye on “Oh, Dr. Kinsey.” Ad and promotion men Howard Hutchinson and Dick Bock spotted at a platter for us and we predict it’s a cinch to clean up in the boxes, if handled properly. Ditto has been binned from the air—supposedly slightly risky... Ops with western locations should latch on to Tommy Daggett, west coast man for Capitol, and “I’m Thru Wastin’ Time On You.” Tempo Records, Brother Bones skedded for the Pittsburgh Courier “Find Of The Year” award at New York’s Carnegie Hall in April, Irving Fogle major demo of the firm’s Irving Fogle for the occasion, and also to hedge with Jack Bergman, Milton Saltzman, D. J. MacKillop and Franco Pasquill, the latter all the way over from Florence, Italy ... Leo Mann of Aladdin Records in New York, while brother Eddie recovers from chicken-pox of all things ... Dee-Jay Joe Adams’ pre-release contest tabs Amos Milburn’s new “Jitterbug Parade” as an all time winner.

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