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King Names Hal Neely General Manager

CINCINNATI, OHIO — Sydney Nathan, President of King Records, last week announced the appointment of Hal G. Neely as General Manager for King and its affiliated record, publishing and manufacturing companies. Neely assumes his new duties on May 16th, with headquarters in Cincinnati.

In announcing the appointment Nathan stated that this is the first step in a new plan to give King a "new look". Neely will team with current King execs Jack Kelly, Howard Kessel, Al Miller and Jack Pearl, in what Nathan termed "our concentrated drive to attain major status in the next two years". Plans call for an

all-out push to expand the current artist roster with immediate emphasis on building a strong LP line. Federal and DeLuxe subsidiary labels are also in for extensive revamping and expansion.

Neely joins King after nine years with Allied Record Manufacturing Co. and its subsidiary companies, American Sound Corporation and Urania Records, where he was Vice-President. A popular society band leader on the West Coast, and a graduate engineer from the University of Southern California, Neely takes to King a broad background of 20 years' experience in the music, record and pressing fields.

20th Fox Records Appoints National Distribs

NEW YORK—Henry Onorati, president of 20th Fox Records, the new label of the 20th Century-Fox film company, announced last week that distribution agreements with thirty-one independent record distributors in the U.S. have been finalized.

20th Fox' distributors are as follows:

Oklahoma Record & Supply Co.—Oklahoma City, Okla.

C & C Dist. Co.—Seattle, Wash.

Davis Sales Co.—Denver, Colo.

Chatton Dist. Co.—Oakland, Cal.

Big State Dist. Co.—Dallas, Tex.

United Record Dist. Co.—Houston, Tex.

Harmony Dist. Inc.—Buffalo, N. Y.

Remlee Sales Corp.—Pittsburgh, Pa.

Leonard Smith, Inc.—Albany, N.Y.

Dixie Dist. Co.—Atlanta, Ga.

Gay Record Dist. Co.—St. Louis

Seaboard Dist. Inc.—E. Hartford, Conn.

World Wide Dist. Corp.—New Orleans, La.

Pan American Dist. Corp.—Jacksonville, Fla.

Ramco Dist. Co.—Phoenix, Ariz.

Pan American Dist. Corp.—Miami, Fla.

Music Sales Co.—Memphis, Tenn.

Music Suppliers of N.E., Inc.—Boston, Mass.

Music Dist. Co.—Nashville, Tenn.

Mangold Dist. Co.—Charlotte, N.C.

James Martin, Inc.—Chicago, Ill.

Harold N. Lieberman Co.—Minneapolis, Minn.

Indiana State Rec. Dist., Inc.—Indianapolis, Ind.

Jay-Kay Dist. Co.—Detroit, Mich.

Fidelity Dist. Co., Inc.—Baltimore, Md.

Hit Record Dist. Co.—Cincinnati, Ohio

All State of New Jersey—Newark, N. J.

"Springtime In Hi-Fi" New Decca LP Release

NEW YORK—"Springtime In Hi-Fi" is the tag given to Decca's latest LP release including a dozen new packages.

Included in the set are four recordings from Europe: "Time To Unwind", Werner Muller; "Right From Left Bank", Maurice Larcange; "Music Sweeter Than Wine", Herman Hagedstedt; and "Carnival On The Rhine", featuring the German Brass Bands.

Two Jazz releases are also included: "Blues And Brass", by Elmer Bernstein known for his scoring of "Man With The Golden Arm"; and "Holiday For Jazz", Joe Holiday.

The vocal albums are: "Sea Shells", Peggy Lee (with harp) and "Let Yourself Go" with Mark Murphy.

Others in the release are: "Fifty Memorable Melodies" by Jack Pleis, a collection of favorites; "Holiday In Canada" by Lou Snider, his piano and orchestra, another release on the Holiday series; "Waltz With Me" by Ethel Smith; and a new Bill Snyder set, "Sweet And Lovely".

Mounted display counterpieces, featuring lithos with an attractive spring motif, and salesman kits, presented as a lucite jewel box, silk screened, and with the same spring motif used on the display pieces, containing a litho book, are two of the sales promotion features which will be used.

Dear Music Ops and Dee Jays,

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