Don Costa & Colpix Ink Indie Producing Pact

NEW YORK — Colpix Records has signed Don Costa Productions, Inc., the former United Artists' A&R head's new indie producing firm, to produce sessions on a non-exclusive basis. Though no definite plans were announced, it is understood that Costa will emphasize new talent. In making the announcement, Paul Wexler, the label's head, said: "We are pleased to make this association and consider it a vital step in our overall expansion plans." The label is currently riding high with The Marcells' outing of "Heartaches," which this week makes its first Top 100 appearance in the #57 slot.

Pacific Jazz Inks McCann Drummer

LOS ANGELES—Pacific Jazz's Richard Beck has announced the inking of Ron Jefferson, drummer with the Lee McCann Ltd. trio, also on the label. Jefferson's first featured LP for the label is due early next year, and will include other jazzists as LeRoy Vineagar, Frank Strazzari, Wilbur Brown, Tricky Lofton and Bobby Hutcherson.

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