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For Strike's Duration:
Victor Lets Newspaper
Disk Critics Have Say On Radio

NEW YORK—Victor Records is doing something about the gap created—disk review-wise—by the long New York newspaper strike.

Victor recently concluded arrangements to present a half-hour weekly radio program on WQXR featuring comments on the various company's new record releases by leading newspaper

Upon first appearance, the program was: "The Weekly Record Review of the Air," given people in the WQXR listening area the opportunity to hear their favorite newspaper reviewers reading reviews exactly as they would have appeared in their respective newspapers. The choice of the classical, pop or jazz
to be reviewed on each program is left entirely to the reviewers themselves. Excerpts of the chosen recordings are presented with the critiques. The program is presented without any commercial messages as a public service by Victor.


CMA Moves Nashville Offices
NASHVILLE — The Country Music Association (CMA) has announced a move to new offices in Nashville. New address is 801 16th Ave. So.

RCAA Offers "New" How-Disks-Are-Made Booklet
NEW YORK—The Record Industry Association of America has re-published and re-designed its booklet—"Your Wonderful World of Records," which describes to consumers how disks are made. It was first made available last year.

Black Gets A Gold Disk
MEMPHIS—Bill Black's Combo was recently presented a gold record of "White Silver Sands," which Hi Records reports has topped one million sales, at a presentation in Black's home at the Hotel Chica here. Joe Cauth, proxy of Hi, and Edward Kissack of London Records, New York distributors of Hi, made the award. Standing (left to right) above are Black, Coughi and Kissack.

Ambassador Offers New LP's, Singles
NEW YORK—Ambassador Records is moving into the New Year with 25 new disks, including 17 albums on the low-priced Guest Star, Diplomat and Rocking Horse Children's disks and singles in the firm's $5.45's or 78's Peter Pan series.

The Guest Star items are: "Frank Fontaine's Idol's Delight & Added Honor" by Marty Gale; "Show of Stars"—Vols. 1, 2, 3 various artists; "Showcase of Western Stars—Vol. 3", various artists.

Heard on Diplomat are: "Twin Pianos," Gamely & Docker and Peter Knight Singers (35mm recording); "Mr. President," Douglas Gamley (35mm recording); "Everybody Loves a Lover," Erle Delaney (35mm recording); "The Longest Day," Nicholas Andriano; "The Tradewinds," National College Champions; "The Lonely Bull," Madrid Affilicado Brass Orchestra; "Limbo;" "Notting on the Bounty," themes from big flicks; "Bossa Nova;" "Showboat," Magic Violins and vocal soloists.

The Rocking Horse entries (only in mono) are: "Mother Goose Jamboree," "Let's Go to the Circus" and "Let's Go to the Zoo."


Ray Charles Cuts First Single in A Year
NEW YORK—Needless to say that Ray Charles is one of the hottest singles attractions around, but, ironically, he hadn't been at a singles session in a year until last week. Charles will be the featured artist on a forthcoming single smash for ABC-Paramount (e.g. "I Can Stop Loving You," "You Don't Know Me," "You are My Sunshine") stemmed from both volumes of his big-selling LPs, "Modern Sounds in Country & Western Music."

Sid Feller, director of A&R, flew to Hollywood last week to cut the singles date, both songs of which were not ballads.

Capitol Inks Eddie Dean
HOLLYWOOD—Eddie Dean, one of the most durable stars of country music, has been added to Capitol Records artist roster. A&R Executive Ken Nelson will produce his records. He comes from the Sage & Sand label.

From a career which has spanned 15 years, this is the first credit the original hit versions of such all-time favorites as "Hillbilly Heaven," "Cowpypad Andy," "I've Got My Name, The Other Has My Heart," " Someone San Juan." He helped write many of his hits.

Dean is also remembered as one of the big-name cowboy stars of movies. He was in the stunt horse riding roles in the lead leading parts in "Hopalong Cassidy" movies. In 1944, when he starred in "Old Yeller," a major motion picture directed and produced a series of the first westerns in color.

A native Texas, Dean has appeared on all the top country music shows. He was a star of the National Barn Dance on WLS, Chicago, for many years. He remains a top attraction throughout the country.

Dean's first Capitol single record, "Run, Jimmy, Run," coupled with "She Doesn't Know I'm Alive," is due this week. (A separate story on label's all-country-folk singles release).

King Greets New Year With 15% LP Program
Nathan: '62 Looks Good
CINCINNATI—King Records and its affiliates—Bethlehem & Audio Lab—are saying Happy New Year to the trade through a straight 15% discount on all LP's until Feb. 28. Eleven new albums for Jan. will be available under the deal.

King's exchange policy on LP's—on a first come, first served basis—will be extended to seven LP branches or seven inde distributers will remain in effect during the sale, which requires no minimum purchases. New albums will be signed, stamped by display material and consumer aids.

Pricing to dealers is as follows: $4.98 LP's go for $2.60; $9.88 LP's are $5.98 and $19.88 LP's are $10.98. King prexySyd Nathan used the occasion of announcing the program to offer a rosy outlook for the disk business.