



MOVING AHEAD — Colin Johnson and Alan Crux of Quarry Productions visit Capitol Records to present Al Coury, senior vice president, a&r/promotion/artist development, Capitol Records, Inc., with new Status Quo album to be released by the label this month. The new Status Quo LP entitled "On The Level" currently tops England's album charts and includes the group's recent No. 1 British single, "Down Down." Pictured (l. to r.): Johnson; Ruppert Perry, Capitol's general manager, a&r; Coury; Crux; and Bob Buziak, executive assistant to Coury.

Sound Bird To Ship First LP Release

HOLLYWOOD — Rick Sidoti, sales manager of Sutton-Miller Ltd., has announced that S-M's Sound Bird Records will ship its first LP release, Mar. 5. The release will consist of nine Mystic Moods catalog albums featuring an entirely new packaging concept for the line and will be serviced by S-M's 17 independent distributors throughout the United

States.

Rather than service the line of nine LP's to radio stations, a special D.J. sampler featuring various cuts from the catalog and a cover showing the entire line concept has been developed and will be used at the radio level as well as the in-store level to aid sales and promotion on the line.

Osmond Duo Reach Gold

HOLLYWOOD — MGM Records has announced that Donny and Marie Osmond's MGM/Kolob album, "I'm Leaving It All Up To You," has passed the million-dollar sales mark and has been certified as a gold record by the Record Industry Association of America (RIAA).

Donny (17) and Marie (15) have both earned other gold disks, but this debut LP marks their first gold album as a duo. They were previously awarded a gold record for the single also titled "I'm Leaving It (All) Up To You." That song as well as their current single, "Morning Side Of The Mountain," both appear on the LP, which was produced by Mike Curb.

Lori Lieberman To Tour Europe

NEW YORK — Lori Lieberman will leave the U.S. Mar. 12 and will make a ten day concert tour of Holland, Belgium, West Germany, France and England. Upon her return to the states in April, Capitol Records will release her fourth album. Her new single is "Raise Up Off Of Me."

New Savalas LP On AFE

NEW YORK — Herman D. Gimbel, president of Audiofidelity Enterprises, announced the rush release of a new album by Telly Savalas. Savalas, the star of the "Kojak" TV series, will work closely with the AFE sales and promotion departments to actively promote the LP. An extensive sales-promotion campaign is being planned, including consumer and trade advertising, personal appearances on major TV talk shows and appearances at key retail locations to autograph the album.

Seals, Crofts To Score Film

HOLLYWOOD — Hall Bartlett has signed recording artists Jimmy Seals and Dash Crofts to write the music for his forthcoming film "Leaving Home," marking the initial entry into the motion picture industry for the duo.

Seals and Crofts will also perform their own songs in the film, which Arthur Cavanaugh has written from his own novel.

New Quad Disks On ABC Command

NEW YORK — The ABC Command label, which releases all of its product in QS 4-channel, has announced that due to strong quad sales in recent months, it is releasing new major artists on the label. In February, the ABC Dunhill division issued three of these LPs. Jim Croce's "Photographs & Memories," "B.B. King and Bobby Bland," and "B.B. King — Friends." Upcoming releases include "So What" by Joe Walsh, Three Dog Night — "Dog Style," and two Rufus LPs — "Rufusized" and "Rags To Rufus."

Linke Mgmt Adds Record Division

HOLLYWOOD — Richard O. Linke is expanding his personal management firm to include a record division. Heading the new record wing is Frank Campana, a veteran of 17 years at Columbia Records, Inc. handling national promotion and artist relations.

The initial project under the Linke banner is a new single release by Frankie Avalon. The first Avalon masters were produced by Jerry Fuller. A distribution deal will soon be announced by Linke and Campana, with the nod likely to go to CBS Records.

Linke spent 10 years as a promotion executive with Capitol and Columbia before leaving to guide the careers of Andy Griffith and others. Linke and Campana are negotiating with major talents in the recording industry and will be listening to tapes of professional acts. They stress that they are not interested in receiving tapes submitted by amateurs.

ATV To Rush Hotel Orchestra

NEW YORK — Peter K. Siegel, president of ATV Records Incorporated, has announced the signing of The Hotel Orchestra, and the rush release of the LP "The Hotel Orchestra" on the Pye label.

Included on the album are such swing-era hits as "In The Mood," "Caravan" and "Sing Sing Sing."

The Montreal-based orchestra was the creation of Andre Perry, a successful Canadian producer, who also handled production on the album.

The Hotel Orchestra consists of six musicians who, by using synthesizers along with conventional instruments, match the sound of an entire orchestra.

Bang Records To Release Davis Disk

HOLLYWOOD — Following the release of the single of "Ride 'Em Cowboy," Bang Records is releasing a single of Paul Davis' "Make Her My Baby."

Like the previous disk, "Make Her My Baby" was pulled from Paul's current album, "Ride 'Em Cowboy."



THE DRY LOOK — Cash Box' Bob Kaus dropped by Atlantic Records to visit with Joe Vitale. Vitale, seated in the front, has just released his new LP, "Roller Coaster Weekend." With him are publicist Barbara Carr; Guille Garcia; Kaus; and Earl McGrath, Atlantic's director of publicity and artist development.

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