

# INTERNATIONAL

## Music Publishers Set Meeting In Cannes

NEW YORK — The second Annual Congress of the International Federation of Popular Music Publishers (IFPMP) will take place in Cannes, France on Jan. 20. Many of the international publishing executives who will be in Cannes for MIDEM are expected to attend the Congress, which will be held at Salle Miramar.

The meeting will feature brief reports on important international publishing developments. Special attention will be given to the licensing of videograms and to royalties on imported records.

For more information, contact the National Music Publishers' Assn., 110 East 59 Street, New York, N.Y. 10022. Phone (212) 751-1930.

## Smokie Is Latest EMI Group Set For USSR

LONDON — Smokie is the latest EMI recording group to finalize plans for an album release in the USSR on the state label, Melodiya. "Smokie's Greatest Hits," a compilation album, has been set for a release of 50,000 copies within the next weeks.

Other EMI recording artists or groups with Russian releases include Wings, Cliff Richard and John Lennon.

## Intermagnetics To Build Tape Plant In Africa

LOS ANGELES — Intermagnetics Corp., based in Santa Monica, Calif., has announced plans to build a cassette manufacturing plant in the south African republic of Transkei. The project will be a joint venture with the Transkei Development Corp.

### New Company

To be managed under a newly formed company, Intermagnetics Transkei Pty., Ltd., the plant will produce cassette tape in bulk for music duplicators, and will assemble packaged consumer products for sale in Africa and elsewhere.

The facility will be one of the few tape manufacturing plants in Africa.

## Elvis Merchandising Pact Inked In Australia

SYDNEY — Global Entertainment Merchandising and Gaffney International Licensing of Sydney have signed an exclusive agreement for Elvis Presley merchandising in Australia.

Global Entertainment Merchandising is the licensing arm of Factors Etc. Inc., the exclusive international merchandising agent for Boxcar Enterprises Inc. and the Elvis Presley estate.



**SWEDISH GOLD FOR STRAITS** — During their debut tour of Sweden, Dire Straits not only played to sold out audiences in three Swedish towns, but also received a gold award for the "Communique" LP and a silver award for "Dire Straits." Pictured (l-r): Ed Bicknell, Dire Straits manager; David Knopfler, Mark Knopfler and Pick Withers of the group; Per-Arne Lindholm, managing director, Phonogram Sweden; and John Illsley of the group.

## INTERNATIONAL DATELINE

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**Numbers.** To be truthful, the disc would have been guaranteed rave reviews had the package included some Alka-Seltzer instead of the booze. Vodka on New Year's with the press is like coals to Newcastle.

A decade-ending survey of members of CRIA and CARAS voted **Anne Murray** and **Gordon Lightfoot** as the female and male artists of the '70s in Canada. . . Some of the year-end polls were a touch hilarious. One consolation, though, for the first time in four years, the Toronto Star's **Peter Goddard** chose an album of current material as the year's finest recording. He picked **XTC's** "Drums and Wires" disc as the finest of the year. In three previous years, he's opted for a **George Thorogood** disc, and repackaged hits by **Buddy Holly** and **Elvis**. CHUM-FM's **Rick Ringer** did his best not to displease all factions of the industry. When asked to give his choice-few raves of the year, Ringer gabbed for 10 minutes, citing some 50 albums. He ought to be praised, not necessarily for liking that many discs, but for listening to them at all.

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### United Kingdom

LONDON — Nostalgia for **The Beatles** was a major aspect of British Christmas holiday television, beginning with the '60s film documentary, *Beatles Live At Shea Stadium*, through to *Help*, *Yellow Submarine*, *Let It Be* and the latest Wings movie, *Wings Over The World*. . . Joining the ranks of the Empire-medal holders, which includes the **Beatles** (OBE) and **Olivia Newton-John** (OBE), **Cliff Richard** is the latest pop music artist to be bestowed

with an OBE in this year's H.M. government's New Year Honours list.

**Edwin Starr** who has scored heavily in the past in the U.K. charts with "Contact" and "H.A.P.P.Y. Radio," has been set to join **Marvin Gaye** as support act on the soul giant's forthcoming European tour. . . The legendary **J.D. Sumner and the Stamps** (**Elvis Presley's** backing vocal group during the final stages of the King's career) have been named as support band to **Jerry Lee Lewis** on his forthcoming U.K. tour. . . The Number One Album Of The Decade, as computed by the British Market Research Bureau (BMRB) in its Top 100 LPs of the decade is **Simon and Garfunkel's** classic "Bridge Over Troubled Water," released in the U.K. on Feb. 6, 1970 and rarely out of the charts since then. Second place is "ABBA's Greatest Hits," while **Mike Oldfield** comes in third with "Tubular Bells." Top Single Of The Decade is **Wings'** ethnic song "Mull Of Kintyre," with **Boney M's** "Rivers Of Babylon" coming in second and "You're The One I Want" by **Olivia Newton-John** and **John Travolta** in third place. Back to 1979 sees **Blondie** getting the Top LP Of The Year with "Parallel Lines," followed by **ELO's** "Discovery" and "The Very Best Of Leo Sayer." Top '79 single is **Art Garfunkel's** "Bright Eyes," with **Blondie's** "Heart Of Glass" coming in second and **Cliff Richard's** "We Don't Talk Anymore" third.

Sire Records band **Talking Heads** has had its third LP, "Fear Of Music," declared LP Of The Year by the biggest U.K. consumer music weekly *New Musical Express*. The Heads album pulled in twice as many votes as **Pil's** "Metal Box," which took second place.

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**BREAKFAST IN PARIS** — A&M recording group Supertramp were treated to a deluxe reception thrown in its honor during a recent tour of Europe. During the reception, hosted by A&M's distributor in Europe, CBS Records, Alain Levy, president of CBS Records France, presented the group with a gold award for sales in excess of 800,000 copies of the "Breakfast In America" LP. In addition, the group was awarded with a gold record from CBS Italy representatives Franco Mompellio and Frabrizio Intra. Finally, CBS Europe senior vice president Peter de Rougemont and A&M Europe Marcus Bicknell presented the group with solid bronze "Libby" statues for total European sales exceeding six million units.

## INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLERS

### Japan

#### TOP TEN 45s

- 1 Ihojin — Saki Kubota — CBS/Sony
- 2 Sachiko — Hirofumi Banba — Epic/Sony
- 3 Yosebainoni — Bin Ito to Happy & Blue — Canyon
- 4 Omae To Futari — Hiroshi Itsuki — Tokuma
- 5 Oyaji No Ichiban Nagayahi — Masashi Sada — Free Flight
- 6 Omoide Zake — Sachiko Kobayashi — Warner/Pioneer
- 7 Daitokayi — Crystal King — Canyon
- 8 Oyaji No Umi — Kenkichi Muraki — Phonogram
- 9 Anna — Kayi Band — Toshiba/EMI
- 10 Chokotobani Goyojin — Southern All Stars — Victor

#### TOP TEN LPs

- 1 Kishotenketsu — Chiharu Matsuyama — Canyon
- 2 Okaerinasayi — Miyuki Nakajima — Canyon
- 3 Zuisoroku — Masashi Sada — Free Flight
- 4 Greatest Hits, vol. 2 — ABBA — Disco
- 5 Kagirinaki Chosen — Alice — Toshiba/EMI
- 6 Kanashiyi Hodo Otenki — Yumi Matsutoya — Toshiba/EMI
- 7 Yumegatari — Saki Kubota — CBS/Sony
- 8 You're Only Lonely — J.D. Souther — CBS/Sony
- 9 Three And Two — Of Course — Toshiba/EMI
- 10 Solid State Survivor — Yellow Magic Orchestra — Alfa

—Cash Box of Japan

### Netherlands

#### TOP TEN 45s

- 1 Weekend — Earth, Wind & Fire — Phonogram
- 2 Crazy Little Thing Called Love — Queen — EMI
- 3 Get Up And Boogie — Freddie James — WEA
- 4 Yes I Do — Luv' — Phonogram
- 5 Love And Understanding — Mac Kissoon — CNR
- 6 She's In Love With You — Suzi Quatro — EMI
- 7 We Got The Whole World — Nottingham Forest — WEA
- 8 Gonna Get Along Without — Viola Willis — Ariola
- 9 Gimme, Gimme, Gimme — ABBA — Polydor
- 10 Another Brick In The Wall — Pink Floyd — EMI

#### TOP TEN LPs

- 1 Reggatta De Blanc — The Police — CBS
- 2 24 Greatest Hits — Julio Iglesias — CBS
- 3 The Wall — Pink Floyd — EMI
- 4 Reality Fills Fantasy — Earth & Fire — Phonogram
- 5 Greatest Hits, vol. 2 — ABBA — Polydor
- 6 Hair — Soundtrack — RCA
- 7 Night Out — Eileen Foley — CBS
- 8 20 Greatest Hits — Diana Ross & Supremes — EMI
- 9 Tusk — Fleetwood Mac — WEA
- 10 The Long Run — Eagles — WEA

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### New Zealand

#### TOP TEN 45s

- 1 Jezebel — Jon Stevens — CBS
- 2 Video Killed The Radio Star — The Buggles — Festival
- 3 Don't Stop Till You Get Enough — Michael Jackson — CBS
- 4 Please Don't Go — K.C. & The Sunshine Band — CBS
- 5 Computer Games — Mi-Sex — CBS
- 6 Get Your Love Right — Jon English — Polygram
- 7 Tusk — Fleetwood Mac — WEA
- 8 Who Pays The Ferryman — Yannis Markopoulos — EMI
- 9 No More Tears — Streisand & Summer — CBS/Polygram
- 10 Dreaming — Blondie — Festival

#### TOP TEN LPs

- 1 The Wall — Pink Floyd — CBS
- 2 Greatest Hits — ELO — CBS
- 3 Greatest Hits — Rod Stewart — WEA
- 4 British Rock Classics — various artists — EMI
- 5 Bee Gees Greatest — Bee Gees — Polygram
- 6 English History — Jon English — Polygram
- 7 Nat King Cole 20 Golden Greats — Nat King Cole — EMI
- 8 Beatles Concerto — Rostal & Schaefer/R.P.L.O./Goodwin — EMI
- 9 Greatest Hits, vol. 2 — ABBA — RCA
- 10 Who Pays The Ferryman — Yannis Markopoulos — EMI

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