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lishing his first hit single, "Suckin' up the Tunes." The song is the first hit single on the Specialty Kaye band, which will be booked by London Artists Corporation, will have 12-man orchestra arranged under the supervision of London, and will be handled by the manager of the organization.

The band consists of the following: Kaye, lead singer, guitar, and piano; Kaye, saxophone; Kaye, trumpet; Kaye, trombone; Kaye, drums; Kaye, bass; Kaye, guitar; Kaye, piano; Kaye, banjo; Kaye, accordion; Kaye, and Kaye, rhythm.

The band was formed last year and has been in the studio for three months. The group has been rehearsed extensively and is ready to go on the road at any time.

King Shuffles A.R. & Set-Up

HOLLYWOOD, July 5—Sid Na-"mari, owner of King Records, Cin-

ema, and Phonograph, has sold his A.R. & set-up completely with the exception of the phonograph, which was sold to a local merchant. The sale brings in $25,000, which he is planning to use for the purchase of a new phonograph.

Decca Signs Los Angeles Philharmonic

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