Byrds’ tour ‘hard but invaluable’

Amercia’s long-haired boys the Byrds fly home today (Thursday), to Los Angeles, after their brief but hard-working tour of England. The five Hollywood artists’ latest release, “All I Really Want To Do,” this week moved up to Pops 50 a ten places to number nine.

The Byrds publicist, Derek Taylor told the MB: “They will certainly not be returning before next year. No, there is absolutely no question of a Christmas show. The group will return to England when the bill is right, and at the right time and the right place. They have immensely enjoyed the tour; they’ve learnt a tremendous amount how more closely they are scrutinised by the English press and fans than in America, and more about stage presentation and production.

“It’s been hard but invaluable experience.”

The Byrds will be recording their next single, to be released in America, almost as soon as they get back—but it is unlikely to be another Bob Dylan number, probably an original composition from guitarist Jim McGuinn and vocalist Gene Clark.

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Herman’s Hermits return to boost new release

Herman’s Hermits are due back in Britain today (Thursday) and will also straight into a barrage of radio and TV dates to plug their new single “A Lovely Way To Be” which is due for release tomorrow (Friday) on the Columbia label.

Tonight they are appearing at the “Top Of The Pops” and have two more sessions tomorrow—Thursday in EXU and a record transmission on Monday (30).

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