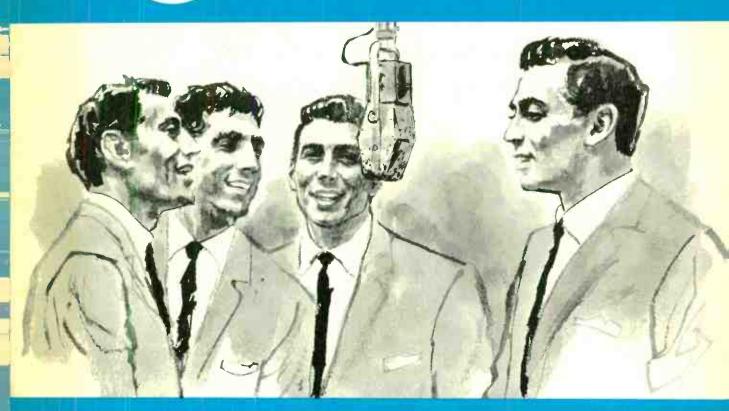


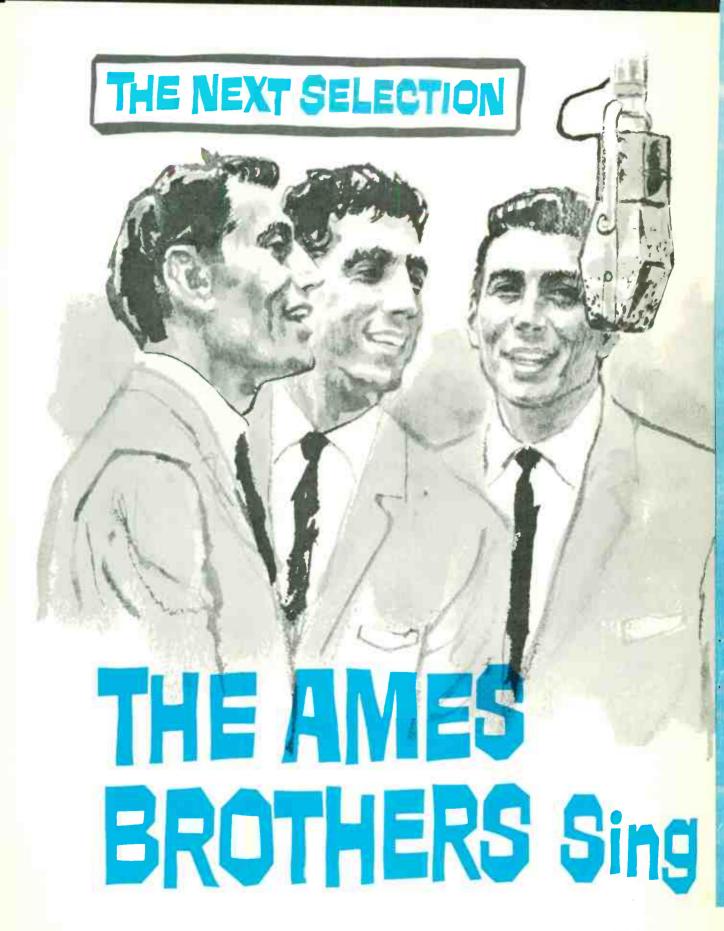
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THE NEXT SELECTION IS...

THE AMES BROTHERS Sing the Best of the Bands







Here's PART THREE*of the All-Time All-American Hit Parade by the Nation's Favorite Vocal Quartet

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT STEREO RECORDINGS

All albums listed in this issue of the Popular Album News are available in "Living Stereo" versions except where regular L.P. only is indicated. NOTE: R gular L.P. recordings can be played on stereo phone graphs; in fact, they will sound better than ever. However, stereo discs are designed to be played only on stereophonic equipment.

PART ONE (The Ames Brothers Sing Famous Hits of Famous Quartets) and PART TWO (The Ames Brothers Sing the Best in the Country) are previous Selections—see page 17

the Best of the Bands

THE AMES BROTHERS



ON A SLOW BOAT TO CHINA

MOONLIGHT SERENADE

IT'S THE TALK OF THE TOWN

I'VE GOT MY **HEARTACHES** •

The AMES **BROTHERS** SING THE BEST OF THE BANDS



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ERE is music that is perfect for listening, dancing and sentimental reminiscing, as the Ames Brothers-Ed, Vic, Gene and Joe-turn their flavorsome vocal blend to the hit tunes made famous by the great bands of the '30s and '40s.

THE BALLADS. Moonlight Serenade was, of course. the late Glenn Miller's theme song. Here, behind a tender vocal by the Ames boys, arranger Sid Ramin's Millerish use of clarinet-led saxes and tightly muted brass evokes warm memories of probably the most popular dance band ever assembled. You Made Me Love You, which put the Harry [ames band on the musical map in 1941, co-stars the bracing brethren and a Jameslike trumpeter even Betty Grable would have trouble identifying.

Dancing in the Dark, an enormous hit in 1941 for Artie Shaw's band with strings, is sung here with a gentle rhythmic lift over a properly Shavian background of lustrous strings and solo clarinet.



Strings also provide a soft cushion for the nation's favorite vocal quartet in *It's the Talk of the Town*, first popularized by Glen Gray's Casa Loma band and its vocalist, Kenny Sargent, The Ellingtonish backdrop for Duke's *Solitude* includes some alto sax and plunger-muted trumpet work in the pungent tradition of two of Ellington's famous sidemen, Johnny Hodges and Cootie Williams.

THE SWINGERS. Marie is virtually synonymous with the late Tommy Dorsey, Cherokee with Charlie Barnet. Authentically enough, the saucy Ames vocals are complemented by smooth Dorseylike trombone on Marie, booting Barnetish tenor sax on Cherokee. A soft-swinging I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm harks back pleasantly to the arrangement which has become a trademark of Les Brown's Band of Renown.

Breezy vocal salutes are also made to And the Angels Sing, Benny Goodman's showpiece for the

trumpet pyrotechnics of Ziggy Elman (with a background clarinetist and trumpeter recapturing the spirit and excitement of Benny and Ziggy), as well as to *On a Slow Boat to China*, launched originally as a million-selling disc by Kay Kyser, Harry Babbitt, Sully Mason and the gang.

LATIN, TOO. Heart and Soul—a Swing Era land-mark by bandleader Larry Clinton and singer Bea Wain—is updated here into a zesty cha cha, while Heartaches—a big winner for the Ted Weems band and whistler Elmo Tanner—gets a frisky samba pace-lifting.

The mellow blend and comfortable beat of the Ames Brothers have often been compared to those of the great bands. In these tastefully sung, brilliantly arranged and superclearly recorded versions of the biggest hits of the greatest bands, that point is brought home more forcefully and more enjoyably than ever.

With SID RAMIN and His Orchestra

PERCUSSION: PERSUASIVE, PROVOCATIVE, PROPULSIVE!

SKIN TGAT

MARTY GOLD and His Orchestra

NOTE TO HI FI/STEREO ENTHUSIASTS

Maestro Marty Gold set out to achieve several goals with SKIN TIGHT. He wanted to make a "sound" album — a sonic blockbuster — that would display all the resources of hi fi and stereo equipment. He wanted to demonstrate the amazing beauty and color of the percussion family. Most of all, he wanted to make music. We think he has succeeded on all counts.

The following was taken from a special technical supplement included with each album

City's Webster Hall, a building remarkable for its superb acoustics and the site of many of RCA Victor's most brilliant recordings. The diagram is a composite drawing of the microphone and musician placement for the sessions at which this album was recorded. In addition to the microphones indicated, overhead mikes were installed to permit the fullest natural reverberations. There was no splicing of tapes in the editing process; each selection in this album is the result of one complete "take." This means there is an undisturbed and natural sound level and a continuity in musical feeling.

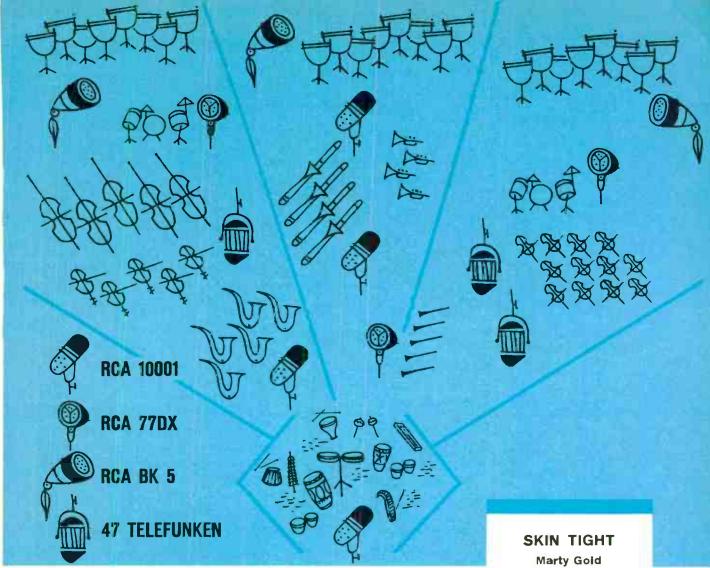
continuous continuous continuous and depth than is possible with straight monaural recording processes.

LISTENERS WITH STEREO will find an absolute balance in sound between the split rhythm and instrumental sections. At the same time, unlike many gimmicked "ping pong" recordings, there's plenty of sound in the middle—a solid wall of it, in fact, that imparts a tonal realism rare in many so-called high fidelity recordings.

SKIN TIGHT is a virtual catalog of the infinite variety of pulsating percussive sounds and colors, subtle to *sound*-sational. In it, nine virtuoso percussionists (including Ed Shaughnessy and Ted Sommers) let loose on several different instruments, many of which you may be hearing for the very first time.

ONE DOZEN TIMPANI — some pedal-operated, others of the chain-tuning variety—are the heartbeat of the ensembles. Because these kettledrums provide a range of almost two octaves (as compared to the usual one octave), they are used throughout as melody instruments.

PERCUSSIVE CURIOSITIES used include leatherstripped metal and wooden *tablas*, widely used in the music of Pakistan and India; small doubleheaded Mediterranean drums; Israeli clay drums, practically identical to their predecessors of biblical times; the Chinese bell tree; a rectangular slit



drum of African origin; Mediterranean bongos; and tunable chromatic bongos whose wide range is used to exciting melodic advantage.

STILL MORE PERCUSSION merges the high-pitched piccolo snare drums; the deeper-voiced parade snare drum; three floor tom-toms of varying size and timbre; a hollowed-out log drum used in Africa for sending messages; conga drum; two complete sets of traps; and all the woodblocks, cymbals and cowbells your heart-and your high fidelity or stereo system—could desire!

This fascinating rhythm section is just part of this fascinating album's story.

THREE DIFFERENT ORCHESTRAL SETUPS were used, each highlighting a different instrumental family, each arranged with maximum high fidelity/stereo enjoyment in mind. Lover, Dry Bones, Hawaiian War Chant and Perdido pair off five trumpets against five trombones. The reeds take over on Song of India, Hindustan, Opus One and Allah's Holiday, with a full-range sax section (including the rarely heard bass sax) providing delightful counterpoint to a clarinet and flute ensemble. The remaining selections are done to a broadly satisfying turn by a large, lush string orchestra.

and His Orchestra

Perdido Allah's Holiday Caravan Lover Song of India You're Just in Love Hindustan **Dry Bones** How High the Moon **Opus One** Hawaiian War Chant Jungle Drums

REGULAR L. P. LPM 2230, \$3.98

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Here's the thrilling successor to Lanza's THE STUDENT PRINCE



MARIO LANZA

With JUDITH RASKIN, soprano; RAYMOND MURCELL, baritone; DONALD ARTHUR, bass ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CONSTANTINE CALLINICOS

Y FAIR LADY—or Lady Fair, as it was also labeled for a few hours, actually opened in Wilmington, Delaware, in October, 1926! Its tryout tour also took in the cities of Washington, Boston and New Haven. But when it finally opened on Broadway on November 20, 1926, the big electric-bulb sign outside the Casino Theatre announced it as **THE DESERT SONG**.

The title change may have been prompted by the death that year of Rudolph Valentino and the ensuing mass recirculation of such of his films as Blood and Sand, The Sheik, Son of the Sheik, etc. Whatever the reason, **THE DESERT SONG** turned out to be almost as big a hit for its time as did another My Fair Lady that happened along thirty years later. It played 471 performances during that initial run. Since then it has been made into a film on three different occasions—in 1929, 1943 and 1953.

The original inspiration for the operetta seems to have stemmed from the real-life revolt of the Riffs in French Morocco during 1925 and 1926. This was romantic news fodder for the front pages, and Americans ate it up. Writers Harbach, Hammerstein and Mandel took their cue and peopled their plot with desert bandits, Foreign

Legionnaires, harem honeys and such. Sigmund Romberg came up with some of his most gorgeous melodies and rousing choruses. First there was the title song, which may be better known today by its opening words, "blue heaven." It's one of the most glorious duets in the entire field of operetta, and in this recording you will hear it sung by Lanza and the soprano Judith Raskin. The beloved love song *One Alone* is a real Lanza high spot. Almost as familiar to most ears will be the (Continued on page 17)

We quote from Stanley Green's report in a recent issue of HiFi/Stereo Review:

INTEREST: Irresistible score PERFORMANCE: Just right RECORDING: Crystal clear STEREO DEPTH: Well done

"There is a continually appealing flavor to **THE DESERT SONG** that has made it, quite possibly, the most frequently revived operetta of all time. Its lush score makes it an ideal vehicle for the lush tones of the late Mario Lanza, and Victor has given him a splendid supporting cast and fine recording."



Velvet soft, dreamy and danceable...a collection of Wayne King classics—all-time waltz favorites recorded by the sweetest "sweet" band of them all



o orchestra has ever been able to duplicate the soft, smooth sound of the Wayne King orchestra at the height of its popularity during the late '30s and early '40s, when these recordings were made.

These performances don't betray an iota of nervous tension. The music is completely relaxed and completely relaxing; it barely intrudes on your consciousness, yet it creates the ideal atmosphere—for day dreams or night dreams, for dining, romancing or dancing.

WAYNE KING - WALTZ KING.

There's more to this word combination than mere alliteration. Wayne's waltzes are the type Americans prefer for dancing, for melody and for those nostalgic moods. He's the king of the American waltz, but he is poles apart from the 19th-century Viennese waltz king, Johann Strauss, Jr. Strauss's waltzes are buoyant, exhilarating, climactic; King's are slow, sweet and gentle. One doesn't have to be a virtuoso on the dance floor to partake of their easy lilt.

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WALTZES YOU

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The Waltz
You Saved for Me
I Love You Truly
Three O'Clock
in the Morning
Alice Blue Gown

SAVED FOR ME

Smoke Gets in Your Eyes Intermezzo

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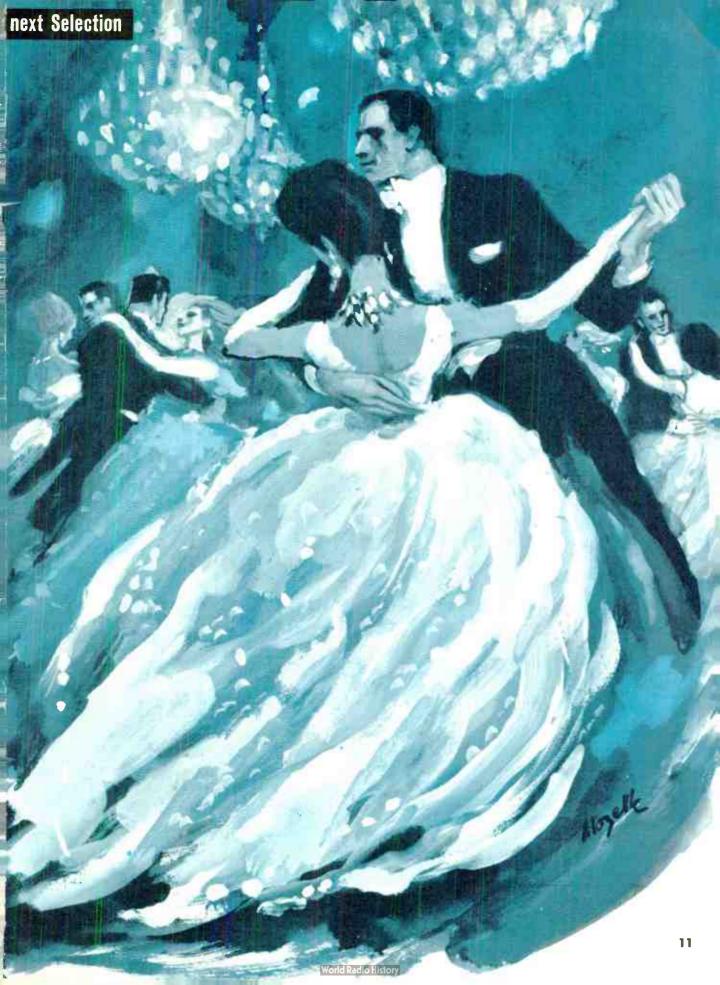
THE WAYNE KING SOUND begins with a small ensemble of muted strings and is characterized by a blend of whispering clarinets, an occasional muted trumpet and — sweetest sound of all — Wayne's own languid saxophone (sometimes an

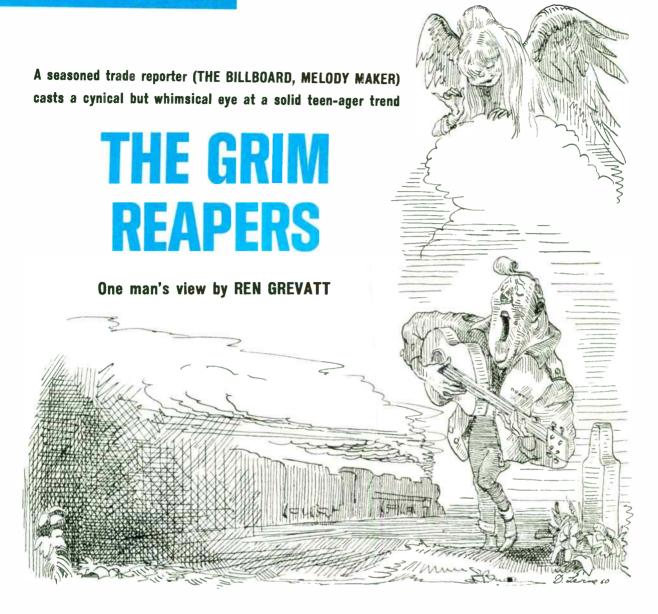
alto and at other times a soprano). At times Wayne will ripple through the ensemble with a tasteful obbligato.

Oddly enough, this nerveless music matured under some of the most terrifying conditions this country has seen. It was in gang-ridden Chicago that King's music made its debut, at the Aragon Ballroom in 1927—yes, in the "Roaring Twenties." It stayed in the same location for eight years, playing its lovable waltzes for crowds that may have included some of Gangland's least lovable lights.

Wayne King was born in Savannah, Illinois, on February 16, 1901. In music he was largely self-educated, although he attended Valparaiso University in Indiana. Before becoming a professional musician he played profootball, sold insurance and worked

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et's think about livin' is more than just another song title. It is the voices of songwriter Boudleaux Bryant and recording star Bob Luman raised in protest against the growing obsession with death and human tragedy in America's often unfathomable pop-record derby.

Teen-age romance used to be a relatively simple June-moon thing. Its "problems" were generally what movie to catch on Saturday night, what kind of an ice cream float to have afterward.

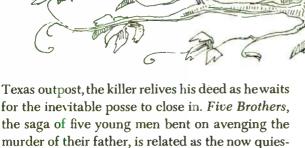
Today, claim the songwriters who pride themselves on staying close to the teen-age scene, there is no such thing as an uncomplicated relationship between youngsters. Remember a song of the '30s which began, "By a waterfall, I'm calling you-oo-oo-oo"? Well, contrast this bit of romantic froth

with Teen Angel, a recent hit by Mark Dinning.

This tune oozes tragedy. A young girl is crushed beneath the wheels of a train. Her boyfriend sings a musical epitaph. But it's not a lament. Instead of being sad he's happy because his ring was found on her finger.

MORE OBITS IN ORBIT. At about the same time, Johnny Preston made his big-time record debut with an opus called *Running Bear*, an artistic triumph that tells the story of a youthful Indian brave and the Indian maid he loves. They swim to meet each other from opposite sides of a mountain stream, meet and embrace, then are swept to their deaths via the stream's deep, deadly current.

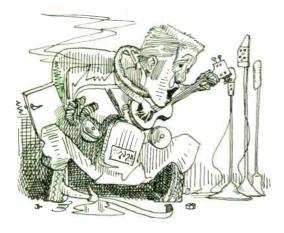
Marty Robbins had two recent hits dealing with death. In *El Paso*, a tale of a saloon killing in that



killer. That unworthy, it seems, "got" them, too. OTHER UNHAPPY HUNTING GROUNDS. Subject matter varies. There's Bobby Baer's recording of Lynching Party and Charlie Ryan's Hot Rod Lincoln, about a teen-age hoodlum whose wild hot rodding invites death daily. Ray Peterson's Tell Laura I Love Her eulogizes a hot rodder who cracked up. Mortally wounded, his last request is "tell Laura I love her." Record men in England at first banned this disc as "vile vulgarity," but public demand forced its release; it became a smash hit, even bred a successful "answer" record—Marilyn Michaels' Tell Tommy I Miss Him.

cent quintet lies in the grave after "getting" the

The Story of Susie, waxed by Tommy Dee, chronicles a pretty high schooler who gets mixed up with the wrong crowd, a fast-living bunch in pursuit of "kicks." Susie tries one of their odd-smelling "cigarettes" (marijuana, of course), soon turns to what drug addicts call "the hard stuff." The justification for this record is that it's sung and spoken in stern, didactic tones as a warning



to those who would juggle this disastrous kind of dynamite.

QUESTION, "ANSWERS"... Why this sudden and growing obsession with the ugly and tragic? Some explain it as simply one more in a series of record-business trends which have been clearly discernible during the past year. For a time, for example, it seemed the surest road to hitsville was issuing what tradesters call a "cover" record—a new version of a song that has already been recorded by somebody else. During this period it was not uncommon to find as many as four versions of a single song all becoming hits!

Then there was the revival of a hoary formula, the aforementioned "answer" song, for which new lyrics with some relationship to the tune being "answered" are written for the same melody; e.g., the hit Save the Last Dance for Me inspired a predictable enough

answer-I'll Save the Last Dance for You.

cabre music is a throwback to the soap-opera era, when such universally listened-to radio staples as *John's Other Wife* and *Stella Dallas* were often pocked with dire, even eerie, dramatic twists. Perhaps this music provides a similar emotional outlet for today's youngsters.

But beyond all this is the fact that pop records in toto are merely another wing of show business, a field that requires a continuing flow of excitement and sensationalism to prosper. There is no doubt that we have excitement in today's hit records, even though that excitement—tied in as it is with the grim message of today's songs—may have taken some of the play away from what the kids call The Big Beat ("We have to to have something to dance to, don't we?") of rock and roll.

...AND HOPE. But as much as those adults who view the Goodman-Miller-Dorsey era as the golden age of the music business don't seem to relish The Big Beat, they possibly prefer its jolting rhythms to the horror stories that often dominate today's hit songs.

So, as Bob Luman says, let's think about livin'!

Classical Corner

An RCA VICTOR RED SEAL RECORD suggested as an Alternate in place of—or in addition to—the next Club Selection

The American recording debut of the young classical guitarist considered by many to be the heir to the great Andrés Segovia

The Art of JULIAN BREAM



- FRESCOBALDI: Aria detta "La Frescobalda"
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 Sonata in A
- . BERKELEY: Sonatina, Op. 51
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- RAVEL: Pavane pour une infante défunte
- ROUSSEL: Segovia, Op. 29

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old British guitarist Julian Bream attracts more admirers — particularly among young people, who compare his rugged good looks to Cary Grant's, and the sensitivity and intimacy of his musical approach to that of the best of the small modern-jazz combos.

He is also a favorite of critics on both sides of the Atlantic. "Apart from the all-round musical qualities with which Mr. Bream's playing is invested," says *The Times*, London, "his technical command of varied tone colour, clear part playing and precise articulation continue to provide both astonishment and delight." Writes *The New York Times*: "He constantly focuses attention upon the music itself, pointing up its pathos, humor, vivacity, dignity or whatever it may have to express."

Although Bream performs only on guitar in this album, he is also a distinguished lutenist, an interest mirrored in the set by several charming selections which date back to the Elizabethan Era.

when the lute enjoyed its greatest popularity. Also included are two striking arrangements by Segovia (Bream's teacher and mentor) and a sparkling collection of compositions written originally for instruments other than the guitar, among them Cimarosa's Sonata in C sharp minor (written for the harpsichord) and Ravel's *Pavane pour une infante défunte* (written for the piano).

Two other highlights are Albert Roussel's affectionate portrait of Segovia—Segovia, Op. 29, which portrays him as both man (Spaniard) and musician (guitarist) in bold, flashing colors; and Lennox Berkeley's Sonatina, Op. 51, written for Bream himself—a breath-taking fingerbuster which, while combining the *punteado* (melodic and contrapuntal playing) and the *rasgueado* (thrumming chords), exploits the full rhythmic and harmonic resources of the guitar.

To quote *The New York Times* once more, "Julian Bream is a great musical interpreter of our time. He should not be missed."

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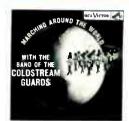
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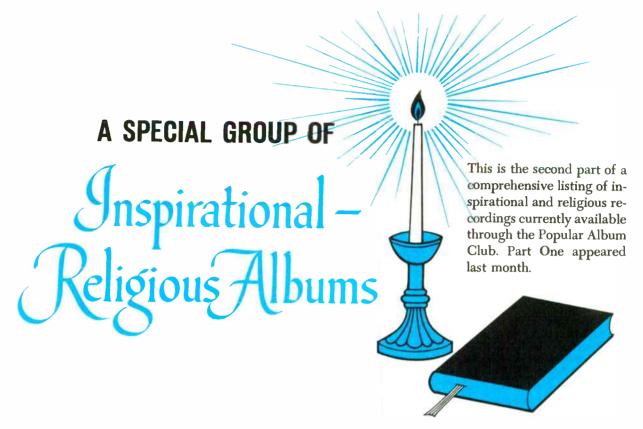
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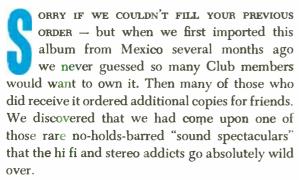
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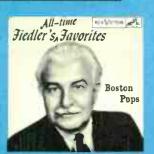
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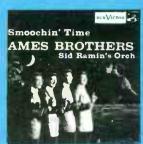


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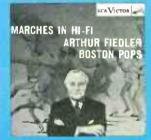
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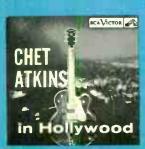
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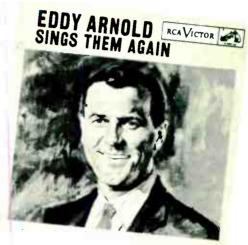


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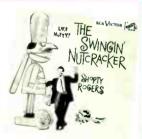
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