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THE JUKES BOX

SAY 10,000 OPERATORS

BRITAIN'S juke box bosses are moving into action to blast away the cloud of prejudice against their products. They claim that juke boxes—"the ordinary man's orchestra"—are being denied locations in coffee bars, restaurants, public houses, snack bars and youth clubs because of "small-town prejudice."

"Old fogies, magistrates and police shudder when they hear the words 'juke box,' says Cyril Shack, whose firm operates 300 juke boxes in London and the Home Counties.

"We want to prove to these people and the public that juke boxes are a vital and harmless product of this modern age.

"They keep kids off the street corners and help to keep thousands of people employed in the juke box industry itself, in the record industry, and in the music publishing business.

Charitable

"Surely it's better for the youngsters to listen to a juke box in congenial surroundings and company than to have them hanging around with time on their hands."

"Moreover, we are doing a lot for charity. Last year we raised £1,500. This year we hope to raise £3,000."

Last week, the 14-strong council of the Phonograph

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SPECTACULAR TV DEAL FOR TOMMY STEELE

TOMMY STEELE is to star in four 60-minute TV Spectaculars this autumn. The shows—scheduled for peak-hour Saturday evening spots—will be spread over a 12-week period.

Tommy's manager John Kennedy told the MM on Wednesday: "We will be signing the contracts at the end of this week."

Secrecy

"The shows will be completely different from anything previously shown on British TV. We are keeping the details secret—for obvious reasons—but I can guarantee that they will shake the whole British TV world."

"The shows will be built around Tommy and nothing is being left to chance. They will all have strong supporting casts and will be rehearsed for at least three weeks beforehand."

Michael Holliday sees Bing Crosby

Michael Holliday, due back in Britain this week-end, met Bing Crosby in Las Vegas.

"I realised a 15 years' ambition," says Mike in a letter to MM editor Pat Brand. "Bing is a very likable guy, exactly what I'd hoped for."

Bing Crosby is reputed to be coming to Britain for a holiday this summer. No confirmation was available at press-time.

LADY DAY RECOVERING



Jazz singer Billie Holiday was reported to be "slightly better" this week at New York's Metropolitan Hospital where she is critically ill, suffering from advanced cirrhosis of the liver. Billie is now off the "critical" list.

JAZZMAKERS TO U.S. WITH HUMPH

The Jazzmakers are to tour America in the same package show as the Humphrey Lyttelton Band.

Completing the package will probably be the Miles Davis Quintet and the Thelonious Monk Quartet—

apart from Humph. an all-modern-jazz show. No definite dates have yet been fixed for the tour but the

two British groups will leave for America early in September and tour for between 15 and 16 days.

Co-led by Ronnie Ross (bari, alto) and Allan Ganley (dr.), the Jazzmakers were formed last October and after only two months came sixth in the combo section of the Melody Maker Readers' Poll.

Ross and Ganley were voted Britain's best on baritone and drums respectively.

Second trip

It will be the second American visit for Ross, who last year was Britain's representative in the International Youth Band at the Newport Festival. He has also recorded on the Continent with John Lewis of the Modern Jazz Quartet.

Completing the Jazzmakers are Art Ellison (sax), Stan Jones (trumpet) and Stan Wasser (bass).

With Humph, the group will be joining an exciting tour by a September British tour by stars from the Newport Festival.

The latter on Band will be seen in ATV's "Music Shop" on Sunday.

THE WINNING SMILE



As the half-millionth applicant at the Bureau of Employment and Travel Agency in Soho, 21-year-old secretary Marion Duckett was "acquired" on an evening out with bondholders Mark Mulligan, Marion and Mike are pictured above during their champagne supper at the Georgia Club on Friday.

Mills Bros. again

The Mills Brothers top the bill in ATV's Saturday Spectacular—this week-end. Other stars include Yana, Peir Murray and Mike and Berna Winters. The show was tele-recorded last month.

BEAULIEU RADIO PREVIEW DATE

A public preview of the Beaulieu Festival will be aired in the BBC Light Programme's "Jazz Club" on June 23. The session and rehearsal from the Royal Festival Hall Rehearsal Room will be open to the public from 4.30 p.m. The transmission will be as usual, from 10.40 to 11.30 p.m.

THE VALENTINE SHOW

Pier Dickie Valentine shows will be presented by ATV on Monday evenings from Aug. 10.

THIS WEEK

OWING to circumstances in the printing industry beyond our control, this issue of the Melody Maker has had to be reduced in size. Some editorial features and advertisements are unavoidably left over.

JACK GOOD SEES 'DRUMBEAT'

"OH BOY!" producer Jack Good left London on Sunday for a 10-week holiday-business trip to Germany and Italy.

On the eve of his flight, he told the MM: "I shall be watching television shows and hope to gain a few ideas for 'Oh Boy' when it returns in the autumn."

Screams

Jack left for his Continental trip only a fortnight after returning to London from Rome, where he studied the show business scene.

Last Saturday, Jack was among the audience for the transmission of the BBC-TV show "Drumbeat," which in the past has been referred to as an imitation of "Oh Boy!"

"Drumbeat" producer Stewart Morris introduced him to the studio audience, who greeted him with a chorus of "Jack Good's comment." It was a very good production.

Edna Savage slams Terry Dene 'ban'

HAS the powerful Moss Empires circuit banned 25-year-old vocalist Terry Dene?

His singer wife Edna Savage thinks so—because they haven't given Terry a booking since his discharge from the Army.

"I know he did some irresponsible things," Edna told the MM on Wednesday, "and one sure I would do him the world of ill."

'Reliable'

"But he is now proving reliable and is being backed by other musicians who are sensible and do not indulge in irresponsible things."

Edna's husband for his morale. "And this isn't because he does not have any work. He has been busy ever since he came out of the Forces. He goes to Scandinavian next week to give Stockholm Tivoli."

Moss Empires publicity chief John Neiman emphatically denied that there is a personal vendetta against Terry.

"It is simply our present policy not to book rock artists because they haven't sufficient appeal," he explained. Cliff Richard is an exception, due to his extensive talent.

Edna replied: "Terry's current act is extremely varied, including rock, classical and ballads. He is now an all-round artist."

