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"NATURE BOY" MYSTERY English Musicians Accused of Making Scab Recordings

Special Investigation by Musical Express (Musical Express Staff Reporter)

A GREAT MYSTERY SURROUNDS THE LATEST MERCURY RECORDING OF JOHN LAURENZ ACCOMPANIED BY A TWENTY PIECE ORCHESTRA SINGING "NATURE BOY." READERS WILL HAVE READ IN THIS NEWSPAPER THAT THE ONLY AVAILABLE RECORDING WITH MUSICAL BACKGROUND WAS THAT OF NAT 'KING' COLE WITH FRANK DE VOL'S ORCHESTRA...

In their issue of May 5 famous American newspaper "Variety" ran the following story under the heading "MERCURY MAKES MUSICAL ACCOMP. FOR DISK IN ENGLAND." "Mercury records will release next Monday (May 10) a version of "Nature Boy" by John Laurenz accompanied by a full orchestra of over twenty men...

continue to do so in view of their great dollar earning value and the prestige they give to British music. But we have never advocated a "scab" recording which only one record is made and for which there would be no great dollar income...

In view of the fact that "Mercury Records" will not give any information to their own press in America we feel fully convinced that this recording was never made in England but was more likely a scab recording made in America...

"Mercury's "Nature" was made in London ten days or so ago and reached New York last Wednesday (April 28). It was relayed to Hollywood immediately where Laurenz added the lyrics and processing started...

Although "Variety" states that this recording was made with the full knowledge of the British Musicians' Union and that this is correct. The M.U. informed our representative that they had no knowledge of the recording at all...

U.S.A. STARS IN LONDON



SOPHIE TUCKER AT CASINO. Souphie is seen here with Ted Shapiro who has been her pianist for many years.

TEDDY FOSTER DISBAIDDING To re-form with a new policy

WE understand from Wyn Carter of the Harold Davidson office that Teddy Foster will disband his present orchestra on June 15 on the completion of their engagements for that week which include a broadcast on June 9 at 10.35-11.15 p.m., an appearance at Harrow on June 10 and Welwyn Garden City on June 12...

NAT ALLEN FOR CIRO'S AGAIN

NAT ALLEN and his Orchestra will return for the third year to play a ten weeks engagement at the exclusive Ciro's Club commencing July 26. Allen will lead a twelve piece combination and although personnel not yet completed he will feature his two well known vocalists Alan Kane and Joan Anderson and three well known instrumentalists who will be with the band are Bill Shakespeare, Teddy Wadmore and Eddie Pratt...

BALLET AT THE GARDEN

THE season of Opera at Covent Garden comes to an end on June 5, after which the Sadler's Wells Ballet will continue by itself. Their new production of Job undertaken. On Tuesday May 25 Robert Helpmann will be seen in the role of Satan. Later Anton Dolin will be seen in the role of the originally created. With Alicia Markova. Dolin will also appear in "Ondine" and "Les Cygnes". "The Sleeping Beauty" by Les Sables.

Leslie Hutchinson's Full Programme

A FINE summer programme has been arranged for Leslie Hutchinson by his sole agents New Century Artists Ltd. Among the many dates that have been fixed for him are June 4 Southsea, June 5 Belper, the week commencing June 7 the band will be doing one night stands in the North of England including Blackburn on June 10, Bury June 11 and two Sunday concerts on June 13 at Chorley and Bolton. For the week of June 14 the band will appear at Redcar followed by a week at Scarborough and a further week at Grimsby. Commencing July 10 Hutchinson will play one night stands in the Cumberland area and on August 2 he will start a three weeks engagement at Green's Playhouse followed by a further week of one nighters in Scotland.

PAUL ADAM PLAYS FOR THE DUCHESS OF KENT

Last Saturday May 29 Paul Adam took his Mayfair Music to play at a private ball held at her house by H.R.H. The Duchess of Kent. The band which played until 6 a.m. was a great success.

Giles will play new Cardew composition

Jack Coles informs us that when his Orchestra moderns will broadcast on June 7 they will feature a new composition by well known arranger-composer Phil Cardew. Cardew has been concentrating on works in the light and straight field. Art. Model s.p., l.p. £25.00. New Italian GILBERTS and the composition to be broadcast on June 7 is on the "Band Prompts" for Viola and Orchestra. Alf Picmar will be the soloist in this work.

GOLD GOES TO HAMMERSMITH

The many London followers of the popular Harry Gold and his Pieces of Eight, will be glad to hear that the outfit will be resident at Hammersmith Palace for two weeks commencing on June 10. They will be replaced by one of the resident bands during the week of the 17th.



EXOTIC KATHARINE DUNHAM. Star and choreographer of "Caribbean Rhapsody" which opened at the Prince of Wales Theatre on Thursday, is talented Katharine Dunham.



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HEATH TO PLAY AT TRINITY COLLEGE

TED HEATH and his Music will play for the Trinity College Ball on Monday June 14 until 6 a.m. Tuesday June 15. We understand that Heath will also be taking Jack Ansell and his band to play at this important social function. The band's many fans will be out in strength next Wednesday June 9 when their first night stand will be at three months at Wimbledon Town Hall. On June 10 the band will play at Madia Hall, Aldershot followed on June 11 at Drill Hall, Northampton, June 12 at Victoria Mansions, London at a matinee at the Empire Theatre, Nottingham and June 16 at the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford.

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Australian Jazz Men Going Home

READERS will be sorry to hear that Graeme Bell and his Australian Jazz Band are to sail on the Orion for Australia on July 8. Their manager Ted Langton is sailing in advance on June 17 to make arrangements for their concert tour which they will be doing on their return. This fine outfit has delighted the capacity crowds to which they have played both here and on the Continent and their many fans will miss their regular appearances at the Leyland Square Jazz Club every Monday. We take this opportunity of wishing them a safe voyage and the sincere hope that they will return to England in the not too distant future.

TITO BURNS GOING TO CLIFTONVILLE

It can now be confirmed that the summer engagement that was being negotiated for Tito Burns and his Settee prior to their engagement at Green's Playhouse has been arranged by New Century Artists and Alf Picmar. The engagement will be at the Grand Hotel, Cliftonville and will be for five weeks commencing on June 10. Tito Burns also wishes it to be announced that Cub Mayo has now signed a contract with the Settee.

NEW SINGER WITH DENIZ

Frank Denis famous guitarist and leader of the popular Hermano Denis who resides at the Coconut Grove, informs Musical Express that he has engaged a sensational new Latin American vocalist, Miguel del Gado to appear with his band. del Gado will be heard on the air with the Hermano Denis in "show time" on June 17. The band has just completed a highly successful three weeks at R.R.C. Ballroom, and due to their success will deputise in this programme in place of Joe Norman who is unable to appear this Saturday.

BENNY LEE WITH COLLEANO

A new series which will commence in the Home Service on June 23 at 7.30 p.m. will feature Benny Lee and his band. Joe Linnane, Miriam Carlin and the Augmented Dance Orchestra led by Stanley Black. The show entitled "It's A Great Life" is produced by George Innes with script by Sid Collins. We understand that listening times will vary each week.

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JUNE 6 to JULY 4

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ANDRE KOSTELANETZ
Andre Kostelanetz, a pianist and conductor, is the subject of a feature in the guide...

"NATURE BOY" AND "MANANA"

WITH heralded edger artist's haunting ballad "Nature Boy" still out in front as the new disc on vinyl and juke box...

ONE of the best film scores I have heard for a long time is featured in the sensational (and I really do mean SENSATIONAL) Universal-International picture, "Manana"...

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AND talking about dough brings me to the little item published in a recent edition of "Variety," which stated just how much Peg Lee and her sisters...

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RECORD REVIEW

strings. On the other side is "Fingerbusting," a composition by M. M. M. M. It is an attractive and Cleburn once again gives a remarkable performance on his flute. In excellent taste and with no lack of restraint, it is a fine example of Arnold's "Night Breezes" recorded by the Skyrocks... Pat Dodds' piano. The merits of this instrument are well known to everyone who has heard it...

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TRANSATLANTIC

popular with record buyers, who may be cheered by the latest report, reports with much confidence by columnist Joel Muroski, that the Petrillo and Ennis will be repeated on or about June 15. RISE STEVENS has cancelled her projected overseas tour to remain in England. Her husband, Eddie Howard and his band are at the Chase Hotel in St. Paul, Minn. Fred Astaire and Lena Horne... I hear that Jo Stafford and Pat Weathers are reportedly going to a firmation to hand at press date. Dick Haymes is to appear at the New York Rosy Theatre next month. OSCAR MOORE, former guitarist in the King Cole Trio, is using his former boss for royalties on records he made with the group which he has been issued since he left, as well as for money due from past successes. Although Nat always cut the boys in on his royalties, manager Carlton Gales states that these were merely payments and were not contracts. Fred Astaire has been reported to be in London. Fred Astaire has been reported to be in London. Fred Astaire has been reported to be in London.

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