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### **PolyGram US** formed as **Bogart** exits

From IRA MAYER
NEW YORK: The formation of
PolyGram Record Operations (PRO USA) under the direction of Irwin Steinberg to supervise the financial and business affairs of all record-related operating companies within PolyGram in the USA has coincided with the departure of Neil Bogart from the presidency of Casablanca Records and Filmworks.

Phonogram/Mercury is moving to New York from Chicago, which means that all the PolyGram label offices except Casablanca will be under one roof.

under one roof.

PolyGram has denied that it is seeking a majority share of Robert Stigwood's RSO Records along the same lines as the Casablanca situation, in which it has acquired most of Bogart's 50 per cent stake.

For full story, see American Commentary p34.



TOP FEMALE artist for singles, Lene Lovich, clutches her Music Week Award after the presentation at the Dorchester last week. Other artists attending to receive awards included ELO's Jeff Lynne and Kate Bush who was Top Female Artist for albums. For further Awards pictures see pages 3 and 30.

### ILR's "juke boxes of the air"

By DAVID DALTON
INDEPENDENT LOCAL radio stations are merely "juke boxes of the air" and do little to enhance musicians' employment prospects in broadcasting, or to nurture fresh generations of musicians. That was the submission of Musicians' Union general screens with production at the general secretary John Morton at the Performing Right Tribunal in London last week.

Morton was opening the case for the MU in the long-running tribunal which was convened to decide the level of needletime payment which should be made by the ILR stations to Phonographic Performance Ltd for the right to broadcast records.

The Association of Independent

Radio Contractors, the representative body of the local commercial network, has brought the matter to the tribunal because it feels the level of payments — currently on a sliding scale up to seven per cent of profits after tax seven per cent of profits after tax—
is-too high. Contesting that view is
PPL, the licensing body for the
record industry, and the Musicians
Union, acting as an interested party in the case

in the case.

After sitting for more than forty days since the proceedings began in November last year, AIRC believes it has built up a powerful argument for having its needletime payment substantially reduced, by comparing its own royalty payment with that

negotiated by the BBC. It has even challenged the whole concept of needletime restrictions and payments, arguing that the promotional benefit to the record

payments, arguing that the promotional benefit to the record industry of radio exposure is more than ample return for the privilege of playing copyright material.

PPL has yet to present its case and the tribunal is likely to sit through the whole of March.

The MU's aim is, as always, to protect the concept of live music and in his submission to the tribunal, MU secretary John Morton has sought to show that concern about control of the broadcasting of records is long standing and well established. He referred to international reports and discussions as much as thirty years ago recognising the threat of technical advances in broadcasting to the livelihood of musicians. Discussions between the IFPI and the European Broadcasting Union around that time, said Morton, concluded that for a musician to make a recording for broadcasting was "tantamount to economic suicide".

Morton argued that performers who became well known through broadcasting generally lost in length of popularity what was gained in intensity; that the media was open only to a small minority of proformers; and also that the benefit of broadcasting to the few was far outweighed by the harm to the bulk of artists.

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His basic submission was that there should be increased acceptance of the need for payment for the use of recorded work and compensation for injury to both employment prospects and earnings. He complained that it is cheaper on the whole to use needletime than to employ musicians to perform a

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### **Dealers win** the right to

**NEW BLOW IN PIRACY FIGHT** 

keep silent

THE BPI'S war against record theft by piracy and counterfeiting has received a serious setback as a result of an Appeal Court ruling last Friday.

The court held that dealers in pirated material who are caught in a surprise attack authorised by a High Court "search and seize" order are entitled to keep silent about their suppliers and customers — on the ground they might incriminate themselves.

Investigators seeking to discover Investigators seeking to discover the identity and whereabouts of pirates rely heavily on "instant" court orders requiring dealers, without notice, to disclose their sources of supply. The Appeal Court decision — based on the well-established legal principle that 'no-one is bound to incriminate himself' — means that dealers can refuse to answer questions or disclose documents relating to their suppliers and customers. and customers.

The appeal judges' ruling was by a 2-1 majority and the dissenting judge, Lord Denning, said: "To allow wrongdoers to take advantage of their wrong-doing in this way is an affront to justice itself. It is a

great disservice to public interest. If this illicit, affic is to be stopped, strong met res are needed."

The cou allowed an appeal by Mike Lee, Sue Gomberg and Video Information Centre, of Kensington High Street, London, against orders requiring them provide film copyright-holders wand addresses of securioners of allegedly pirated peasicopyright-holders wand addresses of stocustomers of allegedly pirated nens; all documents relating to illicit films received or sent out and the whereabouts of all illicit copy films or masters known to them.

Rank Film Distributors Ltd and other copyright holders were given leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Lord Justice Bridge said that the effect of a dealer's right to claim protection from self-incrimination might be that court orders made in absence of a defendant will have to be limited to authorising a search of his premises and the seizure of infringing copies.

### Statistics confirm fears

THE WOE of 1979 as far as the music industry was concerned is starkly mirrored in the statistics for the last quarter and the cumulative figures for the whole year released by the British Phonographic

Industry.
Sales of singles and the hitherto

Sales of singles and the hitherto ebullient pre-recorded cassettes have slowed down and LPs have declined. Cash values in some respects have increased, but this reflects price rises rather than any market buoyancy.

Single sales for the October-December period were 23,031,000, a decrease of 13.2 per cent from the total of 26,540,000 for the same period in 1978. The cash value for singles in 1979's last quarter was £14,666,000, an 8.6 per cent increase on the 1978 sum of £13,506,000.

October-December LP unit results show a 13.6 per cent fall from the 1978 total of 32,811,000 to 28,347,000. In terms of value, this is

28,347,000. In terms of value, this is a 1.4 per cent decline from £67,217,000 in 1978 to £66,301,000.

Cassettes registered a minute

increase of 0.8 per cent during October-December, rising from 8,138,000 in 1978 to 8,203,000 with a corresponding cash value increase of 12.1 per cent from £17,394,000 to

a corresponding cash value increase of 12.1 per cent from £17,394,000 to £19,496,000. Cartridge sales for the quarter slumped to 12,000 from 151,000 the previous year.

Single unit sales for 1979 showed a .3 per cent increase at 89,085,000 over the 1978 total of 88,847,000, and a 25.5 per cent climb in value from £42,914,000 in 1978 to £53,874,000. Albums lost ground last year, however, with a 13.4 per cent decline from 86,060,000 in 1978 to 74,536,000, a minus of 1.1 per cent from £163,245,000 to £161,507,000. Total record values for 1979 showed a plus of 6.3 per cent at £25,855,000 compared with the 1978 total of £250,141,000.

Pre-recorded cassettes finished 1979 with a 13.8 per cent increase at 23,454,000 over 1978's total of 20,604,000. This represents a 17 per cent climb in value from £43,835,000 in 1978 to £50,337,000.



### NEWS

EMI pandas to Monro, WEA picks Rose Royce Greatest . . .

### Latest TV campaigns

MATT MONRO is the featured artist in EMI's next television campaign. Pandas, Chi Chi and An An are the stars of the ads. Heartbreakers (20 Golden Greats)

Heartbreakers (20 Golden Greats) by Matt Monro (EMTV 23) is released on February 29. TV advertising starts March 13 in ATV, Granada and Trident areas. The rest of the country follows on March 24. An initial spend of £120,000 is planned.

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The 45-second commercial (with 15 and 20-second back-up ads) features live footage of pandas, tieing in with songs such as Born Free, Softly As I Leave You, Walk Away Don't Go, Portrait Of My Love and My Kind Of Girl.

RRP for the album is £5.29 for both album and cassette. Back-up marketing material includes life-size cut-out display pieces of the pandas.

Capitol is to reactivate the Born Free single, c/w We're Gonna

Change The World in a picture bag featuring a picture of the pandas.

EMI's commercial development manager, Brian Berg, says the TV commercial is "a sensational concept" and adds that the compilation follows research which indicated strong interest in the Monro material.

\*\*ROSE ROYCE Greatest Hits, released February 22, is to be WEA's next TV promoted album. Including such hits as Car Wash, I Wanna Get Next To You, Wishing On A Star and Love Don't Live Here Anymore, a two-part TV campaign starts February 27. The initial three-week launch will cover 25 per cent of the UK — Yorkshire, the North East, Wales and The West Country. This will be followed by a full network campaign starting on full network campaign starting on April 2 and running for a further three weeks. A WEA spokesman



said: "This will allow the commercial to be seen four times on average in over 90 per cent of UK

Further back-up comes in the form of a heavyweight radio campaign together with full WEA merchandising support.

A spokesman added: "The icing

A spokesman added: "The Icing on the cake comes with a Rose Royce tour which will see the band playing major UK dates which coincide with the TV campaign."

• STARTING ON February 17, Stiff Records is to distribute leaflets

STARTING ON Feethary Stiff Records is to distribute leaflets to 31,000 homes in the South London areas of Croydon and Sutton to promote the new Wreckless Eric double album, Big Smash, released on February 22.

Said a Stiff spokesman: "Those householders lucky enough to receive a copy of this leaflet will be able to take it to Bonaparte's shops in Bromley and Croydon and buy the Wreckless double for £2.99 (£2.00 less than the regular price, £1.00 less than the first 10,000 introductory offer)."

Added Stiff's Paul Conroy: "We hope to extend this involvement with dealers, in specific areas around the

dealers, in specific areas around the country, as much as we can in future."



### **Aspden** promoted at Island

KEITH ASPDEN has been made a director of Island Music in what is described as "the prime move in a general restructuring of the company's creative department." Aspden was previously creative

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Jane Summerville becomes Aspden's personal assistant while Clive Black joins the company as professional assistant. (Black is the son of lyricist Don Black.) The new department reports to Peter Cornish, Island Music managing

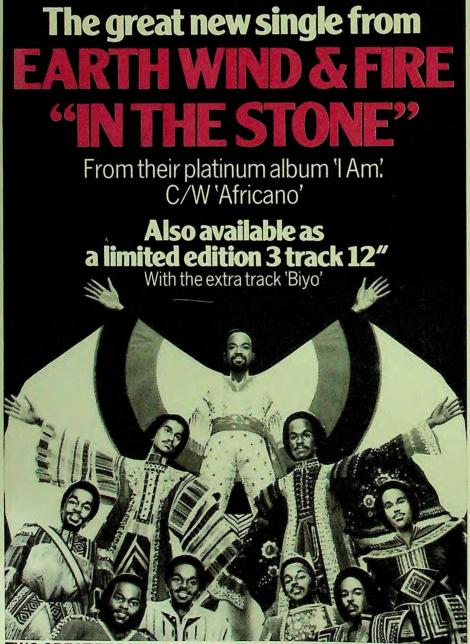
Roger Brooke quits Emi board

ROGER BROOKE who became group managing director of EMI in June last year has resigned from the board. Brooke says the split was "amicable and

from the board. Brooke says the split was "amicable and civilised."

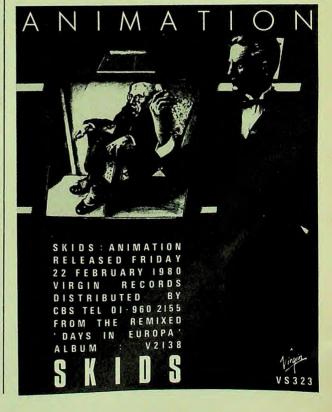
Jon Mais from sales promotion to licensed labels manager, WEA, responsible for the Carrere, Beggars Banquet, Sire, Real, Korova, Lightning, Scope, Gallery and Laser labels

David Finch promoted to International sales manager in the International division of to International sales manager in the International division of EMI Records UK, reporting to general manager Paul Watts... Lynne Peake from assistant marketing manager at Magnet to marketing manager, reporting directly to Brian Reza... Steve Nash to advertisement representative Record Mirror... Ron Irving to promotions manager Midas Records . . . Nick Rosenberg now responsible for Gem Records' London for Gem Records' London promotions. Harry Barter, previously head of promotions will be working on a number of Gem's forthcoming releases on an independent basis . . Paul Platz to the Essex Music Group of Companies as liaison officer with special responsibilities between copyrights and ald departments. Derek Sticklen formerly of Utopia Studios, Pye Studios and FWO Studios, Pye Studios and FWO Bauch to Aerco as service manager . . . following the expansion of the Capital Radio airtime sales department, Colin Day has been promoted to research and marketing services manager, while his former assistant, Nick Darby, becomes marketing services executive and Tim Hunter-Henderson becomes marketing executive marketing executive . . . Krystyna Alvarado joins Logo Records as press and promotion co-ordinator. She was previously with independent PR Jenny Halsall and has worked at UA in Los Angeles in A&R and artist development. She replaces Sue Carling who is taking up management of the Expressos.



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### NEWS



IOP COMPANY market share awards for both singles and albums categories again went to EMI and handing them over to Ramon Lopez is MW's Jack Hutton and Avril Barrow.



TOP FEMALE singer (albums) Kate Bush interrupted a recording session to be at the Dorchester to pick up her award.



APART FROM handing out awards and having a good nosh, the Music Week Awards Dinner at the Dorchester also served to raise money for a worthy cause. As the awards were for success in 1979 and 1979 was the Year Of The Child, that was the charity selected. Representing the Year Of The Child organisation was Judith Stone and presenting the cheque for £1,000 was MW publishing director Peter Wilkinson.

On Camera: the Music Week Awards presentations at the Dorchester Hotel . . . more



CHRYSALIS RECORDS' joint chairman Chris Wright looks a happy man as he accepts the award for top full price album, Parallel Lines, on behalf of Blondie.



JET RECORDS' sales manager Ray Cooper awarded MW editor Rodney Burbeck with a kiss on receiving the award for best point of sale campaign for ELO's Discovery album.



pictures on page 30.

HELPING TO accept some of CBS' awards, and to say a few well chosen words, CBS chairman Maurice 'Obie' Oberstein.



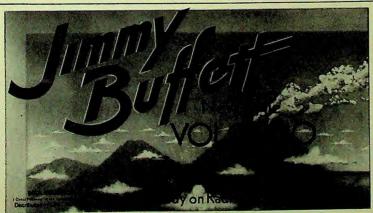
THE ELECTRIC Light Orchestra's Jeff Lynne and Jet Records' MD Ronnie Fowler with the award won by ELO for best group (albums) of 1979.



THE AWARD for best sleeve design (budget albums) went to Beeb Records for Music For Silent Movies and accepting the award from Paul Jones is BBC Records' Alan Bilyard and the sleeve designer Janet Slater.



CBS RECORDS' managing director David Betteridge accepted the award for top albums label and product manager Kate Mundle the award for second singles label — handing them over was MW MD Jack Hutton.





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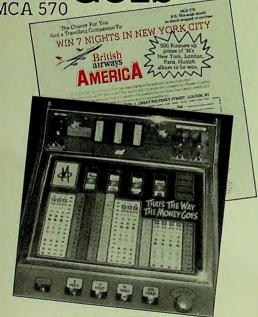
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### NEWS

### Plans afoot for Portsmouth country festival

### Nashville comes to south coast

PLANS TO make Portsmouth the Nashville of England are being seriously discussed by the city's municipal officers and the first step is an outdoor country music festival there in August with a potential audience of 300,000 people and performers including Glen Campbell, Dolly Parton and Johnny Cash.

The three-day Portsmouth festival is being promoted by a new company, Fullmoore Festivals, headed by Susan Fuller and Mike Moore, and will be staged on a 120 acre airport site on August 8,9 and 10.

The event will give Mervyn Conn's Wembley country festival its first serious competition as the Portsmouth site will include trade and exhibition stands selling records and country music paraphernalia plus side shows, square dancing and showcases for British country musicians

The concerts will run from 6.0pm each day and tickets will be £8.50 or £22 for all three days. The organisers are confident of attendances of over 100,000 each day, confident of attendances of over 100,000 each drawing on the south coast August holiday populace.

Portsmouth's entertainment and special events manager, Roy Radford, recently flew to Nashville, Tennessee, to discuss "close business and cultural links" between the two communities, and the possibility of

"twinining" the two towns.

Promoter Sue Fuller, for many years personal assistant to promoter Arthur Howes, says the festival culminates several years planning and she claims it will be "the most several years planning are several years planning and she claims it will be "the most several years planning of country music in Britain for a decade'.

Financial backing for the event has been raised from

outside the music business.

### **New classical distributor**

By NICOLAS SOAMES
A NEW distribution company,
Parnote Distribution Ltd, is being launched on March 1 to specialise exclusively in independent classical and specialist labels.

The company brings together MDC Distribution Ltd which, under the direction of Alan Goulden, looked after such labels as Cetra and Italia, and Harmonia Mundi run in this country, by Daniel Michel.

The move follows the wish of both

companies to change and expand.

Daniel Michel's decision to leave Rediffusion (where Harmonia Mundi has been based since it began operations in this country) comes as Rediffusion is contracting its classical record side anyway.

Alan Goulden is convinced that

there is a need for a "properly run, properly financed distribution company concentrating on a small number of selected classical specialist labels".

specialist labels'.

Parnote Distribution Ltd, will be based at 47-51 Chalton Street, NW1 1HY (phone 01 388 9906) and is starting with about a dozen labels: Harmonia Mundi, German and French, plus Acanta; Saga, Pearl, Abbey, OUP, Italia, Rubini, Desmar, Ricordi, Preiser. The Desmar, Ricordi, Preiser. The French label Calliope will join the fold on April 1

Parnote will have four permanent salesmen in the field, and three telephone salesmen, and will operate from its Chalton Street base, which also be the new home of Harmonia Mundi.

### Stewart case closed

ROD STEWART, who dedicated the song Ole Ola to Scotland's 1978 World Cup team, has settled his High Court dispute over the copyright in the song.

Stewart had complained that in the issue of *Music Week* published June 17 1978, Interworld Music Group of America, had been credited with ownership of, or an interest in, the copyright. Interworld alleged that Ole Ola was an unauthorised arrangement of Mulhera Brasiliera,

of which it owns the copyright. Mr Justice Oliver was told last week that it had been agreed that Ole Ola, composed and arranged by Stewart and Phil Chen, was an arrangement of Mulhera Brasiliera.

It was also agreed that Riva Music and Riva Records, Stewart's co-plaintiffs, should be jointly registerd with Interworld as owners of the

Ole Ola copyright and share equally past and future royalties.

By consent, the judge stayed all further proceedings in the action, Interworld agreeing to pay £800 towards the plaintiffs' costs.

### **New labels launched**

GENERAL UNCERTAINTY in the record business has not deterred the launching of four new record ventures this month.

The first is Channel Records, based at 34 Wentworth Drive, Eastcote, Middlesex, which debuts with a double A-sided single, Baby Come Back/Get Down Baby by the Bristol group, Nite Watch. National distribution is via Relay Records in West London. West London.

Also making its bow during February is Ridge Records, based in Dalkeith, Scolland (031 663 3918) which releases an album by Run Rig called The Scottish Connection. It will be distributed by Wynd-Up in Scotland, the North and the Midlands.

Midlands.

Third newcomer is Random Records at 96 Huntingdon Road, London, N.2 (444 8979) which has released a single by Spare Parts called She's A Kind Of Girl/Paint It Black. The company is currently setting up a distribution deal.

A fourth label, Black Door Records, has been started by three Phonogram men. A&R manager

Records, has been started by three Phonogram men, A&R manager Dave Bates, singles marketing Henry Semmence and product manager Bob Fisher. It will run as an independent label within Phonogram with the three men selling the records into the shops themselves, with Phonodisc becoming involved in distribution if

any record shows signs of becoming

a hit.

First releases are Murder Mystery
by The Tearjerkers (Door 1) and
Mark Kjeldsen's Are You Ready?
(Door 2). The latter was recorded by
Kjeldsen before he became the lead
singer of The Sinceros and was
produced by Robin Scott of M.

### **New division** for Spartan

AS PART of an expansion programme Spartan Records has formed an operations and formed an operations and distribution division within the company and hopes to computerise sales, distribution

and finance by June.

The new division embraces distribution, distribution, manufacturing requirements, stock control and telephone sales and is headed by Pat McDonnell who joined the company from the Lyons-Findus company from the Lyons-Findus food group. Reporting directly to him are recently appointed sales supervisor John Ferris and stock controller Chris Rayner. Julie Leyshon, Elaine Thomas and Sue Williams have been added to the existing telephone sales team.

Mike Denton has been promoted from assistant sales manager to field sales manager, reporting to marketing director Dave Thomas, and other changes to the field sales team include the promotion of Brian Whitby from Midlands rep to the Northern area manager, and Peter Boyden from South West rep to area manager, plus the appointment of Ian Curnow as North London ren.

### **Budget Barn**

SIX TRACKS for a retail price of £1.49 is the basis of a new record label being set up by Chas Chandler under the banner Six Of The Best.

All artists on Chandler's Barn label will transfer to the new one and a pressing and distribution deal has been set up with RCA.

The discs will be 12" 45's with one

artist or act per record — something between an EP and an LP. First product will feature Slade and Nick Van Eade.

### TRIBUNAL

cover version of a song, showing that needletime recordings do conflict with employment prospects in broadcasting, which is, he contested, a vital area of employment considering the broad based income of many musicians.

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audience.
The "excessive" needletime allotted to commercial radio at the inception of ILR was set at nine

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hours per day, Morton said, an indication of the Government's desire to establish the medium. The Whitford Report on copyright — unlike Annan — recognised, he said the performers and record makers' rights to control and/or compensation for the broadcasting of commercially recorded music.

Morton sought to establish the inter-relation between the cost of inter-feation between the cost of meedletime and its use, declaring: "We should be happy with a reduction in payment for use of records if there were a reduction in records it there were a reduction in use." Lower price must eventually lead to greater use, he contended, and increase the unfairness of competition with live performances, and he felt it would be sad if this country which was the first recognise such rights was to move in that direction.

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THE MATTER essentially revolves around interpretation of Section 16 of the 1952 Copyright Act. For many years the UK record companies assumed that this did not give them the right to bar transatlantic and non-EEC imports, but when the volume of imported product rose it was decided that the section had to be tested in court.

It is worth noting that the three important cases which resulted from this attitude were all being heard by different judges — Mr Justice Goulding dealing with Polydor v. Stage One; Mr Justice Megarry in Polydor v. Simons and Harlequin; and Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson in CBS v. Charmdale. There was a strong possibility of three different judicial interpretations.

However, one interim judgement contained a distinct indication of judicial sympathy for the industry's

### **IMPORTS**

Megarry has gone on record as saying: "All the parties are in business to make money and so money is likely to provide a suitable means of compensation. Both the plaintiffs and the defendants will lose sales if the injunction is refused or granted, as the case may be. However, there are certain differences between the parties. The plaintiffs are concerned in the manufacture of those particular records of which they hold the copyright owner. They have to estimate how many to manufacture, what stocks to hold and what publicity to undertake. They carry the burdens of manufacture. The defendants lack these constraints. They can, without any of the capital expenses of manufacture, import any records that they choose and reap the advantages of the plaintiffs' publicity. The sums at risk are mainly those expended on what they choose to import."

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The legal battles began when the trickle of specialist imports, which served minority tastes and were generally felt to be a help rather than

There is, for the moment, a lull in the series of court actions arising out of the parallel imports issue. Before the next legal steps are taken, TERRI ANDERSON examines the situation as it stands and talks to the industry legal men most closely involved.

a hindrance, became, in 1979, a flood — and there was nothing specialist about the parallel imports of top selling albums.

Specialist about the parameters of top selling albums.

While most record companies sent out warning letters to importers, wholesalers and retailers and then let the matter rest while keeping a keen watch on it, two majors, Polydor and CBS, decided to fight the principles involved through the courts.

Michael Kuhn, senior legal advisor of PolyGram Leisure Ltd recalls: "My concern was last year seeing the depression in the US. With 100 per cent SOR there I knew that this year, unless we took some action, there would be big problems here. Until 1979 the scale of imports had been so small that they did not warrant the expense of taking legal action. When they shot up we decided to move.

"Section 16 says that the person

"Section 16 says that the person you are proceeding against must know that he is in the wrong. So we had to write to the dealers. Then when we began the action against Simons importers and Harlequin retailers with regard to the Spirits Having Flown LP they went to appeal, trying to stop us sending out the letters, but we won that. Most dealers who were involved with these imports gave in and stopped."

Both Polydor and CBS have in the

Both Polydor and CBS have in the past few months made it clear that they are ready to bear the high cost of court proceedings for as long as necessary. Clearly it is felt that a vital and far-reaching issue is at stake.

Kuhn explains: "I feel that taking court action was absolutely vital. PolyGram will do nothing to prevent fair competition, but we have a duty to our own workers and to the industry to protect them against unfair competition. The parallel imports competition is unfair because of the advent of what amounts to dumping by the US industry — which is not controllable

by our US associates; because of the uncontrollable factor of exchange rates; and because the importers can cherry pick from the catalogue, bringing in only what is selling without bearing any of the cost or risks of the record companies. I cannot speak for other companies, but PolyGram takes the matter very seriously, which is why the US company is prepared to scrap overstocks there to prevent them adversely affecting the European market."

John Brooks, legal and business affairs advisor at CBS, concurs: "I agree that it might look as if we have got ourselves into a position where we have to go on fighting court cases, but I don't think this will'happen. If the pound gets weaker there will be fewer imports anyway. If things stay as they are there is no solution other than convincing the trade that it's illegal and they should not do it. There are some who will, no doubt, need to be convinced on the legal points, but there are others who have shown that they are quite happy with the action we are taking."

### **IMPORTS**

Apart from those cases which were dealt with and finished because the defendants did not fight them (such as CBS v. Our Price and Polydor v. Bostock Records) greatest attention has predictably been focused on what can be seen as the important test cases. The wording of these writs would hardly whet the appetite of budding amateur Perry Masons; they name only a few titles and make talk of a "flood" of illegal imports sound wildly exaggerated.

"The most interesting thing is that when these cases come to court it all looks such small beer (even the Judge might think so!) because they always seem to involve just a few records," said Brooks. Yet when you know the background and go deeply into the matter, you find out what's really involved. One defendants affidavit in a current case mentioned 'container loads' of LPs being imported."

Kuhn's contention is that those container loads hurt not just the profits of the UK copyright owners, but harm the artists — who often have agreements with US record companies by which they forfeit artists royalties on cutouts and returns. If these discs are then imported into the UK and sold here, the artist also loses the possibility of a royalty from the sale of UK pressings of the same LP.

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PolyGram and CBS are ready to fight on, As Kuhn says: "This is not just a UK issue. There are similar actions being taken by German companies for example. Eventually one of the cases will go to the European Court and PolyGram intends to go on to the bitter end."

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He adds: "The profit margins in this industry are so critical. Imports affect the unit cost of producing records, and in a time of depression the difference they make is obviously more dramatic. For an international group of companies like PolyGram what is the result? There is a recession in the US so it makes losses there. The US companies get vast numbers of returns, sell them as 'shlock' to dealers in America, they export them — and so export the US industry recession to Europe."

Clive Fisher, Polydor legal advisor, has a warning for those who feel strongly that they have a right to sell these records (and make a profit by offering the public what they want at a lower price than the UK industry is asking) and who thinks that the cost of High Court action will eventually drain the UK majors' enthusiasm for litigation.

"I'd like to make two points for the benefit of retailers who might be tempted by these imports. Putting aside the Stage One and Simons/Harlequin actions which will be going on for some time, we are finding that our court actions are getting cheaper, because we have been recovering costs, as well as having the imported records handed over to us. In the Portugese import cases Simons had to provide us with a list of everyone they had supplied, which has obviously been of use to

us."
"Another factor of concern to the dealers and public", Kuhn adds, is what happens if these imported copies are faulty? The importers may say they will exchange them and perhaps they do. But we cannot accept them among our faulty returns from dealers."

There was a certain amount of crowing from importers when, in the Stage One case, the judge apparently ruled in favour of the importation of certain North American product.

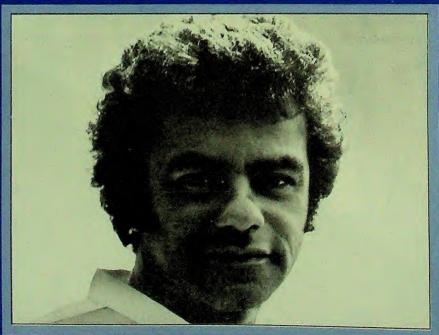
### **IMPORTS**

But as things progressed the noises being made were more cautious all round.

Stage One MD, Nigel Howick, would like to see the matter go to the European Court and those in the trade who are ready to spend their money in opposing the industry would all like to see a decision, soon. However, anyone who is hoping that the wave of litigation will add up to a nice, easily understood body of case law and precedent — so leaving everyone in industry and trade knowing exactly where where they stand for the future — is doomed to frustration.

John Brooks, pointing out that each test case involves different points of law which have to be individually decided speculates: "The Court of Appeal may be able to give a wider ruling. We might ask for the different cases to be condensed on appeal — to come together before an Appeal Court which might then give a decision. Until then each major record company must decide its own policy; it is illegal for us to discuss and act on a common policy."





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Kluger acquires

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BRUSSELS: Roland Kluger Music has acquired the Morgan studio in

has acquired the Morgan studio in Brussels, and renamed it the RKM Studio. A major role for the studio under its new management will be offering facilities to producers who operate under the RKM wing and

others.

The studio's equipment has been enlarged by the installation of automated mix-down capacity among other refinements. The studio is frequently used by Dutch clients, and Tom Sallisbury's album, which won a trophy as the best

which won a trophy as the best Dutch production of 1979, was recorded there.

in Brussels

### INTERNATIONAL

### **New statute** reveals RTVE scandal

governing the activities of Radio Television Espanola has coincided with some scandalous revelations about the state broadcasting organisation published in two national newspapers, La Vanguardia and El Pais, and based on a report about RTVE by the Spanish Ministry of Finance.

### Giannini dies



MILAN: The Italian music industry has been saddened by the death of Giuseppe Giannini (above), aeath of Gusseppe Giannini (above), manager of the CGD record department and member of the board of directors of CGD-Messaggerie Musicali. Giannini, 49, died of a heart attack, ending a 20-year period of co-operation with CGD owners Ladislao and Piero

### Los Angeles in brief. . .

From MIKE REYNOLDS
LOS ANGELES: Frank Sinatra
returns to the screen in The First
Deadly Sin, his first dramatic role in
10 years ... EMI's film The Jazz
Singer, starring Neil Diamond and
beset with script and other
problems, now has Lucie Aknaz for
the female lead in place of Deborah
Raffin and ahead of Liza Minnelli
and Donna Summer, reportedly and Donna Summer, reportedly contending for the role . . . Harry Belafonte was awarded the sixth Belafonte was awarded the sixth Paul Robeson prize by Actors Equity... Bones Howe working on the soundtrack of Roadie, which stars Meat Loaf ... Brian Enn lecturing at various Californian campuses on the recording studio as a compositional tool ... the Universal Amphitheatre is to be roofed and its programming expanded from a four-month to a whole year schedule. whole year schedule

The report disclosed overspending, lack of constructive planning in the organisation's short, medium and longwave transmissions, and shortcomings in programme budgetary control and staff supervision.

RTVE employs 8,500 people working 35 hours each per week at a payroll cost of about one million pesetas anually. The Ministry investigation began in the autumn of 1978 and was concluded in April last year, but was not made public until the end of January.

Its belated appearance provoked angry protests in the Spanish Parliament and a Socialist MP, Senor Alfonso Guerra, accused the Government of suppressing the report. He called for a Parliamentary debate on the matter.

Under the new statute for RTVE, an administrative body will be set up comprising 12 people from the Spanish Congress and Senate, plus five further members from the trade unions, the Spanish Institute for Public Administration and regional councils. They will act as a watchdog committee, will meet every six months and will be consulted by the Government in the appointment of a general director for RTVE.

The latter organisation will now operate in three parts — Radiocadena Espanola, Radio Nacional de Espana and TV Espanola.

ASOCIACION FONOGRAFICA Espanola, the Spanish equivalent of Britain's BPI, is instituting a common method for certifying record sales and the granting of

record sales and the granting consequent awards.

AFE is collaborating with SGAE (Sociedad General de Autores de Espana) in verifying sales figures, and Boney M's recording of El Lute has been certified gold.

WEA IS now active in Spain with its own label identity as a result of buying shares in the Spanish record company Hispavox. WEA is believed to be taking full control of

Hispavox next year.

Tipped to head the combined operation is present Hispavox A&R manager Jose Luis Gil, assisted by Carlos Sanmartin, the current marketing manager.



COPENHAGEN: Shirley Bassey's first Scandinavian tour in 15 years coincided with a repertoire and marketing meeting to co-ordinate promotion on forthcoming tours by McGuinn & Hillman, the Knack, Dr. Hook and Lee Clayton under the Capitol/United Artists/EMI America banner. Seen with the star are, from left, Einar Jentland (EMI Norway), Jerry Ritz (EMI Denmark international A&R), Ronnie Bell (Liberty-United UK), Robo Puhakka (EMI Finland), Kick Klimbie (Capitol/UA/EMI America European director), Sven Peterson (EMI Sweden), Lois Graff (Capitol International), and Alan Dessau and Lene Sekjaer (EMI Denmark).

### **Country gains** ground in Austria

VIENNA: Demand from listeners has led to a stepping-up in the amount of country music being heard over the pop channel of ORF, the Austrian Radio Network.

Where there was just half an hour of modern country music nour of modern country music before, there is now a 60-minute presentation every Saturday by Dieter Anderl, a member of the Country Music Association in Nashville, Tenn., and editor-in-chief of country music chief of country publication CMI-News.

The move, which reflects the growing interest in country music throughout Austria, is additional to the original half-hour and the new show is being broadcast over the English-language station Blue Danube Radio, based in

This new station was set up for members of international organisations, business folk or diplomats visiting Vienna and it was originally estimated that 40,000 foreigners would use the

news-entertainment service.

But according to a recent poll around 200,000 Austrians also tune in daily to this channel.

### Hansa deal

WEST BERLIN: Hansa Records International has signed a new general deal with Ariola Records for Mexico and Brazil, which took effect from January 1.

### **Pathe Marconi EMI** changes lead to 176 redundancies

PARIS: The restructuring of the Pathe Marconi EMI operation here means that 176 people will be leaving the company before April 1.

Between February 1 last year and the April deadline, the staff of EMI

france (i.e. Sonopresse, Pathe, the recording studios, the Sodip distribution centre, the creative services and the pressing plant at Chatou) will have dropped from 1,211 to 611.

Last month the creative services represent from the say Lord Physics Transferred from the say Lord Physics

transferred from the rue Lord Byron to the Neuilly suburb, where they are concentrated on two floors instead of the previous six and where they have been joined by the eight people retained from the discontinued Sonopresse label.

GHEORGHE ZAMFIR, Rumanian panpiper, has recently renewed his exclusive world recording contract with Phonogram recording contract with Phonogram France, and is preparing a second album with Harry van Hoof, the musical director who worked on his Flute De Pan Romantique LP.

This was released last year, went platinum in Holland with 120,000 sales and gold in South Africa and Australia. It was issued in 30 countries, and has sold over half a million. Zamfir has a widespread international town over coming international tour over coming weeks in Europe following his South African concerts this month. The new album is scheduled for April

### French court slams TV video pirates

PARIS: A French court has roundly PARIS: A French court has roundly condemned a club set up here offering members the chance of copying films, including musicals and comedies, "pirated" off television by the club, Video International Production.

Members paid a fee of around £100 to join, then a further £5 for each film "copied" within the circle of club membership.

of club membership.

The National Cinema Centre took legal action against the club which offered a defence that this activity was "private diffusion" and therefore no breach of any copyright or other law.

But the court found that, though the films were diffused within "a private and family circle," the object was to make money and, therefore, indefensible on those

### Government wins Round 1 in radio war

ZURICH: The first round in the build-up of the battle over the Swiss radio monopoly has gone to the Swiss Government in Berne.

A month ago, Italian carabinieri sealed the transmitter on the Italian Pizzo Groppera, near the Swiss border, with which Roger Schawinski broadcast a 24-hour programme service into the main part of Zurich, reaching more than a million people. With his private radio enterprise, Schawinski hoped to undermine the Swiss radio

monopoly.

After a first attempt by the Italian authorities to close down the "illegal" Schawinski operation following pressure from the Swiss, a Como court overruled the decision taken by the Italian Government.

But the carabinieri returned to the little station and now it seems the Italians will remain firm in their intention to cut off the Schawinski broadcast operation from their broadcast operation from their territory into neighbouring territory Switzerland.

### SA 'shake-up' plea

JOHANNESBURG: Independent record producer Patric van Blerk stated recently in a discussion programme that a huge shake-up is

needed in the South African record industry if it is going to be able to compete in the international market.

The bulk of the South African market is taken by overseas material

### Poster boost

BRUSSELS: WEA here recently initiated the Belgian record industry's biggest-ever poster campaign when promotion man Herman Schuermans hired a team of billposters to paste up 2,000 double crown posters in the major Belgian towns to promote the Fleetwood Mac album, Tusk.

The operation covers Brussels, Liege, Antwerp, Louvain, Ghent and Louvain-la-Neuve and now WEA is looking into the comparative cost and effectiveness of poster campaigns in comparison with newspaper and magazine advertising.

### Johannesburg

and not enough attention is paid to developing local talent.

It is rare indeed for an act like Clout to come along with sufficient professionalism to compete successfully overseas.

A large percentage of local talent is recorded by small independent producers who operate on a small profit basis because they do not look beyond their limited immediate local market

From what this correspondent has heard over the past few years the potential is here, but few know how to bring it out to assert itself on an international scale.

international scale.

One group seen and heard recently in The Platters live show is Harari, an all-Black band, who seem musically and visually ready to blossom in the South African market and beyond.

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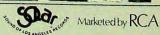


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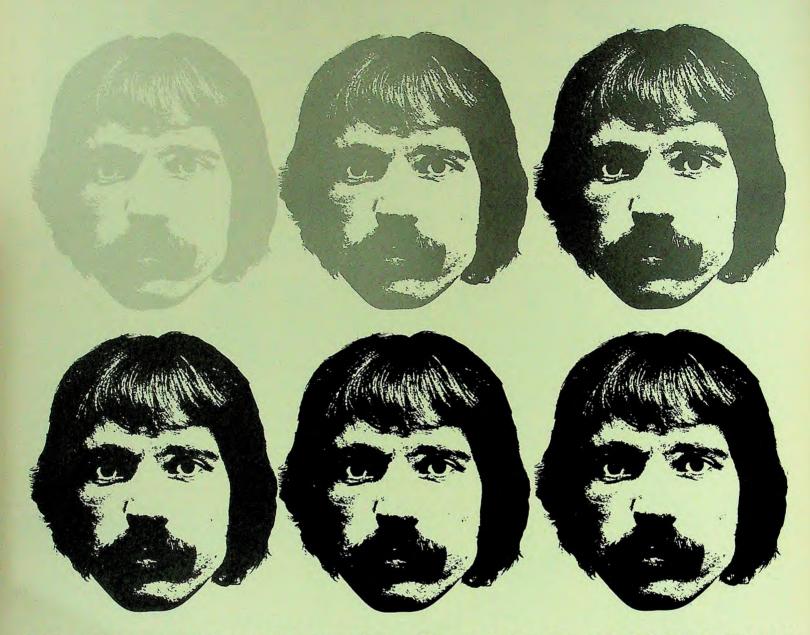
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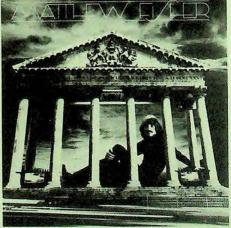
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### New strings to DG's bow

DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON has always maintained a policy of carrying very few labels, in comparison to other majors, but just months after the successful launch of Accolade the company presents another — Archiv Privilege.

The name itself explains much of the thinking behind the new package — the combination of the quality and principles of the respected Archiv label with the bolder presentation and the economic retail level of Privilege — records retail at

presentation and the economic retail level of Privilege — records retail at £2.95 and cassettes at £3.25.

Archiv has, for many years, been a much-praised series, covering a fairly wide range of music from Gregorian Chant up to the Baroque on the whole, though works from the classical world of Mozart have also been incorporated.

This new mid/bargain priced label is designed to accomplish two

is designed to accomplish two things. First it will allow certain titles to be re-introduced. Such as those which may have outlived their full-price life but are still attractive propositions to the new generation of record-buyers.

The presentation is far more appealing, with full colour pictures on the front sleeve and an elegant silver and blue theme for the rest of the product.

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Second, Archiv Privilege will make available to the regular Archiv buyer titles that have been unavailable for some years.

To begin with 12 records/cassettes

are being issued, five of them devoted to music by J. S. Bach. There are some old Richter/Munich Orchestra issues (Suites Orchestra) an organ record including the Toccata and Fugue in D minor, played by Helmut Walcha (2547 011) and Motets performed by the Choir of St Thomas's, Leipzig, with the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Thomas (2547

orchestra under Kurt Thomas (2547 009).

Other composers featured are Handel and Telemann, and earlier figures — this first block release contains one record, Concert Music of the Baroque Court (music by Muffat, and Biber) played by Harnoncourt and the Concentus Musicus, Vienna (2547 004).

The new label is being supported by in-store displays, silver and blue leaflets and browser cards and advertising — not only a double page spread in The Gramophone, but also in the regional sections of the Radio Times, and in The Guardian and Time Out, which indicates that DG is really aiming the campaign at the younger market.

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March is an important month tor DG in other ways. There is another major release — Beethoven's Nine Symphonies conducted in live performances with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra by Leonard

Phinarmonic Orenestra by Econard Bernstein.
In support, DG have full colour posters available and have printed 30,000 6 page full colour leaflets, and are advertising in *The Times* in addition to *The Gramophone*.

### **Attractive offer**

March also sees DG's Classical Centre scheme get well under way. Like similar schemes run by other companies — such as EMI's Music Centre — it is an important device to allow dealers with a fairly substantial classical interest the possibility of better discounts.

Over the last few years DG's scheme has operated with success (153 dealers were incorporated in the scheme in 1979) but it is likely to expand this year because the company has made its offer more

company has made its offer more simple and more attractive.

Dealers who join the scheme contract to carry 400 out of a choice of 440 DG records and will then receive 10 per cent discount on all stock — both the 400 records/cassettes, and all new and old product purchased.

In addition to the records and cassettes, dealers receive free instore material.

store material.

The new Classical Centre deal goes some way to redress the balance since the reduction of the dealer margins last year — DG led the field, though most other companies followed.

But there are other benefits, according to Mr M. Casanove, proprietor of Marshalls, in Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester: "This scheme is the best arrangement DG has given us because it covers all DG stock," he says.

IN A recent piece on the changing fortunes of Enigma I mentioned that the cellist Julian Lloyd Webber had an exclusive contract with the company. This was not strictly true. While an exclusive contract was an intention of both Enigma director John Boyden and Lloyd-Webber, it was never signed, and the musician told me last week, shortly before leaving for New York to give his recital debut, that he is now considering his

### Alright now runs to a second series

TYNE TEES Television is making

TYNE TEES Television is making another series of the pop show Alright Now.

Last year's series was originally intended for purely local transmission, but ATV, Yorkshire and several other companies picked it up. The producer is again it up. The producer is again Malcolm Gerrie who says: "This series is being aimed at the network and we are hoping for a simultaneous network transmission in late spring or early support.

"The format is much the same, though we will have a different celebrity host for each programme.

For four of the seven shows we have already lined up Mickie Most, Phil Lynott, Bob Geldof and Billy Connolly and each host is able to choose a guest artist or band. Mickie Most has perhaps surprisingly gone for Elvis Costello as a guest performer and is also getting Alexis

Korner on the programme. Billy Connolly will have John Bonham of Led Zeppelin on his programme."

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As in the last series the artists will perform live and Gerrie explains: "It really pays off if you do your homework on the sound and bands do prefer it. Most TV pop shows tend to concentrate on visual aspects at the expense of sound and I think

at the expense of sound and I think this could herald a move back to more live performances on television."

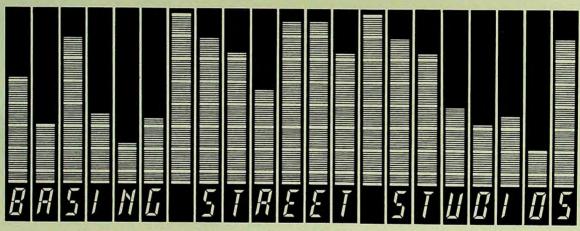
Special film features include a profile of the 2-Tone label, a commissioned Jimmy Hendrix animation, Gary Numan and a film of Mike Oldfield recording a rearrangement of Free's Alright Now at his home studio. They have also filmed a video being made of new group Girl at the Moving Picture Company in London, showing how a promotional video is put together. a promotional video is put together.

### News in brief

SWANSEA SOUND reports an increase in trading profit of 32 per cent for the year ending September 30, 1979, up to £97,436 compared with £73,712 in 1978. This was achieved from an increase in turnover of £135,000 and enabled the company to pay shareholders 14p per £1 share.

CAPITAL IS linking with Radio Orwell to promote and record a series of concerts at The Maltings, Snape, during this year. They have arranged for the London Philharmonia, the Royal Philharmonic, the London Symphony Orchestra and the Quartet of London to perform at the 850 seat venue, which is not normally an economic proposition for the leading large orchestras.

RADIO VICTORY has increased its coverage of country music by providing their specialist presenter, Robin West, with a new programme on Sundays from 2pm to 4.30pm. His Tuesday evening slot continues and will now include rockabilly. The increased country coverage is in response to listeners' demand which included a LOSS of the coverage is in response to listeners. which included a 1,000 name petition to the station.



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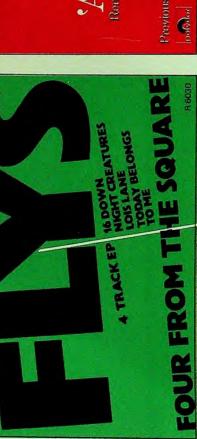
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### **Quick tips**

FIRST AID are an aggressive commercial rock band who have financed the recording of their own 24-track master.

Their musical style is more energetic rock and roll than new wave. And in the last year, since forming, they have played such venues as The Rock Garden, Music Machine and Ronnie Scott's.

Tony Larin, lead guitarist and

Machine and Ronnie Scott's.

Tony Larin, lead guitarist and vocalist says: "We want to carve our own niche rather than step into a heavy metal or punk classification. The band is currently seeking management and a recording deal."

Contact Tony Larin, 99 Clissold Crescent, London N16. (01) 249 7059

TYNESIDE-BASED Metro Radio is TYNESIDE-BASED Metto Radio Searching for top musical entertainment in the North East. Its competition, titled Metro Music Makers 1980, is open to singers, groups and musicians who reside in or regularly travel to the Newcastle area to work.

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Competitors are invited to send a recording on tape, cassette or disc (technical quality is not important) plus details of their career, to the radio station, arriving no later than Saturday, March 15. This is the first time the station has run such a promotion and is offering over £400 in prize money. Contact Michael Taylor, promotions manager, Metro Radio, Newcastle NE99 1BB. (0632) 884121 Ext. 29.

### Un the double

DAVE DEE'S new Double-D Records is now open and Dave accepts tapes or demos at his new offices, 3rd floor, 25 Bruton Street, London W1 (Tel: 01 493

### Zimbabwe market opens up to West

WITH THE lifting of trade sanctions, John Grant, MD of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia's Teal Records, is looking worldwide for labels to represent. "Nothing was supposed to be imported after UDI in November 1966," he says "but now the market is wide open and up for grabs."

Teal's success has been based on indigenous product, and it has over indigenous product, and it has over 150 African bands under contract. "With the borders now open we plan to see this product gets to other African territories," comments

The biggest selling local act is Thomas Mapfums and the Acid Band who sell 100,000 singles a year.

Band who sell 100,000 singles a year.
Rod Stewart is the most popular
Western artist though his releases
should not legally be in the country.
For the last 14 years, no Western
artist has performed there,
something Grant now hopes will be
rectified. And his company, in fact,
organises tours for their artists and

would be open to expansion to assist international talent.

"One problem now will be to let people know that we should not be bunched with the South African market. We are separate, have our own language and government, so when record companies negotiate for Africa they must look upon Zimbabwe-Rhodesia for its own merits. We have a population of 250,000 Europeans and seven million Africans. We feel the market potential is 2½ million singles and

350,000 units for albums.
"We cannot afford to pay advances but will pay our royalties on time and with accuracy." Teal Records has a staff of 90 with its own pressing, stamping and tape duplication facilities. Contact John Grant, MD Teal Record Company, Teal Centre, 100 Kelvin Road South, PO Box 3519, Salisbury, Zimbabwe-Tel. Salisbury 703371/Bulawayo 65845/6.

### Walk on the wildlife

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH, a trustee of the World Wildlife Fund, has endorsed a new recording project to raise money for conservation. He and producer John Bryant are now looking for artists to donate their services for this multi-media venture to be called Walk On The Wildlife.

called Walk On The Whente.
First step will be an album, to be released on Phonogram, followed by a book and an animated film.
Bryant comments: "The album

will be recorded by artists who will donate their time, talent and royalties to the World Wildlife Fund. A portion of the copyright

royalties will also be donated by the publishers.'

Artists who have already expressed interest include: Cliff Richard and the Royal Opera Chorus. Contact John Bryant, Heath Levy Music, 184-186 Regent Street, London WI. (01) 439 7731.

### TALENT

### **Waddington finds solo** work refreshing

DURING THE mid-Seventies, the name of Tony Waddington was Wayne Bickerton, of a string of Top Ten hits by such names as The Rubettes and Mac and Katie Kassoon.

Rubettes and Mac and Katte Kasse Together the two also formed State Records, so it came as quite a surprise to a lot of people when Waddington announced several months ago that he was going "solo", breaking a working relationship with Bickerton that went back to the early Sixties.

In January, Waddington returned to the limelight when he signed with Neon Music, the company owned by

Neon Music, the company owned by Bruce Welch of The Shadows and Brian Oliver. The deal marked Neon's first venture into management and consultancy and Oliver announced that the company would act as consultant to Oliver announced that the company would act as consultant to Waddington in all aspects of his career in the music business and would be specifically involved in managing his songwriting, music publishing, jingle-writing and record production affairs.

"At the moment I'm finding my feet again," Waddington admits. "I've had several years of fairly reasonable success with out-and-out pon stuff, but the music scene has

pop stuff, but the music scene has changed to a huge degree. I have to continue with what I think is a hit, regardless of what is happening. It is really quite refreshing going it

Waddington and Bickerton first met in a dole queue — they played together in a series of pop bands before moving into the business side. The split between the two eventually came because, "I was more came because, "I was more interested in the creative side rather



TONY WADDINGTON

than administration and I realised that was where I wanted to stay."

The last few months have not seen Waddington being idle. He has spent the time building a 24-track studio at his home in Hampshire, which he now uses for making demo tapes and recording radio jingles. He has also spent time composing, mainly on his own, but occasionally with other people. "Working with different people from time to time is a refreshing experience," he says.

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He sees his main challenge as creating a new star rock/pop band

or artist.
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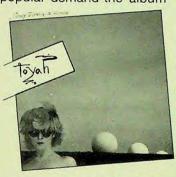


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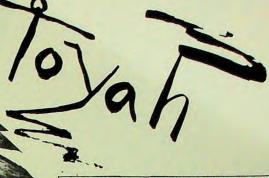


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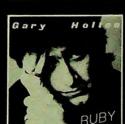
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ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD, Banging My Head, THE CROOKS, Blue Print BLU 2006 (A)

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Roller, STU STEVENS. MCA 563 (C)
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CAB 101 (A)

WISH I WAS 18 AGAIN, One Of The
Mysteries Of Life, GEORGE BURNS.
Mercury MER 6 (F)

IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR, You Can't
Love Me, LITTLE MAC AND THE
BOSS SOUNDS. Atlantic K 11448

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INVASION OF THE GAMMA MEN, Night By Night, SHAKE. Sire SIR 4035 (W)

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IT WILL COME IN TIME, All I Wanted Was You, BILLY PRESTON AND SYREETA. Motown TMG 1175 (E)

IT'S ONLY THE PAPER THAT'S BURNING, I Wanna Hold You, RICK AND BONNIE DIAMOND. Epic EPC 8269 (C)

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KITES, Some Like It Hot, MARSEILLE. Mountain TOP 51 (R) KOOL IN THE KAFTAN, Baby I'm A Bat, B.A. ROBERTSON. Elektra/Asylum K 12427 (W)

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MIDNIGHT BLUE, Just The Way You Are, JOHNNY MATHIS. CBS 8253 (C)

MOSTLY MOZART, Classical Dancin', WALTER MURPHY. RCA FB 1773

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TAKE MY HAT OFF, All Through The Night, CARLOS ROMANOS. PVK PV 35 (C/CR).

TALKING PICTURES, One Way Love/Psychic Eric, SOLOS. Cobra COB 8 (E)

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Life, NERADA MICHAEL WALDON,
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8 MORE CUT (EMI) I WAH DUB Dennis Boyell

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9 PAST (CREOLE) BLACK SOUL Various

PAST 2

### SINGLES SELECT **TONY JASPER**

Tell Me Why (I Can't Understand You), (Portrait PRT 8184, CBS). Apparently this group are the new music heroes of LA, but their sound music neroes of LA, but their sound is something like a jaded re-working of early-mid 1960s British music with Beatlish harmonies. Languid lead vocals plus a song which gathers pace oddly enough to give this single commercial possibilities.

SILICON TEENS

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Judy In Disguise (Mute 004,
Spartan/Rough Trade). Colourful
pic bag, major airplay, already
alternative charting; group followup to much played Memphis
Tennessee. Re-working at fast pace with clipped vocal lines of number 3, 1968 hit for John Fred and the Playboy Band. Should sell.

DEF LEPPARD

DEF LEPPARD
Hello America (Vertigo LEPP 1,
PolyGram) This group had a late
1979 hit with Wasted (61, three
weeks). Pic bag, current extensive
UK tour, press ads with recent major
feature MW. But why do they persist
with wearying subject theme? Why
wastescential was the property of the not something more basic in AC/DC style like sex or love? Hard driving riffs but no real catchy hook. Does have sales potential, but length of chart potential fairly limited.

### LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Talented soul band rhythmically power way through number shining with good brass, drum work and vocals. Sounds like an exciting stage number without best good brass, drum work and vocals. Sounds like an exciting stage number without basic underpinning for 45 plus, if I interpret correctly, a lyric which will ensure no airplay. In strict commercial Top 75 terms, this is a wasted effort.

THE PSYCHEDELIC FURS
Sister Europe (CBS 8179, CBS). Pic
bag. Much touted band in consumer
music press with heavy buzz from
company recent months. Track has
haunting quality very reminiscent of late 1960s acid music. No obvious commercial pull in cross-over stakes but interest and sales.

MAGAZINE

MAGAZINE
A Song From Under The Floor-boards (Virgin VS321). Popular alternative music band with hit taste via Shot By Both Sides (41, 1978), no public appearances since last May but gigs plus album are expected by mid-April. Single enclosed in hard cardboard US style wrapping, suggests band back to form with some delicious instrumental some delicious instrumental backcloth for familiar Devoto bleak

### GIRLS SCHOOL

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Emergency (Bronze BRO 89, EMI).

Popular girl foursome, currently touring with Uriah Heep, with another fast vocal working on tune which sounds as if bits and pieces borrowed from elsewhere but in assembled form has catchy air aided by the bits bedien reaching. by chirpy ladies vocalising. Deserves attention.

TALKING HEADS
Zimbra (Sire 4033, WEA) Heavily publicised very talented New York trio with a string of excellent albums but no hit 45s. Here they sound like anyone and everyone auditioning for Afra, black imitation context. From Afro-black imitation contest. From LP, Fear Of Music (SRK 6076). Colour bag.

2000 Man (Casablanca NB 1001, Pve)

Pye)
One of three cut EP with others, I
Was Made For Lovin' You, Sure
You Know Something. Latter two
previous 45s, all from last LP,
banged together trio of cuts made
strong release. Lovin' You cut
(50, 1979), long awaited Kiss, UK
chart debut. This EP should be
second bit. second hit.

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS
Refugee (MCA 559, CBS). Another stormer of a track from the excellent LP, Damn The Torpedoes. Has usual gritty vocals and commercial heavy metal instrumental break-out. Petty is scoring with this Stateside, and it would be good to see it move

HOLLY & THE ITALIANS
Tell That Girl To Shut Up (Oval
1016, CBS). This has been on the
verge of the charts for several weeks and deserves a placing. Strident girl vocals, easily picked up chorus. Pic bag. Should sell well.

Bird In Flight (Safari SF 22, Spartan). Pic bag for the lady and band with recent burst of consumer music and provincial press back-up copy. The band are favourite play in alternative circles. Grower of a disc but not likely for national airwaves.

Remember (Walking In The Sand), (CBS 8220, CBS). Rock goes Sixties pop with old Shangri-Las much played classic. Seems unlikely to change barren UK chart scene for US heavy big-time outfit.

THE BROTHERS JOHNSON Stomp (A&M AMS 7509, CBS). Music obeys title with the brothers helped out by girl back-up vocals. Tune gets lift from occasional chord change

But this is only average material and does not have the magic of hits associated with band, although still good for the clubs. Pic bag. Cut from LP, Light Up The Night (AMLK 63716).

### PETER BROWN

Love In Our Hearts (TK, TKR 7572, CBS) Acappella vocal breaks, strong vocals over strident handclaps, synthesiser adornment for good listening and floor play. Should be major DJs Record of the Week. major DJs Record of the Week. Crank It Up had short thrift, sad if this goes same way for talented TK

### BERLIN BLONDES

Science (EMI 5031, EMI) Group currently gigging UK, likely to cause interest alternative circles but while disc is far from being poor it doesn't have hit feel.

### THE TIGERS

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Kidding Stops (Strike KIK 1, WEA)
Initial swirling musical flourish gives
way to beat familiar in 2-Tone and
associated areas. Quite passable but likely to get lost.

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20 13 11 THE WALL Pink Floyd (Gillmour/Ezzin/Waters)  Harvest SHDW 411 (E)	58 FIRST LOVE Various Arcade ADEP 41
21 14 6 END OF THE CENTURY Sire SRK 6077 (W) Ramones (Phil Spector)	59 - 1 REALITY EFFECT Tourists Logo 1019 (C)
22 METAL FOR MUTHAS Various EMI EMC 3318 (E)	60 50 CORNERSTONE Styx A&M AMLK 63711 (C)
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27 32 11 KENNY ROGERS SINGLES ALBUM United Artists UAK 30263 (E)	RUMOURS Fleetwood Mac (Dashut/Calllat/Fleetwood Mac)  Warner Brothers K 56344 (W)
28 23 6 SEPTEMBER MORN Neil Diamond (Bob Gaudio) CBS 86096 (C)	66 53 86 WAR OF THE WORLDS CBS 96000/WOW 100 (C)
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### **ALBUM REVIEWS**

### A Sweet little girl grows up

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THE SELECTER

Too Much Pressure. 2 Tone CDL TT5002. Producer: Errol Ross/The Selecter. It's always easier to appreciate bands on the crest of the appreciate bands on the crest of the wave, but Selecter have got to be good sellers with their brand of music. The album consists of a cross-section of covers and self-penned songs with guitarist Noel Davies being the main song writing force in the group. Look out for his excellent (although unrelated) Street Feeling and Out On The Streets to bring out the best of Pauline Black's high pitched vocals.

AND THE SUNSHINE

Greatest Hits. TK TKR 83385.
Producers: Harry Wayne Casey and
Richard Finch. The funky dance
rhythm does not let up from start to

finish and titles such as That's The Way and Sound Your Funky Horn already proved their sales

MARTI WEBB
Tell Me On A Sunday. Polydor
POLD 5031. There has been much
hullabaloo surrounding the release
of this album, which is described as
"a collection of love songs of an
English girl in New York" and
features of course the music of
Andrew Lloyd Webber and the lyrics
of Don Black. Marti Webb is an
interesting talent who, after many interesting talent who, after many years' experience of stage musicals, years' experience of stage musicals, could be finally getting her big break via this album and her new role in Evita, taking over from Elaine Page. The single is already a chart hit and the LP could easily emulate its success. Certainly there is little that can be faulted here and with talks of the stress weeking and earn a films. Toll a stage version and even a film, Tell Me On A Sunday could be one of the most exciting projects of the early

AVERAGE WHITE BAND
The Best Of Average White Band.
RCA XL 13101. Producers: Arif
Marding, Artists and Gene Paul. A
good selection from their seven
albums and while AWB seem to be
past their peak of popularity in this
country, this makes for a good party
style compilation and should be a
steady seller. steady seller.

BOOKER T & THE MG'S
Green Onions. Atlantic K40072.
Album follow-up to the hit single of the same name, triggered by the Mod revival and contained here.
Unfortunately, most of the other tracks don't have the same appeal and a lot now sound like supermarket musak. Unimaginative sleeve design is likely to deter buyers rather than attract them. rather than attract them.

THE CHIEFTAINS

Boil The Breakfast Early. CBS 84081. Producer: Paddy Maloney. 84081. Producer: Paddy Maloney.
Among the great traditional Irish
music exponents, The Chiefrains
have kept their freshness as this,
their ninth LP, confirms. It's not the
easiest of music to get into, but the
band has a wide following and heavy
sales can be expected.

IAN MATTHEWS
Discreet Repeat. Rockburgh
Records. ROCCD 303. A double
album featuring a selection of music from the last nine years penned by Matthews and a wide variety of other writers including John Martyn, Tom Waits, Robert Palmer, Jesse Colin Young and Tim Hardin. Recent chart success with Shake It, not on the album, might help sales.

MANU DIBANGO
Gone Clear. Island. ISLP 9539.
Producer: Geoffrey Chung.
Dibango and a selection of reggae session men, including Robbie Shakespeare, Sly Dunbar, Mikey Chung, and jazz players, notably the Brecker Bros, come together with an appealing mix that will be appreciated by both camps.

TOM SCOTT
Street Beat. CBS 83801. Producers:
Tom Scott and Hank Cicalo.
Disappointing album from a

trumpet player who has made many fine session appearances. The LP sounds like a series of trendy American TV themes. Might sell a reasonable amount on his name

THE FLYING LIZARDS

The Flying Lizards. Virgin V 2 150. Producer: David Cunningham. First LP from The Flying Lizards — or rather from David Cunningham rather from David Cunningham—for at no moment are we left with the slightest doubt that the group is definitely his baby. Everybody knows by now that Money, the group's excellent hit single, contained here, was made for about £6.50 in somebody's living room, but there are no other tracks here to touch it. Will sell on the strength of the single, though. the single, though.

CAPTAIN BEEFHEART
& THE MAGIC BAND
Shiny Beast. Virgin V2 149.
Producers: Don Van Vliet and Pete
Johnson. Could it be that the
Captain is mellowing in his old age?
Despite the usual eccentricities there
is definitely a mellower feel to this
album. The Captain has even album. The Captain has even reverted to using his own name, Don Van Vliet and the Magic Band is also introduced with much more sensible names than we usually expect. Will sell well to fans only. Fine original artwork by Beefheart on the cover.

PETE BARDENS

PETE BARDENS
Heart to Heart. Arista SPART 1108.
Producers: Pete Bardens and
Norman Mighell. Lots of synthesiser
men end up reverting to their jazzier
roots and Pete Barden, leader of
Camel, is no exception. This album comes as a pleasant surprise too — full of nice jazzy runs plus some material ideal for late-night

listening. The only criticism is that Barden's vocals are rather wishy washy at times. Could do with a single to draw attention to it.

J. D. SOUTHER
You're Only Lonely. CBS 83753.
Producer: artist: A tendency to remind you of Rick Nelson at times. Second solo album after stint as part of Souther-Hillman-Furay. Title track currently in US Top 30. Nice LP, very good band including Danny Kortchman and Waddy Wachtel on guitars and David Sanborn on alto sax.
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LONNIE LISTON SMITH
A Song for the Children. CBS
83809. Producers: artist and Bert de
Coteaux. As ever, a pleasing set of
tracks featuring the artist as a fine
keyboard player, and showing his
ability to combine jazz, funk and

NICOLETTE LARSON
In the Nick of Time. WB K56750.
Producer: Ted Templeman.
Impressive background as top notch
backing singer (Emmylou Harris,
Ronstadt, Neil Young albums) and Ronstadt, Neil Young albums) and US hit single of her own made this obvious one to try releasing here, and it was getting good sales on import. Very likeable, but tends to sound like too many other people, including a paler version of Fleetwood Mac. Pushed hard enough could do well.

Hydra. CBS 83900. Second album from the American hard rock band comprising some of the top session/backing band talent around. Had UK charting last year with single, Hold The Line. A quality album.

### IN FULL VIEW

CAS 1150

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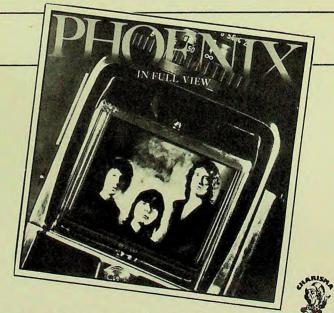
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- 6. BEE GEES GREATEST HITS
- 7. EAT TO THE BEAT Blondie
- 8. ELO'S GREATEST HITS Electric Light Orchestra
- 9. LONDON CALLING
  Clash
- 10. ONE STEP BEYOND Madness

- 11. OFF THE WALL
- 12. LOVE SONGS Elvis Presley
- 13. 20 GOLDEN GREATS
  Diana Ross
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- 15. PARALLEL LINES
  Blondie
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- 17. PEACE IN THE VALLEY
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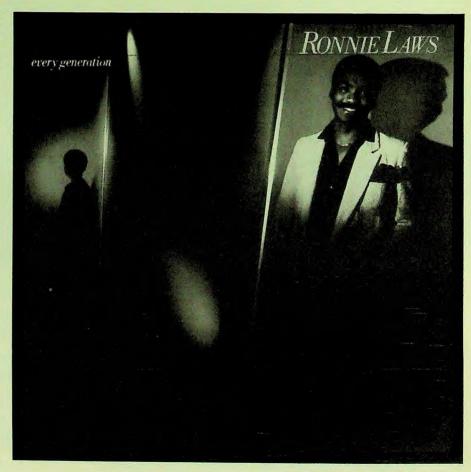
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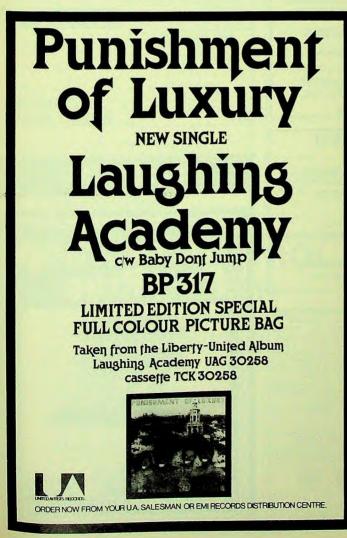
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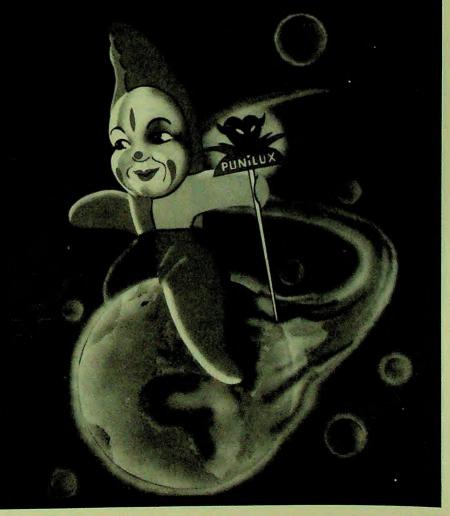


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### American Commentary



### **Bogart exits Casablanca as** PolyGram takes over ... CBS profits slump ... FBI probes counterfeit returns . . .

NEW YORK: A PolyGram buy-out of the bulk of Neil Bogart's 50 per cent share of Casablanca Records and Filmworks stock and Bogart's subsequent resignation from the Casablanca presidency has kicked off a reorganisation of the PolyGram Corporation in the US.

With the formation of the PolyGram Corporation in the USA, funding and financial and business affairs services will be centralised for all record-related operating companies within PolyGram, including Casablanca (now nearly wholly owned: Bogart retains a small amount of stock and will continue as an adviser), Polydor,

small amount of stock and will continue as an adviser), Polydor, Phonogram, PolyGram Classics, PolyGram Distribution, and a newly created central support unit, Central PolyGram Record Services.

Irwin Steinberg, executive vice-president of the PolyGram Corporation, will head PRO USA as chairman and chief executive officer while retaining his present title. Phonogram/Mercury will relocate to New York from Chicago, thus bringing all the companies' offices under one roof with the exception of Casablanca, which is

based in Los Angeles.

The Bogart resignation came on the heels of recent management meetings within the PolyGram organisation that the flamboyant label head himself termed "rough". Casablanca had reportedly grossed \$100 million in 1979, but netting a mere \$1 million.

According to both parties, the original agreement between PolyGram and Casablanca, whereby PolyGram took over distribution in 1977 in exchange for half the stock, allowed either to buy out the

Bogart's official comment was that the "philosophical gap between myself and a multi-national corporation like PolyGram was simply too wide". He will form a new company of his own that will specialise

too wite. He will form a new company of his own that will specialise in records, films, TV and video.

Bruce Bird has succeeded Bogart and for the immediate future it appears that Peter Guber, Casablanca chairman, will stay on to oversee the company's non-music interests, most especially the current

oversee the company's non-music interests, most especially the current half dozen films ready for or in production.

In an effort to quiet rumours concerning a possible similar takeover of Robert Stigwood's RSO label, which PolyGram also co-owns and distributes, Polygram president Coen Solleveld's official statement commented terely that the "current relationship with RSO Records will remain the same"

### **By IRA MAYER**

The other major promotion as a result of the PolyGram restructuring is that of Walter Stein-Schomburg, VP and chief controller of PolyGram Record Operations worldwide, who was appointed chief financial officer of PRO USA.

On the day that Bogart resigned, the New York publicity office for the label serviced Big Apple writers with new photos of Bogart "for your files". The Donna Summer lawsuit may prove redundant if her contract stipulates, as it is rumoured to, that if Bogart exits the company she can too upon 60 days' written notice.

company, she can too upon 60 days' written notice.

With the source of her ire gone, will she reconsider? And if she does, will PolyGram be interested in negotiating a new deal? Insiders say it was a "sweetheart contract" from the beginning — and Bogart will still be the keynoter at this year's NARM convention in Las Vegas

1979 REVENUES at year-end for CBS Inc. rose 13.4 per cent to \$3.73 billion, with earnings rising to \$200.7 million from \$198.1 million in

Full year revenues for the Records Group increased 10 per cent, but profits declined 46 per cent — attributed to "sluggish retail environment that led to poor sales and high levels of record returns and severe pressures from the increased marketing costs and delays in deliberary of readurations and severe pressures from the increased marketing costs and delays in

delivery of product from major artists'.

Sale of half interest in its cable television operations to the American Express company accounted for a phenomenal 129.6 per cent net income rise at Warner Communications Inc. — a total of \$200.7 million profit on revenues of \$1.65 billion (a revenue increase of 33 per cent)

WITH FEDERAL investigators in on the case, there probably won't be any word for several months regarding PolyGram's discovery of an alleged \$400,000 worth of counterfeit returns the company received from the East Coast-based Sam Goody retail chain, sister to Pickwick under the American Can corporate umbrella.

SHORTS: United Artists has licensed 100 films to RCA for Selecta Vision videodisc release in a deal that extends for seven years from retail market introduction... Bill Curbishley and Roy Baird to film Nashville Lady, "a love story set in the world of country music" as the first film in their multiple package deal with Polytel Films... MCA, claiming to have advanced Infinity \$15 million, is seeking dismissal of the Ron Alexenburg suit... a class action suit against MCA regarding the company's refusal to accept returns on ABC product after taking over the latter label has been settled out of court. Details of the agreement between retailers and the product after taking over the latter label has been settled out of court. Details of the agreement between retailers and the manufacturer/distributor were not disclosed, but apparently MCA will be accepting ABC returns . . . Queen, now Top Five here with Crazy Little Thing Called Love, boast their highest chart position ever . . Rambler Gambler, the flipside of Linda Ronsladt's How Do I Make You single is making it on the country charts, though Rambler will not be included in the Mad Love LP . . . Bernard di Matteo, William Fox and Caroline Moore promoted to VP slots at CBS Records Group for operations, finance, and administration and planning respectively.

### OPINION

After eight years in London, American attorney ROBERT HIRSCHMAN, below, who is also a manager, producer, publisher and marketing expert, is returning to his law practice in Los Angeles. He makes some personal observations on changes he feels are necessary to the future of the music industry.

RECOGNISING AND quickly reacting to the changing market is the key to future success. I would like to see the American industry reverse its sale or return policy for a start. Such a change would undoubtedly result in a financially healthier industry, bring about a more realistic business climate, wipe out dumping problems and bring a return to sensible business and economic management.

I would like to see the re-emergence of a stronger independent emergence of a stronger independent distribution network, particularly in the US. With monopoly power concentrated in the handful of majors, the long-term growth of the business and, in particular, new labels, will be seriously jeopardized. The lifeblood of this industry are

The lifeblood of this industry are the grass roots, entrepreneurial record producers. They need alternative and viable outlets for distribution, but as these outlets decrease so will the flow of new product and new artists.

I would like to see an industry group convened to study and report on the realistic potential of the video market for the record industry. As yet there has been much talk but yet there has been much talk but little action on the part of the record industry as to its true place in the pre-recorded video market. An all-industry report would go a long way towards guiding the entire industry on this market potential.

I would like to see the enactment

by the United States congress of an artist performance royalty, similar to UK legislation. This will require recognition in the artist and record producer community that they deserve and are entitled to compensation for performance of their artistic labours and remuneration for home taping.

would like to see a compulsory print licence amendment to the



copyright act. If the rationale for a compulsory mechanical licence is the freer dissemination of artistic work as well as an anti-monopoly protection for performers and record companies, then the same anti-monopoly rationale should apply to creative musical arrangers and print publishers.

The only certain way to ensure continued growth of the printed music business and the commitant availability to the public of music in availability to the public of music in its printed form, is enactment of a compulsory print licence. Under existing law, publisher/copyright owners have the right to grant or deny a print licence. No such right exists with respect to mechanical licences. As a result, publishers/copyright owners grant or deny a print licence solely on the basis of whether or not they are in the print business themselves. The result is to deprive songwriters of potential royalty income, where a licence is refused and to deny the public a variety of musical arrange-ments of a particular song.

I would like to see swift enactment of copyright legislation granting a levy to copyright owners, artists and record producers. Until such time as levies are enacted it seems the best business to be in today is the blank tape business.

For its own reasons, the United For its own reasons, the office States has, so far, chosen not to protect copyright owners against home audio or video taping of copyrighted sound recordings, films and television programmes. Indeed, and television programmes. Indeed, the recent judgement in the Sony case found that non-commercial home use recording of material broadcast over the public airwaves does not constitute copyright

infringement in the US.

This decision struck a tremendous blow to the American entertainment industry and it should strike a note of terror in the UK entertainment industry as well.

At the moment, the UK affords At the moment, the UK attorus copyright protection by virtue of the Copyright Act 1956 but it is confined, however, within the territorial limits of the United Kingdom. So material copyrighted in the UK and broadcast or released in America has no protection against in America has no protection against

in America has no protection against home taping there.

And while copyright protection is available in the UK, enforcement has been noticeably inadequate. So the UK industry must continue to lobby Parliament for a levy on software and hardware — and it must also join with its American colleagues in their efforts to change the US law.

The UK industry should support an appeal in the Sony case and it should become involved in efforts to isolate and clarify the Sony holding. Third, and most important, the industry should make available its findings and recommendations on a

findings and recommendations on a licensing levy.

Such a levy would overcome the fears of Congress regarding an invasion of privacy as well as the US Government's inability to control home taping.

Once protection is obtained for the illegal duplication of audio and video recordings the industry can concentrate on its future in a changing world market.

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### FEATURE

Having established the Decca record company and taken personal control to steer it through the slump of 1929, stockbroker Edward Lewis went on to move into the American record industry. This concluding episode of The Decca Story, as told by SIR EDWARD LEWIS in his own book, describes how he fought to keep his companies afloat through numerous financial crises.

### Taking Decca into the US

was presented that was in the long run to have a decisive effect on the Decca enterprise. The American movie company Warner Brothers through a subsidiary had formed Warner-Brunswick to take over the defunct British Brunswick company and to market in Britain the recordings of their new subsidiary in the USA.

By 1932 Warner Brothers were severely hit by the slump and had disposed of the record division of Brunswick Radio Corporation to the American Record Corporation, a subsidiary of Consolidated Films headed by Herbert Yates.

The latter formed the Brunswick Record Corporation with Jack Kapp as recording manager, and amongst whose artists was Bing Crosby.

Joe Bishop of the Brunswick Radio Corporation came in one day and asked whether we were interested in buying the Brunswick business for the UK. The answer asked was, of course, yes.

For the next ten days I could

After negotiations we signed an agreement for the purchase of the business for some £15,000.

That Brunswick deal, though of great significance, strained still further our already tight finances and from then on for some five years we had a day-to-day struggle to keep the business afloat.

One day the phones were cut off and at one time Jules Thorn, whose business was substantial but only a fraction of its present size, let us have £10,000 against promisory

Crystalate proposed a takeover which we promptly rejected but in the City it was rumoured to be only a matter of time before we fell into Crystalate's lap. Louis Sterling is said to have remarked that Decca

"Most new companies are formed in the last stage of a boom . . . American Decca was started at the end of an unparalleled slump'

was such an unconscionable time dying that by the time the end came EMI themselves would be so weak they'd probably fall into the same

By the end of 1933 the record industry was still in the doldrums, the company's finances were stretched almost to breaking point, yet sales had shown great resilience and once more we believed we were out of the wood.

out of the wood.

Then disaster struck. Our bank manager, Ernest Cornwall, informed me that the bank had decided to put the Decca business into the hands of its breaking-up department. I was stunned. I had enough breath left to persuade Cornwall to postpone the sentence of death until the end of the month. That gave us three precious weeks.

An offer to shareholders of convertible debentures failed. Only two weeks remained. At the eleventh hour we raised the money through

debenture offers via brokers.

We were, however, consolidating our position in the industry and our American contracts were showing American contracts were showing the promise of great things in the future. Already we were achieving bigger sales than our American friends. Whereas in the USA a sale of 25,000 copies of any one record as averagingle in was regarded as exceptional, in Britain Bing Crosby's record of Please went over 60,000 and of The

Last Roundup 80,000 copies.

The year commencing April 1, 1934 was to be a momentus one in Decca history. It marked the company's entry into the United States market, and the first year in which the record company was able to show a profit.



"WF RELIEVED American Decca quickly become would provided Bing Crosby's recordings appeared on it" — so said Edward Lewis in 1932 and promptly poached Crosby from Brunswick.

Early in April we were approached by our American friends as to whether we would be friends as to whether we would be interested in purchasing jointly with them the share capital of American Columbia for the astonishingly low price of \$75,000. Our reply was immediate and favourable, even though we would have to scratch around to find our half of the purchase consideration, only some 75,000, yet a big sum for Decca in £7,500, yet a big sum for Decca in

those days.

We approached William Paley, head of Columbia Broadcasting We approached William Paley, head of Columbia Broadcasting Corporation, with a view to his cooperation in the Columbia deal. Paley turned the proposal down, only some years later to buy the business from Consolidated Films for a sum, I believe, in the region of \$800.000. \$800,000.

S800,000.

After a few weeks in New York I returned to England in the Europa imagining that the deal was going through according to the original plan. On June 29, I was summoned back to New York by attorney Milton Diamond who telephoned that a new situation had arisen in connection with the deal.

I crossed the Atlantic again, this time on the last crossing of the old

time on the last crossing of the old Mauretania, and was greeted in New York with the news that the American Record Corporation had taken over Columbia lock, stock and barrel and that we were out of the

I decided there and then to form a

new record company.

Jack Kapp was certain that he could bring Bing Crosby over.

Obviously the new company must be a Decca company, with the Decca label, which we believed would become quickly known provided Bing Crosby's recordings appeared

Most new companies are formed in the last stage of a boom.

American Decca was started at the of an unparallelled slump.

"Our first 100,000 selling record was a freak disc by Riley and Farley"

In less than two weeks after my arrival in New York I left again on arrival in New York Tiejt again on the Aquitania, leaving a new business which was to be incorporated on August 4 as Decca Records Inc. It was a dramatic development unthought of on my

arrival in America.

Back in England I had more difficulty than I envisaged in raising capital for the American company and I returned to America on August 18 with only \$25,000 out of some \$270,000 we estimated was

And in America all was not going to plan. Jack Kapp had signed up Bing Crosby and other leading artists. A large number of recordings were being made but unfortunately every conceivable trouble was being experienced in the operation of the plant, and the first release was delayed for some weeks.

The immediate effect was that it became obvious that extra working capital would be required even before the initial sum had been

At the office in New York we had a pleasant enough waiting room. There the unfortunate creditors used to wait. While demanding to see Rackmil, the treasurer, they little knew that he had probably left by the baggage elevator and was lunching with Stevens and me at the Hickory House, where you could get a first-class lunch for 75 cents.

It was not long before American Decca had its first 100,000 selling record, surprisingly not made by Crosby. Two unknown artists, Riley and Falley turned out a freak disc

Crosby. Two unknown artists, Riley and Farley, turned out a freak disc of their own composition, The Music Goes Around And Around, and it hit an astonishing sale for those days. It was the forerunner of many and proved a powerful stimulus.

Decca finished the year to March 31, 1938, with a net profit of £15,000 and during the same year the American company pulled out of the red at last with a profit of some red at 1 \$80,000.

\$80,000.

"The future should indeed be bright," wrote Lewis in the last chapter of his book in 1956, making a fervent plea for private enterprise and freedom from crippling taxation and financial controls—a plea that counds years familiar a quarter of a sounds very familiar a quarter of a century further on.

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AWARDS CEREMONIES can often be pompous occasions when everyone takes themselves too seriously, but there is no danger of that happening when Willie Rushton is master of ceremonies . . . Rushton brought a refreshing touch of irreverence to last week's Music Week Awards dinner at the Dorchester Hotel for the second year running and gently sent up everyone in sight, only everyone in sight, o offending those lacking sufficient sense of humour



His devastating one-liners and subtle put-downs, though, did not detract from the importance of the occasion and all those people who couldn't get tables are advised to book now for next

ANTICIPATING OCTOBER when Pye Records gives up the rights to the name Pye to the Cambridge-based electronics firm, the record company is busily establishing new labels — Blueprint (for rock), Calibre (for R & B) are already with us, Piccadilly is being revived for MOR (see P4) and Precision will follow for general pop, but a new corporate name has yet to be registered . . . Former RCA business affairs and marketing man Peter Bailey who went into the milk business readying a return to music via WEA? . . . After earlier passing on it, Phonogram has now picked up rights to soundtrack album of new David Essex film Silver Dream Racer.

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Sir Edward Lewis will be held on MEMORIAL SERVICE for Sir Edward Lewis will be held on March 5 at Holy Trinity, Sloane Street, London SW1, at noon . . . Lewis Gilbert, the American corporate "watchdog" has written to Trevor Lyttleton enclosing a personal cheque as a contribution to Lyttleton's legal costs incurred in his wrangles with RPS . . . Headline in Variety: "Obie buys KMVI" (a radio station in Hawaii) — turns out to be company called Obie Communications, not our own lovable CBS chairman . . . Isn't credit for EMI's success with The Last Dance album due as much to Alan Kaupe and other departed LRD staffers as those who carried on the good work? . . . The Moody Blues point out that it is not them performing Nights In White Satin on the Memorex TV ad and they certainly do not condone home

ANASTASIA MUSIC'S John Brewer none too pleased to be presented with a claim for damages from a person who gatecrashed his Midem yacht party and allegedly injured himself tripping on the gangplank steps... but Jon and wife Hoima are proud parents of newly arrived baby daughter... Apologies to Commercial Breaks, the company which produced the commended radio commercial for Virgin megastore, for leaving them out of the MW Awards listing.



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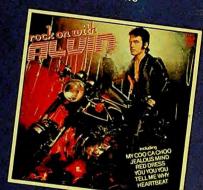
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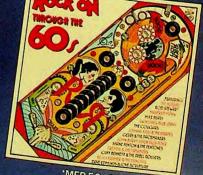
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