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NEW YORK

Peter Hellman's expose, "The Record Industry Plays its Flip Side," in this month's *Cosmopolitan*. . . . When Yes (Atlantic) returns to the U.S. early this year, film clips of their London and Manchester performances may be inserted in their concerts. . . . The next Jefferson Airplane (RCA)

album, according to member Paul Kanter, will be half live and half studio, but with all new material. . . . Miriam Mekeba, who was crowned "Empress of African Song" by Guinea's President Sekou Toure, has just finished a tour of Europe and Africa. Miss Makeba will begin touring the Caribbean and the U.S. early this year. Apple Records releasing "Approximately Infinite Universe," a newly-recorded two recorded set

by Yoko Ono, produced by Yoko and John Lennon and featuring the Plastic Ono Elephants Memory Band. . . . The Oregon Symphony has retained the services of Dan Barnhart to handle public relations. . . . Writer Alvin Toffler, on behalf of Composers, Choreographers & Theater, is making a general appeal for support of the organization, whose funds are dwindling.

Selections from Carole King's Ode album "Rhymes and Reasons," are now available in a songbook just completed by Screen Gems-Columbia Publications. . . . Rock group the Velvet Underground are preparing to tour once more. . . . "Music: The Infinite Reflection," an examination of music as a unique combination of spiritual and mental processes, will be televised Friday (12) at 8:00 p.m. on

WNYC-TV (Channel 31). . . . More bad luck for Trapeze (Threshold). The rock group's equipment, estimated at \$30,000, was stolen four hours before they were to open at the Village East. With hastily rented equipment, the show went on. . . . Man claiming to be God called the Moody Blues (Threshold) in Baltimore with some heavy lyrics he had written. . . . Rock trio Grand Funk Railroad headline Don Kirshner's "In Concert" program Friday (19) at 11:30 p.m. on ABC-TV.

Singer Joe Simon (Polydor) has been showing the signs of his success in record sales and personal appearances with his recent purchase of a \$15,000 black diamond mink coat and \$15,000 imported sports car. . . . Flying Dutchman exec chief, Bob Thiele, and singer Teresa Brewer were married re-

cently. . . . Philippe Sarde will score the new feature film "Helle," directed by Roger Vadim. . . . Partridge Family member Danny Bonaduce (Lion) will perform his debut single, "Dreamland," on the Jack Parr Show Tuesday (9) at 11:30 p.m. on ABC-TV.

Chicago (Columbia) will make their television variety debut when they appear on the special, "Duke Ellington . . . We Love You Madly," to be aired Feb. 11 on CBS-TV at 9:30 p.m. The group will perform the Ellington composition "Jump for Joy." . . . Eddy Arnold's first album for MGM Records, his new label after 27 years with RCA, will be entitled "So Many Ways." The John Lennon-Yoko Ono (Apple) film "Imagine" premieres at the Whitney Museum of American Art Thursday (11) for two weeks. PHIL GELORMINE

SAN FRANCISCO

Upcoming Bill Graham shows at Winterland include the Elvin Bishop Band and War, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 12 and 13; Traffic, Free and John Martyn on Jan. 25 and 26; and Curtis Mayfield with Tower of Power on Jan. 27 and 28. . . . Woody Herman, with a new album on Fantasy, at The Great American Music Hall, San Francisco, for a concert on Jan. 13. . . . Local Bay Area group, The Ducks, signed to Just Sunshine Records with a debut LP scheduled this month. . . . Karen Wyman into the Venetian Room of the Fairmont Hotel (2-10).

Former Joy of Cooking pianist and vocalist Toni Brown, along with Joy's lead singer Terry Garthwaite, have completed an album of original country songs, titled "Cross Country" and scheduled for a January release on Capitol. . . . Tony Smith, previously with Loading Zone, and Steve Sherard now with Malo. . . . Norman Davis, well-known air personality in the early days of San Francisco rock, takes over the 2-7 a.m. time slot on KSAN-FM. . . . Vic Damone, Mills Brothers, Jose Feliciano and Sarah Vaughan set for the Fairmont Hotel's Venetian Room in the New Year. PAUL JAULUS

CINCINNATI

Belkin Productions brings the Allman Bros. Band to Cincinnati Gardens for a single shot Jan. 27. (Continued on page 19)

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major attractions, a 21 piece orchestra, Merv is involved and Hayes is one of the most sought after people in TV.

"Caesars Palace is probably one of the best run operations in the country," Schwartz continued. It's fascinating to see the show come down here, set up at 8 in the morning, tape and we're out at 4:30 in the afternoon. That's the association with this hotel and that's the success of the project. This show is going smoothly because we put all the right elements together; Stax Records, Isaac Hayes, our company and Caesars Palace. With all of those elements together how can you miss?"

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