Japan Honors Bee Gees

TOKYO — The Bee Gees, held a press conference for their visit to Japan on March 22, at Tokyo Hilton Hotel under the auspices of Polydor and Kyodo Tokyo Co.

This is their first visit to Japan for Barry, Maurice & Robin Gibb. Drummer, Geoff Bridgeford, did not take part this trip due to illness.

Mr. Morita, the president of Polydor Co., said, "the gold-disk was given for their hit of 'Sievoy-fair', and the testimonial, the beautiful picture of Mt. Fuji for their contribution to sales.

Following Mr. Morita, the Bee Gees commented: "We can't write a music book. But we express something coming up to our mind as the music. In other words, we make music from something of pleasure in our mind.

We would like to use Japanese instruments for our next album which include some Japanese influenced songs."

GOOD TIMES—Glen Campbell and his wife, Billie (extreme left), stop for a moment to chat with EMI's chief executive and group managing director, John Read and his wife, Dorothy during last week's reception for Glen. Campbell, who hosts the weekly "Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour" tv series in America, has been an international best selling recording artist for many years.

STILLS ABROAD—Steve Stills relaxes in the WEA Filipacchi office in Paris after his sell out performance at the Olympia Theatre where Steve Stills and his group, Manassas, received several standing ovations from the enthusiastic crowd. (L to R) Dominic Lamblin (international manager of WEA Filipacchi Music), Stills, Dan Campbell (Stills' manager), and Bernard De Bosso (general manager of WEA Filipacchi).

Bearsville Set In London

LONDON — Albert Grossman, former manager of Bob Dylan in London last week to attend a party hosted by Kinney (WEA) to launch his new Bearsville label. Kinney are to distribute the label in the UK but Bearsville hope to set up their own London headquarters in due course. Initial release comprises albums by Todd Rundgren, Lazarus and English group Foghat. A single by Todd Rundgren is also issued "I Saw The Light". Rundgren hopes to tour Britain in the fall with his own band consisting of Stu Woods, Tom Cosgrove, Mike Ponfaro and N. D. Smart. III. English group Foghat are currently touring with Captain Beefheart.

Lightfoot III; Shows Go On

CANADA — Reprised artist Gordon Lightfoot is suffering a slight form of facial paralysis reportedly brought on by a nervous condition. His manager, Alexander Mair, reports Lightfoot is undergoing treatment and although it was necessary to cancel one concert, no further cancellations are expected, particularly for those in the month of June which are considered very important. Meanwhile Lightfoot's "Don Quixote" album has been one of the fastest chart climbers in the singer's career. After just a few weeks of release, the set has topped the Canadian charts.

'OYAYA' OUT—Seen at a trade party to launch the Osibisa album "Oyaya" in South Africa are from left to right: Peter Galla, general manager Gallo Records and Tapes; Peter Lotia, A&R manager of Gallo; Mike Maitland, president of MCA Records; David Fine, marketing director of Gallo; Mrs. Maitland; Lou Cook, vice president administration of MCA; Mrs. Cook.

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