Chicago Chooses Dacus As Group's Singer/Guitarist

LOS ANGELES — Columbia recording group Chicago has announced that singer/guitarist Donnie Dacus will replace the band's former guitarist Terry Kath, who died in an accidental shooting incident last January.

Dacus, a 26-year-old from Texas, has previously played with Stephen Stills and Boz Scaggs and has also recently been cast for one of three leading male roles in the film version of "Hair." Stills has recorded six songs written by Dacus, including "Turn Back The Page."

Chicago is currently getting ready to record a new album at Criteria studios in Miami before beginning a summer tour. Concerts are already scheduled in August at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles and at Central Park in New York.

Chicago has sold approximately 20 million albums in the U.S. according to CBS, which reports that sales have generated $60 million dollars. All of the band's 11 albums have been certified platinum by the RIAA.

London Gives Pickwick Atlanta Distribution

NEW YORK — London Records and the distribution division of Pickwick last week finalized the deal transferring the London line to Pickwick's Atlanta branch. (Cash Box, April 15). Pickwick will now distribute London in Atlanta, Nashville, Memphis, and Charlotte, all out of the Atlanta Branch.

London is already distributed by Pickwick in Miami, St. Louis, and Minneapolis.

QUESTION:

DO YOU KNOW WHICH BAND HAS EARNED A PLATINUM AND FIVE GOLD ALBUMS, GETS CONSTANT AOR AIRPLAY ON EACH, AND IS ABOUT TO RELEASE ITS SEVENTH CLASSIC ALBUM FOR CAPRICORN RECORDS?

Radio City Venue To Remain Open

NEW YORK — Radio City Music Hall will stay open for at least one more year, according to reports in New York City's daily newspapers.

Resolving a last-minute cliffhanger, trustees of New York State's Urban Development Corp. agreed to provide up to $1.8 million in state economic development funds to keep the Rockefeller-owned Music Hall in business until April 12, 1979.

At the end of this time, the Music Hall may be placed under a nonprofit state sub- sidy while a feasibility study is made of building a high-rise office tower over the hall. Under one proposal, profits from office rents would be used to sustain the Music Hall in the future.

Trugman To Fill Re-election Post For Gov. Brown

LOS ANGELES — Richard S. Trugman, vice chairman of Gasablanca Record & FilmWorks, has been appointed finance chairman for the re-election campaign of Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. of California.

Trugman, who will be responsible for handling all campaign finances, will direct various fund-raising activities. Trugman's estimated full-time for the June primary is more than $1.4 million.

Upon the announcement of his appoint-