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ARE THE BEATLES GOING ON TOUR?

HOLLYWOOD—In the coup of the year, Jerry Perenchio Artists Ltd. has whisked away United States and Canadian bookings of the Beatles from General Artists Corp. GAC had booked all previous Beatles appearances in the U.S. Interestingly enough, Perenchio himself once worked for the giant GAC.

The switch poses one gigantic and obvious question: will there be any more U.S. bookings for the Beatles? The Beatles have said a flat "no" but then why would Perenchio want to secure the Beatles if he doesn't know something that we don't know? Silence seems to be the key word and until someone violates it, neither the Beatles nor the press will know for sure if the Beatles are indeed coming back to the U.S.

TOM JONES COMES BACK TO U.S.

NEW YORK — It has finally happened... the long-promised arrival of Tom Jones to the U.S. for an extended tour of night spots and television shows has finally come to pass.

Jones, who hasn't had a top five record in quite awhile, opened a two-week engagement at the famed Copacabana in New York. Following the Copa, Tom heads out west for a series of television shows, including "Red Skelton," "The Hollywood Palace" and "Jonathan Winters."

On March 21, Jones opens a month-long stand at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas.

From a Welsh mining town, Jones went off to London where he eventually met with success as a singer. His career zoomed to a peak during the "British Invasion" of America and his music charted during 1965-66. Probably best known for "What's New Pussycat," Jones enjoyed tremendous success up until the last year when his absence from American charts and television shows has been marked.

However, with his talent, it's not much of a bet to say that Jones will be back on top within the next three months.

The Beach Boys Haul In $60,000 For Four Days!

LOS ANGELES—Probably the most often repeated question asked concerning the field of pop music is "how much money does a successful group make doing personal appearances?"

The net amount is almost impossible to determine but for a successful group such as the Beach Boys the gross for a five performance "short" tour is $60,000. Take, for example, the Beach Boys recent swing through the Northwest. Their opening date at Everett Community College broke all existing records for the small institution and grossed $8,050 from a sell-out house scaled from $2.00-$5.00.

Their date at the Seattle Sports Arena (also scaled $2.00-$5.00) grossed a nice $18,985 despite the area's snow storms. Vancouver's Airdrome (with tickets scaled from $3.00-$5.00) was another complete sell-out, grossing $10,000.

An afternoon date at the Portland Coliseum was the top money, grossing $18,918 with the tickets scaled from $2.50 to $4.50. The Beach Boys final date was at St. Martin's College in Olympia, Washington. The concert (with tickets scaled from $2.50 to $5.00) grossed $8,000.

So there you have it. If you're as popular as the Beach Boys you can gross $60,000 for four days of work. Needless to say, not many pop groups are as popular as the Beach Boys... But, then again, if you're as popular as the Beatles, $60,000 is peanuts.

Doubts dispelled: Both 'Brothers' successful

HOLLYWOOD — In the last issue of The BEAT we announced the break up of the Righteous Brothers. If anyone had any serious doubts about the success both Bobby Hatfield and Bill Medley would encounter by going their separate ways, you need doubt no more.

Bill Medley has just opened a solo engagement at the world-famed Crocodile Grove in Los Angeles, to rave reviews. Bobby Hatfield and his new partner, Jimmy Walker (formerly of the Knickerbockers), have been set for their initial major night club engagement at the same club during the prime "prom season" from May 7 through May 20.

Away from the spotlight, Hatfield has formed his own production company, Righteous Productions, and has signed his first recording act-to-the company, Alice and The Wonderland Band. Hatfield's company will produce all single and album recordings by Alice and the Band.

Jimmy Walker... newest 'Brother'

Bill Medley Solo

Hatfield forms own production company
The Scaffold

Thank You

LONDON — It's been a very long time coming but the Scaffold have finally released a single, "Thank U Very Much," which has received air play on American radio stations.

Thus far, the group has been best known for the fact that it includes Mike McGear, otherwise known as Paul McCartney's brother.

"All this attention for Mike doesn't bother us," says John Corman and Roger McGough (the rest of the Scaffold), "because he has the good looks and youth. We're both not exactly pin-ups and it's natural that people want to talk about Mike rather than us.

A three-way split finds Mike adding the musical element of the group while John handles the political aspect of the act.

It remains to be seen which "end" of the act will be responsible for eventual Stateside success.

The Union Gap have just accomplished what most groups would give anything to do ... receive a Gold Record for their very first single! The record is, of course, "Woman, Woman" and the RIAA has just certified it a million-seller.

The Union Gap is made up of Gary Puckett (vocals, guitar), Dwight Bement (bass, guitar), Jerry Chater (guitar, bass), Gary "Mutha" Witherum (wind woods, piano) and Paul Wheatstead (drums). Formed a little over one year ago in San Diego, California, the group named themselves after the town of Union Gap, Washington. Donning Civil War uniforms, their appearance was hard to miss and now, thanks to "Woman, Woman," their name is etched in the field of pop.

Diploma For Hendrix

Apparently there is more than one way to obtain a high school diploma. At least for Jimi Hendrix there is. While in Seattle (his hometown), Jimi paid a visit to Garfield High School to receive an honorary diploma from the institution which he left quite unceremoniously six years ago.

And that wasn't the only honor bestowed on the fire-making Hendrix ... he was also presented with the key to the city of Seattle.

Things are definitely looking up for England's George Fame. In addition to having Britain's number one record ("Butterfly (I Love You)") and a Golden Disc award, he has been presented with an OBE.

Yarbrough For 'Charley' Show

Hollywood — Glenn Yarbrough has been signed to sing the entire background music for "Travels With Charley," an hour-long special set to air on March 17 on NBC-TV. Henry Fonda will narrate the special which deals with John Steinbeck's 10,000 mile trip across the country in a camper with his pet poodle.

Yarbrough, who records for Warner Bros., is currently on a 75-city college concert tour.

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More Goodies For Schifrin

HOLLYWOOD — Good things just keep happening for Lalo Schifrin. Schifrin is certainly an Oscar contender for "best original score for a motion picture" with his score for "Cool Hand Luke." He's riding high in the national record charts with his "Mission: Impossible." And now Schifrin has signed a long-term multi-faceted contract with Paramount Pictures. The deal includes an exclusive recording contract with Dot Records and Paramount's publishing firm in addition to a nonexclusive pact for the scoring of at least one motion picture per year.

Schifrin arrived in Hollywood in 1964 and since that time has scored such movies as "The Cincinnati Kid," "The Fox" and "The President's Analyst" for Paramount.

Television programs have not escaped the Schifrin touch either as the talented composer-conductor has scored numerous shows, including several for Wolper Productions.

Schifrin began his musical studies at an early age in his native Argentina.

AL MARTINO?

LAS VEGAS — Al Martino is getting the red carpet and then some rolled out for him when he opens at the Flamingo Hotel this month. It's the first time in Vegas for the singer and in honor of the occasion the hotel is calling it "Al Martino Day" and is working in association with the local Chamber of Commerce for the event.

The Hassles To Arrive?

NEW YORK — Expect to hear a lot about a new group called the Hassles. We'll become United Artists Records is about to launch a major national promotion and merchandising drive in connection with the group. Their first album is due out momentarily.

The Hassles include John Edward (Little Jon) Dizek, 19, singer and tambourine shaker; William Joseph Martin (Billy Joe), 16, lead singer, piano and organ; Phil Marden, 19, bass guitarist; Jonathan Craig Small, 20, drums; and Richard McKenner, 21, lead guitarist.

Eric Burdon Busy

NEW YORK — As you probably already know, Eric Burdon spends more time here than he does in his native England. This, of course, tends to make his U.S. fans and booking agents most happy... with fans being able to see a lot of Eric and the booking agents being able to make a lot of bookings. Consequently, Eric and the Animals will be appearing at the Los Angeles Whiskey a Go-Go until March 3 at which time they head up to Las Vegas for a March 8th appearance at the Convention Center. March 9 finds them at the VIP Club in Tucson; March 12-13 in Dallas; March 15 at New York State University; March 16, Village Theatre in New York City; March 22-23 at the Grande Ballroom, Detroit.

Deal For Connie

MIAMI BEACH — Remember Connie Francis, obviously the Miami Beach patrons do. The singer has switched her loyalty to the new Hilton Plaza Hotel here (after losing being associated with the famed Eden Roc) and has been signed to a three year contract by the Hilton.

What the Human Beings' Faces look like on their album cover and whether or not it was intentional... the fact that when a rock group picks a name like 1910 Fruitgum Company you know how many group names have already been taken... Bill Cosby can maintain his cool in the face of all those obnoxious autograph demanders and how the autograph demanders can lose their cool in the face of Cosby... how much better Harry Belafonte is when he sticks to singing and leaves the hosting behind... how broad-minded the American record buying public is when they can put the Fireballs, the Mills Brothers and James Brown all on the same record chart... how many Grammy Awards pop artists are going to receive this time around... the Mamas and Papas on again, off again career getting too ridiculous for words... why no one can come up with the money to purchase the great master Mike Nesmith cut... whether or not Bobby Rydell will be able to make a top 40 comeback to go along with his new recording contract... snow job number 581 coming up on a group which keeps hanging on the Fringes but never moving forward... Spanky and Our Gang being most impressive in concert... the Four Seasons showing an oldie instead of a new Gaudio composition but probably having themselves a giant hit anyway.
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THE HAPPENINGS are one of the busiest groups in the nation as far as personal appearances go. Bookings set for the group include the "Merv Griffin Show" on March 6, Doylestown, Pa. (8); Holyoke, Mass. (9); and Chester, Pa. (18). The Happenings will play the posh Eden Roc in Miami from April 7 through 17.

SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT it would never happen but Glen Campbell is really going to leave his lucrative job as a session musician to work full-time on his own career! Biggest date up-coming is his hosting of the Smothers Brothers' summer replacement TV show.

PET CLARK has come a long, long way from winning her first Grammy. The petite entertainer, who has just finished her first film starring role as an adult, is being sought to play the lead role in the movie version of "Peter Pan."

HERB ALPERT, who is always moving, will go all across the country in his next television special airing on April 22 on the CBS-TV network.

THE ALAN PRICE SET is heading across America on a five-week tour in conjunction with a heavy promotional push on their new album, "The Price Is Right." Cities set for the Price invasion are New York, Hollywood, Dallas, Phoenix, Tucson and Detroit.
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A QUIET AFTERNOON WITH THE AIRPLANE

By Tony Leigh

It was a weird sort of afternoon. The Airplane were in Los Angeles, holed up at a motel on Franklin Blvd. in Hollywood. Their public relations firm had decided that it was about time the Airplane gave a few interviews to the local press, so three or four editors were called with the news the Airplane would love to talk to them.

It turned out that the problem really wasn't that the Airplane didn't want to talk, it was just that things weren't quite set up that way. It's a fine and lovely style to just follow people around for days and get bits and pieces of information over a period of time, this makes for insights and interesting reading. But when you're limited in time to an hour in one afternoon, you need quiet, cooperation and order.

For better or worse, none of that was present at the motel. What was present was unusual — all six of the Jefferson Airplane together in one room. They had obviously been egged that they were to do about three or four interviews that afternoon and they weren't ready at all.

There seemed to be a million people in the room, a tape recorder, and a curtain man who needed shots of the group. And of course, their PR man sitting discussing life and the inability of reporters to ask questions. Spencer talked almost constantly, Jorma and Jack sat reading Crawdaddy, who had just come out with a super-intellectual-aren't-they-wonderful review of "After Bathing At Baxter's," Marty was getting up and down every few minutes, justifiably bored with the whole thing, and Grace was looking around for some pain pills, anything stronger than aspirin.

Airplane Cooperative

It wasn't that the Airplane didn't want to talk, or to give a real interview. It's just that the whole thing wasn't set up that way. It was more sort of catch as catch can the feeling that they and you all had better things to do. Amazingly enough, as a whole they were most friendly and cooperative, two adjectives not usually associated with the group.

One point that was discussed almost immediately and was evidently necessary, but only as a last resort: It seemed that a few months before a major magazine had lived with the group for a couple of weeks, pertaining in copious private and group interviews, being in the center of the Airplane at all times, only to come forth with a few paragraphs of nothing when the magazine was finally released. This, Spencer thought was unforgivable. The PR man tried to explain to him the facts of magazine life, about editorial control over the cover and all that, but Spencer held his ground.

There was a hush in the cross conversation long enough to ask about audiences and dance concerts, Paul explained, "about a half and hour before we go on, we start to warm up and plan what we are going to do on stage, depending on how we feel... what feels good tonight."

Vibrations

"It's important to get a response from the audience, especially for the singers, you need the vibrations..."

The Airplane caused quite a stir in this city last summer when they played the Hollywood Bowl. It seems that they wanted the audience to be able to dance — a perfectly logical request except that the Bowl is a concert stadium and not a dance auditorium, a fact which the police noticed immediately as they tried to undo the "damage" Marty, Paul and Grace were doing.

"It's important for the audience to dance so that they won't feel inhibited, they have to feel free, and not have cops standing around... that's a drag, no one can enjoy themselves."

Then Paul added, "I also like wiggly bodies, they turn one on. The audience is more involved, dancing is like applause. It shows they are with you, but unlike applause it goes on all the time."

The importance of light shows was also discussed. The Airplane was, of course, one of the first groups to use a light show and now they almost never perform without one. They brought one of the best light shows to national television when they performed on the Perry Como Show.

"We usually take our own with us, unless the promoter of the concert can guarantee that they have one of their own. It's just that much more added environment. The Head Lights go with us."

There has been a good deal of uncomplimentary talk about the Airplane in their home town of San Francisco. It seems that the group that helped to create the San Francisco sound: the group that played one of the first free concerts in the park, the group that spearheaded flower power throughout the world, has lost favor with a good many Bay Area residents. The complaints range from "they are too Hollywood" (whatever that means) to "they sold out" (mainly due to the fact that they rented a fantastic house in the Hollywood Hills for a fantastic price — the very same house the Beatles stayed in when they were in town). But the Airplane could not be bothered with such comments.

"We have to develop. This is where the Airplane is now, if you don't like Baxter's then you don't like the Airplane. You can't say you liked us more when we did "Pillow" then now, because we have to change. There's nothing we can do about the people who think we've sold out, we haven't, that's all. You gain some people and you lose some people with everything that you do."

Then, as an afterthought, it was added that some people after each of their three albums have stated that they have "sold out."

The rest of the afternoon, was devoted to pictures taking and private conversations. Grace was hungry and ordered Chicken Delight — the delivery boy was in for a big surprise. Paul and Jack decided they wanted to go see a movie, and the new Italian Western flick, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly seemed like the best possibility. The PR man was saying the reviewer for the Times was due any minute and that he would have some intellectual questions.

It was sort of a weird afternoon.
A 'PARALLEL TWENTY THREE' ON THE DAYS OF THE ASSOCIATION

By Patty Johnson

The past two and a half years have been fast and furious for the talented six known collectively as The Association. In that length of time Brian Cole, Ted Bluechee, Russ Giguere, Jim Yester, Terry Kirkman and recently Larry Ramos have racked up over a thousand shows, roughly a hundred television shows, one book, numerous awards and five gold records.

The last batch of gold records were just presented to the group at a cocktail party held at the Beverly Hills Hotel. It was obvious that the six young entertainers are still as unpretentious and fun-loving as ever when they had a tug-of-war over their new trophies!

One of the songs on their gold-plated "Insight Out" album is "Parallel Twenty-Three." It combines the past and present in our society...a society from which the Association have decided not to drop out. And like that society there are comparisons and parallels to the Association "then" and the Association "now."

On July 1, 1965, six nervous, identically brown-suited musicians made a dubious debut at a place called the Ice House in Glendale, California. One year later they headed out on their first tour...a magnificent itinerary of the back of a railroad truck, a platform in the middle of a lake and other such interesting and prestige-laden places.

The past year the Association encourage stopped at such places as Houston's Astrodome, San Francisco's Cow Palace and Los Angeles' Greek Theatre.

But..."We have basically the same act and the same format. The show starts and it ends," says the fast-thinking Ted Bluechee. "We try to add as much new material as possible and still leave our favorites."

Summer of 1966 saw the release of their first album, "Along Comes The Association." January 1968 was the month the Association received their gold record for the album, signifying sales of one million. "It was recorded before I joined the group," admits Larry Ramos, "but it's pretty good anyway!"

"Renaissance" and "Insight Out" followed in the heels of the first album and their fourth long playing object d'art is due out day now. Says Ted of the latest: "Ten of the cuts on it are original compositions. And, as any group, we like to grow. We are trying some new things, especially a lot of new vocal concepts on this album."

Unusually enough, during the two and a half years they've been together, there has been only one personnel change in the group. Their former lead guitarist, Gary Alexander, made his exit and was replaced by Larry Ramos, formerly of the Christy Minstrels. "Replaced" is not really the correct word because both of them have contributed to the group in their own individual ways.

That was the past...the present is busy and the future is called promising.
By Jacoba Atlas

ARLO GUTHRIE TELLING HIS STORY

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He's slight of build with long hair that hangs almost to his shoulders in curls. At 29, he is an incredible mixture of youth and age, of knowledge and innocence. He is also the master of the put-on. He is Arlo Guthrie, son of the famous Woody Guthrie, the man who reflected a whole generation of people with his interpretation of the Depression, the man who influenced another generation of songwriters with his music.

But Arlo is not simply Woody's son, as the song says, "God bless the child that's got his own." In front of an audience, Arlo is outstanding. No matter how much you may love "Alice's Restaurant" on record, there is nothing like seeing Guthrie sing it live. He has a rapport with the audience that is most unusual in seasoned performers much less a 20-year-old "newcomer."

Arlo's songs are totally unique in music today. They seem to be more of a summation and interpretation of the world and its hang-ups than anything else. Gone is the protest song, or the questioning song. Arlo is not so much asking why, as he is saying what it is. They don't have the tone Dylan's early period of "Blowin' in the Wind," nor are they the political outbursts of "Desolation Row." Although Arlo resembles Dylan in voice and appearance he in no way emulates Dylan's style.

Although Arlo's song could be interpreted as political, the troubador refuses to accept this label. "I'm not really politically minded in my songs. The songs are sometimes about politics, have things about politics in them, but the songs aren't political at all. Because they don't say to choose one political or another."

Another label Guthrie shuns is that of a spokesman. "No one can ever be a spokesman for someone other than himself...and I'm a spokesman for myself. In my own life, I'm in touch with other people, and mostly people who are my age, people who are doing the things I'm doing. And that want to do the things that I want to do. So in that sense I know a little about what's happening with my kind of people. And since I know about that, I write about it. So I'm not really a spokesman, I'm just doing my thing, telling my story. Which isn't altogether unrealized."

Rock As Folk

Many people have declared that folk music has died. The impetus that brought us the early sound of Dylan, the voice of Joan Baez sans electronic accompaniment, the melodies of Tim Hardin, has given way to the driving sound of rock. But Arlo sees a close connection between the two forms of music.

"Rock is folk music. Well, it's what makes folk song a folk song. It's not a question of making a folk song a folk song, and it's not the way you play it or how it sounds. It's what you say."

"Folk music is things that communicate with people. If I can say that that is folk music, then I can say that rock is folk music. So folk music didn't really die, it just changed. To assume that it died would be to say that people don't think anymore, that people don't relate to other people anymore."

"To say that Woody didn't use an electric guitar and all this; well, very simply he didn't use it and if he did have it no one would have listened then anyway. Rock at one time wasn't listened to for meaning. And that's why it wasn't folk music. Ever since it became playable, anybody can buy an electric guitar for ten bucks if he want rock became folk oriented."

No Protest

"The songs haven't changed except that the way of getting something done hasn't been to protest anymore. In other words protesting is when you're against something so violently or so that it upset[s] so much that you have to so 'no that's not any good' that's a protest. But when you do something else in place of doing something it ceases to be protest."

"The Hippie thing isn't a protest against anything, they're just doing something else. And the music has changed from being against a lot of things to being for a lot of things. They're just different things. So this is why the protest thing has died, because people happen to be for things instead of against things."

Although many reviewers across the country have criticized a recent concert in New York's Lincoln Center in honor of Woody Guthrie for being a vehicle for seeing Bob Dylan perform after 18 months, Arlo sees it in a much different light. "I don't think it's true. They couldn't have had any good feelings previous to going into the concert. They sound like they wrote (the reviewers) it before they ever saw it. It was an absolutely beautiful concert. There were no ego trips as far as anyone was concerned. It was a very nice thing, indescribable."

Because most of Arlo's songs deal with society in its present state, there is somewhat of an underlying pessimism implicit in his songs. However, Guthrie himself is an optimist for the most part. At least, however, he doesn't feel society is stagnant.

"Things change whether you're for change or not. I see some change as a natural growth. Whether people are for it or not doesn't have any significance. What's changing is the kind of society and the kind of world we live in, and that's always changing. It's only that people have to be aware that things are changing and be ready for the changes when they happen. Not to prepare in the way to defend yourself against the changes which seems to be the way with most of today's older people. You know, how to stay the same in a changing world, that's a ridiculous idea. That would be like a tree that never bloomed."

"I don't think a song can re-educate anyone. People who laugh at Alice have come to these things themselves. They already know; if they didn't understand it, it would not be funny."

Experiences

"Only experiences can re-educate. You can read a book twenty times and not understand what it's saying and then get it, or you can read it once and get it, or some don't even have to read the book at all to get it. So Alice can only do things that have been done, it may be an experience if someone is ready for that experience, or in a position to understand it, to make some kind of sense out of it."

"I don't believe in the Generation Gap at all. My grandmother is 85 and she told me she was a hippie and she is, she's very groovy. The Generation Gap has to do with law and order and the Establishment. The Generation Gap is a religious feeling, that something is about to happen that is totally different from all other things that have happened. A lot of people think they know what it is, nevertheless they feel it. Some people try to forget it. Those people that don't feel it are naturally separated from those people who do feel it. This is the Generation Gap between people that feel change and people that don't."
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Unique Interpreters Of Pop
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by Jacoba Atlas

The revolution in pop music has produced some extraordinary people. Attracting poets, jazz musicians and classical music enthusiasts, the field has now expanded into a multifaceted creative venue embracing all forms of music.

Because of the top forty dominance of most radio stations and the limited time devoted to L.P. selections, the average record buyer finds it difficult to hear the new material that is constantly being produced. Buying a record, without hearing cuts from the album can be an expensive mistake, but unless this chance is taken, many people will miss out on what is truly worthwhile in pop music.

This article attempts to bridge that gap in the case of three new artists representative of the new order in pop music. The United States of America, a new electronic rock group with a solid background in classical music, Leonard Cohen, a poet from Canada, whose work has been recorded by Judy Collins and Buffy Sainte-Marie, and Van Dykes Parks, a young, proclaimed genius who worked with Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys.

USA

The USA has its basis in a fantastic combination of hard rock and intricate modern electronics. Using such diverse devices as synthesizers and ring modulators they are able to distort voices and music to create a whole new sound.

The group consists of six people: Joseph Byrd, who studied music and composition at both Stanford University and UCLA; Dorothy Moskowitz who attended Barnard College and sang avant-garde concerts; Gordon Marron, who began playing the violin at the tender age of four; Craig Woodson who studied at UCLA, and participated in a New Musical Workshop, and Rand Forbes who majored in music at UCLA and once toured Great Britain and Scandinavia with a Youth Symphony.

Although their music has been put forth as “avant garde” and “art rock” the group itself disputes this pseudo-intellectual label. Gordon explains, "we're not really far out and freaky. We really play good rock. We're not like the Mothers of Invention at all. We have the best rhythm section (Craig and Rand) and they play really hard."

Working with a young engineer named Durett, they developed a ring modulator, a synthesizer and an electric violin. Together they make up a completely unique unit which transforms original instruments into genuinely new sounds. Echoes, wah-wahs, fuzz tape echos are all used to create their sound. In fact, the whole unit takes about four hours to set up.

Although all the electronic devices might indicate an inability to produce their sound live, just the opposite is true. With Joseph Byrd working the electronics, Dorothy singing, and Gordon Marron on electric violin, their complicated music is reproduced to the letter. In fact, Gordon insists, they are better live. "All the music, all the effects are done live. We don't believe in being a studio group. One of us even plays more than one instrument at a time. We're much more exciting live."

With their amazing background in what is commonly called "serious music" the group has carried the pre-release reputation as being far out and classical. But although they cut their musical teeth on everything from Bartok to Cage and Stockhausen their present interest is in good rock.

Their lead singer, Dorothy, is an interesting force in pop music, without any of the affectations usually associated with singers. Straightforward, talented, she is a major participant in all of the groups creative endeavors. When a national magazine recently did a story on the problem of less-singing male singers, Dorothy was amazed at some of their reactions. She herself has found no difficulty with the group. "Once I decided to stop trying to set up the equipment everything worked out fine."

She has held many jobs including working for the Time-Life complex. But she says, "everybody now wants to sing with a rock band. I know a girl who outwardly has everything anybody could want, and she told me she'd change places with me in a minute."

It is Dorothy's voice which ties the USA together and adds to its dramatic appeal. As she states she doesn't have any trouble sustaining her sound, the one difficulty is when the band gets "sometimes overpowering."

The United States of America is a group you will be hearing about. They are an important combination of two schools of music united into one tight sound. Listen to their album and try to see them live.

Leonard Cohen

Into a totally different sound is poet Leonard Cohen. Well known in Canada for his love poetry and for his movie scoring, the writer is gaining importance in this country with the release of his first album and a novel entitled "Beautiuls Losers."

One criticism of Cohen's album rests with the poeta voice: it is not very reminiscent. Whatever the case, the record is a means of the words and not his ability to sing them. "I'm not really able to give much more musical tone to Sisters of Mercy or Suzanne, but hearing a composer perform his work gives an added dimension that cannot be subverted by a weak voice.

Cohen is a modern day Homer, living on the Greek Island of Hydra without benefit of electricity or running water, holding up at the Chelsea Hotel in New York, dropping into his home town of Montreal Cohen is a man who rarely stays put. US college campuses have been demanding his services in concert appearances to read his own poetry and at 33 he has become a spokesman for a whole generation of people newly vocal in their aspirations.

His music and his poetry is liberally sprinkled with religious images. Allegorical tales of God and salvation run throughout his work. Once Cohen volunteered the battle cry "God is alive. Magic is aloof!"

"Everybody I meet wipes me out. Here are all these people plugging away at their roles. Being producers and policemen and bishops. It knocks me out, and all I can do is get down on my knees. I don't even think of myself as a writer, singer or whatever. The occupation of being a man is so much more. In spite of all the philosophical encouragement about hanging loose and all that Sunday School stuff, I admit I'm confused. I can't begin to locate my head. It has a life of its own."

Concerned with salvation, with finding a 'state of grace' (harmony with the rest of the world) or a deeper meaning to life, Cohen has gone through many devices that were to help bring him closer to...

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OH WHAT CHANGES TIME HAS WROUGHT!

The inevitable time does many things to many people. Some become better, some worse. Some learn how to shave and others become proficient at growing beards.

Entertainers are no less affected by time than florists or garbage collectors or used car salesmen. Consequently, while looking through our photograph files we came upon several marked changes over the past few years in pop personalities.

You know their names, you know what they looked like "then" . . . you know what they look like "now."

Did you ever stop to ponder what changes time has wrought?
"I've been on the outlaw scene since I was 15. I had some things in common with the Beatniks, and even more things with the hippies. The next thing may be even closer to where I am."

From Flint Hill near Shelby, North Carolina to the Avalon Ballroom in San Francisco, Flatt and Scruggs have been playing their banjo and guitar. They even made the get-away faster for "Bonnie and Clyde." Now see what they can do for you!
FRANKIE VALLI “WE STILL LIGHT CANDLES”

Tony Leigh

Longevity in the entertainment world is a fleeting dream for most performers. A handful of all the acts born forth are able to sustain their following for more than a few years. One group that has managed to stay consistently on the top of their profession is the 4 Seasons. With hit after hit, they have proven their ability to remain relevant. Frankie Valli, lead singer for the 4 Seasons, has ventured off into solo performances, with To Give Climb, which is a very real possibility that he will be as big a hit as the million-seller “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You.”

“Many people ask me the question am I planning on leaving the group. No, I am not planning on leaving the group ever, because the group is real, it’s a part of my heart and my soul. I am the group and all the members in it.” explained Valli, in Los Angeles to promote his new single on the Joey Bishop show.

“Even when we started I had that in mind, for me to do some solo work. But at that particular time, it was more important for the group but in a different concept than anything we had ever done. After we started running it down to record we decided that it would be my record. ‘To Give’ was written specifically for me.

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The whole group takes part in my records in one way or another. Joe plays bass on ‘Can’t Take My Eyes Off You’ and he also acts as my musical director whenever I got out and do TV shows. Bobby also takes care of the musical end of it, contracting the musicians. Bob does the writing and arranging and assists Joe in many ways. Tommy is basically the business man of the group, he’s in the background.

Although Valli is aware of their popularity throughout the years, he has no ready explanations for their success. “I think we still all light candles. Say prayers and we all have very large families. But I can remember those very early days when we decided we wanted to go into the record business. The very first 4 Seasons record was a bomb called ‘Bermuda’ — it sold three records. We all bought one, except Tommy who didn’t like it.”

The 4 Seasons concert performances are always sold out. People seem to enjoy hearing their hits and their new interpretations of old standards. But although many groups complain of having to sing their old songs, the 4 Seasons readily comply. “I can understand how somebody could not want to do something that gave them their start. I don’t know if they’re ashamed of it or what ever. But if you do make a record that sells a million copies you should be thrilled to do it.”

“We do hits and melodies and we also do songs all the way through. I enjoy it thoroughly. I think in concert you can do your hits and also do some new things, you can even do comedy. There is so much to do, you don’t have to take your hits and throw them out, many people come just to hear that.”

“I think in our particular case one of the reasons that we have been around for the longevity that we have had is that we sincerely have a feeling for our audience. I know there are many groups that get carried away after a few hits and get to the point where they don’t care less what the audience wants. I think this is wrong. You really do owe an obligation to the people who your records to come see you. Once you lose site of that you’re done.”

Gimmicks aren’t part of the scheme for long life in the record business although many new groups seem to be relying heavily on just that.

“These groups will never last, especially they’re instruments. I don’t know, if you sincerely get something out of it, if they’re not putting anything on, that’s great. But if they’re not, they’re just doing it to spoof the audience then it’s an insult to everyone’s intelligence to listen to it. I can’t for the life of me understand how any one could get any enjoyment out of destruction. Artistry is one thing, but that’s something else.

“But on a whole, I think music is getting better. There are so many kids today interested in music. I also find that with the more orchestration on albums it is heading back to a more classical form of music. But of course, that is not new. The average listener who is not familiar with classical music might think this brand new, and that is a new stroke of genius, but actually the genius came centuries before.”

USA, COHEN and PARKS

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Van Dyke Parks

Van Dyke is like many people in this town, is convinced that he is miles ahead of other people. “I mean to stand right up there with the best of ‘em,” he recently told a national magazine, “and let’s just say that it’d be a good thing if this record comes out, it’s got people to have a step to catch up to.”

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Van Dyke makes reference to Song Cycle, and says that it is impossible to record. He also worked with the Byrds during their Eight Miles High period. His new album is called Song Cycle, and interpretations of the work have absolutely covered the gamut of what can be said about any record.

What is apparent from this album is an amazing knowledge of musical arrangements. The songs circle each other in what one critic describes as the place the Beatles will eventually have to end up.

Van Dyke like most people into music and dance, and rock and roll, pop music, the Beach Boys are rock and roll for me. Per Sounds, that’s the ultimate in all these elements in music and rhythms.

In his album Parks uses every sound from electronics to Busby Berkeley musical numbers. He calls Hollywood in his music, talks about 20th century man, has fleeting reverences to politics and ends with the classic "Dust Off Pearl Harbor Time."

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Parks maintains that Song Cycle was impossibility hard to rec- ord. Speaking of it, he says, “we worked like hell to make it. We worked on the last three songs, and those musicians really played. We had Russian cats playing there. And they’re out of sight. The first balalaika player and he doesn’t even have a record player. I’m gonna give him mine — it’s not important. I can set him up — so he can hear the record.”

As for the future, Parks isn’t really sure. He’s expressed a wish to go to Europe and travel all over the world by making his living by playing in little clubs. But on the other hand with a wife to support, he might go back to doing studio work, then again with Song Cycle taking off, someone might just let him record another album.

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Up, Up and Away—5th Dimension

Album of the Year
Francis Albert Sinatra/Antonio Carlos Jobim—
Sinatra/Jobim
It Must Be Him—Vikki Carr
My Cup Runneth Over—Ed Ames
Ode to Billie Joe—Bobbie Gentry
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band—The Beatles
Up, Up and Away—5th Dimension

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Ode to Billie Joe—Bobbie Gentry
Up, Up and Away—5th Dimension
Yesterday—Ray Charles

Best Contemporary Album
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It Must Be Him—Vikki Carr
Ode to Billie Joe—Bobbie Gentry
Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band—The Beatles
Up, Up and Away—5th Dimension

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Don't Sleep in the Subway—Petula Clark
It Must Be Him—Vikki Carr
A Natural Woman—Aretha Franklin
Ode to Billie Joe—Bobbie Gentry

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