

By CRAIG FISHER



■ **A CHANGE OF PLANS:** Looks as if that proposed Canadian tour for **Paul McCartney**—which had rock writers from coast to coast dreaming of trips to places like Toronto and Vancouver—is now definitely off. Instead, reports are that McCartney is much more likely to turn up in Australia sometime this fall, trying out a radically new act for himself and **Wings**. Capitol plans no junkets, however... Meantime, vid whizzes **Dwight Hemion** and

Gary Smith are said to be already hard at work in London on a second TV special for Paul and his **Linda** . . . Also in Blighty, **Eric Burdon** began recording again last week, with **Jerry Goldstein** producing. (No word on what the new Mrs. Goldstein is up to.) . . . And in Montana, **Claudia Lennear** begins work this week on her first film role. She'll be co-starring opposite **Clint Eastwood** and **Jeff Bridges** in "Thunderbolt and Lightfoot" . . . Columbia issues this plea: Don't believe it if you're told that **Beck Bogert & Appice** are breaking up, even though they cancelled the final seven dates of their recent tour. The reason they did so, it seems, is that **Tim Bogert** broke a foot before they were to play Birmingham July 17. The threesome plans to make up those dates in October, their label says, and coincidentally, are currently in London recording their second lp . . . Rousing sunbathers from their torpor at Malibu Saturday last: photographic whizz **Ed Caereff**, snapping pictures of a sanddune and also one **Neil Diamond** . . . **Frank Sinatra's** next has a title. It's to be called "Ol' Blue Eyes Is Back," will ship probably Oct. 10 . . . And **Peter Asher** has sold his interest in the Roxy to his associates—**Lou Adler**, **David Geffen**, **Elmer Valentine**, et al.—citing numerous other commitments, etc. That **Bill Graham** will be booking the club, by the bye, elsewhere reported as fact, is in fact still in the talking stages.

■ **MORE BRITISH NOTES:** **Led Zeppelin** are back home resting, but they're also having their own studio built outside London. It ought to be finished Nov. 1, after which they'll begin their next lp . . . Yes are currently recording—this one's to be called "Tales from the Tobergraphic Ocean." They'll be back here in October, and the next month will be touring England . . . **Ric Grech** is planning to tour here beginning next January . . . And **Nicky James** will join the **Moody Blues** on all their upcoming European and U.S. dates . . . **Albert Hammond** is set for five weeks in Europe, beginning the end of this month. After that, says Columbia, he'll be going out here with **Helen Reddy** . . . New York grotesquerie: **Iggy Popp** fell on glass (some say deliberately) during his Max's Kansas City gig, had to be taken to the hospital (by Alice Cooper) for stitches and cancelled a couple of nights' work. The night of the incident, however, though blood was gushing from the cut near his collarbone, he performed for 20 minutes more . . . New York audacity: **Todd Rundgren**, now recording his next there, will do one track Aug. 25 live at the Wolman Rink. Todd's hoping to get the assembled thousands to do background vocals, and, in order that both coasts be included, is said to be planning an additional session the next night at a San Francisco location, as yet undecided . . . Some recent visitors here have included **Ken Hensley**, the Village Voice's **Ira Mayer** and **Andy Cavaliere** (sporting a white Gatsby suit).

■ **COMING ATTRACTIONS:** "Goodbye, Yellow Brick Road," **Elton John's** next, is due Sept. 15. It's a double-album set . . . And also next month, MCA will have the **Average White Band**, **Antonio Carlos Jobim**, **Cher** and **Lee Clayton** (he wrote "Ladies Love Outlaws"; **Carly Simon** is featured on one of this new crop of songs) . . . Capitol says we can expect **Steve Miller's** first new one in two years next month, too, and also that Mr. Miller will be touring to promote it . . . **Ringo Starr** should have his out then as well. It was postponed, you'll recall, from July . . . **Steve Lindenburg** departed MCA last Friday, will now take up residence in London, where he'll be working for **John Reid Enter-**

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Albums Previewed At Col Convention

■ **NEW YORK** — A number of top Columbia artists and producers personally previewed their upcoming album product for members of the label's promotion staff during the recent Columbia/Epic National Convention in San Francisco.

On hand for the artist showcases were **Andy Williams** and **Art Garfunkel**, as well as producers **Richard Perry**, **Thom Bell** and **Ron Haffkine**. The meetings were hosted by **Steve Popovich**, Vice President, National Promotion for Columbia Records.

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Knight/GFR Retail Dispute Heats Up

■ **NEW YORK**—In response to a letter published in **Record World** last week by Capitol Records Vice President **Charles Tillinghast** referring to retail outlets **Korvette's**, **King Karol**, **Sam Goody**, **Nappy's** and **Colony Records**, who reportedly stopped selling the new **Grand Funk Railroad** record last week, the New York law firm of **Marshall, Bratter, Greene, Allison & Tucker** has authorized the release of the following statement which was distributed to retail outlets last week:

Capitol Records has apparently

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Atlantic Distributes Manticore

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neria, **Marconi**, who were discovered in Rome by **Sinfield**, who produced their album as well as his own.

In September, **Manticore** will present two more albums: a new group, **Stray Dog**, composed of two Americans and one Englishman; and **Hansen**, an English group consisting of a

Darnel Named GM Of Sunburst Label

■ **NEW YORK**—**Steve Metz**, executive director of **Sunburst Records, Ltd.**, has announced the appointment of **Bill Darnel** as general manager of the company. Darnel's basic responsibilities will be in the areas of sales and promotion.



Bill Darnel

Darnel comes to **Sunburst** after holding the position of director of sales and promotion for three years with **All Platinum**, **Darnel** worked with the late **Bert Berns** at **Bang Records**.

Upon making the announcement, **Metz** pointed out that the appointment of **Darnel** is just the beginning of plans as far as building the label is concerned.

Gold 'Circle'

■ **LOS ANGELES**—"Will The Circle Be Unbroken," a three record set by the **Nitty Gritty Dirt Band** on the **United Artists** label, has been certified gold by the **RIAA**.



Pictured from right, Atlantic President **Ahmet Ertegun**, **Stuart Young**, President of **Manticore**, **Mario Medious**, head of U.S. operations for the new label, and **Jerry Greenberg**, Senior VP and general manager of Atlantic.