

rock notes

Neil Sedaka

Neil Sedaka's new composition "Laughter in the Rain" is proving to be more than an ordinary come-back attempt for an early sixties pop star. The song has been attracting a lot of attention in the music press, and -- already -- another singer, Lea Roberts, has released her own version of the tune on United Artists. Meanwhile, Sedaka's version has become a big hit in Britain and has just been released in the U.S. on Elton John's Rocket label.

Burton Cummings

Lead singer Burton Cummings and new guitarist Dom Troiano have co-written the next album for The Guess Who, to be titled "Flavors."

Although The Guess Who is overdue for a new album, RCA won't release "Flavors" until January because the group's last album, "Road Food", is still selling so well -- thanks to their recent hit singles "Star Baby" and "Clap for the Wolfman."

Cummings, by the way, is surprised that these two songs have become hit singles. "I used to know what hit singles were, but I don't really any more," Cummings admits. "I never expected 'Star Baby' or 'Wolfman' to be hits. They were flukes," he says.

But the singer adds, "We've got pretty good commercial roots -- I grew up on AM radio, and it comes round to that again sooner or later. So here we go again."

Alice Cooper

Alice Cooper has just about wrapped up his solo album, which will feature none of the members of his regular band. Most of the accompaniment is by the same studio musicians who backed up Lou Reed on his "Berlin" album.

The L.P. actually is meant to be a soundtrack for a film. Alice is hoping to make early next year. Meanwhile, Alice is also huddling with writer Steven Gaines who is putting together Alice's life story for a new biography.

Elton John

Elton John has titled his next -- and now completed -- album, "Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirty Cowboy." Elton explained at a Los Angeles press conference, "It's a story type album about Bernie (Taupin) and I. It's not a concept album...I just like a good melody, y'know."

Lightfoot

Reprise Records has had to make a new set of gold records for Gordon Lightfoot's "Sundown" after the first set got lost in the mails on its way to Canada.

John Sebastian

Wonder of musical wonders. John Sebastian, former lead singer of the Lovin' Spoonful, plays seven different instruments on his new album "Tarzana Kid." The musician plays acoustic and electric guitars, banjo, autoharp, harmonica, dulcimer and piano.

Dave Loggins

Singer Dave Loggins is confusing some radio stations by simultaneously releasing two songs as follow-ups to his "Please Come to Boston" hit.

Rock and pop oriented radio stations have been receiving promotional copies of a song called "Someday", while country and western stations have been getting copies of "Girl from Knoxville". According to Epic Records, Loggins wanted to offer his country fans a country-style tune and his rock-fans a folk-rock oriented number. Both songs will be on the same single currently being shipped to record outlets, and Epic's hoping both become hits. "Please Come to Boston" scored big with both country and rock audiences.

Meanwhile, Loggins has completed recording his first album in Nashville. It's called "Dave Loggins -- Apprentice in a Musical Workshop", and is due out soon.

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Volunteers are needed to work in the Royal Alexandra Hospital, as well as many other hospitals throughout Edmonton. Persons interested in working on the nursing stations or portering patients in a hospital environment are needed.

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