

Spinning Around

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Gordon Jenkins' magnificent "Manhattan Tower" is sung by Patti Page for Mercury and my only regret is that Patti adheres to the original composition and sings the tune, "Never Leave Me," without the fire and classical dramatics she used when she sang the number during her Coconut Grove engagement. From its hauntingly beautiful opening theme, "Manhattan Tower" is a simple love story over which looms the restless presence of Manhattan itself.

"Pia Beck: Dutch Treat" is an Epic long play album which presents the young Dutch queen of the keyboard and her swinging piano. Miss Beck displays an extraordinary command of piano technique, a full understanding of popular music, and a voice of incendiary quality. Tunes include: "Just a Gigolo," "Lullaby of Birdland," "She's Funny That Way" and other goodies.

These are Capitol's top single pops of the week... The Four Preps bowing with two excellent vocals, "Dreamy Eyes" and "Fools Will Be Fools"... Franco's gifted Frank Pourcel has the haunting instrumental, "The Hips" (Les Hanches), working overtime... Versatile songstress Virginia Alter debuts on Capitol with the delightful "Gay Bouquet."

More on Capitol include... Young Johnny Wilder looks like another rage for teenagers as he sings "My One Desire" and "Whoo-ee Baby"... Ray Parks is another new Capitol artist in the country and western department. We especially like his "You're Gonna Have to Bawl, That's All."

Shirley and Lee sing "I Feel Good," a clever original with a terrific bounce on the Aladdin label... Rusty Draper sings "Confidential" for Mercury and it's a dramatic job... Patti Page sings her current hit record for Mercury, "Mama From the Train."

The Diamonds have their best Mercury release to date in the spiritual, "Put Your House in Order"... On the same label, the Baker Sisters have a captivating sound in "One By One"... Don't miss Mercury's Childcraft series for your offspring. Offered are these delightful: "Noah's Ark," "Wedding of the Painted Doll," "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea," and "The Nutcracker Suite" (a child's introduction to the ballet).

"Chausson: Symphony in B-flat, Op. 20," is a Mercury Living Presence album with Paul Paray conducting the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. From its slow introduction to its impassioned climax, this work by Chausson speaks beautiful musical language.

"Christmas Favorites," with Jan August, tells us that the yuletide is just around the corner. These piano longplay album include most of the season's beloved tunes, such as "Silent Night," "White Christmas," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Jingle Bells Medley."

Get out your Latin dancing shoes for the Mercury album, "Cha Cha Cha," played by Gilberto and the Musicabana Orchestra. There is authenticity written through these notes and followers of the Latin bounce won't take this album sitting down, no senior!

CANADIAN BOOZERS IN BIG INCREASE

Since 1953 the number of alcoholics in Ontario has jumped from 57,000 to 76,000, according to the province's alcoholism research foundation.

In spite of a comprehensive program aimed at prevention and rehabilitation, the government-sponsored agency reports a climb in the rate of alcoholism from 1780 to 100,000 Ontario adults to 2210 per 100,000 in three years.

Mothers' Class Still Open for Enrollments

Expectant mothers' classes conducted by the County Health Department started a week ago but it is still not too late to enroll, according to Miss Janice Hopkins, public health nurse-instructor. The course of study is so arranged that each class is complete in itself and review sessions are held at the end of the course. The classes meet Thursdays at 1 p.m. in the Torrance Health Center, 2300 Carson St. There is no registration or other fee for the classes.

DAV Makes Plans for 'Forget-Me-Not Days'

"Forget-Me-Not Days" will be observed by South Bay Chapter 92, Disabled American Veterans and Auxiliary this Wednesday through Saturday. The forget-me-nots will be sold by members of the DAV

U. S. Spends More for Alcohol Than Medicine

The American people spent \$9,050,000,000 for alcoholic beverages in 1955, more than eight times the amount they paid out for medical care and hospitalization insurance during the same period. The Torrance City Council has permission of the City Council to raise the funds.



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