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In a survey recently completed by King Records, it was disclosed the 45 rpm is making speedy headway at radio stations. 1,000 stations were questioned and 75% answered. Only 104 of those answering wanted to receive 78 rpm disks, and of that 104, 75 wanted to be serviced with 78s only until January 1st when they will be equipped to handle 45s. . . . The number one and two songs on the Hit Parade currently are "If I Give My Heart To You" and "I Need You Now." Both were written by the same composers, Jimmie Crane and Al Jacobs. And both are published by Miller Music. . . . Singer Ford Lile and Bill Davis are setting up a new indie label, Shield Records. First album will be "Dinner Alone" with Ford Lile featured. . . . Bill Farrell promoting his first Mercury disk, "Runaround" and "Booten Baby" with appearances in Milwaukee and Chicago. . . . Mitch Miller planning to team up Marlene Dietrich and Frankie Laine on a tune called "Prunes" written by comedian Jackie Kannon. . . . Erroll Garner due into Basin Street November 16 where he will share billing with Woody Herman. . . . Charlotte Lord (former girl Friday to Bill Silbert) surprised the industry by taking out the marriage license and flying with her groom their Chicago home to a new spot in California. Al planning a TV show to emanate from there. . . . David Whitfield about to arrive in the U. S. for a guest shot on the Ed Sullivan show. . . . Sammy Kaye begins a tour of one-nighters on November 12, his first date scheduled for the Castle Farms in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Mercury's Nick Noble about to embark upon an eastern promotional tour which will take him to Boston, Philly, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, and several other cities, and will give Nick a chance to meet many, many music guys and gals for the very first time. As predicted here last week, both his disk, "My Own True Love" and "Please Don't Break My Heart" and Johnny Desmond's Coral coupling of "My Own True Love" b/w "The Song From Desiree" are getting lots of air play. . . . Speaking of Johnny Desmond, we want to thank him for all the nice things he's constantly saying about The Cash Box on his Saturday afternoon "Recording Hop." . . . The new Roy Hamilton Epic waxing of "Hurt" b/w "Star Of Love" reportedly expected to go pop. . . . Helen Grayco and Spike Jones and the "Musical Depreciation Review" played a concert just outside of Chicago this past Sunday (11/7). Helen's "X" recording of "Teach Me Tonight" b/w "Oop Shoop" really moving, while Spike's "Japanese Skokiaan" called one of his best efforts to date. . . Lots of visitors in town this week: Don Cherry in to plug his "Country Boy." . . . Jaye P. Morgan promoting her first Victor sides, "That's All I Want From You" b/w "Dawn." . . . Georgie Shaw doing the Howard Miller TV show for the next two weeks. The Three Chuckles visiting dee-jays who've helped them with their "Runaround." Report they'll be opening at our town's Preview Lounge 12/8. . . . Rusty Draper, currently appearing at Fazio's in nearby Milwaukee, paid the Windy City a fast visit on his day off. . . . Many agree that June Valli's "Wrong, Wrong, Wrong," b/w "Ole Pappy Time" should be a sure click. . . . Ted Lewis a real favorite hereabout, currently starring at the Edgewater Beach Hotel's Marine Dining Room, for his first Chicago appearance in a long, long time. And Ted, of course, doing his usual fine job, making 'everybody happy'.

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Looks like the mambo is here to stay. Our favorite Christmas tunes won't even be the same this year. Oh yes, the words and melody will still be there but it will be all dressed up with an infectious latin beat. Already released is Billy May's "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer-Mambo," Jimmy Boyd's "I Saw Mommy Do The Mambo," and "We Wanna See Santa Do The Mambo," and "We Wanna The Smith Bros. . . . The Hi-Lo's, former Trend recording artists, have signed with Starlite Records. Their first release on the new label will be an LP of old standards. Starlite is distributed by National Music Sales Corp. . . The Lancers spent a couple of days in town between engagements visiting deejays and plugging "Mr. Sandman" on Coral. They open at N. Y. Copacabana 11/18. While in LA they also cut several sides for Coral. . . . MGM execs were so pleased with Rush Adams' "It Was So Beautiful" that they have decided to bill him as the "Voice of Gold" and give him the number one tune from the Broadway show "Silk Stockings" titled "All Of You." MGM has purchased the movie rights to the musical and there's a good chance that Rush will sing "All Of You" in the movie. . . Lovely Heidi Christian, former CBS staff vocalist in Chicago, is now residing in California. She hopes to find work in TV or radio and sign a record pact with some local diskery. After hearing dubs of her voice I'd say she could be a great recording artist if given a chance. . . . Publicist Larry Green, the ex-Chicagoan who couldn't resist our sunny climate, leaves on a promotion junket Dec. 1st thru the Midwest. Larry informs us that he is now handling The Lancers, Jimmy Wakely and The Three Rays. . . . Songstress Eileen Barton is currently packing in the crowds at Charlie Morrison's Mocambo on the Sunset Strip . . . Mambo king, Perez Prado closed at the Hollywood Crescendo 11/7 to be followed by George Shearing 11/12 to 11/24. Jerry Gray and his orchestra, whose Decca waxing of "Ooh And Ah Mambo" b'w "Kettle Drum Hop" is said to be his best yet, opene

