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### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC!

**OSMONDMANIA** hit Europe when **THE OSMONDS** did their tour of France, Germany, Holland and England—and wouldn't you know that **The Osmonds** and **THE JACKSON FIVE** would land at the airport in London just a few hours apart! Almost ten thousand fans were there to greet them (quite a greeting!). But that's not all—they even stayed at the same hotel in London! The fans were keeping the boys up



**WHAT A CROWD** at London's airport! Wish you'd been there, too?

at night they were causing such a stir in the hotel, so **DONNY** and **MICHAEL JACKSON** called each other on the phone when they couldn't get to sleep. They did manage to sneak out of the hotel once in a while, though—**MARIE** did some shopping at **Bibba's**, and **MRS. OSMOND** bought a trunk at **Harrod's**. When the Osmonds returned they could hardly wait to get into their new recording studio, which was finished just a few days after they'd left for Europe. In addition to new records by our boys, look for a "Donny's Hits" album which should be out any day! . . . "The Face of the Future," "Accomplished Singer-Writer"—just a few of the European headlines about **RICK SPRING-**

**FIELD** during his trip abroad! **RICK** had a great time while he was there, although he had to buy a new guitar when his got smashed before a TV show in Germany! When we asked Rick what he would remember about his trip, he said that the fans were "just super" and he especially enjoyed meeting **PETULA CLARK** and **B. B. KING** (he and B. B. fed pigeons in a park in Amsterdam!). Rick's been signed to do two more "Sonny and Cher Show" appearances soon. . . **NEWCOMERS OF THE MONTH** . . . Eight members of a family from Seattle are **Ode Records'** newest recording group—and are they talented! **THE ROBINSON FAMILY PLAN** is headed by their



**ANOTHER GREAT family group!** Be sure to listen for them soon!!

dad, who writes most of the material, and his wife **Delores**, who plays the piano. **Gereld** (18), **Michael** (17), **Yolande** (15), **Kirt** (13), **Thea** (12) and **Toni Darhl** (10), complete the group. Performing first in churches and school assemblies, they graduated to a TV show in Seattle and decided to try their luck in Los Angeles last fall! You'll be hearing from this

group for a long time! . . . **STEVIE WONDER's** new album ("Talking Book") has the liner notes in Braille—it's a message to his blind friends. . . "Fly Pretty Baby" is the title of **ANDY** and **DAVID WILLIAMS'** latest single, and it, with "Falling, Falling, Gone" and several other fantastic songs will soon be released on their first album, on **Kapp Records**. . . **MUSICAL NOTES** . . . **ABC** will air "The Royal Gala Variety Performance" on TV the early part of this year. It's the **Command Performance** for the Queen by **THE OSMONDS** last May. . . Also asked to do a **Command Performance** was **ELTON JOHN**. . . A lot of record artists are "trading talents" on their albums—**CARLY SIMON's** new album features **PAUL** and **LINDA McCARTNEY** singing in the background on one song and **MICK JAGGER** on another! **JAMES TAYLOR's** new LP, "One Man Dog," has **CAROLE KING**, **CARLY SIMON**, and **LINDA RONSTADT** doing the background singing. No wonder that **Carly Simon's** singing on his album, though, now that she and **James Taylor** are married! . . . **BOBBY SHERMAN** will play the lead as a draft dodger in "Across the Border", recently filmed for TV in Toronto, Canada. . . A new version of the rock opera "Tommy" has just been completed on **Ode Records**—**ROD STEWART** sings "Pinball Wizard," **RICHELIE HAVENS**, **RINGO STARR** and **MERRY CLAYTON** are among the rest of the cast. . . **THE OSMONDS** searched through many movie scripts written especially for them and have now decided on one . . . **RICK SPRINGFIELD** will be do-