THE BEAT GOES OM! WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC!

OSMONDS have been b-u-s-y traveling around the country just to be with YOU! They love getting out among their fans and performing live (you can tell by their faces when they're up on stage!) ... Since "The Plan" (their last album) hasn't been out TOO long, we'll have to wait a little while for another Osbro LPbut by the time you read this, DON-NY will have another single out. MARIE is taking her time with her first single release-she's been in and out of the studio for quite a while, trying out various styles to be sure of the "right" one for her. But keep listening to your radios and looking in your favorite record store for her -it won't be long! ... THE JACK-SON FIVE have been all around the country, too! They were with DIANA ROSS in concerts "down

under" in Australia last June, and in August they've already been in Miami, Nashville, and Memphis. The rest of August will have them in San Francisco, Dallas, and in Los Angeles on August 25. From August 26 they'll play Las Vegas and then on to Honolulu September 2! ... Seems everybody's traveling! THE NEW SEEKERS are ending up their summer-long tour with their Las Vegas debut at the Riviera August 22 through September 4 with VIKKI CARR, and their new single (following up "Pinball Wizard/See Me, Feel Me") is just out, as is their latest LP. MICHAEL LLOYD produced them. . . . The DeFabulous De-FRANCOS will have an album out SOON, and of course it'll have their first hit "Heartbeat, It's A Lovebeat" on it! They were great on "American Bandstand"! . . . RICK



STAPLEY MARKSTEIN's great single, "I Like You," now an album, "Expensive Pacific Ocean Cruise!"

SPRINGFIELD really enjoyed going back home to Australia the early part of the summer and seeing his folks and friends. "It was really good fun to perform down there again after my success here in the States!" RICK told us. Don't forget: This month his "Mission: Magic" starts Saturdays on ABC-TV. Write to RICK c/o Tiger Beat and let him know how you like his new show! ... Still waiting for DAVID CAS-SIDY's new single (our sources say he's definitely recording!). DAVID's been trying to change his singing style and says "I refuse to compare myself to anyone else. I've never consciously tried to copy any other singers, although people in Britain say I sound a bit like CLIFF RICH-ARD." CLIFF RICHARD's very big in Britain, and his "Power to All My Friends" is also a hit here in the U.S. Do you think they sound alike?? . . . MUSICAL NOTES . . . "THE OSMONDS: In Touch With Today" -that's the name of a one-hour documentary on the Osbro, produced by Footprint Productions, Canadian ra-



HERE'S TONY AND the rest of the DeFrancos belting out "Heartbeat, It's a Lovebeat" on American Bandstand last July 14th! They're great, aren't they?