

PARTY NEWS: The **McCartneys** threw a gala reception aboard the Queen Mary last week in Long Beach to celebrate the completion of their next album which will probably be entitled, "Venus And Mars Are Alright Tonight." The guest list included people like **Cher**, **David Cassidy**, **Chicago**, **Tony Curtis**, **Bob and Sarah Dylan**, **Marvin Gaye**, **George Harrison**, the **Faces**, **Carole King**, **Dean Martin**, **John Mayall**, **Joni Mitchell**, **Dave Mason**, **Richard Perry**, **Helen Reddy**, **Linda Ronstadt**, and **Rudy Vallee**. What a crew! **Allen Toussaint**, **Ernie K. Doe**, **Bernie Spellman**, and the **Meters** were flown in from New Orleans to provide the entertainment. . . . **David Cassidy**, before the party, managed to finish the sessions for his first LP for RCA. Singing along at the sessions were **Richie Furay**, **Carl Wilson**, and members of **America**. . . . **Billy Preston** just finished the taping of the **Midnight Special** which will feature **Mary Bitt** as "The Girl Who Cried Wolf."