

KLAATU

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT KLAATU? - It looks like People magazine might have the last word on the Klaatu controversy (whether the Capitol recording band is The Beatles). That publication recently said, "Klaatu is in fact only 'utaalk' backward."

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DR. HOOK STORMS AUSTRALIA - Dr. Hook has just pulled into Australia for a major tour and the first night a huge reception was held (music critics, jaded by years of such feats, proclaimed it the best one in 20 years). The band did an impromptu performance and the crowd climbed up on the tables and hung from the chandeliers (this is the truth!!!).

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itsy bitsy bits - Capitol recording artists Lonnie Mack and Linda Hargrove played guitar and sang (respectively) on a new Mike Nesmith album called From A Radio Engine To The Photon Wing..... Natalie Cole appeared on Frank Sinatra's recent ABC-TV special..... Tavares recently recorded a brand new song for the soundtrack of a movie called "Saturday Night" starring John Travolta.....In the magazine Musical Notes Of The Northwest, Steve Miller recently got a cover story and inside one of the pictures of The Joker showed him wearing a Status Quo T-shirt (Quo's new live Capitol album is just out)..... Sammy Hagar is back in England recording a new album at Utopia Studios, a new facility there (he recorded half his self-titled "red cover" LP at Abbey Road last year).....Mink DeVille, the band EVERYONE is talking about, returned to the New York club CBGB's for their first performance following the release of their self-titled debut album for Capitol which was immediately added to countless AOR/FM radio stations playlists.....Sammy Hagar also sold-out and turned away 2,500

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from his first headlining concert in a major hall (San Jose Civic)In Japan, The Sylvers' "Hot Line" is No. 1 on both the soul and disco charts while Natalie Cole's Unpredictable album is No. 1 on the soul LP charts.

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SINGLES SPOTLIGHT - Capitol released two soulful singles on May 9--Brief Encounter's "In A Very Special Way" and Sun's "We're So Hot" (the follow-up to their smash hit "Boogie Bopper"). On May 16 Capitol released Sweet's "Fever Of Love" (from their new Off The Record album), Mel McDaniel's "Gentle To Your Senses," Freda Payne's "Bring Back The Joy" and Pussycat's "Mississippi" on the EMI label (it has reached the No. 1 position in every country in the world where it entered the charts and that's a listful). Out May 23 are singles by Stoney Edwards ("Pickin' Wildflowers") and Oklahoma ("Whatcha Treatin' Me So Bad For," the first single from their debut album produced by Mark Lindsay and Terry Melcher). The same day Capitol is putting out a special 12-inch disco record (in the New York area only at this time) of Kraftwerk's "Trans-Europe Express"/"Metal On Metal." By the end of May Dr. Hook will have a new single out (a remake of the old "Walk Right In" hit) as will Denny Laine ("Moondreams" from his solo Holly Days LP), The Dusty Chaps ("You've Been On My Mind") and The Original Texas Playboys ("Bring It On Down To My House," a Bob Wills tune natch).

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