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Record Review

Fans of the late Jackie Wilson will be pleased to hear that SMP have re-released their 1983 compilation, "The Classic Jackie Wilson" which is a two record set featuring 24 of his recordings. I found that the songs got better as his career went on, so Side Four is the best. Apart from the well known "Higher And Higher" and "I Get The Sweetest Feeling" (the re-released 45), there is a track called "Whispers" which epitomizes the Sixties soul sound, and one can imagine the Four Tops or Islay Brothers singing this. Also included is "You Got Me Walking" written by

Eugene Record, the falsetto singer in the Chilites.

In the wake of his successful single "The Rain," Oran "Juice" Jones has released a Def Jam LP (through CBS) appropriately titled "Juice." The name of the album is not only apt because of his name but also because the collection of songs are very tasty indeed, particularly the slow ballads "You Can't Hide From Love," "Here I Go Again," "Two Faces" and best of all "Your Song" which has a very powerful melody. I also enjoyed hearing the uptempo "1.2.1" which has all the ingredients of an-

other it single. There are some better than average mid-tempo sounds on the record like "Love Will Find A Way" and of course "The Rain" itself.

Seventies soul star Sylvestor has released a new Warner Brothers album entitled "Mutual Attraction" which features his interesting interpretations of George Gershwin's "Summertime" and Stevie Wonder's "Living For the City" as well as his own brand of Hi-NRG dance music. The recent 45 "Someone Like You" is included on the LP which I found interesting and entertaining.

In last week's review I neglected to mention that the Beatles held the top four positions in the CD chart with their newly released first four albums on compact-disc. Having listened to the four again this week I would recommend the second disc "With The Beatles" (first released in November 1963) as much as "A Hard Day's Night." The passing of time has not dated the outstanding melodies or the raw energy and enthusiasm and the CD format serves only to enhance this. Old songs have also been dominating the Singles chart where a fortnight ago five songs in

the top six were written more than 15 years ago, and even the newer sound, "Live It Up" by Mental As Anything, was one year old.

After a long delay Madonna's superb Spanish/Mexican sounding "La Isla Bonita" is finally available on a single (including a limited-edition 12-inch picture disc with the lady looking her stunning best), but the record company has held it back so long that it is likely to be held off the top by the Ferry Aid disc "Let It Be." Rod Stewart is also re-issuing "Sailing" to raise money for the disaster fund.

Bob Woodhead

LP CHART

1. The Joshua Tree (U2).
2. Men And Women (Simply Red).
3. Very Best Of Hot Chocolate.
4. Phantom Of The Opera (Original Cast).
5. Move Closer (Various).
6. Graceland (Paul Simon).
7. The World Won't Listen (Smiths).
8. Picture Book (Simply Red).
9. Silk And Steel (5 Star).
10. August (Eric Clapton).



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