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NEIL YOUNG TOUR HITCH



BRITISH CONCERTS this spring by Neil Young — whose long-awaited "Harvest" moves to No. 7 in this week's NME album Chart — have been cancelled because he has other commitments in America. It is hoped to rearrange the dates this autumn for Young, seen here in this exclusive picture.

BANGLA DESH LP: KLEIN SUES and George Harrison injured in car smash

BEATLES' business manager Allen Klein — who supervised the recording and release of the "Concert For Bangla Desh" double album — this week sued the magazine "New

York" for 150 million dollars in connection with an article published last week. The article alleged that, in the distribution of proceeds for the album, 1.40 dollars

from each disc could not be accounted for. The implication, claims Klein, is that either he or his company have received this money — whereas he had previously

announced that all proceeds from the LP set would go to charity. Klein added that any damages awarded, as a result of the legal action would be

passed in full to Bangla Desh relief. ● George and Patti Harrison escaped serious injury when their Mercedes was involved in a road accident on Monday night.

Harrison was given hospital treatment, but was discharged after having eight stitches in his head. Patti Harrison was detained for observation.

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Riding on

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