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She Writes Songs Of Canada

TOM RUSH, this week's Riverboat performer, is recording the Urge for Going, a tune written by **Joni Mitchell**.

Miss Mitchell, who was here at the 7 of Clubs last week, has been doing a lot of important writing in the last few months. Important writing because many of her songs contain Canadian images, especially of the western part of the country. She is from Alberta.

Joni is one of few Canadians writing about our country, and the irony of the situation is that it takes an American performer to recognize the quality of her work.

She has written four or five new tunes since her successful appearance at the Mariposa Folk Festival back in August. Night in the City, although having nothing to do with it, was inspired by Yorkville, according to Miss Mitchell. Carnival in Kenora and Just Like Me are other tunes she has composed recently.

Keep an eye on this young girl. She'll be doing big things in the future. You can catch her Saturday at Four on Channel 9 with Gord Lightfoot on After Four.

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Every time **Phil Ochs** comes to town he talks about how great somebody else is doing. He is a folk-singing folksingers promoter.

The first time he was here he was boosting **Erie Anderson**. Next time it was **David Blue** that was being talked up. Last week **Tim Hardin** was his subject for conversation.

Hardin is a young blues singer, and according to



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Ochs, is "the best singer in the country."

Ochs, by the way, is returning to New York to start recording a new double album. "It's one of my most ambitious ventures," he explained. He is writing some new material for the special package to consist of folk, rock, jazz, and classical.

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The first of a three-day celebration for the opening of the North York Centennial Center will consist of the presentation of a folk music concert. The project, located at Finch and Bathurst, will open October 5, and the concert that evening will include **The Knack**, **The Travellers**, **Bob & Susan**, **Alan Ryan**, **Vickie Taylor**, and **Alan MacRea**.

Speaking of the Travellers, they are off to the **Charlottetown Confederation Centre**, and a quick tour of one-nighters in **Halifax**, **Fredericton**, and **New Glasgow**, on October 10.

They have severed their connections with Colum-

bia records, and have agreed to do a Centennial album for Arc records.

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Pete Seeger will be returning to Toronto and **Massey Hall**, for a concert toward the end of February. **Marlin Bockner** will handle the promotion.

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Herm's, a church coffeshouse out in Scarborough, has started its new season. Local artists are presented every Friday evening until 2:00 a.m. in the basement of the **Cliffcrest United Church**. Profits from the club go to the **Parry Island Indian Reservation**.

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Local folksinger **Michael Sherman** celebrated a one year birthday at the **Mousehole**, last week end. In keeping with some of his usual antics, he presented owner **Patti Fiedler** with a rose, to mark the occasion.

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People who hop down to **Detroit** for mad week ends will be happy to learn that the folk club scene has improved in that city. My **Motown** spies now report three healthy clubs and a folk 'bar.' The clubs, **Raven Gallery**, the **Chessmate**, and the **Wisdom Tooth**, and the bar, **The Living End**, are all apparently doing well.

John Lee Hooker, who will be appearing here soon at the **Penny Farthing**, also has an establishment called, 'Hooker's Place.'