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Freed-Levy Team Back in Harness

NEW YORK — Rock and roll jockey king Alan Freed, has become reassociated with the Morris Levy, Phil Kahl interests. Freed announced last week that henceforth, Levy will operate as his personal manager for all personal appearances, television and motion picture deals.

Only recently, Freed and Levy had amicably split up their various mutual interests. Reportedly, prior to the rejoining of forces, Morris Levy negotiated the ABC-TV junkie for Freed with General Artists Corporation. Besides the personal management deal, Freed also named Levy executive producer and Phil Kahl associate producer of his TV shows.

Pic deals now in the works for Freed include a new musical extravaganza to be shot in the U. S. next month, with another next winter to be filmed in Europe, both for Dino Di Laurentis and Ralph Serpe, producers of "War and Peace," and Academy Award winner, "La Strada."

It was also indicated that Freed would not actively engage in any of Levy's and Kahl's other business interests. These include Kahl, Planetary and Patricia Music, the Tico, Gee, Rama and Roulette disk labels, Tico Distributing Corporation, Variety Artists Management, Birdland Star Tours, and Birdland and the Embers night clubs in Manhattan. Freed indicated that Jackie Music, which he previously had sold to Levy, might be reactivated but that he would have no interest in it.

Regarding previously announced possibility of his starting his own record and publishing operations, Freed said that such was not in the cards now. "Disk jockeys have no business being in the record and publishing fields," he said, adding that "jockeys can't be fair to all record companies and pub-

lishers when they are competing in the same business themselves."

Trade speculation also centered on how the new moves might affect any mutual interests which Freed may have with George Goldner, another alumnus of the Tico-Gee-Rama-Roulette axis. When told of the new tie-up, Goldner said he was "surprised and shocked." Altho he and Freed were friendly, he said, he denied that they had any mutual business interests.