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'ROCK OLDIES AIN'T GOLDIES'

-big row over new K-Tel 'originals' LP

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CHUCK'S DING GETS DONGED

AND RADIO ONE BAN HITS NEW MCCARTNEY 'SEX' SINGLE



SELF-STYLED PROTECTOR of public morals Mrs. Mary Whitehouse this week lashed out at Chuck Berry's No. 1 hit "My Ding-A-Ling". She is demanding a TV and radio ban on the record because she says the BBC is using it "as a vehicle for mass child molestation".

The BBC say they will carry on playing the record although — inconsistently — they have slapped a ban on one side of the new single by Paul McCartney's Wings — "Hi Hi Hi". They say the sexual implications of the lyric are too blatant.

This is the second Wings single to be banned this year — the other was "Give Ireland Back To The Irish".

Apparently "Ding - A - Ling" escapes the ban because "it is in the grand tradition of the music hall".

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Wings single hit by BBC's airplay veto

ONE OF THE TITLES on the new double A-side single by Paul McCartney's Wings, "Hi Hi Hi", has been banned by BBC Radio. The official reason given is that "it is not considered suitable for airplay". This is the second Wings single to be banned by the BBC, the first being the controversial "Give Ireland Back To The Irish".

A BBC spokesman told the NME: "It slipped through the net and was played once on Tony Blackburn's show, but you can take it that from now it will not be played on Radio 1 or 2."

National Press reports had suggested that the ban was imposed because the lyric had drugs associations. But McCartney said at the weekend: "It's nothing to do with drugs — the

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implications are more of a sexual nature." And on Monday, the BBC admitted that sex was the reason for the clampdown.

The offending passage, according to Radio 1 and 2 press officer Rodney Collins, is the part of the lyric that refers to lying on a bed and getting out a "body gun". Added Collins: "It was considered just too blatant for us."

● On BBC-1's "Nationwide" last week, a contributor described Chuck Berry's "My Ding-A-Ling" as "possibly the bluest record ever to have reached No. 1."