

Starship . . .

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But while Kantner's title track, "Lightning Rose," "Girl With The Hungry Eyes" and "Things To Come" are four of the album's best and most distinctive cuts, Craig Chaquico is rounding out the band with a sound of his own. Chaquico has one of those high, soaring voices that could lead most any rock band, and seemingly does.

THE LISTENER who hears "Jane," "Just The Same" or "Rock Music" without any prior knowledge would not think immediately of Jefferson Starship. But these Chaquico efforts may become the band's selling point, as they lose any resemblance to an MOR band and take their place among the slickest of the current rock outfits.

They take that progression a little too far on "Rock Music," a song that sounds like something Boston might do in a sudden burst of adolescent emotion. "Jane," on the other hand, comes off far less pretentiously. Although it sounds as if co-writers Freiberg, Kantner and Chaquico

have been listening to Toto too much, "Jane" is the strongest and only real rock single the band has had out in years.

WHILE PETE Sears doesn't appear to be jumping into Balin's shoes, he is responsible for the mellower offerings on the album. "Fading Lady Light," and "Awakening" are not the clean-cut, singable songs that Balin's were, but a more vague lyrical side provided by Jeannette Sears, backed by an enterprising musical output from Pete.

So as Jefferson Starship thrusts itself back into the rock arena, they are loaded up with plenty of ammunition on *Freedom At Point Zero*. Some can't imagine the Starship existing without the talent of Grace Slick. But with a little imagination, you might still be able to hear her distinctive vocals lurking somewhere in those harmonies, as if she has not faded away, or is willing to pass the torch.

Audience sings along for concert

The audience also will be performers in a Christmas concert presented at First-Plymouth Church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.

The concert, "Music for a Merry Christmas: A Family Carol Concert with the Nebraska Chamber Orchestra," gives the audience the opportunity to sing Christmas carols with the Nebraska Chamber Orchestra, the Plymouth Brass, organ and the Abendmusik Chorus.

Elementary school children will be entertained by Marco the Christmas Clown while their parents attend the concert and may join in a surprise presentation in the latter part of the concert. Free tickets for the children are available by calling or writing the First-Plymouth Church office (476-7565).

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students in advance, and will be \$1 more at the door. Tickets may be purchased at Hospe's Downtown or Gateway, Kimball Hall Box Office, or First-Plymouth Church. Advance tickets may be obtained by sending a check to Abendmusik: Lincoln at First-Plymouth Church, 20th & D St., Lincoln, 68502. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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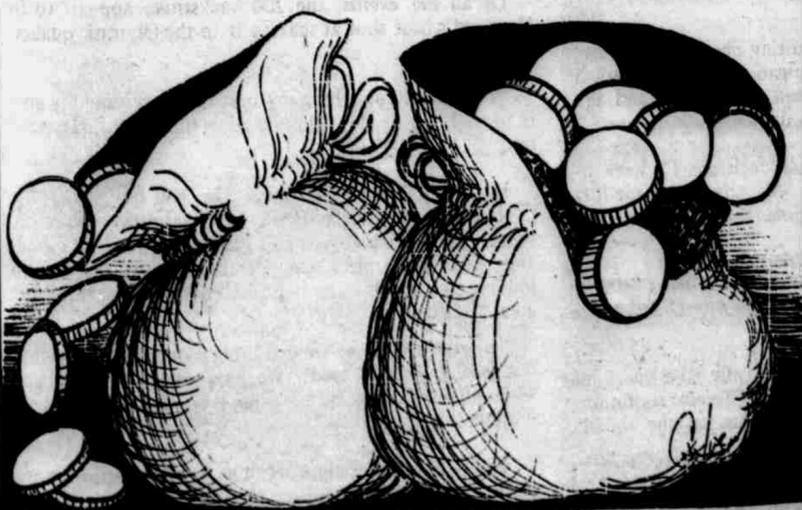
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