

RICK'S CLOUD NINE TERROR

SUPER-COOL pop star Rick Astley has confessed his secret fear . . . he is scared of HEIGHTS.

His chart-topping Never Gonna Give You Up has sent his head spinning as well as the turntables.

Rick, 21, has been flying all over the Continent promoting the record — which has now sold 750,000 copies, making it the biggest hit of 1987.

But he can't wait to get his feet firmly back on

the ground at home in Newton-le-Willews, Lancs. His manager, Dave Warwick, said yesterday: "These trips have been a nightmare for him. If it were possible, we would drive him everywhere."

"It's not the actual flying that upsets him — it's being so high above the ground.

Last week, Rick flew to Greece but turned down a trip to the Parthenon because he couldn't face looking down from its dizzy heights.

His record company, RCA, is vetting Rick's appearance venues to try to avoid any upsets.

"Nothing really bothers me — except heights," said the singer, whose new record, *When Gonna Give You Next, Somebody*, is out tomorrow.

But he does have another phobia — one shared by Royal redhead Fergie — snakes.

"If I see a picture of one it's enough to make me pass out," said Rick.



RICK: Spinning